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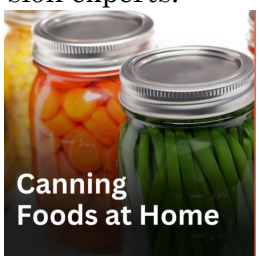
What's Happening @ Your Library?

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Canning: Saving the Season Watch Parties

Join University of Illinois Extension and this July for a free four-part food preservation watch party series! Learn safe, research-based techniques for canning and preserving summer produce from Illinois Extension experts.



July 10 – Canning Foods at Home



July 24 – Pressure Canning for Vegetables, Meats, Soups & Broths



July 17 – Water Bath Canning for Jams, Pickles, Salsa & More



July 31 – Processing Tomatoes at Home

Time: 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Location: Dale McConchie meeting room inside the library

Perfect for beginners and experienced home preservers alike! Bring your questions, learn safe food preservation techniques.

Let's Play Ball! Women's Baseball in Illinois and the Midwest

There may be nothing more American than baseball, and this program celebrates the remarkable women who helped shape the game's history. The Library and Clark County Historical Society invite the community to **Saturday, July 25, at 2:00 p.m.** for *Let's Play Ball! Women's Baseball in Illinois and the Midwest*.





Presented by Anna Sielaff, Learning History Liaison with the Springfield YMCA, this Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau program explores the pioneering women who changed the game. Discover the stories of the Bloomer Girls, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), and the important role Illinois played in advancing women's baseball and women's sports.

This free program will be held in the library's IL room. Whether you're a baseball fan, or a history enthusiast, you'll enjoy this inspiring look at an important chapter of one of America's favorite pastimes.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

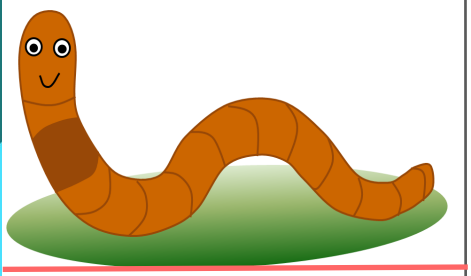
7/1—Display Case: "Daughter's of the American Revolution and Library 110"
7/1—World of Willy Worms 2:00 PM
7/2—Craftivity: "Feathered Chicken" 2:00 PM
7/2—Friends Member's Meeting 5 PM
7/4—4th of July—LIBRARY CLOSED
7/7—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
7/7—Movie Matinee "Peter Rabbit" 2:00 PM
7/8—Roots and Records 10:30—noon
7/8—Summer Reading Street Fair! 2-4 PM
7/8—City Board meets 6:00 PM
7/9—Craftivity: "Garden Flower Pot" 2:00 PM
7/10— U of I: Canning at Home 10:30 AM
7/11—Summer Reading Logs Due
7/14—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
7/15—Book Chat 10:30 AM
7/16—Game Night for tweens/teens 6:00 PM
7/17—U of I: Water Bath Canning 10:30 AM
7/18—3D Print for Beginners 11 AM
7/21—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
7/24—U of I: Pressure Canning 10:30 AM
7/25—Women's Baseball in IL 2:00 PM
7/28—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
7/31—U of I: Processing Tomatoes 10:30 AM
8/1—Display Case: "Harley Davidson"
8/1—Read w/ a Retriever 1 PM
8/4—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
8/11—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
8/12—Roots and Records 10:30-noon
8/12—City Board meets 6:00 PM
8/15—Intro to 3D printing 6:00 PM
8/18—Staff Training —LIBRARY CLOSED
8/19—Book Chat 10:30 AM
8/20—Game Night 6:00 PM
8/25—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
8/25—Area District meets 4:30 PM





The World of Willy Worms with Dara

Wednesday, July 1st @ 2PM



Craftivity: "Feathered Chicken!"

Thursday, July 2nd @ 2PM



Movie @ Harlan Hall "Peter Rabbit"

Tuesday, July 7th @ 2PM



Craftivity: "Garden Flower Pot"

Thursday, July 9th @ 2PM



It's Not Too Late to Join Summer Reading Fun!

Keep turning in those reading logs! Children ages 0–12 earn a spin on our Prize Wheel for every 100 minutes read. Complete 400 minutes to receive a special book added to the library's collection in your honor, complete with a commemorative label inside the book recognizing your achievement, and an entry into your age group's Grand Prize drawing. Adults receive one Grand Prize entry for every reading log submitted. Whether you're reading a favorite series, discovering a new author, or enjoying books together as a family, every minute counts. All reading logs must be turned in by **July 11**. Keep reading, finish strong, and good luck!

