Marshall Public Library

"Your Downtown Window to the World"

What's Happening @ Your Library?

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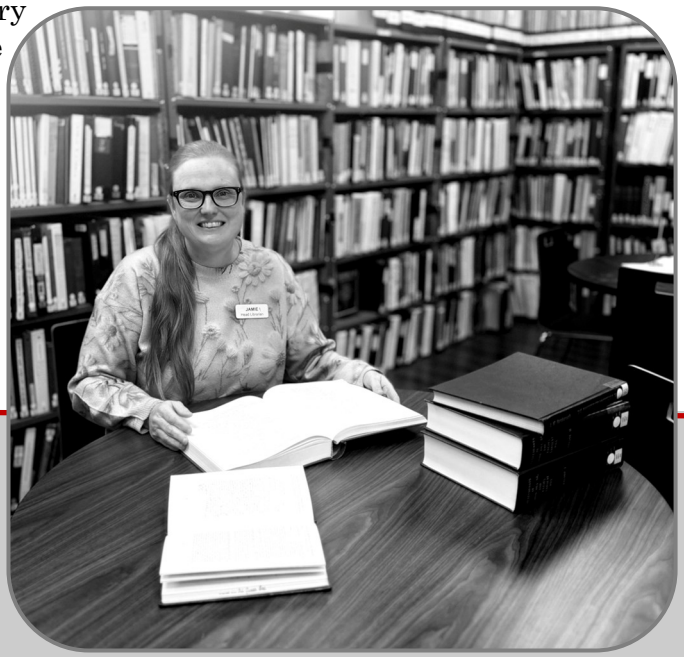
Longtime Head Librarian Begins New Chapter in Genealogy Research

After 19 years of service at Marshall Public Library, and 13 years as Head Librarian, Jamie Poorman has accepted a new position as a genealogical researcher with Legacy Tree Genealogists, allowing her to turn her longtime passion for family history into a professional pursuit.

Jamie's interest in genealogy began decades ago and grew during her time at the Library, particularly after the acquisition of the Clark County Genealogy Library collection and when she earned a genealogy certificate while working at the Library. To compliment her passion for genealogy and history she has also spent the past four years as an Illinois Humanities Road Scholar, sharing historical knowledge and humanities programming with communities.

"Jamie has given the Library 19 years of dedication, knowledge, and service," said Library Director Alyson Thompson. "It has been wonderful to see her passion for genealogy grow, and we are excited for her as she takes this next step, even as we recognize how much she will be missed."

Jamie's final day as Head Librarian will be March 31, 2027. The Library will host an informal farewell gathering with cake and punch that day, giving community members an opportunity to stop by, visit with Jamie, and wish her well.



Check out all the happenings inside this newsletter!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/1—Display Case: "D. D. Doll House"

11/3—Toddler Time 10:30 AM

11/5—Friends Member's Meeting 5 PM

11/7—Read w/ a Retriever —Holly Days!

11/10—Toddler Time 10:30 AM

11/10—City Board meets 6:00 PM

11/11—Veteran's Day—LIBRARY CLOSED

11/12—Virtual Event Dr. Eve Ewing 7:00 PM

11/17—Toddler Time 10:30 AM

11/17—STREAM @ North School 3:00 PM

11/18—Book Chat 10:30 AM

11/19—Game Night for tweens/teens 6:00 PM

11/19—Little Book Beginners—6:30 PM

11/21—3D Print for Beginners

11/24—Toddler Time 10:30 AM

11/26—Thanksgiving—LIBRARY CLOSED

12/1—Display Case: "It's A Wonderful Life"

12/1—Toddler Time 10:30 AM

12/5—Holly Days! Read w/ a Retriever 1:00 PM

12/8—Toddler Time 10:30 AM

12/9—Roots & Records Meet 10:30 AM

12/9—City Board meets 6:00 PM

12/15—Toddler Time 10:30 AM

12/15—STREAM @ North School 3:00 PM

12/17—Game Night for tweens/teens 6:00 PM

12/17—Little Book Beginners—6:30 PM

12/19—Intro to 3D printing 6:00 PM

12/22—Toddler Time 10:30 AM

12/24—12/25 Merry Christmas—CLOSED

12/29—Toddler Time—Cancelled

Discovering Dr. George Mitchell's Childhood Soap Box Car

The Library is now home to Dr. George Mitchell's homemade soap box car, believed to date from his boyhood in the 1920s. The car is on display in the upstairs Illinois Room, offering a fascinating glimpse into childhood play nearly a century ago.



