Marshall Public Library

"Your Downtown Window to the World"

What's Happening @ Your Library?

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Roots & Records Genealogy Conference

Join Marshall Public Library for *Roots & Records,* a two-day celebration of genealogy, storytelling, and family history.

Thursday, October 15 | 6:30 p.m.

An Evening with Brian "Fox" Ellis featuring *Three Local Heroes*

Kick off the weekend with a free public program featuring nationally recognized storyteller and author Brian "Fox" Ellis. Through storytelling, humor, and historical performance, Fox brings the past to life in "Three Local Heroes," featuring George Rogers Clark, Prince Maximilian, and Olney native Robert Ridgway. This special evening program is free and open to the public—you do not need to attend Friday's conference to enjoy it.



Friday, Oct. 16 | 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Roots & Records Genealogy Conference—First Annual Event!

Friday's full-day Roots & Records Genealogy Conference features presentations on cemeteries, archival research, family history, and fascinating genealogical mysteries. Speakers include Brian "Fox" Ellis, Barbara Heflin of IRAD, Jamie Poorman, and Dalanne Miller. Sessions include "Telling Family Stories," "Beyond Genealogy," "Chasing Dr. Chaplin," and "Cemeteries as Family History."

Registration is $25 and includes a full day of programs, networking, and an in-house lunch by Simply Stacey. Register online at www.marshallillibary.com, by calling 217-826-2535 or by using the QR code here.

Whether you're just beginning your family tree or have been researching for years, *Roots & Records* will offer new tools and inspiration for discovery!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/1—Display Case: "Remembering 911"
9/1—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
9/3—Friends Member's Meeting 5 PM
9/5—Read w/ a Retriever —Cancelled
9/7—Labor Day—LIBRARY CLOSED
9/8—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
9/9—Roots and Records 10:30—noon
9/9—City Board meets 6:00 PM
9/15—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
9/15—STREAM @ North School 3:00 PM
9/16—Book Chat " 10:30 AM
9/17—Game Night for tweens/teens 6:00 PM
9/17—Little Book Beginners—6:30 PM
9/17—Virtual Event "Empire of AI" - 7 PM
9/19—3D Print for Beginners—Cancelled
9/19—Gaslight Stained Glass Reveal 12:30 PM
9/22—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
9/29—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
10/1—Display Case: "Family History Month"
10/1—Library Crawl Begins
10/1—I Cash Event 11 AM —2:00 PM
10/3—Read w/ a Retriever 1:00 PM
10/6—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
10/13—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
10/14—Roots and Records 10:30-noon
10/14—City Board meets 6:00 PM
10/15—Game Night for tweens/teens 6:00 PM
10/15—Little Book Beginners—6:30 PM
10/15—Three Local Heroes Program 6:30 PM
10/16—Roots & Records Gen. Conference
10/17—Intro to 3D printing 6:00 PM
10/20—STREAM @ North School 3:00 PM
10/20—Virtual Event "Preserving History" 7PM
10/21—Book Chat 10:30 AM
10/27—Toddler Time 10:30 AM
10/27—Area District meets 4:30 PM
10/31—Truck or Treat 3:30—5 PM
10/31—Library Crawl Ends



Friends of Marshall Public Library

Will you be our Friend?

Renew Your Friends' Membership! If you haven't renewed your Friends of Marshall Public Library membership this year, now is the perfect time! Your membership helps support library programs, special projects, and services that enrich our community. Every membership makes a difference. Renew today!

Mail your payment ● Stop by the library ● Renew online

Please make checks payable to "Friends of the Library." Thank you for supporting your library!

Types of Membership:

Youth (under 18)	$2.00
Individual	$10.00
Family	$20.00
Sponsor	$30.00
Contributor	$50.00
Benefactor	$100.00
Corporate	$250.00



Check out all the happenings inside this newsletter!

