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NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES
APRIL 2024

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Happy April, Montague!

It's a busy month, here at the Montague Public Libraries! We've got a packed calendar full of programs AND exciting news.

Thanks to the generosity of the Greenfield Cooperative Bank, Music in Movement will be funded every Thursday in April at the Montague Center Branch. On Monday, April 8th we'll watch the solar eclipse at both the Carnegie Library and the Great Falls Discovery Center. Stop by either location to safely watch the eclipse. On April 18th, Grae will host Graphic Novel Book Club at the Millers Branch, you can email gracenm@montague-ma.gov to register. Homeschooled children and their parents can get to know one another and build community at Home School Hang out on April 26. Then, on Saturday April 27th we're featuring two FANTASTIC programs! In the morning, at Montague Center, Caldecott Honor Winner, Micha Archer, will read her new book about the excitement of spring, *What's New, Daniel?* In the afternoon, at the Great Falls Discovery Center, children and families can enjoy wildlife tales and will meet a different live animal with each story.

Finally, we're very excited to announce that MPL's *Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities* grant application was approved for \$20,000. This grant will allow us to support those in the Montague community with vision impairments and/or hearing loss by creating an ADA compliant library website and an accessible local resource page and by purchasing a collection of assistive technology for use at the library and in the community. We'll be hosting a community conversation to learn more about residents' needs this summer, so stay tuned for more information.

The Montague Libraries will be closed on Monday, April 15th for Patriots' Day.

Two library sponsored events, part of the Food, Farms, and Factories series:

FOOD, FARMS, AND FACTORIES DOCUMENTARY SERIES: POLISH AMERICANS Sunday, April 7th 2:00–3:30 p.m.

This 1998 New England Public Media documentary explores the history of Polish immigrants in the Connecticut River Valley and includes vibrant images of this still thriving community, from its distinctive music and art to its strong faith and traditions. Sponsored by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association and Mass Humanities for both Expanding Massachusetts Stories and Food, Farms, and Factories projects.

ART NATURALLY SERIES: FOOD, FARMS, AND FACTORIES EDITION* Saturday, April 13th 10:30–12:00 p.m.

Discover nature through story, poetry, and art in our series of free Art Naturally programs. Using words and images, instruction and techniques you create an art piece inspired by the natural world to take home. For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). All art materials provided. This month's art is inspired by the traditions of Polish and Eastern European immigrants who worked in local farms and factories. Create woven and folded Polish paper stars.



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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Montague Public Libraries Programs

 FOR FAMILIES

 FOR ADULTS

 FOR EVERYONE!

GRAB & GO BAGS

Craft: Earth Day Sign
Science: 3D Symmetrical Bugs



LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 PM
Build with library LEGOS at the **Carnegie Library**.



BILINGUAL MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Thursdays 10:00 AM
Sing and move with Tom & Laurie at **Montague Center**.



MAKERSPACE MONDAYS

Mondays 3:30-5:30PM
Swing by to explore basic STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) concepts in a fun, no-pressure environment.
Carnegie Library (Closed April 15)



KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR COLLABORATION

Fridays, 12, 19, & 26 10:30-11:30AM
Learn more about our wildlife neighbors in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes stories read by Youth Services Librarian, Angela Rovatti-Leonard, and Visitor Services Supervisor, Janel Nockleby, activities, and crafts.
Great Falls Discovery Center



BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 6th, 10:00-1:00 PM
Used Book Sale. Fiction, paperbacks, kids' books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks. Hundreds of recent donations.
Carnegie Library



SOLAR ECLIPSE COLLABORATION

Monday, April 8th 2:00-4:30PM
Come to learn about our solar system while viewing the solar eclipse safely! Find out what an eclipse is, make your own sun clock, follow our planetary trail at **The Great Falls Discovery Center** (Glasses and activity will be available at **Carnegie** as well.)



MUSICAL STORY TIME

Tuesday, April 16th 10:00-11:00AM
A special story time for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers. Julie Stepanek will play her ukulele and share finger plays, integrated movement, and sing-along songs.
Carnegie Library



QUEEN ELIZABETH II – “HER MAJESTY”

Wednesday, April 17th 4:00PM



In her one-woman shows, Sheryl Faye immerses the audience in a multimedia learning experience that captivates viewers and sparks their interest to explore more. Refreshments provided.
Montague Center.

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, April 18th, 3:30-4:30pm



Ages 7-11. This month we will be discussing *The Witch Boy* by Molly Ostertag. Email gracem@montague-ma.gov to register for the program.
Millers Falls Branch

FRIENDS MEETING

Monday, April 22nd, 5:30-6:30 PM



Current and future Friends, join us for the monthly meeting.
Carnegie Library

MONTAGUE CENTER BOOK CLUB

Thursday, April 25th 7:00PM



The book for April is *There, there* by Tommy Orange.
Montague Center Library

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Friday, April 26th 1:00-2:00PM



A new opportunity to connect with other local families who homeschool! An optional activity and snacks will be provided on the fourth Friday of each month.
Montague Center Library

“WHAT’S NEW DANIEL?” STORYTIME WITH LOCAL AUTHOR MICHA ARCHER

Saturday, April 27th, 11:00AM



local author, illustrator, and Caldecott Honor recipient shares her new book! There will be copies of the book available for sale after the reading, as well as an art activity hosted by the Friends of the Montague Public Libraries.
Montague Center Library

WILDLIFE TALES

Saturday, April 27th 3:00-4:00PM



Take a literary journey around the world as a Storytelling Naturalist from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum shares tales of animals and magic from around the world. With each story, a live animal will visit to bring a natural history piece to the myth and legends!
Great Falls Discovery Center