



Marcellus Free Library December 2021

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A Message from Director Jake Widrick

Happy Holidays! It is hard to believe that 2021 is nearly over. While this has been another difficult year, I continue to be amazed by the resiliency, generosity and kindness of the Marcellus community. Despite the hardships imposed by the pandemic we had a busy and rewarding year. Our new conference room is up and running, we have a revitalized slate of children's and teen programming and thanks to the Friends of MFL we will be able to accept book donations again soon!

We have plans to make further upgrades to the library over the next year. We will be closing during the first week in January to convert the library to LED lighting and to repaint the first floor. Lobby pickup will be available, and scheduled programs and meetings will continue upstairs. In the spring, we intend to build outdoor programming space, funded by another construction grant.

From our Library family to yours, we wish you a healthy and happy holiday season.



December Astronomy with Barefoot Bob Monday, December 13: 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm (Backup night will be Tuesday, December 14)

This is the night of the Geminid meteor shower, one of the year's best. While the bright moon may blot out some of the shooting stars, we will have good views of Jupiter, Saturn, and Venus (come early to see Venus), plus good views of the winter skies around the constellation of Orion, featuring some of the brightest clusters and nebulae visible to us in the north.

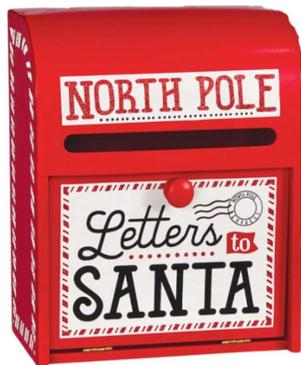
Dress warm and bring a lawn chair. Please be aware, we will turn off the parking lot lights for this program.



Friends of Marcellus Free Library Books in Gift Giving Condition Sale

The Friends are having their annual Books in Gift Giving Condition sale in the lobby through the month of December. These items are in "like new" condition and make excellent gifts for everyone on your shopping list. Make sure to stop in and shop before they sell out!

Children's Programs



Letters to Santa

Wednesday, December 1 through Monday, December 20

Stop into the library and write a letter to Santa Claus! We have templates and envelopes available for you. The child's name and address must be written on the envelope if you wish to receive a response from Santa!



Winter Kid's Craft

Saturday, December 11, 2021, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

For ages 5 through 11

Spots are limited, please register online

Enjoy the Saturday afternoon with our master crafter Alyson as she shows kids how to make a 3D Christmas tree and snowflake!



Books, Balls, and Blocks: Social Emotional Learning

Saturday, December 18: 10:30 to 11:30 am

Registration is required

The first 12 participants to register will receive a free board book!

Marcellus Free Library is teaming up with Help Me Grow Onondaga to discuss with parents the seven areas of social-emotional development in children. We will share fun, low-cost activities and books that you can share with your child at home to encourage development from birth until kindergarten. This session will also focus on social-emotional development during this difficult time of mask wearing and quarantines.

Before coming, it is strongly encouraged to check your child's emotional development by completing the Ages and Stages Questionnaire at www.asqonline.com/family/50c093

Teen Programs



Winter Teen Craft

Friday, December 10, 2021 at 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm

Must be in 6th through 12th grade to participate

Spots are limited, please register online



Enjoy the afternoon with our master crafter Alyson as she shows you how to sew a felt ornament, and stamp and color a wooden ornament!



TAB meeting: Thursday, December 16 at 4:00 pm

For teens ages 12 to 18 years old
Those interested in joining may still submit an application to Miss Sophia.

Requirements: The TAB will meet once a month for an hour of community service. Additional hours will be available for special events and projects. To join, please fill out the MFL Teen Advisory Board application at the circulation desk and return it to our Youth Services librarian, Miss Sophia.

Minecraft Mondays

December 13, 20 and 27 at 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm

Join other teens in grades 6 - 12 in the Marcellus Minecraft realm. Meetings happen in the tutoring room. If interested in joining, hop into the Marcellus Library Discord and introduce yourself! Discord link: <https://discord.gg.eHFN5TrJ>



Nintendo Switch Fridays

December 3, 10, 17 at 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm

Teens in grades 6-12 can join other teens in the Friends Community Room to play Nintendo Switch games on the big screen.

Trading Card Game Night

Monday: December 6, 13, 20 and 27 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Friends Community Room - MASKS ARE REQUIRED

Trading Card Game Night is a community program where students and families can learn and play trading card games like *Magic: The Gathering* and *Pokémon* in a judgement-free zone. Open to interested players of all ages and skill levels.



Adult Programs



Prenatal Yoga Class

Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 10:30 am to 11:45 am

Spots are limited, please register online

Yoga waiver MUST be filled out prior to class

Join our librarian and Yoga Alliance certified instructor Sophia for a 75-minute relaxing stretch as you get ready for the holidays! The class will include deep breathing for the pregnant body and gentle stretches, as well as tips and tricks to help with pain management during labor, pushing and recovery from a C-section.

Please bring a yoga mat and thick blanket or towel to use as a prop. Any other yoga accessories you would like to use are welcome as well.



NEW Library Hours

Monday	9 am to 7 pm
Tuesday	9 am to 7 pm
Wednesday	9 am to 7 pm
Thursday	9 am to 7 pm
Friday	9 am to 5 pm
Saturday	10 am to 2 pm
Sundays	Closed



The Artists for December are students of Marcellus Free Library's Awesome Art Classes taught by Stephanie Longo-Moncavage



The Friends of Marcellus Library news for December

As you shop for holiday gifts on Amazon (or anytime throughout the year), consider this simple way to support the Friends. Go to smile.amazon.com and select "Friends of Marcellus Free Library" as your charitable organization of choice. The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases. It may not sound like much, but it does add up, especially when many people participate.



The next Friends event is Wednesday, December 1 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will be decorating the library for the holidays. This is always a fun event and several participants will ensure that the job will be done quickly. All decorations will be provided. If you wish, bring a wrapped ornament (homemade or purchased - value \$10 or less) for the ornament swap after the decorating.

Be sure to check the lobby for Books in Gift Giving Condition. You are sure to find something for those on your gift list....or even yourself!

The Friends are looking to fill two vacant positions in order to keep the Friends group viable. A Vice President is needed as well as a Chair for the Basket Raffle. Contact Michele Merwarth through the library (315-673-3221) for more information on how YOU can help US!



Marcellus Free Library Bridge Club Thursdays, starting December 9 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

To ensure we have enough players, please email jwidrick@onlib.org to express interest and availability.

Marcellus Free Library Book Club

Tuesday, December 7 at 10 am
Everything I Never Told You
by Celeste Ng

Tuesday, January 4 at 10 am
Weather by Jenny Offill



Thank you to the wonderful Marcellus community for their continued support of the Library during these challenging times.

Director Jake Widrick, the Library staff and Board of Trustees wish all our patrons a Happy Holiday Season.

Happy Holidays from the Library