



# CHECK IT OUT!

## NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### JULY 2023

## 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.

Happy reading!  
Caitlin

## 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

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**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](http://montaguepubliclibraries.org)



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# PROGRAMS

  
FOR FAMILIES

  
FOR ADULTS

  
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

**Fridays, 11:00-11:30 AM**

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**

Enjoy stories, songs and activities under the tent!

**Carnegie Library lawn.**


\*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.

## **NEXT MONTH!**

## WHALE MOBILE

**Saturday, Aug 19th 2:00-4:00 Discovery Center**

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.**