Born in Marshall in 1914, Dr. Mitchell earned degrees in mechanical engineering and medicine before returning home to practice medicine for nearly 60 years. A respected physician and community leader, he helped establish Cork Medical Center and served Marshall in numerous leadership roles.

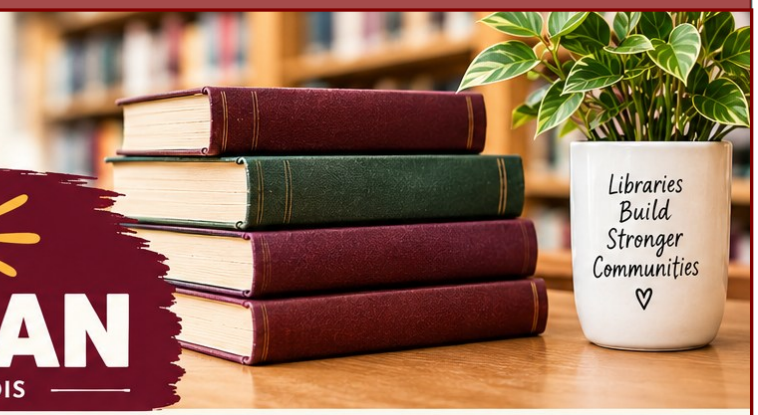
This rare artifact offers a look at childhood recreation before organized Soap Box Derby racing began in 1933.

Help us preserve Marshall's history! Do you have family stories, old photographs, or information about Dr. Mitchell, Cork Medical Center, or early soap box racing in Marshall and Clark County? We would love to hear from you!

Want to learn more? The Library has a binder featuring Dr. Mitchell and Cork Medical Center, compiled during the Smithsonian traveling exhibition Crossroads: Change in Rural America, which featured Cork Medical Center as America's first rural health care clinic. The Library also has oral history interviews with Dr. Mitchell and others about Cork Medical Center, as well as Dr. Mitchell's book, *Account of the Life as a Country Doctor*, available for purchase for $15.

MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Now Hiring!

HEAD LIBRARIAN

MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY | MARSHALL, ILLINOIS

Make a Difference

Join our team and help keep our library a welcoming, inclusive, and vital part of the Marshall community.

Great people. Great books. A stronger community.

The Position

Coordinate daily library operations, support staff, manage collections, and assist with programs and community services.

Schedule & Pay

Full-time, 40 hours per week (with a possible approved 32-hour schedule)

$20–$24 per hour

(based on qualifications and experience)

Benefits

- Health insurance with a Library contribution toward the premium
- IMRF retirement benefits (subject to eligibility requirements)
- Paid time off
- Other benefits in accordance with Library policies

Qualifications

An MLIS is preferred but not required. Candidates with relevant education, experience, and transferable skills are encouraged to apply.

Residency

Must reside within the Marshall, Illinois School District.

Help us continue serving our wonderful community!

How to Apply

Submit a résumé and cover letter to:
Alyson Thompson, Library Director
athompson@marshallplib.com
or mail to: Marshall Public Library
612 Archer Avenue, Marshall, IL 62441

Full Job Posting

Available at **marshallillibrary.com** and on the Marshall Public Library Facebook page.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Friday, November 20, 2026

MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

Friends of the Library News

The Friends of the Library met on September 3rd at 5:00 p.m. in the Dale McConchie Meeting Room. Members discussed *Roots & Records* Genealogy Conference and approved the cost for key note speaker Brian "Fox" Ellis. They also discussed reminder membership postcards and several members also volunteered to assist with newsletter distribution. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 5th, at 5:00 p.m.**

BACK TO SCHOOL

Little Book Beginners

- √ For preschoolers 3-5
- √ In person at the library each 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm.
- √ Child must be accompanied with an adult
- √ Registration is required—enjoy a free book!

