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Chautauqua at the Crossroads

Thursday, June 18 - Saturday, June 20

The Library invites the community to join in a special celebration marking its 110th anniversary alongside the nationwide America 250 commemoration. This thoughtfully curated "Chautauqua at the Crossroads" event highlights the library's long-standing role in preserving history, fostering civic understanding, and bringing people together through shared experiences.

The weekend will blend local heritage with the broader American story through engaging programs for all ages. Highlights include a "Brunch & Learn" exploring genealogy military research, and an exclusive screenings of Ken Burns: *The American Revolution*, offering a rare look at the PBS documentary.

Music and storytelling are central to the experience, with a live performance on *The Power of Song in Democracy* and a mystery dinner theatre production *A Timeless Gathering* rooted in Marshall's own history and local cuisine. An Illinois Humanities initiative will capture community voices through recorded interviews, ensuring local stories are preserved for future generations.

Attendees can also step directly into history through a guided gravesite tour of Revolutionary War and military soldiers or a living history performance portraying John Adams, bringing the nation's founding era vividly to life.

"For 110 years, the Marshall Public Library has been a place where people connect with ideas and with each other," Director, Alyson Thompson shared. "As we approach America's 250th, we are proud to offer experiences that honor our past while inspiring our future."

All events are hosted by the Marshall Public Library with financial support and partnership from Friends of the Library, Marshall Area Public Library District, and Clark County Historical Society.

For more information, please contact the Marshall Public Library.

Thursday, June 18

10:00 AM—Brunch & Learn: *Answering the Call: From Enlistment to Pension*

2:00 PM—Ken Burns: *The American Revolution* documentary screening

6:30 PM—Live music performance by Chris Vallillo *The Power of Song in Democracy*

Friday, June 19

10AM—4PM—*IL Voices 250* with IL Humanities preserving history through interview (by invitation only)

2:00 PM—Ken Burns: *The American Revolution* documentary screening

5:30 PM—Dinner Theatre at Harlan Hall *A Timeless Gathering*. Advance ticket purchase is required. Ticket price is $30.

Saturday, June 20

9AM—2PM—Turner Bus Tour: *Ride Through History: Revolutionary War Gravesite Tour* with lunch at Moonshine. Advance ticket purchase is required, price is $25. See back page of this issue.

6:30 PM—Living history performance by Brian "Fox" Ellis: *John Adams, Architect of our American Independence*

Additional details inside this issue

CHAUTAUQUA AT THE CROSSROADS

DECLARATION 1776

APRIL 16 - MAY 15



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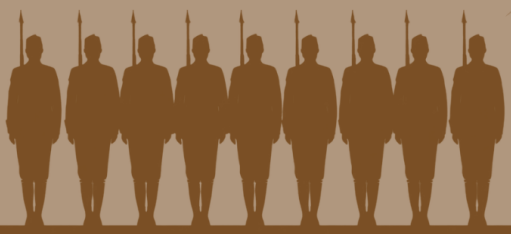
CELEBRATING LAURA INGALLS WILDER

STEP BACK IN TIME AND DISCOVER THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LAURA INGALLS WILDER. EXPERIENCE PIONEER HISTORY THROUGH ARTIFACTS, STORIES, AND INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS.

DATE
JUNE 1 - JUNE 30
LOCATION
ILLINOIS ROOM

Presented by Jamie Poorman, Head Librarian

ANSWERING THE CALL: FROM ENLISTMENT TO PENSION



Military Research for Family Historians

THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH | 10:00 AM

Brunch and Learn - Light Meal Provided
Registration required, seating is limited

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presents....

A Timeless Gathering

DINNER THEATER

A PERFORMANCE BY LIVE HISTORY THEATER

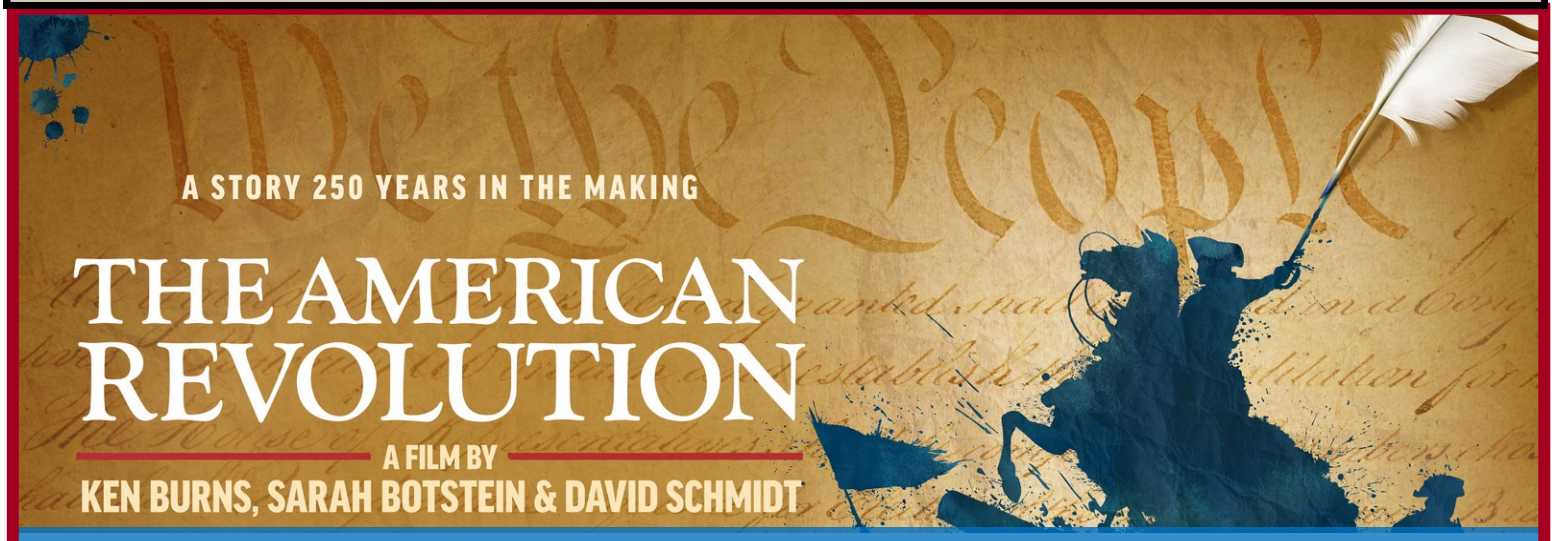
19 JUNE AT 5:30 PM

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TICKET PRICE $30

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE LIBRARY OR HERE:

CHAUTAUQUA AT THE CROSSROADS



Free Screening of Documentary

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, is a new six-part, 12-hour documentary series that explores the country's founding struggle and its eight-year War for Independence.

JOIN US THURSDAY, JUNE 18 & FRIDAY, JUNE 19 AT 2:00 PM

From filmmakers Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt, with writing by Geoffrey C. Ward, *THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION* is an eight-year production premiering for America's 250th. Marshall Public Library is one of select locations nationwide offering this exclusive screening.

THE POWER OF SONG IN DEMOCRACY

Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 PM

CHRIS VALLILLO



MARSHALL *Walking Tours*

Join us for a different walking tour each Friday night!

JUNE 12TH THROUGH JULY 31ST, 6:30 PM

Meet at the Courthouse Square, Lincoln Statue



● HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

JOHN ADAMS

CHAUTAUQUA AT THE CROSSROADS

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH

Architect of our American Independence. A historical performance by Brian "Fox" Ellis. Join us for an evening with one of America's founding fathers brought to life.



Performance at 6:30 PM

Held in the library's Illinois Room

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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

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