Happy almost Fourth of July! **Summer Reading** for all ages is here. Imagine the smell of marshmallows roasting over a campfire, the sound of wind whispering through the pines, and the thrill of summer camp. When you register, you get a FREE BOOK. Sign up in the library today and read beyond the beaten path.

Skim our newsletter for all the exciting happenings at Ventress Memorial Library in July. All our programs and events are subject to change; find the most current information on our [Events Calendar](#), [Facebook page](#), and [Instagram](#). *Some programs require registration, and all programs are first come, first served.*

**Read Beyond the Beaten Path | All Ages | June 29–August 10**
We officially kicked off our summer reading challenge on June 29 with a jam-packed Animal World Experience program, followed by summer reading registrations. If you haven’t registered yet, no worries! Registration is open all summer long. For kids, sign up in the children’s room. For teens and adults, sign up at the Check Out Desk. Registration is open until August 10, when the program ends. For more information, visit our [Summer Reading Website](#).

**Fantastic Fairy Houses | All Ages | Registration Begins July 1**
This is a whole library program! We encourage everyone to join in the fun. This is your chance to get creative and build a home for the fairy friends of Marshfield. Everyone who registers receives a small prize. Prizes will also be awarded to best in show winners in the Children, Older Kid and Adult categories. Call or stop by the library to learn more or [register online](#).

**Summer Reading Loot Bags for Grades 3–12**
Our popular Loot Bags are all camp themed this summer. Our July theme is Camp Walden (the fancy camp from *The Parent Trap*). You tell us what you like to read, then we select books we think you’ll like and add in goodies that will help you have a fancy camping experience. [Sign up for the July bag today](#).
We have several fun programs for adults coming up this month. See something you like? Click on a program title to learn more!

**Adult Book Groups**
These are led by library staff, with books chosen by participants.
- Nonfiction Book Group | **July 5 & August 2**
- Contemporary Book Group | **July 13**
- Book Group Kits | Sign Up to Learn More

**South of Boston Board Game Meetup**
July 2 | 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Join us in Library Plaza – all levels welcome!

**Trivia at Stellwagen Brewery**
July 26 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Register your team of up to six adults ages 21+ today!

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We are excited it's July! Starting this month, there will be a new scavenger hunt in the children’s room every week! Stop by each week to find all of the hidden pictures. Read about some of our programs and events below. Click on our Children's Calendar to view all children's programs, or pick up a calendar in the children's room!

**Weekly Wednesday Parties | ages 3–10**
Wednesdays in July | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
July 6: **Slime Party** | July 13: **Tropical Party** | July 20: **UN-Bored Party**
Join us for some fun! Parties are intended for ages 3–10, but younger and older siblings are always welcome. No registration is required, but please arrive early to ensure your seat. Click on a party to learn more.
Weekly Take & Makes | all ages
Mondays | take home craft
Stop by the children’s room on Mondays through July to pick up a children’s take & make craft. While supplies last. No registration required.

Big & Little Hands Art Camp | ages 6–10 & ages 5 and under
Tuesdays | 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
These librarian led art camps are broken into specific age groups to accommodate children of all ages. We will read stories and create process art. Registration required. Call the library or click on a date to sign up.
Big Hands: July 5 | July 19 | August 2
Little Hands: July 26 | August 9

Storybook Hour with the Charmings | all ages
July 27 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Don’t miss this fantastic story and song hour. These princesses will entertain us with stories and songs of adventure. This program is fun for girls and boys! No registration necessary.

Weekly Storytimes | Mondays
Babies @ 9:30 a.m. – Preschool @ 11:00 a.m. – School Age @ 2:00 p.m.
Our favorite storytimes are back. Join Miss Wendy for Baby, Pre-school, and School Aged storytimes on Mondays! No registration necessary.

We Have a New Teen Services Librarian!
We are excited to welcome our new Teen Services & Makerspace Librarian, Tori! She is super excited to be joining the Ventress Library team and looks forward to creating entertaining programs and facilitating meaningful experiences for the teens of Marshfield. She is currently reading Icebreaker by A.L. Graziadei.

We also have several awesome programs for teens coming up this month, as well as ongoing volunteer opportunities. See something you like? Click on a link to learn more!

Dungeons & Dragons at Ventress Library | entering grades 6–12
Wednesdays in July & August
We are hosting a six session mini-campaign as well as two one-shot games! For the one-shots, bring your own character or use one of ours. For the mini-campaign, you may be able to sign up in the middle of the campaign if space allows. Click a game below or call for more information.
- Register for the mini-campaign
- Register for the July one-shot

Super Smash Bros Tournament | ages 10–18
July 30 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Show off your skills and compete to win cool prizes! Join our official tournament, hosted by One Up Games. Register online or at the door.

**Become a Teen Volunteer | grades 7–12**
Teen Volunteers also sit on our Teen Leaders Council. We accept teen volunteer applications on a rolling basis. [Apply to Volunteer](#)

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Tinker, play, and make something new at The Wave Makerspace. There’s a little something for everyone, whether you’re an older kid, teen, or an adult. Drop-in hours are suspended for the summer, but we are open for scheduled appointments. [Schedule a Makerspace Appointment](#)

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**Library Hours:**
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Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.