

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Monday - Thursday 10-8:30

Friday & Saturday 10-5:30

Closed July 4

Program Registration Opens June 1



Marshall District Library, long-rumored to be the Land of Unicorns & Rainbows is more excited than ever to help the community “Explore, Discover, Grow” during our 2024 “Adventure Begins at Your Library” summer reading program.

Engage in our Community-Wide Scavenger Hunt: the Mythical Creature Quest!

Set a reading goal, log your reading time & earn prizes!

Embark on “side quests” by attending programs throughout the summer!

QUESTS FOR ALL AGES



Mythical Creature Quest: A Community-Wide Scavenger Hunt June 12–July 12

Answer the call of adventure in YourMDL's 4th annual city-wide scavenger hunt. Seek out mythical creatures of all shapes & sizes in all corners of the land & collect their cards for your Adventurer's Quest Log. Dragons & other beasts collected can then be used to play a special game. Find at least half & be eligible for a grand prize drawing, thanks to Grandma's Toys & Treats. Find all of them & earn a special card available only at the library.

Summer Reading Launch Events (& 2024 Younger Authors Meet & Greet)

Fri, June 7, 6–8 pm **OR** Sat, June 8, 10 am–12 pm

It's the start of a summer full of adventure...& it begins with an event all about YOU! Embark on your summer reading journey by completing various tasks that will help determine the qualities you'll take with you on the journey. Get your summer reading quest (scavenger hunt) information, your reading log, & information about all the summer side quests (programs). Choose the day & time that works best for you. PLEASE NOTE: The Younger Authors Meet & Greet runs during this event on Friday only. All ages welcome. No registration required.

R Animal Adventures with John Ball Zoo

Tues, June 11, 6:30–7:30 pm

No dragons here, but fantastic beasts all the same! Friends from John Ball Zoo adventure to Marshall to share their favorite furry, scaly, & feathered creatures. Learn how amazing animals adapt to everyday situations with their own unique abilities. This program is recommended for those ages 5 & up; all ages welcome. Animal guests are sensitive to noise. Please notify staff about any animal-related allergies.

R Explore the North Country Trail

Mon, June 24, 6:30–7:30 pm

Enjoy an evening stroll along the Marshall Boardwalk, which is part of the 4800 mile National North Country Scenic Trail & runs through Trail Town Marshall. Participants will be joined by hiking enthusiast Debbie Murphy, who has traveled over 1,000 miles on the trail. Murphy will share stories & answer questions, while looking for wildlife along the way. Please gather at the kayak launch area by the Public Services building at 900 S Marshall Ave, Marshall, MI 49068.

R LEGO Club +

Sat, July 6, 11 am–12:30 pm

Design. Construct. Create. Build based on an offered challenge or do your thing with library-provided LEGOs. Other building & architecture materials will be available as well. This program is designed for youth in grades 2+; however, younger builders are welcome with adult supervision.

R Adventures in Pet Adoption

Tues, July 9, 6:30–7:30 pm

Bringing a new pet into your home is an adventure all its own. Join Jessica Gilbert, director of the Humane Society of South Central Michigan, for a pet's POV as they search for their forever home. Learn about the adoption process, adjusting a pet to a new environment, & how to help furry critters living in shelters. This program is informational in nature, & no pets will be allowed at the presentation. Younger participants with an interest in pet care are welcome to attend.

R Foam Party

Mon, July 15, 6 pm **OR** 7 pm

Let's adventure together in a yard full of bubbles & foam! Bring your family, friends, & neighbors to meet some new friends at our SRP Foam Party. This event is for all ages & is so popular we'll jump into the foam in two groups. Register for the 6pm or 7pm timeslot. Bring a towel & wear your swimsuit or a t-shirt & pair of shorts...you WILL get wet! Goggles welcome. This event will take place at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds between Floral Hall & the Schoolhouse. The address is 720 Fair St, Marshall, MI, 49068. In case of inclement weather, this event may be rescheduled; watch Facebook/contact the library for weather updates.

R Mythical Creature Side Quest

Thurs, July 18, 1 pm **OR** 2 pm

You've worked so hard to find all of those mythical creature cards on our Main Quest! Now it's time for a Side Quest! Bring your collection, meet other adventurers, & learn to play two unique games with your cards. All ages are welcome; registration required for one of two sessions: 1 pm or 2 pm.

R Used Book Sale

Sat, July 20, 10 am–5 pm

Remember the excitement of visiting the book fair when you were in school? Our used books sale is like that but without cute cat posters. A wide variety of books & media will be available at our summer used books sale! Monies collected will be used to fund library programming. Cash, check, or credit card accepted.

