

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Monday - Thursday 10-8:30

Friday & Saturday 10-5:30

CLOSED July 4



2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

UNEARTH A STORY™

DINOSAUR DISCOVERY!

A Community-Wide Scavenger Hunt

June 8 - July 8

This summer, Marshall is transformed into a Museum of Natural History, & YOU are invited to discover the dinosaurs on display (or hidden)! Search for each dinosaur in participating locations...& Unearth a Story along the way. Earn special edition cards with fun facts about different dinos & do a mini excavation on each as you work to create a story. Pick up a Field Guide at the library to start your personal collection. Locate at least 20 cards to enter the grand prize drawing at Grandma's Toys & Treats. Locate at least 30 to receive a 3D Printed Digby Dino from the library. Discover ALL 37 for the opportunity to join the Hall of Marshall Paleontologists! All ages are welcome to explore beginning June 8 until July 8.



ALL AGES EXPEDITIONS



REGISTRATION OPENS
THE MONDAY PRIOR



A ROCKin' Good Time: Summer Reading Kickoff

Fri, June 5, 5 - 8 pm OR Sat, June 6, 10 am - 1 pm

This summer will be filled with dinosaurs...but we'll also be learning about rocks, fossils, & many things under the earth! Visit the library during one of our kickoff parties & enter a cave filled with rocks that glow, dance with a dinosaur, use some "ancient technology", & learn from rock experts from DW Minerals & More. This is the perfect time to pick up all your summer reading information, too! No registration required.

Crafternoons

Wednesdays, June 17 & 24; July 1 & 8, 1 - 3 pm

Join us at the library for one Crafternoon...or all four! Patrons are invited to create dinosaur-themed crafts, enjoy fun activities, & explore their imaginations. All ages are welcome—let's unearth our creative side together! No registration required. Drop in & craft.

Foam Party

Mon, July 6, 6 - 7 pm OR 7 - 8 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, sponsored by Kellogg Community Credit Union, is for all ages & is so popular we'll jump into the foam in two groups. Registration opens June 29; 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.



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Meet Your Neighbors: Hodges Jewelers

Thurs, July 9, 6 - 7 pm

Hodges Jewelers takes pride in pairing exquisite jewelry with exceptional customer service. Offering fine & vintage jewelry as well as one-of-a-kind custom designs, the story of this store reaches back generations. Meet Justin Hodges, owner & expert bench jeweler, as he shares his family story & the services they offer. Staff will take us on a behind-the-scenes tour to see where repair, cleaning, & creativity happens as well. Meet at 117 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI. All ages invited, but space is very limited; registration required.

Metal Detecting 101

Thurs, July 23, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

What's under there? Find out about treasures you might find underground at this interactive program hosted by John Dudley, President of the West Michigan Detector Club. With 27 years of detecting experience, John will share various types of detectors as well as samples & stories about things he's unearthed. This program is for adults, teens, & kids with an interest in the topic. PLUS, the library loans a metal detector as part of our Library of Things, so you can put what you learn to the test later. Registration required.

Messy Parties

Meet at Shearman Park located at 611 W Prospect St, Marshall, MI 49068. In case of inclement weather, the mess moves to the library. Registration is requested but not required; we'll bring extra fun just in case.

Let's Tie-Dye - Wed, July 15, 1 - 3 pm

Bright & colorful, & always messy, tie-dye is a summer staple craft. It's the focus of this messy party; please let us know what you'd like to color when you register. Other activities will be available too; come & enjoy an afternoon of play.

Kids 'N' Stuff Visits Marshall - Wed, July 22, 1 - 3 pm

Celebrate Summer Reading with a kaBOOM & Kids 'N' Stuff. Learn the science of fireworks—what makes them explode, what makes all the pretty colors—and then craft a colorful splatter-paint masterpiece. Get even messier with a DIY fireworks finale. Other activities will be available too; come & enjoy an afternoon of play.

A Dino Dig - Wed, July 29, 1 - 3 pm

Get ready to dig! This party is all about dinosaurs. From unearthing prehistoric creatures to making lava slime, it will be a ROARING good time. Come & enjoy an afternoon of play.

End of Summer Party

Thurs, August 6, 2 - 4 pm

Let's get together one more time this summer for stories, an outdoor scavenger hunt, & a chance to Touch the Trucks that dig & move earth—along with tasty ice cream & prizes, of course. Vehicles visiting are compliments of the City of Marshall.

