

Marshall Public Library



"Your Downtown Window to the World"

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What's Happening @ Your Library?

Journey to Freedom: Illinois' Underground Railroad **On Display April 10 – May 31 in the *New!* Illinois Room**

Journey to Freedom: Illinois' Underground Railroad exhibit will be on display **April 10—May 31**. The exhibit was produced by The Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, also known as Looking for Lincoln. The heritage area covers a vast swath of Central Illinois, and is commissioned to tell the stories of the life and times of Abraham Lincoln, which includes the stories of freedom seekers moving through the area. Enjoy this exhibit in the library's new, beautifully renovated Illinois Room upstairs with handicap accessibility.



Join us for a special kickoff program on **April 10th at 6:30 PM**, featuring award-winning folk musician and folklorist Chris Vallillo. In his powerful and engaging show, *Songs of the Illinois Freedom Road*, Vallillo brings to life the stories of the Underground Railroad in Illinois. Through first-person accounts of Freedom Seekers, captivating performances, and deep insights into the music that fueled this historic movement, he creates an unforgettable experience

that honors the courage and resilience of those who sought freedom. Don't miss this inspiring evening of history and song!

Follow The Drinking Gourd: Stories From Illinois' Underground Railroad performance by Brian "Fox" Ellis will be held **Thursday, May 1st at 6:30 PM**. Travel with the intrepid men and women who risked their lives for their freedom. Meet the folks who violated the fugitive slave laws to honor a higher law about dignity and respect. Hear the stories of Owen and Elijah Lovejoy, Abraham Lincoln and Peter Cartwright. Sing the songs that will carry us to freedom in this interactive performance based on the oral histories of former slaves and conductors!

Guided tours will be available—call to learn more!



Genealogy & History

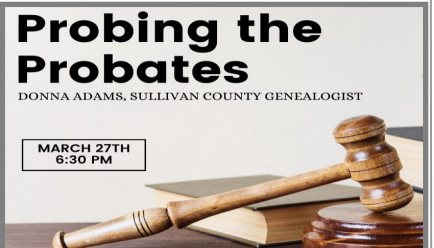


***Breaking Through Brick Walls* Thursday March 13th at 6:30 PM**

In genealogy, a "brick wall" is an ancestor who seemingly refuses, despite repeated attempts, to reveal their origins. In this presentation, by Head Librarian Jamie Poorman she'll discuss the most common kinds of brick walls and offer some tricks and alternative sources for breaking them down.

***Probing the Probates* Thursday March 27th at 6:30 PM**

Join Donna Adams, County Genealogist for Sullivan County, Indiana, to explore the probate process and examine samples of genealogical information found in estate records. Discover how these valuable documents can unlock family histories and provide insight into the lives of past generations.



Probing the Probates
DONNA ADAMS, SULLIVAN COUNTY GENEALOGIST

MARCH 27TH
6:30 PM

"Chapter One: Meet Your New Library Crew!"



Lynetta Horsley has called Marshall home for most of her life. She has been happily married to Darrell for 41 years, and together they have a daughter and two grandchildren. In addition to joining the library team, Lynetta also works in the school cafeteria, where she enjoys seeing familiar faces each day. She is excited to meet new people in the community and share her love of books while working at the library. A fun fact about Lynetta? She's a twin! Stop in, say hello, and get to know her!



You may recognize **Nora Swalls** from her recent role as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. A lifelong library lover, Nora is thrilled to join our team, connect with the community, and get a first look at all the new arrivals on our shelves! A longtime resident, Nora has been happily married to her husband, Brad, for 41 years. Together, they have two sons and four grandchildren. She is especially excited to explore the library's genealogy resources and dive into her own family history research. Join us in welcoming Nora to the library team!



Meet Bea! **Bea Cornwell** is enjoying retirement with books, coffee, and family—and that sounds like the perfect retirement to us! She has two daughters and eight grandchildren, who keep her life full of joy and adventure. Bea is excited to meet new community members and work alongside the wonderful library staff. Libraries and books have always held a special place in her heart, and she is looking forward to helping patrons discover their next great read and being part of the library's welcoming atmosphere!



Caroline Everette is an avid reader and loves all things books! She has been a long-time resident who shares seven children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Her face may look familiar as she also substitute teaches at Marshall Schools, where she enjoys connecting with students of all ages. Caroline enjoys cooking desserts for family and friends and watching vintage sitcoms. She is excited to share her love of reading with the community. Join us in welcoming Caroline to our library tribe!

Upcoming Virtual Events



Tues. March 4 | 7 PM
Exploring Space
 with Caralie Adam—register at:
https://bit.ly/ILP_MichelleButeau



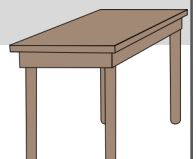
Thurs. April 10 | 7 PM
The Art of Foraging with
 Alexis Nikole Nelson—register at:
https://bit.ly/ILP_JamesMcBride



Displays @ Your Library!

