



CHECK IT OUT!

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES
NOVEMBER 2023

HELLO, MONTAGUE!

A huge thank you to everyone who filled out a library building survey. I'm working with the trustees and our library building consultant, Barbara Friedman, to record and study your responses. Your feedback will directly inform our application to the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program. We'll be requesting funds for an addition to the Carnegie Library or a new main library further up Avenue A.

Want to learn more about the state's construction program? Care to provide more information about what YOU would like to see in an improved library? The trustees and I are scheduling public forums for early December so members of the community can learn more about the application process, chat with myself and members of the trustee board, and ask questions. Keep an eye on our website or social media for exact dates and times.

In the meantime, November is a transition month: a time to reflect and create before the busyness of the holidays sets in. Here at the Montague Public Libraries, we're providing several opportunities for arts and craft-making for patrons of all ages. Kids can make a fairy house with our grab and go kits or attend a Chinese paper-cutting workshop. There's a separate paper-cutting workshop just for adults and teens too! Those who want a little less structure can stop by one of three Drop-In and Draw workshops, led by esteemed local artist, Caroline Wampole. Finally, those who have a specific kind of craft project in mind can make use of our new database, Craftsby, which gives access to over 1,400 in-depth instructional video classes; covering 20 different creative passions. From cake decorating to quilting, painting, and knitting—there's something for everyone. The database is available through the Libby app.

Happy making!
Caitlin

Please note, the Carnegie Library will open at 12:00PM on Thurs, Nov 9th due to a staff meeting. There will be no Playgroup that morning. We apologize for any inconvenience!

**The Montague Libraries will be closed...
Fri, Nov 10th and Sat, Nov 11th for Veterans Day
Thurs, Nov 23rd and Fri, Nov 24th for Thanksgiving.**

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



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MPL PROGRAMS

 FOR FAMILIES

 FOR ADULTS

 FOR EVERYONE!

GRAB & GO BAGS

Two Crafts:

Egg Carton Owls & Fairy Houses

LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 PM

Build with library LEGOS at the **Carnegie Library**.

PLAYGROUP

Thursdays 10:00 AM

A morning of free and guided play at the **Carnegie Library** each week.

No Playgroup on Nov 9th.

STORY TIME

Saturdays 10:00 AM 

Join us for stories, crafts, rhymes and songs at the **Carnegie Library**.

No Storytime on Nov 11th.



GREAT STORIES CLUB

1st & 3rd Thursdays 3:00-4:30

Brick House. Designed for TEENS.

This event kicks off the Great Stories Club grant. Teens can pick up free copies of all 4 of the Sci-Fi books and find out about upcoming related events. Lunch will be served! *The GSC is made possible by a grant from the American Library Association.*

DROP-IN AND DRAW

Wednesday, November 1st & 8th, 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Montague Center Library

with local artist Caroline Wampole.

Free! No need to sign up! Designed for adults and ages 13+ Materials Provided. All levels welcome.

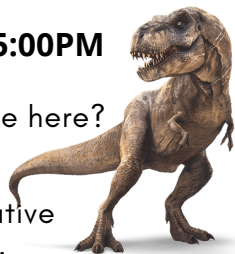
TEA-REX PARTY

Friday, November 3 3:30-5:00PM

with special guest Dinoman!
How do we know dinosaurs were here?
What is a fossil?

How are they made?

This program is fun and informative for all ages. **Discovery Center.**



CHINESE PAPER CUTTING

Saturday, November 4

- Session 1 for children and families (Ages 5-12): 10:30- 11:30AM
- Session 2 for teens and adults: 1:00 - 2:30PM


This Montague Public Libraries program will be held at the **Great Falls Discovery Center's Great Hall**. Zhonghe (Elena) Li will introduce the history of the art and teach you the basic techniques.

HOT CHOCOLATE SOCIAL

Thursday, November 9, 3:00-4:00 PM

Join Abbey every second Thursday. Come for the hot chocolate....come for the crafts...or just come say hello! **Millers Falls Library**

FRIENDS MEETING

Monday, November 13, 5:30-6:30 PM 

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

Carnegie Library

MONTAGUE CENTER LIBRARY AUTHOR SERIES

Wednesday, November 15, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Gray Davidson-Carroll, reading from their new book of poems: *Waterfall of Thanks*.

KEEPING YOUR FAMILY HEALTHY

Thursday, November 16, 2:00-3:00PM

Mary S. and Mary K. will host a workshop on safe food preparation and storage. Using the Serve-safe curriculum as a guide, this workshop will demonstrate the best way to prepare and store food to avoid food borne illness and protect your family. At the **Millers Falls Branch library**, 23 Bridge St. Millers Falls.

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, November 17, 4:00-4:45PM

Swanson's Fabrics Stash House

Come help Swanson's sort, fold, and organized the new Stash House.

320 Avenue A, Turners Falls

MONTAGUE CENTER BOOK CLUB

Thursday, November 30, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Montague Center Library

November's book is *Between Earth and Sky* by Amanda Skenandore. Please join us!

