



June 11th-July 27th
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In November of 2016, Megan Murphy, a life coach living in Massachusetts, began leaving small painted stones in public places for people to find. Neighbors said that finding these small pieces of art (which often included motivational sayings or interesting quotes) made their days brighter. The movement began to spread, and now rocks are being painted and hidden in every state in America. In June, the Marshall Community Library is inviting its neighbors to join in the fun as well, with "Marshall Rocks!"

From June 11th through July 27th, painted rocks will be hidden on public property around Marshall for people of all ages to find. People who find the painted rocks can keep them or re-hide them. The library will also hold a free rock painting workshop on Monday, June 11th. From 5-6pm, families can paint rocks with any design, and from 6-7pm a librarian will teach teens and adults how to paint "mandala" rocks with intricate designs. Stevens Rocks and Gifts of Marshall has donated about two dozen smooth river-rocks to be painted, but to ensure there are enough to go around, please bring a smooth rock if you can.

Some of the painted rocks hidden around Marshall will be extra special. These include a painting of a local business or the business's logo, and on the back of the rock, a message: "Turn me in for a prize!" Anyone who finds the rock can turn it in to the owning business in exchange for a small prize or coupon. Businesses will then re-hide the special rocks when, or if, they choose. Each business has different prizes.

Participating local businesses:

- Marshall Library
- Auburn Ridge
- Stevens Rocks & Gifts
- Badger Pub
- Village of Marshall
- Whistle Stop Campground
- Marshall Police Department
- Marshall Area EMS
- Little Amerricka
- Prairie Ridge Clinic



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HIDE

FIND

If you would like to join this community game, the Library asks that you be safe and courteous while doing so. Never hide rocks on train tracks or stairs, do not trespass on private property, and avoid putting rocks in places where people may trip on them. If you wish to paint your own rocks, they should have words and images appropriate for all ages. You can protect your painted rock from wear and weather with a basic sealant.

If you hide or find a painted rock, please tag [Marshall Communitylibrary](#) in a photo of the rock on Facebook! You can see pictures of painted rocks on the library's Facebook page, as well as state and national Facebook pages like "The Original USA Rocks," "Rocks Across Wisconsin," and the website [thekindnessrocksproject.com](#).