Don't miss it: at 3pm sharp we'll UNEARTH the Local Legacy Time Capsule entrusted to the library in the year 2000! Meet at Wilder Creek Conservation Club, located at 19833 D Dr S, Marshall, MI 49068. Registration required; all ages welcome.

Fountain Storytime

Fridays, July 10, 17, 24, & 31; August 7 & 14, 11 am - 12 pm

Grab your friends, family, & neighbors & meet us at the Brooks Memorial Fountain for an all-ages storytime full of staff favorite books & songs. In the case of inclement weather, we will meet at the library. No registration required.



MORE ALL AGES EXPEDITIONS

Little Free Rock Library

Visit the library in June & July. Take a rock & leave a rock. All rocks under 6" welcome.

Reading with Leona

Fridays, June 19; July 10; August 7, & Saturdays, June 13; August 15, 1 - 2 pm

Leona is in the building! Leona is a certified therapy dog through the Alliance of Therapy dogs. Her favorite things are meeting new reading friends, eating all the snacks, & playing disc-golf with her humans. Reading with Leona can help to build a young reader's confidence, improve comprehension, & boost communication skills. (You'll receive a minimum 15 minute time slot during the hour once you sign in at the Help Desk; first-come, first-serve.)

Poké-Pals Meet-Up

Saturdays, July 11; August 1, 11 am - 12:30 pm

Pokémon Trainers of all levels are invited to gather for a bit of fun & friendship. This event is your chance to meet other Pokémon enthusiasts, share your passion, & chat about all things Pokémon. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of an amazing Poké-Pals community!

Open LEGO Play

Saturdays, June 20; July 18; August 15, 12 - 2 pm

Design. Construct. Create. Build based on the provided theme or do your thing with library-provided LEGOs. Recommended for youth in grades 2+; however, younger builders are welcome with adult supervision. No registration required. Drop in & build.

Weekly Projects & Scavenger Hunts

Each week, visit the project table at the library for a hands-on activity. We aim to make these both fun & educational. A new in-the-library scavenger hunt will also be available each week for paleontologists with a desire for prizes.



Visit <https://miactivitypass.org/>

MAP allows you to use your public library card to "check out" free or discounted passes to hundreds of cultural destinations, parks, campgrounds, & recreation areas.

Save the Date: Used Books Sale

Fri, September 11, 10 am - 5:30 pm & Sat, September 12, 10 am - 4 pm

Make the library a stop during the 61st Annual Marshall Historic Home Tour. Shop a wide selection of gently used books & media. Cash & card accepted; all funds raised go toward library programming. Your shelves will thank you.



CRAFTY ADULT EXPEDITIONS

Crafty Adult Expeditions are free & all supplies provided. Ages 18+ only.



Crafty June: Button Greeting Cards

Thurs, June 18, 6:30 - 7:30 pm OR

Fri, June 19, 11 am - 12 pm

Craft some cute-as-a-button cards to send to someone special. Using cardstock, buttons, ribbon, hot glue, & your own artistic flair, create unique greeting cards to share your stories & sentiments. You're welcome to bring your own button tin &/or ribbon if you like.

Crafty July: Faux Geode Canvas

Thurs, July 16, 6:30 - 7:30 pm OR

Fri, July 17, 11 am - 12 pm

What's better than cracking open a geode to unearth the sparkle inside? Creating a mixed-media art piece to display sparkle all the time! Using pour painting techniques with acrylic paint, glitter, & rock salt, we'll craft a colorful gem of a creation.

Crafty August: Kinusaiga or Painting with Fabric

Thurs, August 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm OR

Fri, August 21, 10:30 am - 12:30pm

Discover Kinusaiga (絹彩画), the beautiful Japanese art of stitch-free patchwork, where we'll transform fabric scraps into beautiful textured art.

Learn to Sew: Stitch & Fold Table Runner

Thurs, July 30, 6:30 - 8:30 pm OR

Fri, July 31, 10 am - 12 pm OR

Sat, August 1, 11 am - 1 pm

Get ready for fall (or even the winter holidays) by creating a beginner-level table runner perfect for a centerpiece or side table. Using two complementary fabrics, we'll learn basic cutting & sewing skills to create what has been called a "10 minute table runner". All supplies provided; however, a supply list is provided with registration confirmation for those who like to bring their own fabrics. This program is recommended for those ages 12+. Those not yet in high school should attend with an adult. (Brand new? Let us know you'd like an Introduction to Sewing 1:1 before your program date by emailing Shauna at swanteks@yourmdl.org or calling 269.781.7821 x1800.)



