Marshall Public Library

"Your Downtown Window to the World"

What's Happening @ Your Library?

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Declaration 1776 Traveling Exhibit

Visit *Declaration 1776: The Big Bang of Modern Democracy*, a traveling exhibition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, on display **April 20 through May 15** in the library's Illinois Room during regular open hours.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching of American history. *Declaration 1776* is a seven-panel pop-up exhibition that explores the creation of the Declaration of Independence. The exhibit is geared towards teens and adults.

Exhibit highlights include:

- The historical context surrounding the drafting of the Declaration of Independence
- The Declaration's influence on American democracy and civil rights movements

This exhibition is made possible through the generosity of friends and family honoring the memory of the late Dr. William Kuhn.



Declaration 1776 Companion Programs

The Story of Rebecca Boone

Hear the heartfelt story of Rebecca Boone presented in costume by Angie Chute, who will help bring history to life at the library on **April 16 at 6:30 PM.** Through her engaging storytelling, Chute will share the challenges and triumphs of frontier life from Rebecca Boone's perspective. This special program offers a unique glimpse into early American history and the strength of pioneer women. Join us for an evening of living history you won't soon forget.



Illinois in the American Revolution

Join us **April 30 at 6:30 PM** for a program with author, presenter, and historian Tom Emery. Emery will highlight Illinois' dominant Revolutionary War figure, George Rogers Clark, focusing on his daring captures of Kaskaskia and Vincennes — including his grueling advance through frigid, chest-deep water. The program will also explore Clark's lieutenants, the British officers who opposed them, key Illinois engagements, perspectives on the state's American Indians during the conflict, and the war's lasting legacy.



Please register for programs by calling the library or visiting us on Facebook

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free Tax Assistance thru 4/14—by appt. only

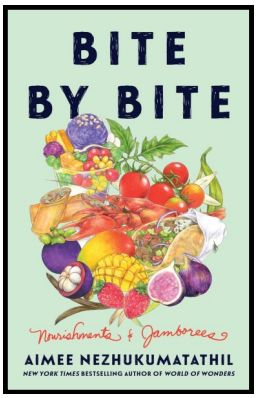
3/3—Yoga Over 50 Video Instruction 9 AM
3/3—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
3/5—Friends Member's Meeting 5 PM
3/7—Read with a Retriever 1—3 PM
3/10—Yoga Over 50 Video Instruction 9AM
3/10—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
3/11—Roots and Records 10:30—noon
3/11—City Board meets 6:00 PM
3/12—3D Print for Beginners 6 PM
3/17—Yoga Over 50 Video Instruction 9AM
3/17—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
3/17—STREAM @ North School
3/18—Book Chat 10:30 AM
3/19—Game Night for tweens/teens 6PM
3/19—Little Book Beginners 6:30 PM
3/19—*The Story of Mullen's Dressing* 6:30 PM
3/21—Intro to 3D printing 10:00 AM
3/24—Yoga Over 50 Video Instruction 9 AM
3/24—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
3/26—*The History of American Pies* 6:30 PM
3/27—Community Cookbooks 2:00 PM
3/31—Yoga Over 50 Video Instruction 9AM
3/31—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
4/3—Good Friday—LIBRARY CLOSED
4/4—Read w/ a Retriever 1 PM
4/7—Yoga Over 50 Video Instruction 9AM
4/7—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
4/8—Roots and Records 10:30-noon
4/8—City Board meets 6:00 PM
4/9—Intro to 3D printing 6:00 PM
4/14—Yoga Over 50 Video Instruction 9 AM
4/14—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
4/15—Book Chat 10:30 AM
4/16—Game Night 6:00 PM
4/16—Little Book Beginners 6:30 PM
4/16—*The Story of Rebecca Boone* 6:30 PM
4/18—Intro to 3D printing 10:00 AM
4/20—5/15 *Declaration 1776* Exhibit (IL room)
4/21—Yoga Over 50 Video Instruction 9 AM
4/21—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
4/21—STREAM @ North School
4/28—Yoga Over 50 Video Instruction 9AM
4/28—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
4/28—Area District meets 4:30 PM
4/30—*IL in the American Revolution* 6:30 PM

The big read

The library invites the community to participate in the March Big Read, running March 1–31, featuring the book *Bite by Bite: Nourishments and Jamborees* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil. Free copies of the featured book will be available while supplies last, sponsored by Vigo County Public Library. Programming is provided in conjunction with the Clark County Historical Society. The month will include several programs exploring food, history, and community:

March 19 at 6:30 PM: *The Story of Mullen's Dressing*: A Taste of Tradition presented by Penny Shaw, CEO. highlights the origins and enduring legacy of the famous Mullen's French Dressing, explaining how founder John D. Mullen developed his signature recipe after serving in France during World War I and how it became a beloved local product made in Palestine, Illinois. Shaw also discusses her recent acquisition of the company to preserve its historic recipes and keep the business rooted in the community.