R Let's Go On A Goosechase!

Wed, July 31, 6–8 pm

Using the app Goosechase, you'll complete missions by finding unique items around town, taking selfies, & going on adventures to Marshall landmarks to earn points for your team. Begin at the library, meet your teammates, then head out for adventure! Be sure to come back to the library for a treat & to find out which team is our Goosechase Champion. Register together with others in your household & play together on one device only. Registration & access to ONLY ONE smartphone, tablet, or other mobile device necessary per household; all ages can play! Please watch Facebook/contact the library in case of inclement weather; this program will not be rescheduled.

R Crystal Farms

Thurs, August 1, 6:30–7:30 pm

Do you love horses? Interested in learning to ride, show, or just see the inside workings of an award-winning horse farm? Join us for an evening in & out of the barns. Meet Mary, head trainer & instructor, some riders, & plenty of horses as we tour the farm. Crystal Farms Equestrian Center of Marshall has been breeding & training Morgan horses since 1965. Horses & riders under the Crystal Farms banner have earned over 250 World and Grand National Morgan titles. All ages welcome. Please meet at Crystal Farms (15203 C-Drive S, Marshall, MI, 49068).

R Summer Reading Wrap Up Celebration:

A Renaissance Festival @ Wilder Creek

Fri, August 2, 2–4 pm

Marshall District Library requests your attendance at a grand celebration of all our summer adventures! Enjoy a renaissance festival featuring entertainers of all kinds, a few final mini quests, &--of course--ice cream. Grand prize drawings happen here & everyone goes home with something! Wilder Creek Conservation Club & Nature Area is located at 19833 D Dr S, Marshall, MI, 49068. Registration requested.

Your best themed costumes appreciated but not required.



R BYOCK: Community Float

Mon, August 5, 6:30–8 pm

Get together with your community neighbors for an evening float on the Kalamazoo River! Whether you are an avid kayaker or just want to try it out, this event is for you. BYOCK (bring your own canoe or kayak) or borrow a kayak for free through partnership with the Marshall Recreation Department. We'll gather & launch by the Public Services building at 900 S Marshall Ave, Marshall, MI 49068. The paddle will take about an hour & end at Saylor's Landing, 12669 15 Mile Rd, Marshall, MI, 49068. If you are bringing your own watercraft, no registration is necessary, but please arrange your own watercraft/people drop-off/pick-up process. To borrow a kayak, register via the library website. While supplies last, registrants will receive a "Free Kayak Rental" email as confirmation with instructions & next steps. (Kayaks require signed adult permission & should not be reserved for those under 8 years old.)

Fountain Storytime

Fridays, July 19 & 26, August 2 & 9

11 am–12 pm

Invite a friend to join the entire family for stories together at the Brooks Memorial Fountain. Library staff will share favorite books, songs, & fingerplays. Bring a blanket & any chairs you might need. No registration required. The Brooks Memorial Fountain is located at 323 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI 49068. Inclement weather location is the library.

R Reading Adventures with Leona

Thursdays, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22

6:30–7:30 pm

Drop in & spend some time reading to Leona, a six year-old American Staffordshire Terrier who was rescued from Calhoun County Animal Center when she was a puppy. She is a certified Canine Good Citizen through the American Kennel Club as well as a certified therapy dog through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Some of Leona's favorite things are playing disc golf with her dad, sunbathing in her yard, & diving into patches of long grass. She also loves meeting new friends & cuddling up to listen to a good book. (You'll receive a minimum 15 minute time slot during the hour once you sign in at the Help Desk; first come, first serve.)

R Registration required.

Please visit the Help Desk, call 269.781.7821 x1000, or register online at www.yourmdl.org/events.

Our programs are free (& very popular)! We often have a waiting list; if you register but can no longer attend, please let us know!

ADULT QUESTS

Registration required. 

Celebrating 40 Years of Marshall's Sister City Program

Mon, July 1, 6:30–7:30 pm

Join Gabriela Radelescu, Marshall Sister City Board Member, for an informational evening learning about the 40 year history of the Marshall Sister City program, along with discussing the last visit to Shiga, Japan, which included an exciting adventure to a Ninja Village! Information regarding plans for upcoming programs that will celebrate the 40th anniversary will also be shared. Ages 18+ only.

Adventures in Homeschooling

Thurs, July 18, 6:30–7:30 pm

Homeschooling is an adventure more & more families are choosing, & there are more & more options for how to be a homeschool family. Join some longtime homeschool parents for a conversation about potential options, struggles, & benefits. Information will also be shared about local extracurricular activities families might take part in. Already homeschooling? Please come & add to the conversation & meet other parents sharing your journey. (While a formal youth program will not be offered during this time, several play/activity stations will be available for youth ages 5 & older in a separate space.)

Read It & See It Book Club with Heritage Commons

Fri, July 19, 10 am–1 pm

We all have opinions when we read a book & view a movie based on that book. Read *October Sky* by Homer Hickam & then meet up with Heritage Commons' Read It & See It Book Club to watch the film. A discussion will follow led by YourMDL library assistants & movie buffs Josh Heisler & Cade Carver. This book title is available in regular print through MeL. You do not need to be a member of Heritage Commons to attend but do need to be 18+. A pizza lunch is included. Meet at Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center (15885 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI 49068).

Christmas in July: How I Became Mrs. Claus

Mon, July 22, 6:30–7:30 pm

Join Susan Wallace "Tudy Claus" for Christmas in July. Tudy Claus will share about the in-person training she attended to become Marshall's unofficial Mrs. Claus. As it turns out, the world's most renowned Santa School is located right here in Michigan! Ages 18+ only (to keep the spirit of the holiday special).

Alaska Great Lakes Project Adventures

Mon, July 29, 6:30–7:30 pm

Join Marshall resident & retired educator Dale Rosene as he takes us on an Alaskan adventure, discussing the history of the Alaska Great Lakes Project & sharing photos from 25 years of traveling with students as well as pieces from his Alaskan art collection. The AGLP was conceived in 1989 in response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska, & focused on comparative beach studies. In 1993 the trip was reformatted but kept an environmental focus. Ages 18+ only.

Get to Know Windows 11

Tues, August 6, 6:30–7:30 pm

Whether purchasing a new computer or upgrading your current operating system to Microsoft's Windows 11, it's good to know what changes you might encounter. Windows 11 comes with a new look, more widgets, & even some Windows' standbys have new features. Join the library's technology team as they share the biggest updates & tips to help you make the most of what's new. Leave your computer at home; this is not a hands-on program. Intended for ages 18+.

Adventures in Beauty & Tattooing

Mon, August 26, 6:30–7:30 pm

When you cross the threshold of Vixen's Ink & Beauty, you sense you are in a safe & relaxing atmosphere. This is the intentional design of Michelle (Beauty by Vixen), Hannah, the resident tattoo artist, & the others offering professional permanent cosmetics, tattoos, tattoo removal, massage therapy, facials, body waxing/scrubs, lashes, & non-invasive skin tightening. Meet some of the staff, tour the spaces, learn about the services offered, & ask questions at this women-owned business in downtown Marshall. Ages 18+ only. Please meet at Vixen's Ink & Beauty (209 E Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI 49068).

Monthly Spice Club

Tuesdays, June 18, July 23, & August 27, 6:30–7:30 pm

Explore, discover, grow...taste! Welcome to Spice Club, offering one spice each month to experiment with in your kitchen. Tap into your adventurous side this summer with spices that push your boundaries. Meetings are held monthly at the library; registration is required on each date & limited to one kit per household. Registration includes the month's spice; attendance at the gathering is optional. Marshall District Library is not responsible for any reactions or sensitivities to spices. Cook with caution. Ages 18+ only.

Adult Book Club

Mon, June 17, 6:30–7:30 pm

Travels with Charley by John Steinbeck



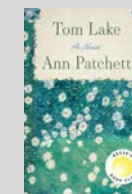
Mon, July 15, 6:30–7:30 pm

The Princess Bride by William Goldman



Mon, August 19, 6:30–7:30 pm

Tom Lake by Ann Patchett



TEEN QUESTS 6th Grade–12th Grade

Registration is required for each program & seats are limited. Registration for each program opens on the Monday previous. *For example: The June 19 program will be open for registration beginning Monday, June 10.* Please note the location of each event. **Teens going into grades 6-12 in the fall are welcome.**

Teen Adventures in Cosmetology

Wed, June 19, 3–4:30 pm

Are you creative? Do you love color? Does making others feel good make you happy? If you answered yes to any/all of those questions, meet us at the Professional Academy of Cosmetology for some hands-on fun. We'll learn how to foil color into hair, tips for creating nail art, & maybe even leave with some tinsel in our own hair for the summertime. Meet at 155 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI 49068.

Teen Adventures in Japan

Wed, June 26, 3–4:30 pm

Curious about visiting another country or studying abroad? Want to make delicious sushi & Boba Tea while you learn about it? Meet us at the library for this hands-on culinary adventure & travelogue into Japan. Leave with recipes, inspiration, & perhaps plans for the future. Please inform staff regarding any food allergies.

