



CHECK IT OUT!

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

MAY 2023

HAPPY MAY, MONTAGUE!

MPL's youth department have truly outdone themselves with a fabulous and packed program calendar this month. The libraries will be hosting everything from Free Comic Book Day and a visit from Toto the tornado kitten, to weekly LEGO building time at the Carnegie Library and a game day at Montague Center. Not to mention their regular story time and play group! For teens, the Youth Advisory Board will be meeting at the end of the month. Make your voice heard and let us know what we can do to best serve the teens of Montague!

This month will also kick-off a three-part outdoor concert series on the steps of the Montague Center Library. Join us on Wednesday, May 24th to hear incredible local vocalist, Pamela Means, and her band play all your favorite jazz standards by Billy Holiday, Dinah Washington, and more. The concert is rain or shine and will be moved indoors in the case of bad weather. Also, I would be remiss not to mention that Ann Marie Rocheleau will be presenting at Montague Center about her experience walking the Camino through Portugal and Spain on Thursday, June 1st (because she's my mom and I'm super proud of her).

Finally, if you haven't already heard, the Montague Public Libraries' Trustees and I have officially submitted a letter of intent to apply for the state's public library construction grant program. Over the next several months the Trustees and I will seek feedback from community members, in a variety of formats, about exactly what they want for the main library in Turners Falls. Working with a committee of residents and a consultant, this feedback will be synthesized into a library building program, which will identify the space constraints of the Carnegie Library and detail the public vision for a future space that meets community needs. If the libraries' application is approved for funding, this building program will be used by an architect to create options for both expansion of the existing Carnegie Library and for a new library building.

Though there are many, many hoops to jump through before any shovels sink into the ground, I'm super excited about the prospect of providing this community with the library space that they deserve. I'll announce more details about public feedback opportunities in the coming months, but encourage anyone with questions to email me at librarydirector@montague-ma.gov.

Enjoy the sunshine!
Caitlin

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Carnegie Public Library

413-863-3214

201 Avenue A, Turners Falls

Monday & Tuesday 1:00 - 8:00

Wednesday 10:00 - 8:00

Thursday 1:00 - 5:00

Friday 10:00 - 5:00

Saturday 10:00 - 2:00

Millers Falls Library

413-659-3801

23 Bridge St.

Tuesday & Thursday 2:00-7:00

Montague Center Library

413-367-2852

17 Center St.

Monday & Wednesday

2:00 - 7:00

Friday 10:00-1:00

Website:

montaguepubliclibraries.org



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PROGRAMS


FOR FAMILIES


FOR ADULTS


FOR EVERYONE!

STORY TIME



Wednesdays 10:00 AM

Join us for stories, crafts, and songs at the **Montague Center Library**.

PLAYGROUP



Thursdays 10:00 AM

Drop in to the **Montague Center Library** each week for a morning of free play.

USED BOOK SALE



Saturday, May 6th, 10:00-1:00 PM

Fiction, paperbacks, kids' books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks. Sponsored by the Friends.

Carnegie Library.

GRAB & GO BAGS



While supplies last!

SCIENCE Rain Gauge.

CRAFT Pipe Cleaner Caterpillar.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY



Saturday, May 6, 10:00AM - 1:30PM

Carnegie Library

Stop by the Carnegie Library to pick up a free comic book and do a craft! Costumes are encouraged but not required.

FRIENDS MEETING



Monday, May 8, 5:30-6:30 PM

Current and future Friends, join us for the monthly meeting. Email vgatvalley@gmail.com for more info. **Carnegie Library.**

MILLERS FALLS LIBRARY

LEMONADE SOCIAL



Every 2nd Thursday! May 11, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

MONTAGUE CENTER BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 11, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Montague Center Library



May's book is *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. Please join us!

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY



Wednesdays in May, 2:30-4:30PM

Activate your creativity and imagination, building with library LEGOS during the month of May. DUPLO blocks will also be available for our youngest patrons! **Carnegie Library**

GAME DAY



Monday, May 15, 3:00-4:30PM

Drop by to play a board or card game. Designed for families with children, but all are welcome!

Montague Center Library

MONTAGUE CENTER LIBRARY

AUTHOR SERIES



Wednesday, May 17, 6:00-7:00 PM

Join Emily Monosson, and her book, *Blight: Fungi and the Coming Pandemic*.

MONTAGUE CENTER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesday, May 24, 6:00PM

Jazz standards with Pamela Means and her band on the steps of the library.

TOTO THE TORNADO KITTEN



Thursday, May 25, 3:30PM-4:30PM

Toto and his owner, author Jonathan Hall, who rescued Toto from the tornado in 2011, will visit for a special story hour at the Carnegie Library. Toto is the hero of two books and you will have a chance to pet him! Proceeds from the sale of books will go to the Friends of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter. **Carnegie Library**

MONTAGUE CENTER TRAVEL SERIES

Thursday, May 25, 6:00PM



John Rae on working with communities at risk on the front lines of healthcare and financial inclusion.

Next month! Thursday, June 1, 6:00PM

Ann Marie Rocheleau will be presenting about her experience walking the Camino through Portugal and Spain.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Friday, May 26, 4:00-4:45PM

We would love to have you join us and have your voice heard at your library! Snacks will be provided.

Carnegie Library

***The Montague Public Libraries will be closed May 27th & 29th in observance of Memorial Day.**