Friends of the Library News

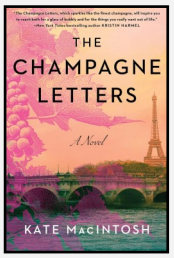
The Friends met on May 7 at 5:00 p.m. in the Dale McConchie Meeting Room. Members discussed planning and preparations for the *Chautauqua at the Crossroads* event. Chairman Damian Macey provided an update on the ongoing oral history project, noting five new interviews will be added to the online collection as a result of the Chautauqua. Several members also volunteered to assist with newsletter distribution. The Friends' next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 2, at 5:00 p.m.**

Marshall Public Library is proud to partner with Marshall's Walking Tours

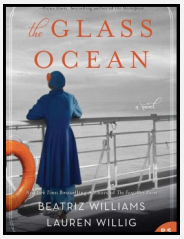


BOOK CHAT

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

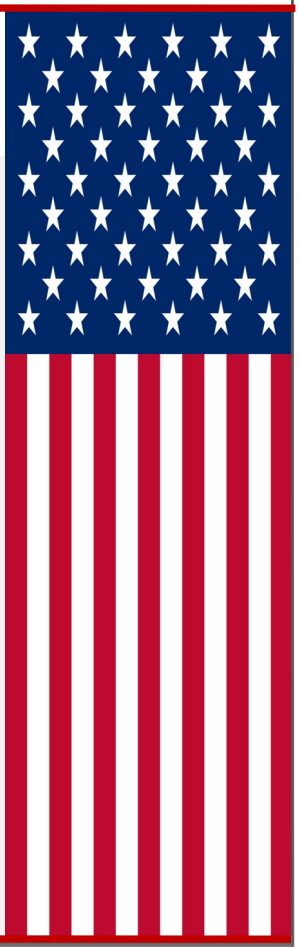


The Champaign Letters
by Kate McIntosh
July 15th



The Glass Ocean
by Beatriz William, Lauren Willig & Karen White
August 19th

Join here for ***I'd Rather Be Reading*** *book club featured online!*



~MEMORIALS FOR MARCH THROUGH MAY~

In memory of Shanna Bahr
From Ronald Powell
Unknown By Riley Sager
Vanished in the Crowd By Rhys Bowen
All the Little Houses By May Cobb
First Sign of Danger By Kelley Armstrong
The Crossroads by CJ Box

In memory of Tiffany Macke
From Marshall Public Library Board & Staff
Steampunk: An Illustrated History
By Brian Robb

In memory of Joanne Shumaker
From MHS Class of 1965
Reminisce Kit: Cooking and Baking

In honor of Sherry Rentschler
From Ed, Sue, Nick, Kent & Amanda Rentschler and Ben & Christy Kappes
Paper Bones, Book of Now, Glass Slipper, Love & Blood, Time & Blood, Gypsy Thorn, Midnight, Forever
By Sherry Rentschler

In Honor or Vickie Wallace
From Marshall Public Library Board & staff
Yellow Kayak
By Nin Laden & Melissa Catrillon

In Memory of Becky Clements
From national Road Quilt Guild
The Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat
By Eugene Field

In Memory of Ken Smith
rom Marshall Public Library Board & Staff
A Park Connects Us
By Sarah Nelson

In Memory of Sharon Welliver
From Friends of the Library
The Final Target
By Nora Roberts

In Memory of Colt Robert Poorman
From Steve & Jamie Poorman
The Ones We Love
By Lisa Napolitan

In Memory of Patsy Noyes Rickles
From MHS Class of 1964
The Compact Gardener
By Mary Lopez

In Memory of Jane Illys Peterson
From MHS Class of 1964
Her Hidden Genius
By Marie Benedict

In Memory Paul Dean Poorman
From MHS Class of 1964
Pawverbs
By Jennifer Bleakley

In Memory of Jim Wetzel
From MHS Class of 1964
To Catch a Fish
By Mark Kuvlansky

In Memory Thelma Collier Davis
From MHS Class of 1969
Love in the Castle Library
By Ann Swindell

In Memory of Kathy Jean Kiger
From Marshall Public Library Board & Staff
The Uncommon Reader
By Alan Bennett

From Nancy Claypool
The Parisian Chapter
By Janet Skeslein Charles

In Honor of Richard Bernardoni Retirement
From Marshall Area Public Library District
How to Play Bridge
By Taylor Smith

In Honor of Eleanor Macey
From Marshall Public Library Board & Staff
100 Train Journeys of a Lifetime
By Everett Potter

In Memory of Rosemarie Stoelting
From Mary Spradlin
The Well-Lived Life
By Gladys McGarey

In Memory of Richard Wichman
From Albert & Linda Tucker
Garden for Life
By Rhonda Hayes

In Memory of Richard Groeber
From Marshall High school Class of 1974
World Encyclopedias of Fire Engines
By Neil Wellington

In Memory of Jack Clouse
From Marshall High School Class of 1963
Kid's Kit #106: *Curious George Goes Bowling*
By Cynthia Platt

In Memory of Max Thompson
From Marshall High School Class of 1963
The Best of Enemies
By William W. Johnstone

In Memory of Julie Siverly Snyder-Tayler
From Marshall High School Class of 1978
Language of Kindness: A Nurse's Story
By Christie Watson

In Memory of Pat Hunter
From Marshall High School 1978
Whistlery
By Ann Patchett

In Memory of David Bower
From Marshall High School Class of 1978
Big Panda & Little Dragon
By James Nobury