ADULT EXPEDITIONS



Meet the 2025-26 Michigan Author Award Recipient: Jim Daniels

Tue, June 16, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

A stop on the Library of Michigan's Michigan Notable Books Tour, Marshall District Library welcomes author Jim Daniels for a special visit. His essays on his childhood in Michigan--*An Ignorance of Trees: A Memoir in Essays*--was chosen as one of the 20 notable books of 2026. As a special treat, staff from the Library of Michigan will be joining us to officially acknowledge Daniels as the 2025-26 Michigan Author Award recipient. This award recognizes significant Michigan authors with a lifetime achievement award. Ages 18+. Registration is requested.



Organizing the Family Attic

Mon, June 22, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Take a deep dive & explore your family stories this summer by learning how to organize your family keepsakes, including photos, papers, documents, & scrapbooks. MDL library staff share tips on how to arrange your family mementos & use digital organization methods. Whether you are beginning your genealogy journey or are an experienced genealogist, discover new ways to catalogue your family's precious memories. This program is intended for adults, but teens with an interest in genealogy are welcome.



Shipwrecks & Archaeology: a Great Lakes Exploration

Mon, June 29, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Did you know some archaeologists research, discover, investigate, & analyze shipwrecks? Join National Museum of the Great Lakes/Great Lakes Historical Society Director, Emeritus Chris Gilcrist, as he uses Great Lakes shipwrecks to highlight & explain these archaeologists' work & processes. This program is intended for adults, but teens with an interest in underwater archaeology are welcome to attend. This program is sponsored by BluFish - A Branding Agency located right here in historic Marshall. Dive in to see their award-winning work at blufishbranding.com.



Unearth Your Family's Story: Getting Started in Genealogy

Mon, July 13, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Every family has a story waiting to be discovered. In this introductory program, library staff will show you where to dig & how to share what you uncover. You'll learn the what & why of genealogical research along with practical tips on organizing your findings, growing your family tree, & discovering the many resources available to help you unearth your family's story. This session is intended for adults, but teens with an interest in the subject may attend.



Meet Your Neighbors: Quothe the Raven

Mon, July 27, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Get out for a night on the town & meet our neighbors at Quothe the Raven. A new addition to our downtown, this metaphysical supply shop offers a large selection of crystals, stones, & herbs, tools for intuition & direction, & seasonally rotating interactive displays. Unearth the history of this women & veteran-owned business while getting an introduction to the products & services offered. Meet at 225 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI. Ages 18+.



Extra! Extra! Find Your Family in Online Newspapers!

Mon, August 3, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Ever wonder about your family's newsworthy deeds? Join MDL library staff in learning about NewspaperArchive, a digital database of local news sources from Marshall, Albion, Tekonsha, & many more newspapers. This program will teach you how to search articles, investigate headlines, & locate individuals to uncover your family's story with this digital resource. This program is intended for adults, but teens with an interest in exploring NewspaperArchive are welcome.



Tech Drive-In

Tuesdays, July 14 & 21, 5 - 8 pm

Let's dig in to what your vehicle's technology has to offer. Do you wish you knew how to connect your phone via Bluetooth/Apple Play? Do you have questions about navigation tools available to you? Are there buttons on your steering wheel that you never touch? Make an appointment during one of our Tech Drive-Ins, pull into our book delivery zone, & a member of MDL's technology team will work with you to answer your most burning tech questions about your vehicle. **Please note: this is not a regular service provided by our tech team. Time slots & length of appointments are limited; registration required by visiting the Help Desk or calling 269.781.7821 x0.**

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS



Books on Tap

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Dark Horse Brewery Commons

June 2 - *Moon of the Crusted Snow* by Waubgeshig Rice

July 7 - *What the River Knows* by Isabel Ibañez

August 11 - *Buffalo Hunter Hunter* by Stephen Graham-Jones

September 1 - SAVE THE DATE; TITLE TBD



Monday Night Book Club

Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

June 15 - *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaghy

July 20 - *That Summer* by Jennifer Weiner

August 17 - *The Restoration Garden* by Sara Blaydes



Spice Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

June 23 - *Le Sud* by Rebekah Pepler

July 28 - *Islas* by Von Diaz

August 25 - *Kin* by Marie Mitchell

Travel back to the beginning & unearth delicious techniques in Spice Club. Explore solo or join our monthly gatherings to delve into corners of the cooking world with featured cookbooks & spices. Meetings are held monthly; registration is required each month & is limited to one spice 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.

