A Very Merry Month

December 2023
269.781.7821 / yourmdl.org
Mon - Thurs 10 - 8:30 / Fri & Sat 10 - 5:30
Closed: December 25 & 26 / January 1

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Crafts At the Merry Mill
Thurs, December 7 & 21, 6 - 8 pm
Meet YourML at the Merry Mill for a fun time of winter-themed family fun! Jingle all the way with reindeer, bells, & snowflakes galore! A free book will be gifted to each family, while supplies last.
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Saturday Morning Programs - 11 am - 12:30 pm
See yourmdl.org/events for full program descriptions.

Pokémon Club - December 9 & January 6
Perler Beads - December 16
Shrinking Gums - December 23
LEGO Club - December 30
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**Focus On Wellness**

**Adult Book Club**

January 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Lady Tap’s Circle of Women by Lisa See

February 19, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

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**Why Be Happy About AI? An Introduction**

Tues, January 30, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

From ChatGPT to self-driving cars, artificial intelligence is on the rise & in the news. If you’ve ever wondered what AI is or how it works, this program is for you! In this fun & easy-to-follow presentation, you’ll learn the basics of AI from its definition to its real-world applications. Learn how AI is already at work in our world, ways you might benefit from it, & how to stay informed. No prior knowledge required!

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LEGO collection. You’ll be surprised at what you build when asked to do just one thing. If you’re over 18 & love LEGO bricks, this night is for you! Leave the kids at home and come play!
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Stress & Stories
Thursdays - 11 am
December 7, 14, & 21; January 11, 18, & 25; February 8, 15, & 22

There are many ways to learn & grow. With a special combination of stories, stress management, & STEAM activities, we will build a base to encourage little learners as they prepare for school & beyond.

Zoom Storytime
 Tuesdays, December 5, January 2, & February 6 - 5:30 pm

Welcome to a special storytime that meets wherever you are! Join us online for storytime over Zoom, featuring all the wonderful stories, songs, & activities you find in-person. Zoom Storytime will take place in tandem with Virtual Storytime Kits to develop vocabulary, print awareness, & phonology.

Pizza & Stories
Thursdays - 5 - 6:30 pm

Youth & Family Library > The Great Start Collaborative invites you to relax in family storytime each month this winter...with pizza & a good book! Bring your blankets to sit on & meet us outdoors for dinner, stories, & take-home kits full of fun about that month’s theme! This program is intended for preschool through grade 1, but is open to families of all ages. If you would like to search for them &/or alert your email that it is not spam. (“mdleventregistration@marshalldistrictlibrary.org.” Use this address if you wish to receive.)

REGISTRATION NOTE
All programs are FREE & open to the public. Watch your email for a response within 24-48 hours. As space & supplies are limited, your email will either confirm your registration or alert you to waitlist status. When registering for programs, confirmation emails come from marshalldistrictlibrary.org. Please use this address if you would like to search for them &/or alert your email that it is not spam. Emails often include details applicable to each program. (If you do not have regular email access, you may contact our Help Desk at any time.)

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**Tour of Grassroots Functional Medicine & Wellness Café**

**Mon, January 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Join Dr. Abby Sirovica & the Grassroots Functional Medicine staff for a tour of the Grassroots Functional Medicine & Wellness Café! Fueling a healthy lifestyle & mental health includes more than a positive mindset. Explore various supplements, movements & exercise, chiropractic care, & nourishing foods that will empower your daily lifestyle & combat toxicity. Tour both the chiropractic area & café, & enjoy a few samples along the way! Ages 18+ only. Meet at 136 W. Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI 49068.

**Why Be Happy About AI? An Introduction**

**Tues, January 30, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

From Chatbot to self-driving cars, artificial intelligence is on the rise & in the news. If you’ve ever wondered what AI is or how it works, this program is for you! In this fun & easy-to-follow presentation, you’ll learn the basics of AI, from its definition to its real-world applications. Learn how AI is already at work in our world, ways you might benefit from it, & how to stay informed. No prior knowledge required!

**ADULT BOOK CLUB**

**January 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Lady Tap’s Circle of Women by Lisa See

**February 19, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh