

Marshall Public Library



"Your Downtown Window to the World"

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What's Happening @ Your Library?

A Heartfelt Note of Gratitude

Thank you for making our grand re-opening an unforgettable evening filled with laughter, history, and cherished connections. We're excited to share that the new elevator, leading to the Illinois Room, that not only preserves a piece of our beautiful historic building and downtown but also enhances our services and resources—particularly in local history and genealogy by an additional 3,000 square feet. Our **Genealogy and Historical Collections** are now more accessible than ever, located on both the main floor and the newly renovated second floor. The main floor Activity room houses local collections, while the area-wide collections have found a home in the stunning Illinois Room upstairs.

As part of this initiative, we're thrilled to offer a series of genealogy and history programs and exhibits throughout the year in the new Illinois room. We hope you'll register for these engaging events and discover the rich stories that connect us all. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm—we can't wait to see you at the library!

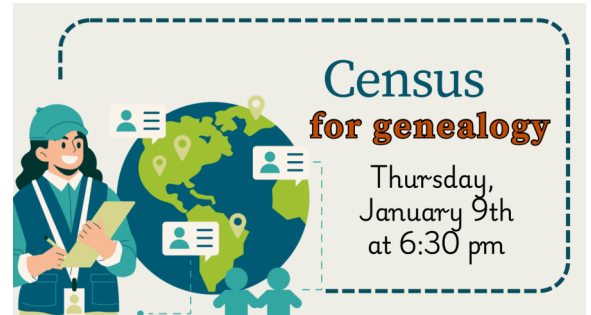


Warm regards,

Alyson Thompson, Director

Census for Genealogy Thursday Jan. 9th at 6:30 PM

Join us for an informative session as Head Librarian Jamie Poorman shares expert tips and tricks for navigating census records to uncover your family history. Discover how these valuable resources can help you piece together your ancestral story and gain insights into the past.



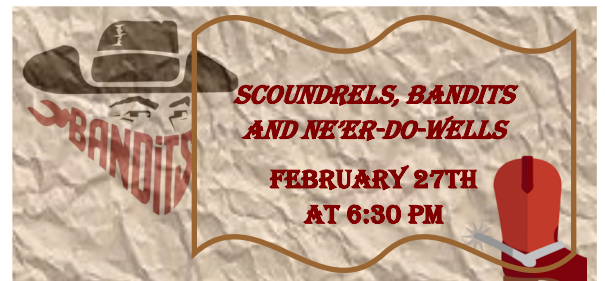
Mapping Family History Thursday Feb. 13th at 6:30 PM

The Clark County Historical Society will share how maps can be a very helpful, but often overlooked, source for family historians. Join us to learn about historic maps of Clark County from the first county plat map created in 1876 to the Bird's Eye view maps of communities hand drawn in the 1880s and the colorful Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of the late 1800s to mid 1900s.



Scoundrels, Bandits and Ne'er-do-wells in Clark County History Thursday Feb. 27th at 6:30 PM

From the first court case heard in Clark County at Aurora Bend to a potential visit from notorious gangster John Dillinger, join us as Head Librarian Jamie Poorman shares interesting stories of scoundrels, bandits, and ne'er-do-wells throughout our county's history.



Free Tax Preparation Offered in Library

AARP Foundation
TAX-AIDE

Free tax assistance for those who need it most

Free tax assistance is available for middle- to low-income taxpayers, with a focus on those 55 and older. Trained AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, in cooperation with the IRS, will provide confidential, no-cost tax preparation by appointment only. This trusted service will be offered at the library to ensure convenience and accessibility. Appointments begin **February 4th** and run through **April 15th**. To schedule, call the library starting **January 13th**.

Cabin Fever Reading Challenge

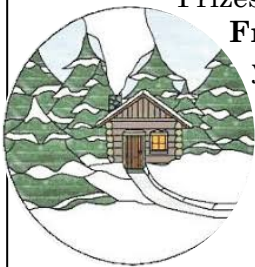
Don't let winter drag on without a great book! Join the library's **Cabin Fever Reading Program** for adults aged 14 and older, running from **January 6th to February 17th**.

Here's how it works:

- Each week, submit a bookmark detailing the book(s) you've read.
- Bookmarks will be entered into a weekly drawing for a local restaurant gift card.
- Audiobooks and e-books count, too—complete just one to earn a finished bookmark!

At the end of the six-week program, a **grand prize** will be awarded to the participant who reads the most books.

Prizes are generously provided by the **Friends of the Library**. Warm up your winter with some great reads and fun rewards!



Blind Date with a Book Reading Challenge

Starting **February 1st**, the library invites you to go on a literary adventure with our **Blind Date Books!** These books will be wrapped in brown paper, with just a few intriguing clues on the front to hint at their contents.

It's simple:

1. Pick a "Blind Date" book based on the clues.
2. Check it out and take it home.
3. For every Blind Date book you read, you'll be entered into a **special drawing!**

But hurry—Blind Date Books are only available until **February 14th**. Who knows? You might just fall in love with your next great read!



Upcoming Virtual Events



Thu, January 23 | 7 PM
Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau—register at:
https://bit.ly/ILP_MichelleButeau



Tue, February 4 | 7 PM
Holiday Tips and Tricks with Chef Art Smith
An Evening with James McBride at:
https://bit.ly/ILP_JamesMcBride



Displays @ Your Library!