Staffed History Hours

Tuesdays, 10 am - 12 pm & Fridays, 1 - 3 pm

The MDL History Center--where you can explore unique documents, yearbooks, & digitization technology--welcomes you to visit anytime the library is open. Local history librarians are on hand during drop-in hours twice a week; during these sessions, they are happy to aid with research, the Center's technology, or help to get you started on your genealogy journey.

TEEN EXPEDITIONS

Our teen programs are for those entering grades 6-12 in the coming school year.



Let's Play: Happy Little Dinosaurs

Wed, June 17, 3 - 4:30 pm

Playing as your own Little Dino, the goal is to max out on points or be the last one standing. Avoid Natural, Predatory, & Emotional (gasp!) disasters to survive the inevitable hardship of being a Bad Luck Bronto or Nervous Rex. You'll probably fail, but at least you'll fail together. Smile, it's almost over.



Dinos (& Teens) Love Tacos

Wed, June 24, 3 - 4:30 pm

Be a Chef-asaurus & prepare tasty tacos with your dino-mite friends from scratch. Season & slice & sauté your way to success. Herbivore or carnivore, the perfect taco is yours to create.



Ancient Technology Scavenger Hunt

Wed, July 1, 3 - 4:30 pm

Meet at the library for a quick demo of the library's old-school digital cameras. Then, head out around downtown in small groups to capture proof that your team has accomplished the provided challenges. We'll meet back up for snacks & to review the photos & award points. Wear comfortable walking shoes & dress for the weather.



Gems, Crystals, Fossils: Oh My!

Wed, July 8, 3 - 4:30 pm

Prepare to go back in time to the age of dinosaurs, volcanoes, & the fossils left behind. What do we mean when we say crystals, stones, minerals, & gems? Are they different? Let's learn their origin stories & mineral composition as we visit with staff from Hodges Jewelers. Meet at the library. From there, we'll walk over for a tour of the jewelry shop...including a behind-the-scenes look at the repair & creation stations there. From there, we'll walk to Quothe the Raven, where we will unearth the stories of crystals: their properties, meanings, & history of how they have been used by people over time. Pick up can be at the library or at 225 W Michigan Ave, Marshall, MI.



Pour Paint Geode Canvases

Wed, July 15, 3 - 4:30 pm

What's better than cracking open a geode to unearth the sparkle inside? Creating a mixed-media art piece to display sparkle all the time! Using pour painting techniques with acrylic paint, glitter, & rock salt, we'll craft a colorful gem of a creation.



How Do Dinosaurs Eat Ice Cream?

Wed, July 22, 3 - 4:30 pm

How do you make a dinosaur float? Put two scoops of ice cream on him! At this event, we will meet at True North Ice Cream to grab some ice cream & dream up future teen programs together. Our treat! Come with ideas or help us brainstorm new ones. Meet at True North Ice Cream (403 S Kalamazoo Ave, Marshall, MI 49068).



Monthly Loot Box

Run head-on into discovery & treat your brain this summer with YourMDL's Loot Box. Each month, unearth a blind-bag of goodies & stories to inspire, entertain, & challenge you. Keep the loot inside & return the library book & box when you are finished. You must return the box in order to receive the next month's. Registration is required & opens on the 1st of each month. Sign up while supplies last! Teens who do not have a library card are welcome to participate; a non-library book will be provided.

TECH TIMES

Mondays, 5 - 8 pm & Wednesdays, 1 - 4 pm

Our technology team is on hand to assist you with questions regarding smart phones, laptops & more during drop-in Tech Time. Up to 30 minute sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign in at the Help Desk.

NEW! TECH APPOINTMENTS

While technology appointments aren't new here at all, our new scheduling software IS! (We do an average of 150 appointments each month!) To make an appointment outside of our Tech Times, contact the Help Desk in-person or by calling 269.781.7821 x0. To help our team be efficient, appointments will be with the tech assistant available at that time.