March: "Mushrooms: Collecting Nature's Oddities" by Nora Swalls

April: "Underground Railroad" by Clark County Historical Society





Friends of the Library News



The Friends of the Library gathered for a meeting on January 9th at 5:00 PM in the Main Library. During this meeting the group discussed the upcoming tax season with Gerald Pine presenting two new volunteers have been added. Director, Alyson Thompson, noted the Oral History project is on hold during the winter months. The Friends approved the funding of a 1st and 3rd grade historical program with performer Brian “Fox” Ellis. It was noted the Friends bank has been changed to Preferred Bank. Several Friends agreed to help deliver newsletters. The group will meet again on **Thursday, March 6, 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

March's theme (3/20):
“Giraffe’s Can’t Dance”

April's theme (4/17):
“One Duck Stuck”



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

March's theme (3/18):
“Take Flight: Harness the Power of the Wind!”

NO APRIL STREAM

NEW
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 “Book Chat” that meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM.

- Sitting Pretty** (Big Read—free copies in library while they last!) by Rebekah Taussig—**March 19th**
- Secret Lives of Booksellers & Librarians** by James Patterson—**April 16th**

I'D RATHER BE READING

Now virtual! Join the “I’d Rather be Reading Book Club—Marshall, IL” on Facebook to participate!

- Sitting Pretty** (Big Read—free copies in library while they last!) by Rebekah Taussig
- Chains** By Laurie Halse Anderson

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, March 6th, 5-7 PM**
- **Thursday, April 10th, 5-7 PM**

~MEMORIALS~

In memory of Delbert Sanders

From Library Board of Trustees and Staff
Great American Music By: Great Courses (DVD)

In memory of Sarah Donahue

From Library Board of Trustees and Staff
Every Day with Babs: 101 Family-Friendly Dinners
By: Barbara Costello

In memory of Pat Rhoads

From Clark County Optimist Club
New Star: Magi’s Encounter By: Lana Christian
From Albert and Linda Tucker
Mary: Daughters of the Lost Colony
By: Shannon McNear

In memory of Harley Bennet

From Library Board of Trustees and Staff
The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History

From Elizabeth Ealy

Cabinet of Curiosity By: Aaron Mahnke
From RIDES Mass Transit
The Great Tours: Germany & Austria
By: Great Courses (DVD)

In memory of Betty Macke

From Library Board of Trustees and Staff
Homegrown Hand gathered: The Complete Guide to Living Off Your Garden By: Silvan Godden

In memory of Harold Anacker

From Library Board of Trustees and Staff
American History: Discovering America’s Lost Stories By: Matt Clayton

From Tavey Wright

Service for Verizon Wi-Fi devices
From Lewis Goekler
The Great Tours: Washington, D.C.
By: Great Courses (DVD)

From Matt Davidson

Learning German
By: Great Courses (DVD)

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LIBRARY HOURS:
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.marshallilllibrary.com

“Marshall’s Downtown Window to the World”



CITY OF MARSHALL RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN CITY LIMITS MAY PICK UP 10 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 Fiction

Love through the seasons – Tracie Peterson; Running from Monday – Lea Sims; Order of Swans – Jude Deveraux; Miss Amelia's List – Mercedes Lackey; Tea with elephants – Robin Jones Gunn; Three Days in June – Anne Tyler; Briarhill to Brooklyn – Jack Bodkin; Lie for a Million – Janet Daley; The Stolen Queen – Fiona Davis; Beautiful Ugly – Alice Feeney; Grave Danger – James Grip-pando; Open Season – Jonathan Kellerman; Shattering Dawn – Jayne Ann Krentz; The Crash – Freda McFadden; Presumed Guilty – Scott Turow; Out of the Woods – Hannah Bonham-Young; Where the creek bends – Linda Lael Miller

Adult Nonfiction

Remarkable Books; Cabinet of Curiosities – Aaron Mahnke; Tell Me About Heaven – Randy Acorn; Tasting History –Max Miller; Firearms : an illustrated history; Seasons around the table – Jessie Ross; Mrs. Earp – Sherry Monahan; Stories of historic Illinois women – Tom Emery; To rescue the republic – Bret Baier

Large Print

Queen's Cook – Tessa Afshar; Serenity's Secret – Lisa Baker; Deadly Revenge – Patricia Bradley; Unlikely Amish Inheritance – Jo

Ann Brown; New Star – Lana Christian; Deadly Betrayal – James Clay; Big Empty – Robert Crais; Love's Winding Road – Susan Craft; So Into you – Kathleen Fuller; The Rube – Cara Grandle; The Pistoleros – EE Halleran; Last Wagon Train – William W. Johnstone; Some Die Young – William W. Johnstone; Shattering Dawn – Jayne Ann Krentz; Teller of Small Fortunes – Julie Leong; Gun Branders – Colt MacDonald; The Crash – Freda McFadden; Blank – Zibby Owens; Proudly they die – Lewis Patton; Bonded in Death – JD Robb; Stolen Kiss – Mindy Steele; Rugged Beauty – Laci Williams; Only Saloon in town – Reavis Wortham

Audiobook

Now or Never – Janet Evanovich; Murder Island – James Patterson; The Mirror – Nora Roberts; Golden Hour – Stuart Woods; Triangle – Danielle Steel

DVD

Pompei, Civil War Battlefields, Cooking across the ages, Learning German, Learning Japanese, The Forge, Here, The Light of Freedom, Someone Like You, Wicked, Nosferatu, Beetlejuice Beetlejuice, Monster Summer, Heartland Seasons 16 & 17,



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!