



# CHECK IT OUT!

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
AUGUST 2023

## HELLO, MONTAGUE!

It's hard to believe that we're already half-way through summer!

The libraries have been busy behind the scenes. Three new trustees, Miryam, David, and Louisa, were voted onto the board this summer and have hit the ground running; joining committees and getting acquainted with MPL priorities, plans, and policies.

Last month, the trustees voted to approve the hiring of Barbara Friedman, former director of the Erving Public Library, to serve as the Libraries' consultant for the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program application. Barbara will use her experience and expertise to gather public feedback that will inform our library building program. This document records everything that our community wants to see in their public library. Over the next few months, Barbara will create a survey, facilitate public forums, and do outreach in the community so we can make sure that we include diverse perspectives and needs in our final plan. Stay tuned for information about coming public forums.

MPL is also excited to announce that our libraries have been selected to participate in the American Library Association's Great Stories Club, a book club for teens that will be facilitated at the Brick House, the high school, and at the Montague Libraries starting this fall. Not your everyday book club, this program will feature book discussion AND art making.

Finally, have you ever wondered what it's like inside of a whale? You can find out on Saturday, August 19th with our program partners at the Discovery Center. Call the Carnegie Library to sign up.

All the best!  
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, until Aug 18.**

## GRAB & GO BAGS

**Science** - Insect Habitat  
**Craft** - Straw Weaving

## 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, rhymes 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. **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!

## NEW: SATURDAY STORY TIME

Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 AM

Enjoy stories, songs and activities under the tent!  
**Carnegie Library lawn.**

\*Sat. Story Time will meet at the GF Farmers Market at **Peskeompskut Park**: August 26 10:00 AM.  
Inside Carnegie Library if weather is stormy.

## PUPPET SHOW

Friday, August 4, 10:30 AM

The No Strings Marionettes will be performing *Wasabi, A Dragon's Tale*.  
**At Peskeompskut Park.**

**Rain dates: Aug 11 or Aug 25.**



## USED BOOK SALE

Saturday, August 5, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Sponsored by the Friends. Books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks! **Carnegie Library.**

## INTERACTIVE ART FOR TEENS

Tuesday, August 8, 2:30 PM

Using Makey Makey kits, copper tape, and art supplies, teens will have the opportunity to make their artwork come to life, including sound effects.  
**At The Brick House Teen Center.**

## MILLERS FALLS LIBRARY

### LEMONADE SOCIAL

Every 2nd Thursday! August 10, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Join Abbey at the Millers Falls Library every second Thursday, from 3:00-4:00pm. Come for the cool drink....come for the crafts...or just come say hello!

## FRIENDS MEETING

Monday, August 14, 5:30-6:30 PM

Current and future Friends, join us for the monthly meeting. Every 2nd Monday.  
**Carnegie Library**

## MONTAGUE CENTER ART EXHIBIT

On view until August 16

Photographs by Barry DeJasu. 

On view starting August 18

Marjorie Barrett-Mill's 12 individual quilted panels (17" x 42" or 18 total linear feet) using 3-dimensional applique from the original pattern by Amy Bradley.



## 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!\*\*\*

## YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, August 25, 4:00-4:45PM **Carnegie Library**

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