MARENGO TWP TECH

June 30; July 28; August 25 5-6:30 pm

Drop-in at Marengo Township Hall with your tech questions. Up to 30 minute sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The hall is located at 14021 23 Mile Rd Albion, MI 49224-8504.



REGISTRATION NOTES



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REQUIRED



HISTORY CENTER
PROGRAM

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 programs@yourmdl.org. 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.)

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

YOUTH EXPEDITIONS

Registration required; grades 2-5 welcome. Younger participants are welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by an adult. Please select between the two time slots available.



DIY Fossils - Tues, June 16, 11 am - 12 pm OR 1 - 2 pm

Finding fossils is cool, but we can make some too! We'll visualize how fossils are formed by using clay to make fossil prints out of everyday items & make fossils of our favorite things for someone to find in the future.



Cave Painting - Thurs, June 18, 11 am - 12 pm OR 1 - 2 pm

We are humans & we love to draw! Cave paintings are a wonderful example of how humans have always loved to tell stories with art. Using natural materials, we will recreate famous cave paintings & tell our own story.



Dino BINGO - Tues, June 23, 11 am - 12 pm OR 1 - 2 pm

It's a classic game of Bingo but with the added fun of dinosaurs. Learn the names of dinos as you connect them & shout "Rawr!" when you collect five. Prizes? Of course!



Incredible Edible Earth - Thurs, June 25, 11 am - 12 pm OR 1 - 2 pm

Journey to the center of the earth while filling your tummy as we reconstruct strata with tasty treats. From mantle to core, Earth is incredible & (in this case) delicious.



Winogradsky Columns - Tues, June 30, 11 am - 12 pm OR 1 - 2 pm

Explore what makes up the Earth while creating a miniature ecosystem. We'll set up our experiments together & learn about the microorganisms in soil. You'll get to take your creation home to keep track of changes & growth all summer.



Nature Stamp Prints - Thurs, July 2, 11 am - 12 pm OR 1 - 2 pm

From the soil to your canvas, nature provides an amazing array of textures & patterns. Use veggies & fruits as stamps to create stunning art pieces.



DIY Triceratops Visors - Tues, July 7, 11 am - 12 pm OR 1 - 2 pm

Shade yourself from the summer sun with your very own sensational Triceratops visor. Pick your color, follow simple instructions, & we'll become a herd of rainbow dinosaurs.



Animals Beneath Your Feet - Thurs, July 9, 11 am - 12 pm OR 1 - 2 pm

Life is everywhere! Let's explore what lives in the dirt & how they help all of us aboveground, too. Leave with special supplies to continue unearthing animal adventures at home.



Unearth a Story Junior Book Club: *Big Tree*

Mondays, June 15, 22, & 29; July 6 & 13, 1 - 2 pm

Reading & discussing a story with others opens every book to new possibilities. Join us this summer for our first Junior Book Club & read *Big Tree* by Brian Selznick together. As two tiny seeds begin their incredible life journey, they encounter a land full of volcanoes, dinosaurs, & eventually, the stars, all while guided by a mysterious voice. Each week, talk about what has been unearthed & learn as you adventure with friends & family. Junior Book Club is designed with grades 2-5 in mind. Older readers & younger readers with a grown-up are welcome. This title is available at the library & through MelCat, & as an ebook & audio via Libby & Hoopla. Attendance at all meetings is not required to participate; please register for the dates you plan to attend.

EARLY LEARNER EXPEDITIONS

Outdoor Storytime

Mondays, June 15, 22, & 29; July 6, 11 am - 12 pm

Grow together in this storytime designed for beginning early literacy. Through the practices of Talk, Sing, Read, Write, & Play, caregivers & their little learners will build a base for reading, social-emotional learning, school readiness & more--all through fun stories, fingerplays, & songs. This program is planned for preschool through grade 2, but all ages are welcome to attend. Meet at the Capitol Hill School at 606 Washington St, Marshall, MI. In case of weather or construction, please meet at the library. No registration required.

Baby & Me: Caregiver Connection

Wednesdays, June 24; July 22; August 26, 6 - 7 pm

Summer is a great time to meet & learn with new caregivers. If your family has welcomed a new little one in the past 18 months, you are invited to explore early learning basics for baby & to commune with fellow caregivers. Bring your stroller or baby carrier; we'll meet at the library first & then head out for a short walk, weather permitting. This program is designed with ages birth-18 months in mind & their caregivers.



