



CHECK IT OUT!

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES
DECEMBER 2023

HELLO, MONTAGUE!

The holiday season is upon us and with it comes ample opportunity to gather with friends and neighbors at your local library. The Millers Branch will feature a wreath-making workshop as well as its regular hot chocolate social. Montague Center will feature an open reading, where patrons can share their short stories and poetry. Finally, the libraries' Children's Department will be back at the Discovery Center for gingerbread house making!

If you're planning to spend time with family this month, consider stopping by one of MPL's three Libraries of Things to add some extra fun to your visit. The collection features board games for all ages, three karaoke machines, a portable DVD player for those long car rides, snowshoes for when we actually get some snow, and much more.

Additionally, through the end of the month, all three library locations have mitten trees and bins set up to collect warm weather clothing items, including hats, socks, gloves, coats, and scarves. Those who are in need are welcome to take what they wish directly from the library.

Finally, the trustees and I will host two forums, one on zoom and one in-person, where we will review the current conditions of the Carnegie Library, go over the state construction program timeline and application process, highlight the community feedback we have gathered so far, answer questions, and listen to your input. See below for details.

The Montague Libraries will be closed on Monday, December 25 for the holiday.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Love the Montague Libraries? Join us for a community forum on the future of the Carnegie Library.

- **Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6PM-7PM via Zoom or**
- **Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 6PM-8PM at the Discovery Center's Great Hall.**

Visit the website to register for the Zoom forum. montaguepubliclibraries.org

The Montague Public Libraries are applying for state funding to expand the Carnegie Library or build a new library in downtown Turners Falls.

The in-person event (12/13) will be followed by a reception where participants can chat with the libraries' trustees and library director. Refreshments will be served.

LIBRARY INFORMATION

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

Craft: Pasta Necklace

Science: Shadow Puppet - Play with light and shadow!

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.

STORY TIME

Saturdays 10:00 AM

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

No Story Time on Dec 16th & 23rd.



GREAT STORIES CLUB

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

Brick House. Designed for TEENS.

This isn't your traditional book club. Teens can pick up free copies of all 4 of the Sci-Fi books and find out how the GSC works. There's an artistic element at every meeting. On the 3rd Thursdays, local artist Caroline Wampole offers an art activity.

The GSC is made possible by a grant from the American Library Association.

DEC ART EXHIBIT

Montague Center Library

Moonlight Magic, by Jeanne Weintraub-Mason
Luminous illustrations of nocturnal animals, plants, and fungi.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Friday, December 1, 10:00AM-5:00PM

Carnegie Library

Pick up your kit while supplies last. Designed for children. Color in and fill out your letter and envelope to Santa. Return your letter to the RC mailbox at Spinner Park on Avenue A in Turners Falls. Have fun creating your own popsicle stick snowperson!

Letters to Santa Kits are made possible by a collaboration between RiverCulture and Montague Public Libraries with support from Greenfield Savings Bank.

BOOK SALE

Saturday, December 2, 10:00AM-1:00 PM

Holiday special: One free book for every book sale visitor! Cash Only.

Carnegie Library 

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 9, 1:30-3:30 PM

The Millers Falls Community Improvement Association will be holding a wreath making workshop at the **Millers Falls Library**.

FRIENDS MEETING

Monday, December 11, 5:30-6:30 PM 

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

Carnegie Library

ORIENTEERING with Zeke

Wednesday, December 13, 12:00-4:00PM

Meet outside of the Discovery Center

Join Ezekiel "Zeke" Jakub of Conservación Panamá to learn how to use a map and compass together to stay safe in the woods! Sponsored by Montague Public Libraries. Be sure to dress for the weather.

Rain date: 12/16 Ages 8-10+

HOT CHOCOLATE SOCIAL

Thursday, December 14, 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**

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, December 15, 4:00-4:45PM

Carnegie Library - For Teens

Come help fill cute Grab & Go bags for children.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Saturday, December 16, 11:00AM-12:30PM 

Great Falls Discovery Center

Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to make easy gingerbread houses! Empty milk cartons, graham crackers, and assorted candies will be provided.

This is a Montague Libraries program, hosted by the Great Falls Discovery Center.

MONTAGUE CENTER LIBRARY

AUTHOR SERIES

Wednesday, December 20, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Stories of Light: Each reader will have 5-10 mins.

Submissions due by Nov 20. Poems, short stories, or portions of larger works welcome.

Contact Kate for more info or to submit your work for review. 413-367-2852 kmartineau@cwmar.org