In Memory of Rosemarie "Peasey" Stoelting
From Marshall High School Class of 1978
North American Birdwatching Handbook
By Henry Prescott

In Memory of Minnie J. Rooney
From Marshall High School Class of 1978
Preserver's Garden
By Staci & Jeremy Hill

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Head Librarian: Jamie Poorman

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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
Big Panda and Tiny Dragon – James Norbury; Choke point : a thriller – Brad Thor; Blaze of glory – Diana Palmer; Still : a novel – Susan Dehler; Paper bones – Sherry Rentschler; Don't open your eyes – Liv Constantine; The perfect divorce – Jeneva Rose; Marble Hall murders – Anthony Horowitz; Kill your darlings – Peter Swanson; The view from Lake Como – Adriana Trigiani; Atmosphere : a love story – Taylor Jenkins Reid; So happy together – Olivia Worley; A mother's love – Danielle Steel; A family matter – Claire Lynch; A marriage at sea – Sophie Elmhirst; Nightshade – Michael Connelly; Bury our bones in the midnight soil – V. E. Schwab; Return to Sender – Craig Johnson; With a vengeance – Riley Sager; Fox : a novel – Joyce Carol Oates; The ghostwriter – Julie Clark; The emperor of gladness – Ocean Vuong; Never flinch – Stephen King; Night in the city – Michael McGarrity; Badlands – Douglas Preston; The man made of smoke – Alex North; The river is waiting – Wally Lamb; Hidden nature – Nora Roberts; The listeners – Maggie Stiefvater; My friends – Fredrik Backman

Adult Non-Fiction
The serviceberry : abundance and reciprocity in the natural world – Robin Kimmerer; The tiny farmhouse : miniature crochet for beginners : 20+ patterns for 1:12 scale rugs, bedding, and decor and more – Victoria Penley; How to play bridge, the complete beginner's guide : master rules, strategy and flow of play for this card game – Taylor Smith; The preserver's garden : how to grow a garden for fermenting, canning, pickling, dehydrating, freeze drying & more – Staci Hill; Wildflowers – Sarah Hull; Pie is for sharing – Stephanie Parsley Ledyard; New Orleans by bike : routes, rentals, and where to stop for a bite – Alex V. Diaz; The history of sound – Ben Shattuck; The 5 types of wealth : a transformative guide to design your dream life – Sahil Bloom; How countries go broke : the big cycle – Ray Dalio; Abundance – Ezra Klein; Original sin : President Biden's decline, its cover-up, and his disastrous choice to run again – Jake Tapper; Mark Twain – Ron Chernow; John & Paul : a love story in songs – Ian Leslie; The Golden Road : how ancient India transformed the world – William Dalrymple; We can do hard things : answers to life's 20 questions – Glennon Doyle; The Bible says so : what we get right (and wrong) about Scripture's most controversial issues – Dan McClellan; The house of my mother : a daughter's quest for freedom – Shari Franke; The next conversation : argue less, talk more – Jefferson Fisher; The book of Alchemy : a creative practice for an inspired life – Suleika Jaouad; The Martha's Vineyard beach and book club – Martha Hall Kelly; I regret almost everything : a memoir – Keith McNally

Large Print (LP)
Road Trip – Mary Andrews; A murder in Hollywood – Michael Crichton; Deep water – Brett Battles; The final target – Nora Roberts; Westward women: a novel – Alice Martin; The Martha's Vineyard beach and book club – Martha Hall Kelly; Never flinch – Stephen King; Nightshade – Michael Connelly; Bury our bones in the midnight soil – V. E. Schwab; Return to Sender – Craig Johnson; The president's shadow – James Patterson; The first gentleman – Bill Clinton; The ghostwriter – Julie Clark; Hidden nature – Nora Roberts; Don't open your eyes – Liv Constantine; Atmosphere – Taylor Jenkins Reid; Marble Hall murders – Anthony Horowitz; My friends – Fredrik Backman; Night in the city – Michael McGarrity; A marriage at sea – Sophie Elmhirst; The emperor of gladness – Ocean Vuong; With a vengeance – Riley Sager; Choke point – Brad Thor; Kill your darlings – Peter Swanson; The river is waiting – Wally Lamb; Fox – Joyce Carol Oates; A mother's love – Danielle Steel; Blaze of glory – Diana Palmer; The perfect divorce – Jeneva Rose; So happy together – Olivia Worley; Badlands – Douglas Preston; The view from Lake Como – Adriana Trigiani; The listeners – Maggie Stiefvater; The man made of smoke – Alex North; A family matter – Claire Lynch; Paper bones – Sherry Rentschler; Still – Susan Dehler; Big Panda and Tiny Dragon – James Norbury; The serviceberry – Robin Kimmerer; The next conversation – Jefferson Fisher; Original sin – Jake Tapper; We can do hard things – Glennon Doyle; I regret almost everything – Keith McNally; Mark Twain – Ron Chernow; Abundance – Ezra Klein

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