March 26 at 6:30 PM: *The History of American Pies*, presented by Catherine Lambrecht, followed by a special local pie tasting for guests to enjoy. Lambrecht—Grand Champion and Best of Show winner for apple pie at the Lake County Fair—will explore the rich history of pies in America and in Illinois. She will also share a heartfelt story from the Family Heirloom Recipe Contest at the Illinois State Fair about love, family, a cherished pie, and a gift of immeasurable value.

March 27 at 2:00 PM: *Community Cookbooks: Finding Friends, Family and Lost Recipes*, presented by Catherine Lambrecht. Community cookbooks are deeply local, preserving family memories while supporting community organizations through fundraising efforts. They also document changing ingredients, tools, and cooking methods, and Catherine Lambrecht's collection of nearly 40 Highland Park cookbooks began with a simple question about a grandmother's 1925 recipe.

All programs are free and open to the public. Please call to register or visit us on Facebook.

The March Big Read offers an opportunity to explore how food connects people, preserves history, and strengthens community.

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Friends of the Library News

The Friends of the Library met on **January 8th at 5:00 PM** in the Dale McConchie Meeting Room. During the January 8th meeting, members discussed library bag fundraiser, Cabin Fever, and *Into the Arctic* traveling exhibit. Chairman Damian Macey provided an update on ongoing oral history initiatives; two more people were added to the list to interview and several members volunteered to assist with newsletter distribution. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 5th 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 (3/19):
"When Will It Be Spring?"
April's theme (4/16):
"The Quiet Book"

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 (3/17):
"Leprechaun Lab: Build a Terrarium"
April's theme (4/21):
"3D Printing 101"

Friends of the Library Fundraiser



Purchase a limited edition Marshall Public Library tote *Celebrating American 250 and Library 110* birthdays!

Grab your commemorative bag—just $15 each while supplies last. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.



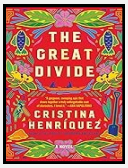


BOOK CHAT

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



Bite By Bite: Nourishments and Jamborees
by Aimee Nezhukumatathil
March 18th



The Great Divide
by Cristina Henríquez
April 15th

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

Displays @ Your Library!

March:
"Celebrating 45 Years" presented by the Antique Study Club.

April:
"Celebrating America 250" Quilt Display by the National Road Quilters Guild, plus "Declaration 1776" Traveling Exhibit in the Illinois Room on display 4/20—5/15

~MEMORIALS~

In memory of Rebecca Clements
From MHS Class of 1995
Just in Case You Ever Wondered...
By Max Lucado

In memory of Myra Hollingsworth
From MHS Class of 1995
The Witchy Homestead
By Nikki Van De Car

In memory of Mary Lou Wernz
From Clark County Optimist Club
The old Farmer's Almanac Flower Gardener's handbook
By Old Farmer's Almanac

From Albert and Linda Tucker
The Healing Garden
By Juliet Blankenspoor

In honor of Marshall Milkmaids
From Alyson Thompson
Cancer Hates Tea
By Maria Uspenski

Memorial and honorary books may be donated to the library in memory or honor of an individual or group, offering a meaningful and lasting tribute. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation and the library will select a thoughtful book on your behalf.

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EASTER

STARTING MARCH 21, CHILDREN CAN RECEIVE A PAIR OF BUNNY EARS WHEN THEY CHECK OUT A BOOK OR SIGN UP FOR A LIBRARY CARD

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



LIMIT ONE PAIR PER CHILD.

0-10 YEARS OLD

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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.marshalllillibrary.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