America 250 Stained Glass Reveal: "From Sea to Shining Sea"

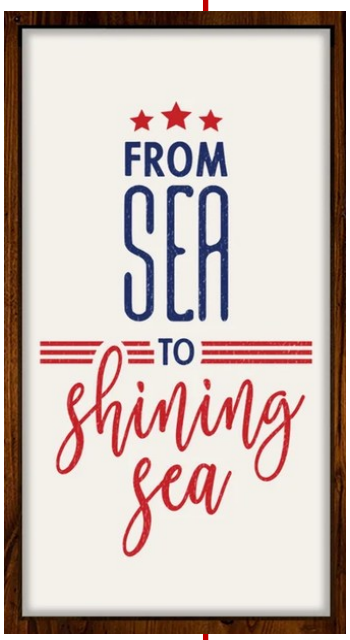


The Library and Gaslight Art Colony invite the community to the Grand Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony of three new stained-glass windows celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

- **Saturday, September 19, 2026**
- **12:30 p.m.**
- **Gaslight Art Colony, 516 Archer Avenue, Marshall**

Created by members of the Gaslight Art Colony, the windows celebrate America's 250th anniversary while honoring Marshall's history, heritage, and vibrant arts community. The project was made possible through a collaboration of local artists, craftsmen, volunteers, community organizations, and supporters, with funding from the Illinois Arts Council's America's 250th Public Art Grant, Quality Lime, and Marshall Historic Preservation Committee.

The dedication will include special remarks, recognition of project supporters and artists, a commemorative photograph, and the official unveiling. Guests are invited to stay afterward for refreshments and an opportunity to view the windows up close.



The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Gaslight Art Colony at 217-293-1050 or Marshall Public Library at 217-826-2535. Please provide 48 hours' notice for special accommodations.

The Marshall Public Library &
the Gaslight Art Colony
Cordially Invite you to the

GRAND
UNVEILING

Of the stained-glass windows,
"*From Sea to Shining Sea*"
created by the
Gaslight Art Colony
to commemorate the
250th anniversary of our country.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
12:30 PM

Following the Fall Festival Parade
516 Archer Ave,
Marshall, IL 62441

RSVP: 217) 293-1050

This project was made possible by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

If reasonable accommodations are needed, contact us at least 48 in advance.

Friends of the Library News

The Friends of the Library met on July 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the Dale McConchie Meeting Room. Members discussed the Friends Membership Drive. Chairman Damian Macey provided updates on the ongoing oral history project, the purchase of a new bench for the front of the library, and a new desk for the Director. Several members also volunteered to assist with newsletter distribution. The Friends' next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 3, 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!

September's theme (9/17):
"Oscar Goes to the Library"

October's theme (10/15):
"Room on the Broom"

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

September's theme (9/15):
"Brush Bots"

October's theme (10/20):
"Owl Detectives"

I Can Read! Where the Story Begins

Did You Know? Each October Marshall second graders may receive a library card, free book, and backpack through "I Can Read @ Marshall Public Library" - Ask us about it!

IL Libraries Presents New Virtual Events

⇒ Author Karen Hao talks about her book:

Empire of AI

Thursday, Sept 17 at 7PM

Register here ⇨

6 ILP ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT

⇒ Author Geoffrey Baer talks:

Preserving History

Tuesday, Oct 20 at 7PM

Register here ⇦

ICASH

DISCOVER WHAT'S YOURS

Join us for an **I-CASH event**! Bring your questions and let the I-CASH team help you search for unclaimed property that may belong to you or your family.

Thursday, October 1st 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Stop by anytime—no appointment necessary.

Meet Wes: Our Newest Clerk

We're excited to welcome our newest library clerk Wes Tingley! A lifelong Marshall resident, he currently teaches Social Science at Marshall Junior High and especially



enjoys working with students. He loves books, the outdoors, spending time with family and friends—and all things Christmas!
He's excited to learn about genealogy and recently enjoyed the Chautauqua at the Crossroads Cemetery Tour. We're delighted to have Wes on the team!

2026 Library Crawl Begins in October



Trunk or Treat

Visit us in front of the library **Saturday, October 31st from 3:30—5:00 p.m.** and receive a free book during the City's Trunk or Treat downtown event. Books will be available for ages 0-12 years of age and are provided by our Friends of the library.

