

CHECK IT OUT! NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

HAPPY SUMMER, MONTAGUE!

This month kicks off our new hours at the Carnegie Library! During last year's strategic planning process, we heard from a number of patrons that the Carnegie's hours were difficult to remember and too limited, so we decided to make a change. Starting July 1st, the Carnegie Library will be open Monday through Wednesday 10:00AM to 7:00PM and Thursday through Saturday 10:00AM to 5:00PM.

This month, we're also piloting a new collection at the Carnegie Library. We've purchased a dozen Playaway Launchpads, which are tablets that come pre-loaded with educational games and activities. With Launchpads six-year-olds can learn about different kinds of dinosaurs, three-year-olds can learn about healthy eating with the Very Hungry Caterpillar, ten-year-olds can learn coding, and adults and teens can play brain games to keep their memories sharp and challenge their problem-solving skills.

Speaking of hungry caterpillars, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Montague Public Libraries, we've just added a museum pass to the Eric Carle Museum in Amherst to our collection. We also have passes for Mass MoCA, the Clark Art Museum, Massachusetts' state parks, the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra, the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, and Barton Cove paddle passes. Please check the library catalog to learn about pass availability and locations.

The Montague Public Libraries are also doing their part to support the food needs of the Montague villages. In partnership with the local school district, children ages 0 to 18 can get free breakfast (8:15-9:15AM) and lunch (11:30-12:30PM) Monday through Friday under the tent at the Carnegie Library. We're also expanding the offerings of the Millers Branch Food Pantry, thanks to a grant from the Association for Small and Rural Libraries and collaboration with Montague Catholic Social Ministries. Millers' patrons can stop by the Atlas Farms Mobile Market for fresh produce on Thursdays between 2:00 and 3:30PM. Finally, we're pleased to announce that the Friends of the Montague Public Libraries have been accepted as members of the Food Bank of Western Mass, which will make the Millers Branch Food Pantry sustainable after our grant period is over.

All these new services and collections may have folks wondering: but what about the books? Rest assured; our shelves are packed with summer releases. We've got something for everyone.

LIBRARY INFORMATION

NEW HoURS! Carnegie Public Library 413-863-3214 201 Avenue A, Turners Falls Monday - Wednesday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Thursday - Saturday

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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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Happy reading! Caitlin

PROGRAMS

FOR FAMILIES



FOR EVERYONE!

FREE SUMMER MEALS

Monday-Friday, Breakfast: 8:15-9:15 Lunch: 11:30-12:30

Free onsite meals for ages 18 and under. **Carnegie Library**

GAME DAY

Tuesdays, 1:00 PM Carnegie Library



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

STORY TIME

Wednesdays 10:00 AM

Join us for stories, crafts, and songs at the

Montague Center Library.

LEGOS ON THE LAWN



Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 PM Build with library LEGOS at the Carnegie Library, under the tent. Duplo blocks will be available for

our youngest patrons! Carnegie Library lawn.

PLAYGROUP Thursdays 10:00 AM



A morning of free play under the tent at the Carnegie Library each week.

TEEN ZINE CLUB 🦽 Thursdays, 2:30PM

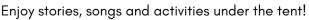
Join Montague Public Libraries staff at **The Brick** House to make a zine of your own, meet fellow zine-enthusiast and makers, and hang out! No prior experience is needed! Snacks will be served.

YOGA FOR KIDS WITH MS. SUE



Sue Fuller will demonstrate simple yoga poses. Designed for children and their caregivers. Carnegie Library Lawn

NEW: SATURDAY STORY TIME Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 AM



Carnegie Library lawn.

Fridays, 11:00-11:30 AM

*Once a month, Sat. Story Time will meet at the GF Farmers Market at Peskeompskut Park: July 29 and August 26 10:00 AM.

USED BOOK SALE

Saturday, July 1st, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Sponsored by the Friends. Books, CDs,

DVDs, audiobooks! Carnegie Library.

CARNEGIE-CON

Friday, July 7, 2:30-4:30 PM

Join us to celebrate Carnegie-Con! Rain Date: August 11. Carnegie Library.

MILLERS FALLS LIBRARY LEMONADE SOCIAL



Every 2nd Thursday! July 13, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

FRIENDS MEETING

Monday, July 10, 5:30-6:30 PM

Every 2nd Monday. Carnegie Library

COMMUNITY WORK DAY

Saturday, July 15, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Come help clean and paint the inside of Montague Center Library

FIND YOUR VOICE - UKULELE Saturday, July 15, 11:00 AM

Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. No experience necessary! Carnegie Library.

MONTAGUE CENTER ART EXHIBIT On view July 17



Photographs by Barry DeJasu. Reception Date/Time TBD.

MONTAGUE CENTER LIBRARY AUTHOR SERIES

Wednesday, July 19, 6:00PM - 7:00PM Karen Latuchie. Refreshments provided.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, July 21, 4:00-4:45PM Carnegie Library

Bring your ideas and suggestions for teen library programming. Snacks will be provided.



See the Whale Mobile inflate and go inside! ***CALL 413-863-3214 to sign up!***

*Montague Public Libraries will be closed Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day.