November's theme (11/19):
"There was an old Lady Who Swallowed a Turkey "

December's theme (12/17):
"Best Christmas Ever"

STREAM

- √ After school for children 3rd—6th Held the 3rd Tuesday at North School
- √ **Pick up at 4:00 pm at North School**
- √ 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

November's theme (11/19):
"Gobble Gears" (mechanics)

December's theme (10/20):
"Sweet Structures"
(Gingerbread houses)

Book Chat Monthly

November 18th –
Horse
By: Geraldine Brooks

December 16th –
Gone with the Penguins
By: Hazel Prior

Come and chat with us!

IL Libraries Presents

⇒ Author Dr. Eve L. Ewing talks online about her books.

Words, Power, and Community:
Thursday, November 12 at 7PM

No December event—
Merry Christmas!

Read with a Retriever featured during *Hometown Holly Days*

For more than 10 years, the Library has welcomed therapy dogs to help young readers build confidence, practice reading, and enjoy the comfort of a furry friend. Today, Oscar, Oliver, Alex, and Arthur continue this special tradition alongside their owners, including local author Phyllis Pence and husband Mike Pence.

The Golden Retrievers visit on the **first Saturday of each month from 1:00–3:00 p.m.** and this year will be our main feature during ***Hometown Holly Days!***

Children are invited to snuggle up with a furry reading companion, share a favorite book, and enjoy a relaxed, welcoming experience. Children are welcome to:

- ✦ write a letter to Santa,
- ✦ take a picture with a magical wonderland background
- ✦ color their very own Christmas train ornament to take home

Pence has also captured the magic of these visits in her book, *Oscar Goes to the Library!* featuring Marshall Public Library and her therapy dogs—books will be available for purchase! We are grateful to Phyllis and her wonderful companions for continuing a tradition that brings smiles, comfort, and connection to our youngest readers, and this year Christmas Cheer!



~ MEMORIALS ~

In Memory of Briar and Ryatt Morris
From Marshall Public Library Board of Trustees
Tea Party (Kid's Kit)

In Memory of Megan Eitel
From Marshall Public Library Board of Trustees
Music: The Definitive Guide
By: DK Eyewitnesses

In Memory of Kay Adams
From MHS Class of 1995
Motor Girls By: Sue Macy

Memory of Jim Lake
From MHS Class of 1974
Orchids: Botanicals Protraits, Beauty, & natural History
By: Robbie Honey

In Memory of Sharon Welliver
From Steve & Beth Macke
Fury in Death, By: JD Robb

In Memory of Frank Fred Worgull III
From MHS Class of 1978
D is for Dump Truck: A construction Alphabet, By: Michael Shoulders

In Memory of Charlotte Brown
From MHS Class of 196 Coffee Group
Edimentals: Edible Plants to Grow & enjoy, By: Huw Rickards

From MHS Class of 1995
Hot Air: The Mostly True Story of the 1st Hot Air Balloon Ride
By: Marjorie Priceman

From Dan & Alyson Thompson
If you Laugh, I'm Starting this Book Over! By: Chris Harris

From Debbie Catterson
50 Adventures in 50 States,
By: Kate Siber

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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 Fiction

The Family Cross – James Patterson; A Date with Santa – Debbie Macomber; Another's Treasure – Nancy Mehl; The Uncommon Reader – Alan Bennett; Fair Are the Meadows – Lauraine Snelling; A Season of Secrets – Fern Michaels; Threshing Day – Rebecca Yarros; Nantucket Christmas Stroll – Nancy Thayer; Partita – Barbara Kingsolver; The Witch – Freida McFadden; Other Worlds Than These – Stephen King; Adam & Eve – Jeffrey Archer; The Big Cats Dance Party – Alexander McCall Smith; The Munich Affair – James Patterson; The French Illusion – John Grisham; Ruthless – Danielle Steel; Land of Dreams – Lauraine Snelling; The Thoroughbreds – Elin Hilderbrand; Our Noble Selves – Kate Atkinson; Hollow Bones – Jodi Picoult; Gone with the Penguins – Hazel Prior; Into the Blue – Emma Brodie; Dolly All the Time – Annabel Monaghan; Brona – Terry Brooks; At Morning's Light – Lauraine Snelling; Cursed Daughters – Oyinkan Braithwaite; Twin Sombreros – Zane Grey; Fury in Death – J. D. Robb; The Most Dangerous Games – MrBeast; Pressure Depth – Jack Stewart; The Road to Tender Hearts – Annie Hartnett; Secrets of the Revolution – Megan Soja; The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife – Anna Johnston; Nantucket Nights – Elin Hilderbrand; A Body in Boston – Terrie Farley Moran; Yesteryear – Caro Claire Burke; Buckeye – Patrick Ryan; Mad Mabel – Sally Hepworth; The Shadow Friends – Tess Gerritsen; The Boat House – Fern Michaels; The True Meaning of Love – Danielle Steel; The Boomerang House – Nanci Vineyard; God's Country – William Kent Krueger; The Secrets We Hide – Karin Slaughter; Pony Confidential – Christina Lynch; On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous – Ocean Vuong; Delusional – James Patterson