~MEMORIALS~

In Memory of Mike Sideroff
From MHS Class of 1974
Shoeless Joe
By WP Kinsella

In Memory of Dee Keller
From Horsley Family
Twelve Days of Christmas
By Don Daily
How Far is Heaven
By Amy Skala Tischman
God Bless You & Goodnight
By Hannah Hall

In Memory of Dennis Low
From MHS Class of 1969
Woodworking Projects for True Beginners
By William James

In Memory of Mary Lou Wernz
From MHS Class of 1960
Rocket's Red Glare
By James Patterson
Midwest Home Landscaping
By Rita Buchanan

In Memory of Eula Mae Washburn Hall
From MHSClass of 1961
Why We Need Grandsons
By Gregory Lang

In Memory of Rosemarie Stoelting
From Mary Ann Stepp, M. Bradley Bartram, Steve & Beth Macke and Phil Abel & Laurie Molner
Long Trail Home
By Lacey Williams
Meet Me at the Grant
By Linsay Harrel
New Beginnings
By Linda Byler
With the Enduring Tides
By Jane Kirkpatrick

In Memory of Randy Beltz
From MHS Class of 1972
Alaska: A Visual Tour
By Bob Devine

In Memory of Martha Hargis
From MHS Class of 1995
Sue Becker's Homemade Bread Soups, and Stews Cookbook
By Sue Becker

In Memory of Colt Poorman
From Library Board Trustees
Colt's Corner: Baby Animals (Kid's Kit)
From Beth & Steve Macke
Cowboy Fun (Kid's Kit)

In Memory of Barbara Clark Pancake
From MHS Class of 1964
Vintage Nest
By Linda Roe McDonald

In Memory of Steve Thompson
From Dan & Alyson Thompson
Little People Farm Set (Children's Area)

In Memory of Beverly Welsh
From Dan & Alyson Thompson
The Grace-Filled Homestead
By Lana Stenner

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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 Unknown – Riley Sager; The Irish Goodbye – Heather Aimee O'Neill; The Museum of Lost Quilts – Jennifer Chiaverini; The Inheritance of Loss – Kiran Desai; Adversary to the Villain – Hannah Nicole Maehrer; When You Loved Me – Beatriz Williams; It Could Have Been Her – Lisa Jewell; The Things We Never Say – Elizabeth Strout; Weddings – Danielle Steel; The King's Ransom – Janet Evanovich; Meet Me in Paris – Kristin Harmel; Scars of the Revolution – Megan Soja; The Subtle Pleasures of Indiscretion – Alexander McCall Smith; A Life So True – Tracie Peterson; Getting Away with Murder – Shari Lapena; You'll Be Sorry – Lisa Gardner; A Dark Path – Linda Castillo; Deceptions – Jeffery Deaver; City of Promises – Victoria Thompson; Nashville Noir : A Murder, She Wrote Mystery : A Novel – Jessica Fletcher; The Curing Season – Leslie Wells; The Accidental Guardian – Mary Connealy; The Retired Assassin's Guide to Country Gardening – Naomi Kuttner; When Hope Sank – Denise Weimer; The Country Road Murders – James Patterson; This Changes Everything – Lisa Scottoline; Foal Me Once – Elizabeth Penney; Dogged Deception – Johnnie Alexander; Tell Tail Clues – Gayle G. Roper; The Claus Will Come Out – Tara Randel; Hounded by the Past – DeAnna Julie Dodson; Paw & Order – Gayle G. Roper; On the Right Track – Shaen Layle; The Christmas Camel Caper – Jane Willan; A Little Bird Told Me – Laura Bradford; The Windsor Affair – Melanie Benjamin; Rules for the Summer – Meghan Quinn; Shoeless Joe – W. P. Kinsella; Worth the Wait – Jamie Beck; Worst in Snow – Elizabeth Penney; Grave Inheritance – Rachael O. Phillips; A Silent Betrayal – Rachael O. Phillips; Law & Old Order – Jan Fields; Law & Old Order – Jan Fields; Homespun Homicide – Elizabeth Penney; Judge Stone – Viola Davis; Prospector's Peak – Emma Slate; The Secret War of Julia Child – Diana R. Chambers; Spark of the Revolution – Megan Soja; Show Stopper – Shirley-Raye Redmond; These Tangled Threads : A Novel of Biltmore – Sarah Loudin Thomas; The Final Target – Nora Roberts; Enter the Nightmare – Jayne Castle; Love You More – Emily Giffin; Not What It Seems – Lisa Jackson; Big Panda and Tiny Dragon – James Norbury; Wait and See – Iris Johansen.