January: "Trains" by John and Sara Tarble
February: "NASA Memorabilia Through the Years" by Jeff Parkinson





Friends of the Library News



The Friends of the Library gathered for a meeting on November 7th at 5:00 PM in the Main Library. During this meeting the group approved discussed oral history project with 14 new interviews added since September. Oral History Chair Damian Macey expressed thanks to Steve Arney for scheduling the interviews. The Friends changed the date for the January meeting due to the director being gone on vacation. Several Friends agreed to help deliver newsletters. The group will meet again on **Thursday, January 9th, at 5:00 PM.**

AFTER-SCHOOL ADVENTURES

Little Book Beginners

- ✓ For preschoolers 3-5 years old
- ✓ In person program will be held at the library each 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm.
- ✓ Child must be accompanied with an adult
- ✓ Led by retired reading teacher Marge Wilson
- ✓ Registration is required

January's theme (1/16):
 "Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother Too?"

February's theme (2/20):
 "Freight Train"



STREAM

- ✓ After school for children 3rd—6th
- ✓ Held the 3rd Tuesday at North School
- ✓ **Pick up at 4:00 pm at North School**
- ✓ Led by retired science teacher Kathy English
- ✓ A light snack will be provided
- ✓ Registration is required, beginning the first of each month. Seating is limited.
- ✓ Send note to school on day of program

January's theme (1/21):
 "Frosty Fun Festival"

February's theme (2/18):
 "Hearts in Motion"

THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH 6PM

GAME NIGHT

NEW GAMES EACH MONTH!

@ Marshall Public Library

NEW TWEEN/TEEN ROOM FOR GRADES 4TH-12TH

BOOK CHAT

Join us for our "daytime" book club called "Book Chat" that meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry
 by Gabrielle Zevin—**Jan. 15th**

Tobacco Wives
 by Adele Myers—**Feb. 19th**

I'D RATHER BE READING

Join our evening book club called "I'd Rather Be Reading" that meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00 PM.

Wicked
 by Gregory Maguire
 —**January 13th**

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz
 by Frank L. Baum—**February 10th**

3D Printer

Make. Model. Create. Print.

Join the fun and register to learn how to make your very own 3D print! To use the 3D printer you must first go through our FREE 3D print class. Call to register today!

- Thursday, Jan. 9th, 5-7 PM
- Saturday, Jan. 25th, 2-4 PM
- Thursday, Feb. 12th, 5-7 PM
- Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 2-4PM

~Memorials~

From Library Board of Trustees and Staff

In memory of Ronald Hicks
Firearms: An Illustrated History
 By: DK Publishing

From Library MHS Class of 1964
 In memory of Steve Finkbiner
The Great Tours: Civil War Battlefields (DVD)
 By: Great Courses



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Monday through Wednesday: 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Friday and Saturday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Library Director: Alyson Thompson
Head Librarian: Jamie Poorman

Check us out at
www.marshalllibrary.com

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CITY OF MARSHALL RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN CITY LIMITS MAY PICK UP TWO BUNDLES OF LAWN AND LEAF BAGS FROM THE LIBRARY EACH MONTH. PLEASE SIGN NEXT TO YOUR NAME WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR LAWN BAGS.

Spotlight on New Materials!

ADULT

Christian Fiction

Christmas in Bethel - Richard Paul Evans; A Truth Revealed - Tracie Peterson

Mystery/Suspense

To Die For - David Baldacci; Society of Lies - Lauren Ling Brown; Time Will Tell - Rita Mae Brown; The Waiting - Michael Connelly; Bellevue - Robin Cook; Identity Unknown - Patricia Cornwell; Desolation Code - Graham Brown; Now or Never - Janet Evanovich; On the Hunt - Iris Johanson; Raised by Wolves - James Patterson; Stuart Woods' Golden Hour - Brett Battles; The Grey Wolf - Louise Penny

LARGE PRINT

Fiction

Waiting for Christmas - Lynn Austin; Honoring Christmas - Lindsay Byler; Bellevue - Robin Cook; Desolation Code - Graham Brown; Heir's Predicament - Lori Dudley; The Devil's Tower - Wayne Dundee; Christmas in Bethel - Richard Paul Evans; Now or Never - Janet Eva-

novich; Over the Edge - Irene Hannon; On Royal Range - William Johnstone; Edge of Nowhere - William Johnstone; What does it feel like - Sophie Kinsella; Bring me wild horses - Chuck Martin; Elinor - Shannon McNear; Lethal Stand-off - Diann Mills; Hot Property - Mike Lupica; The Grey Wolf - Louise Penny; Shifting Current - Dani Petri; The Mirror - Nora Roberts; Great Hippopotamus Hotel - Alexander McCall Smith; Christmas in the Castle Library - Ann Swindell; One Last Stand - Susan May Warren; The Journey South - Reavis Wortham

DVD

Twisters, Deadpool 2; A Quiet Place 2; When Call the Heart, Season 11;



Do you have a 0 – 5 years old child who lives in the Marshall School District?

If so, your child qualifies to receive a free monthly book! Gerald and Jean Forsythe sponsor Dolly Parton's Imagination Library offering Marshall children free monthly books! Apply at: www.imaginationlibrary.com or ask us at the library!