Rockstar Reader: Jam With Me at the Farmers Market

Sat, August 22, 11 am - 12 pm

Blueberry, raspberry, & strawberry...will you jam along? Our Rockstar Readers are blooming & growing, & it's time to celebrate their progress. This sweet storytime event is designed for preschoolers & their families. If your little learner is not signed up for Rockstar Reader yet, this event is the perfect opportunity to join the program. Meet at the Marshall Area Farmers Market, across from the library. In case of inclement weather, storytime will meet inside the library. Registration requested.

Jumpin' & Jammin'

Wednesdays, June 17 & 24; July 1 & 8, 11 am - 12 pm

Movement is literacy when you dance & exercise your brain. During a full half-hour of music & movement, we'll get to use our little muscles & our big muscles, which helps our brains grow. Start with a mindful breath, make some friends, & have fun. This program is planned with ages 2-6 in mind, but all ages are welcome to attend. Please remember to wear comfortable shoes. Meet at the Capitol Hill School at 606 Washington St, Marshall, MI. In case of weather or construction, please meet at the library. No registration required.

Farmers Market Storytime

Saturdays, June 27 & July 25, 11 am - 12 pm

Meet us at the Market! Join YourMDL staff to celebrate the season with storytime favorites. Stop by to say hello before grabbing some veggies to-go. In partnership with the Marshall Area Farmers Market; no registration is required. All ages welcome. In case of inclement weather, storytime will meet inside the library. (*Psssst...Leona, our therapy dog, will join us on July 25!*)

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READER'S LOG

2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM
FOR ALL AGES
JUNE 7 - JULY 25
ALL PRIZE ENTRIES MUST BE
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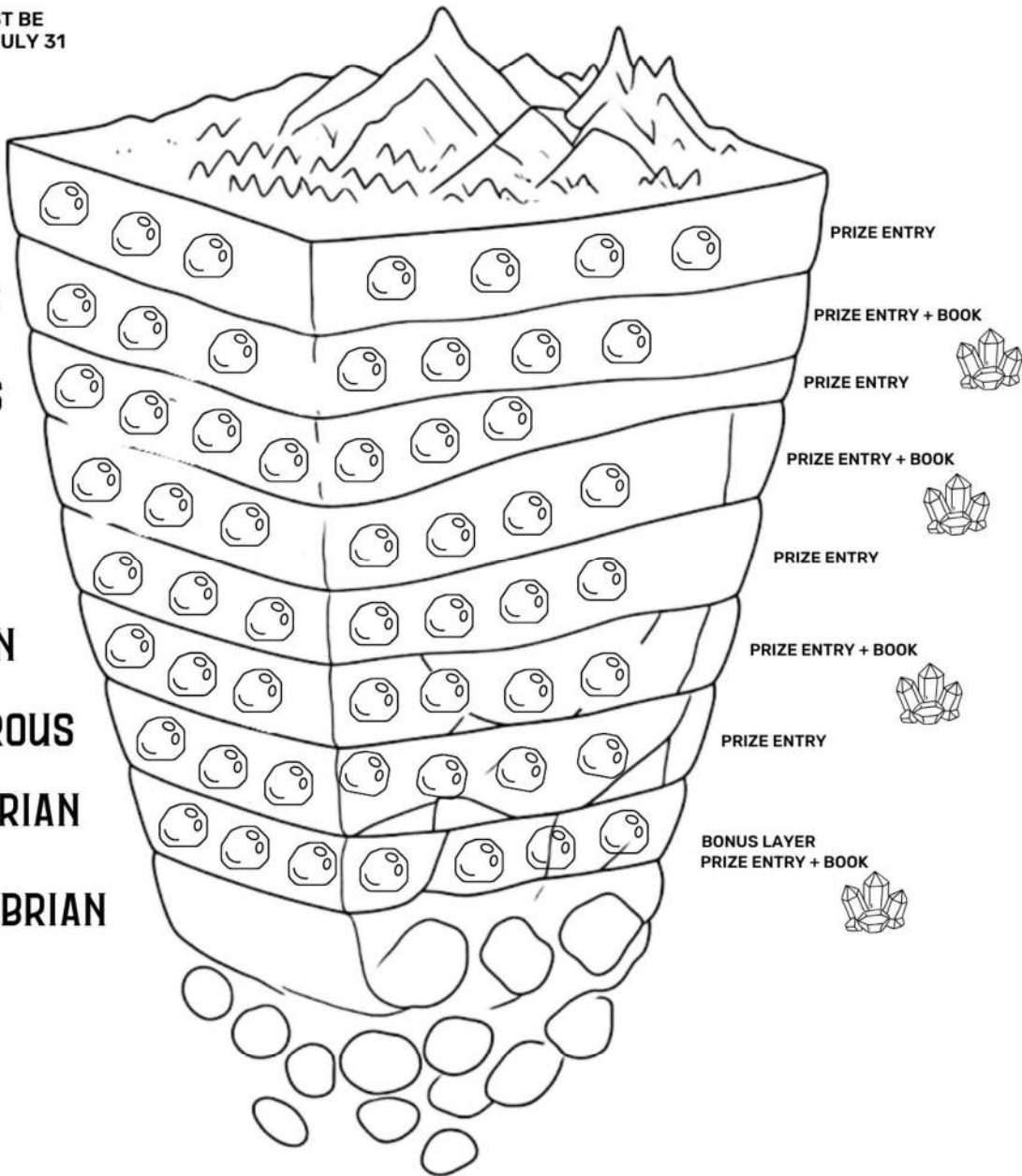
HOW MANY MINUTES WILL YOU READ EACH DAY? _____