Adult Fiction

Birth of a dynasty : a novel – Chinaza Bado; My blessed, wretched life : Rebecca Boone's story – Sue Kelly Ballard; The Christmas train – David Baldacci; Nash falls – David Baldacci; The bookbinder's secret – A. D. Bell; Turns of fate – Anne Bishop; An arcane inheritance : a novel – Kamilah Cole; The first time I saw him – Laura Dave; Order of royals – Jude Deveraux; The reformatory : a novel – Tananarive Due; Anatomy of an alibi – Ashley Elston; The Christmas stranger – Richard Paul Evans; My husband's wife : a novel – Alice Feeney; The girl in the green dress : a mystery featuring Zelda Fitzgerald – Mariah Fredericks; The loon feather – Iola Fuller; The palms : a novel – Ellie Greene; The right to remain – James Grippando; Yesterday's treasures – Jessie Gussman; The memory house – Rachel Hauck; Deep state : a thriller – Chris Hauty; The storm : a novel – Rachel Hawkins; Woman down : a novel – Colleen Hoover; Best offer wins : a novel – Marisa Kashino; Small things like these – Claire Keegan; The friend of the family – Dean R. Koontz; The shop on Hidden Lane – Jayne Ann Krentz; It's not her – Mary Kubica; Theo of Golden – Allen Levi; The rush : a novel – Beth Lewis; Dear Debbie – Freida McFadden; The housemaid's wedding : a short story – Freida McFadden; The viper – Brad Meltzer; Code blue – Fern Michaels; All my bones – P. J. Nelson; Booked for murder – P. J. Nelson; Grace & Henry's holiday movie marathon : a novel – Matthew Norman; This book made me think of you – Libby Page; The last days of Marilyn Monroe : a true crime thriller – James Patterson; The invisible woman – James Patterson; Cross & Sampson – James Patterson; Private Rome – James Patterson; Pendergast : the beginning – Douglas J. Preston; With a vengeance : a novel – Riley Sager; Home before dark : a novel – Riley Sager; Huckleberry Hill – Emma Slate; Lavender Lake – Emma Slate; A box full of darkness – Simone St. James; The devil's daughter : a novel – Danielle Steel; Saturday night at the Lakeside Supper Club – J. Ryan Stradal; A certain kind of starlight – Heather S. Webber; The forget-me-not library – Heather S. Webber; The lady on Esplanade – Karen White; Gone before goodbye – Reese Witherspoon

Adult Non Fiction

The miracles among us : how God's grace plays a role in healing – Marc Siegel; Rage and the republic : the unfinished story of the American revolution – Jonathan Turley; A fever in the heartland : the Ku Klux Klan's plot to take over America, and the woman who stopped them – Timothy Egan; Framed : astonishing true stories of wrongful convictions – John Grisham; The Idaho four : an American tragedy – James Patterson; A framework for understanding poverty : 10 actions to education students : workbook – Ruby K. Payne; The Fort Bragg cartel : drug trafficking and murder in the Special Forces – Seth Harp; Eat your ice cream : six simple rules for a long and healthy life – Ezekiel J. Emanuel; Enough : your health, your weight, and what it's like to be free – Ania M. Jastreboff; Cancer hates tea : a unique preventive and transformative lifestyle change to help crush cancer – Maria Uspenski; The healing garden : cultivating and handcrafting herbal remedies – Juliet Blankespoor; Rosemary Gladstar's medicinal herbs : a beginner's guide – Rosemary Gladstar; Anxiety & stress handbook & resource guide – ; The old farmer's almanac flower gardener's handbook – ; The E Myth Enterprise – Michael E. Gerber; Crochet wizardry : the official Harry Potter crochet pattern book – Lee Sartori; Lincoln : the life and legacy that defined a nation in 100 objects – Christina Shutt; Family of spies : a World War II story of Nazi espionage, betrayal, and the secret history behind Pearl Harbor – Christine Kuehn; An American family : a memoir of hope and sacrifice – Khizr Khan; The taking of Jemima Boone : colonial settlers, tribal nations, and the kidnap that shaped America – Matthew Pearl

LARGE PRINT

Framed in Amish Country – Mary Alford; Mail-order duchess – Misty M. Beller; Saving her Amish baby – Jo Ann Brown; Christmas in Wisconsin : an Amish romance – Linda Byler; Rescue in the wilderness – Andrea Byrd; Fire of death – James Clay; Bear Paw – Dane Coolidge; Spasm : a novel – Robin Cook; Wolfe trap – Matt Cost; Quantum tempest – Mike Maden; Down in the dumpster – Page M. Davis; The stranglers – Loren D. Estleman; The guns of Fort Griffin : a western adventure – James J. Griffin; W.E.B. Griffin. Direct action – Jack Stewart; Woman down : a novel – Colleen Hoover; Part of your world – Abby Jimenez; Derringer – William W. Johnstone; I'm here to kill you : The last mountain man and the taming of the West – William W. Johnstone; The rancher's unexpected bride – Lauralyn Keller; The friend of the family – Dean R. Koontz; The shop on Hidden Lane – Jayne Ann Krentz; The rush : a novel – Beth Lewis; The Amish nanny's secret – Amy Lillard; Dear Debbie – Freida McFadden; Skylark : a novel – Paula McLain; Canyon of deceit : a novel – DiAnn Mills; Maine characters – Hannah Orenstein; Raw deal – Lauran Paine

Do you have a 0 – 5 years old child who lives in Clark County, IL?
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