Adult Non-fiction

Inside HBO's Game of Thrones : Seasons 3 and 4 – C. A. Taylor; Getting Healthy in Toxic Times : An Ecological Doctor's Prescription for Healing Your Body and the Planet – Jenny Goodman; Early American Crafts : Step-by-Step Illustrated Instructions for Creating More Than 45 Original Projects Utilizing Seven Early American Craft Techniques – Roberta Raffaelli; Angels of Mercy : White Women and the History of New York's Colored Orphan Asylum – William Seraile; The World Encyclopedia of Fire Engines : An Illustrated Guide to Fire Trucks Around the World and a History of Firefighting in 700 Photographs – Neil Wallington; Government Secrets – Micah L. Issitt; Grow Your Groceries : 40 Hacks for Growing Plants from Supermarket Foods – Simon Akeroyd; Forgotten Tales of Illinois – Bryan Alaspa; Inside HBO's Game of Thrones – Bryan Cogman; The World Played Chess : A Novel – Robert Dugoni; Road to Huertgen : Forest in Hell – Paul Boesch; The Things Our Fathers Saw : The Untold Stories of the World War II Generation, Volume IV: Up the Bloody Boot, the War in Italy – Matthew A. Rozell; The Things Our Fathers Saw. Volume III, War in the Air : Combat, Captivity, and Reunion : The Untold Stories of the World War II Generation from Hometown, USA – Matthew A. Rozell; Alaska : A Visual Tour of America's Great Land – Bob Devine; Why Me? – Sarah Burleton; The Banditti of the Prairies : Or, the Murderer's Doom!! A Tale of the Mississippi Valley – Edward Bonney; Midwest Home Landscaping : 46 Landscape Designs with 200+ Plants & Flowers for Your Region – Roger Holmes; North American Birdwatching Handbook : The Illustrated Encyclopedia of North American Birds – Henry Prescott; Courage Can Save Us : Ten Extraordinary Americans and the Fight for Our Future – Rye Barcott; Shameful Silence : What You Don't Know About Domestic Violence – Alexandra Lozano.

Large Print (LP)

The Spy Keeper of Marseille – Roseanna M. White; Won't Be Long Now – Elizabeth Hardinger; Murphy's Law – William W. Johnstone; The Bounty Hunter's Surrender – KyLee Woodley; Preacher's Hell – William W. Johnstone; Iron Horse : A Western Fiction Novel – Robert Vaughan; Miriam's Little Gentleman – Anne Blackburne; A Second Chance : An Amish Romance – Linda Byler; A Day Late and a Bullet Short – Nicholas Osborn; Arranged with the Earl – Jackie Killelea; The Lost Story of Via Belle – Melanie Dobson; The Paris Match – Kate Clayborn; Cece Downing's Start Over Summer : A Novel – Soon Wiley; No Place Like Home – Betsy St. Amant; Don't Upstage the Body – Naomi Stephens; Wild Justice – Alan Le May; The Copperdust Hills – Lauran Paine; The Lumber Baron's Wife : A Novel – Lynn N. Austin; Shattered – David Jeremiah; A Chance for Kallie Mae : A Novel – Ann H. Gabhart; Diablo Gold – Wayne D. Dundee; Hunting El Despiadado – Chris Mullen; Weddings : A Novel – Danielle Steel; It Could Have Been Her – Lisa Jewel

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!