MEET YOUR DAILY GOAL? COLOR IN A ROCK!
(IF YOUR GOAL IS 20 MIN/DAY & YOU READ FOR 40
ONE DAY, COLOR IN 2 ROCKS THAT DAY.)

7 ROCKS = 1 PRIZE ENTRY

COLOR THE LAYERS OF THE EARTH AS YOU READ
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THE MORE TIMES YOU
CAN ENTER TO WIN!

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A PRIZE ENTRY UP TO
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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



This year's summer reading theme is "Unearth a Story," which focuses on paleontology, archaeology, geology, & all things under the earth. We'll also be learning how to unearth our family & community stories.

As usual, we hope to take our community on all sorts of adventures. We are especially eager to hold our sixth annual Scavenger Hunt, sending library visitors around town to explore some of our local businesses & organizations. More than 35 locations are participating in our "Dinosaur Hunt." I hope families have a wonderful time seeking out all the dinosaurs & excavating some fun stories around town! I also 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.

One of the things we're going to unearth this summer is our community's story from 25 years ago. Marshall District Library put together a time capsule & invited groups in town to contribute documents, photos & other media. This included Exchange Club, Marshall Area Garden Club, Lion's Club, Marshall Historical Society, Marshall Public Schools, Mary Marshall Chapter of the DAR & numerous others. We're looking forward to seeing what the world looked like then (& we've saved an audio cassette player all these years just for this occasion)! This also means we're going to be putting together a new time capsule of the Marshall area, just in time to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

In addition to scavenger hunts & treasure chests of community history, we'll also be learning about the many layers of our earth & the things you might find there. Youth events will take place three days each week, with teen events on Wednesdays. Our History Center, which is open for use daily for researchers, will also be holding drop-in hours with a librarian twice each week. 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, Brooks Memorial Fountain, & Marshall Area Farmers Market for our early literacy events & storytimes. We'll be exploring the beauty of nature with Wilder Creek & holding a variety of messy parties, including our annual Foam Party at Calhoun County Fairgrounds.

We hope that all of you will keep reading & learning all summer long. I look forward to seeing you at the library this summer!

Board meetings (June 30 & August 11) are open to the public & are held at 7pm. If a sign language interpreter is needed at a program or a meeting, please contact the library at least five business days prior.

Angela Semifero

If you have any questions or suggestions about library services, please contact me at 269.781.7821 x1100 or semiferoa@yourmdl.org.



PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS?

Please contact Shauna Swantek, Head of Programming & Community Engagement, at 269.781.7821 x1800 or swanteks@yourmdl.org.

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Southern Michigan Bank & Trust
Kalamazoo Civic
Heritage Cleaners
Marshall Community Credit Union

Airborne Adventure- Kalamazoo
Battle Creek Symphony
Community Music School
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