Adult Non-fiction

Forensic Genealogy: Theory & Practice – Michael S. Ramage; Vintage Nest – Linda McDonald; How to Go (Almost) Zero Waste – Rebecca Grace Andrews; Intuitive Eating – Evelyn Tribole; College Girl, Missing – Shawn Cohen; The Big Book of Homemade Products for Your Skin, Health & Home – Jan Berry; Music: The Definitive Visual History – (no author listed); Growing Gourmet Mushrooms for Profit – Craig Wallin; Visual Thinking – Temple Grandin; Country Living Farmhouse Style – Caroline McKenzie; The Essential Home-Ground Flour Book – Sue Becker; The Grains & Grit Cookbook – Felicia Joscelyn; A Thyme to Discover – Tricia Cohen; The Made-from-Scratch Life – Melissa K. Norris; Empire of AI – Karen Hao; Glucose Revolution – Jessie Inchauspé; Life in the Fasting Lane – Jason Fung; The Great Cholesterol Myth – Jonny Bowden; Aging: Handbook & Resource Guide – (no author listed); The Grace-Filled Homestead – Lana Stenner; Woodworking Projects for True Beginners – William James; The Naturally Clean Home – Karyn Siegel-Maier; One-Cow Revolution – Shawn Dougherty; The Home Creamery – Kathy Farrell-Kingsley

Large Print

Hollow Bones – Jodi Picoult; The Witch – Freida McFadden; Ruthless – Danielle Steel; Other Worlds Than These – Stephen King; Adam & Eve – Jeffrey Archer; Christmas at the Amish Bakeshop – Shelley Shepard Gray; A Mismatch Made in London – Melanie Dickerson; A Week from Never – William W. Johnstone; Three Bullets to the Wind – Nicholas Osborn; The Talisman – Stephen King; Fatal Finale – Nancy Mehl; The Boat House – Fern Michaels; Her Amish Winter Match – Rebecca Kertz; Trusting the Amish Farmer – Laurel Blount; Hard Country – (no author listed); Bullets, Biscuits, and Bloodshed – William W. Johnstone; Dreamland – Olivie Blake; Brain Damage – Freida McFadden; Fury in Death – J. D. Robb; Black House – Stephen King; The True Meaning of Love – Danielle Steel; Buffalo Justice – W. Michael Gear; When Mikan Road Was Ours – D. K. Furutani; Never Again – Monty R. Garner; Her First Lie – Lucinda Berry; Lean on Me – Pat Simmons; Who Touches the Mountains – Deborah Raney; The Last Comanchero – Ray Hogan; When the Silence Breaks – Elizabeth Goddard; Fight at Four Corners – Nelson C. Nye; Through the Valley – Patricia Johns; An Appearance of Impropriety – Jayna Breigh; What Is Left of the Night – Mark Buchanan; The Seven Silver Mountains – Allan Vaughan Elston; His Amish Sweetheart – Jennifer Beckstrand; Hope Deferred – Linda Byler; The Ties That Bind – Linda Byler; Born to Be Killed – William W. Johnstone; Rough Country – (no author listed); Meet Me in Paris – Kristin Harmel; Abraham – Jennifer Beckstrand

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 or ask us at the library!