DIY Dragon's Eye

Wed, July 3, 3–4:30 pm

"It simply isn't an adventure worth telling if there aren't any dragons" - J.R.R. Tolkien. Using air-dry clay, sculpt a dragon's eye to ensure your summer isn't dragon-free. Long known as a symbol of protection & a balance of love, power, & wisdom, display your creation with pride. Meet at the library.

Teen Adventures in Marketing

Wed, July 10, 3–4:30 pm

Get in the fishbowl! Let's create a digital marketing campaign for teens, BY teens using the expert knowledge of our neighbors at Blufish Branding. Austin Wines, Digital Manager, will walk us through the creative process used by a modern marketing firm & help us be inspired to create some digital promos for YourMDL. Meet at Blufish (115 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI 49068).

Teen Adventures in Photography

Wed, July 17, 3–4:30 pm

Meet up for a tour of Craft Photography in downtown Marshall with owners, Dennis & Lori. Learn the basics of photography, tips for taking great photos, & editing programs & processes used by professional photographers. The studio photographs family, high school seniors, weddings, schools & events, but is best known for Dennis' imaginative children's photography. Meet at the studio (101 E Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI 49068).

Ice Cream & Daydream

Wed, July 24, 3–4:30 pm

At this event, we will meet at True North Ice Cream to grab some ice cream, celebrate summer with you, & dream about future teen library events together. Our treat! YOU are the most important part of the programs here at MDL, & we want to make sure you continue to have a great time at events you help to create. Meet at True North Ice Cream (403 S Kalamazoo Ave, Marshall, MI 49068).

Monthly Loot Box June, July, August

Adventure begins with YourMDL Teen Loot Box! Each month you register, you will find an assortment of supplies for your fantastical summer. Treat this box like a treasure chest; keep the loot inside & return the library book & box when you are finished. You must return your box to register for the next box. Sign up while supplies last! Registration opens June 3, July 1, & August 1.

Director's Message Summer 2024



This year's summer reading theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." I'm very excited to share reading adventures with all of you. When I was a kid, books took me through a wardrobe to Narnia, let me spend the night in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, & allowed me to travel the universe with Meg Murry. I met Matilda & Pippi Longstocking, went on a midnight ride with Paul Revere, & ate ice cream with the children of Wayside School. I can't even tell you how many vacations I went on with the Baby-Sitters Club members. Adventures can involve traveling across our world, across time & space, or traveling into our imaginations.

We hope that you'll keep track of your reading adventures this summer by picking up a reading log at our Help Desk. Set a daily reading goal & earn prize books throughout the summer. As usual, we hope to take our community on all sorts of adventures. We are especially eager to hold our fourth annual Scavenger Hunt, sending our library visitors around town to explore some of our local businesses & organizations. More than 40 locations are participating in our "Mythical Creature Quest" scavenger hunt. I hope families will have a wonderful time seeking out all of the dragons, griffins, & unicorns (my personal favorite) throughout the area.

In addition to the activities we will hold at the library, we are going to go on a variety of adventures in our neighborhoods. We hope our youngest patrons will join us at places like Capitol Hill School, Calhoun County Fairgrounds, Brooks Memorial Fountain, & Marshall Area Farmer's Market for our events & storytimes. We'll be visiting some of our beautiful natural areas such as Wilder Creek Conservation Club, North Country Trail, & the Kalamazoo River. We'll learn about community travels with Marshall's Sister City Committee & former Great Lakes Alaska Project volunteers. We'll meet our neighbors at Crystal Farms, Craft Photography, BluFish Branding, True North Ice Cream, & Heritage Commons. We'll hold our third annual Foam Party & use our imaginations to create fairytale gardens, birdhouses, slime, dragon's eyes, & Viking ships. We will meet animal friends & create "un-imaginary" friends. How fortunate we are to have so many places in our area to gather, learn, create, & grow!

We hope that all of you will keep reading & learning all summer long. If you ever have any feedback or questions about the library, please contact me at 269.781.7821, ext. 1100 or semiferoa@yourmdl.org. I look forward to seeing all of you this summer at Marshall District Library.

~Angela Semifero, Library Director

Looking back on spring 2024 fun...



Marshall District Library is tax-supported by Eckford, Fredonia, Marengo, & Marshall Townships & the City of Marshall.

Board Meetings

June 25

No July Meeting

August 13



Board meetings are open to the public & are held at 7 pm. If a sign language interpreter is needed at a program or a meeting, please contact the library at least five business days prior.