



# CHECK IT OUT!

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
JULY 2024

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Happy July, Montague!

Summer is in full swing here at the Montague Public Libraries! If you haven't already, stop by any MPL location to sign your kiddos up for summer reading. This summer's theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat," focusing on environmental conservation, protecting plant and animal species and supporting our precious habitats.

We're offering a packed calendar this month, with highlights including a bee talk, Saturday morning chess on the library lawn, visits from both reptiles AND birds of prey, a gorgeous exhibit of landscape paintings at Montague Center, and a new monthly kid's craft activity at the Millers Falls Branch in collaboration with the Brick House. The Food, Farms, and Factories series is also heating up this month with a reception of photographs by Joe Wallace, *Remnants*, depicting the Strathmore and Griswold mills. That event will include a talk on the future of those mills with town administrator, Walter Ramsey. Later in the month, another talk, *Made In Montague*, will explore the variety of items, arts, fashion, foods, and films that are being made in Montague today. Finally, community conversations will be held in-person on July 9th and via Zoom on July 10th to discuss the development of assistive technology collections to the libraries. To register for one of these events, please call 413-863-3214 or email [librarydirector@montague-ma.gov](mailto:librarydirector@montague-ma.gov).

The Carnegie Library will continue to be a meals distribution site. Both breakfast and lunch will be offered under the tent, Monday through Friday, with breakfast running 8:15AM to 9:15AM and lunch running 11:00AM to 12:30PM. The meals are meant for children ages 0-18 and will be distributed rain or shine. No meals will be available July 4 or 5.

Stay cool out there!

Caitlin

### Food, Farms, and Factories series:

Visit [www.greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org/foodfarmsandfactories](http://www.greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org/foodfarmsandfactories) to learn more.

#### Great Hall Exhibit: *Remnants*.

**Tuesday, July 2nd - Sunday, July 28th:** Photographer Joe Wallace captures the stark beauty of Turners Falls' abandoned Strathmore and Griswold mills. Interior photos from 2010 reveal remnants of the town's industrial past along the Turners Falls canal.

#### Find Us at the Farmers Market: All About Pollinators.

**Saturday, July 6th 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.** The Great Falls Farmers Market is located between 6th and 7th streets along Avenue A at Peskeompskut Park.

#### Art Naturally Series: Painting with Inks from the Garden.

**Saturday, July 13th 1:00-3:00pm** Meet in the Great Hall of the Great Falls Discovery Center

#### Made in Montague Talk. A What's being made in Montague today?

**Saturday, July 20th 2:00-4:00pm** Meet in the Great Hall of the Great Falls Discovery Center

#### Nice & Easy Walk: Downtown Restaurants - Food, Farms, and Factories Edition.

**Saturday, July 27th 10:00-11:00am** Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all. Meet at the main entrance of Great Falls Discovery Center.

*Montague Libraries will be closed on Thursday, July 4th.*

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



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# Montague Public Libraries Programs

  
FOR FAMILIES

  
FOR ADULTS

  
FOR EVERYONE!

## GRAB & GO BAGS

**Craft:** Nature Fish 

Free kits at all branches while supplies last.

## SUMMER MEALS

**Monday - Friday, June 24th through August 16.** 

**Breakfast 8:15-9:15am, Lunch 11:00am-12:30pm**

Free on-site meals for ages 0-18. Rain or shine.

Under the tent at the **Carnegie Library**

**NO MEALS ON JULY 4th or 5th.**


## MAKERSPACE MONDAYS

**Mondays 3:30-5:30PM** 

Explore basic STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) concepts in a fun, no-pressure environment.

**Carnegie Library**

## 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

under the tent at **the Carnegie Library**

**NO MUSIC & MOVEMENT ON JULY 4TH**


## CHESS ON THE LAWN

**Saturdays, 10:00am-12:00pm** 

Learn about chess or to play with friends in a casual, community setting. All ages and levels are welcome.

**Carnegie Library**

## ROT TO RICHES


**Tuesday, July 2nd 3:30-4:30pm** 

Learn about the wonders of compost! Hands-on.

Carnegie Library, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For children

and teens. **Carnegie Library.**

## KNITTING CLUB

**Wednesday July 3rd, 4:30-5:30pm** 

1st Wednesday of each month! Bring a project or learn something new. All ages welcome.

**Montague Center Library**

## BOOK SALE

**Saturday July 6th, 10:00-1:00 PM** 

Used book and media sale. All genres.

**Carnegie Library**

## FRIENDS MEETING

**Monday July 8th, 5:30-6:30 PM** 

Current and future Friends. Every 2nd Monday.


**Carnegie Library**

## BEE TALK

**Tuesday, July 9th 3:30-4:30pm** 

Learn about bees and hive structures with live (contained) honey bees. **Carnegie Library**

## A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

**Tuesday, July 9th, 10:00am-11:00am** 

MPL will be host two community conversations on accessibility and accessible collections at the libraries.


**Gill-Montague Senior Center.**

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATION PT. 2

**Wednesday, July 10th, 6:00-7:00pm** 

Second community conversation on accessibility and accessible collections at the libraries. **Via Zoom.**

## SMOKEY BEAR'S 80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

**Thursday, July 11th 3:30-5:30pm** 

Join Wildland Firefighters from the DCR Bureau of Fire Control & Forestry for a reading of the Smokey Bear Story and to learn campfire safety. Meet Smokey Bear himself! Sponsored by DCR and MPL.

**Great Falls Discovery Center**

## MILLERS FALLS BOOK CLUB


**Thursday, July 11th 5:00PM** 

July's book is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery*

*Store* by James McBride

**Millers Falls Library**

## INTRO TO SPANISH CLASS & STORY STROLL

**Friday, July 12th 3:00-4:00pm** 

Join Jan Lambert for an Intro to Spanish class under the tent. **Special guest Duck World from The Ripley Farm!**


**Carnegie Library**

## ANIMAL TALK WITH THE REPTILE NOOK

**Tuesday, July 16th 3:30-4:30pm** 


Meet and interact with the animals. Designed for children and teens. **Carnegie Library**

## TOM RICARDI'S BIRDS OF PREY

**Tuesday, July 23rd 3:30-4:30pm** 

Tom will share info about species with a hands-on demonstration as well as a Q&A. **Carnegie Library**


## MEG RICKS' LANDSCAPES: ENDANGERED AND PRESERVED

**Wednesday July 24th 6:00 - 7:00PM** 

Artist reception on the 24th. Exhibit runs June-August.

**Montague Center Library**

## GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, July 25th, 3:30-4:30PM** 

Ages 7-11. This month we will be discussing the

graphic novel: *Chef Yasmina and the Potato Panic.*

Email [gracem@montague-ma.gov](mailto:gracem@montague-ma.gov) to register.

**Carnegie Library**

## CRAFTING COLLABORATION


**W/ THE BRICK HOUSE: PAPERQUILTING** 

**Thursday, July 25th, 4:00-5:00PM**

We'll be exploring a different theme each month, starting with local waterways.

**Millers Falls Library**

## MONTAGUE CENTER BOOK CLUB

**Thursday July 25th, 7:00PM** 

The book for July is *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy, and *The Quickenings* by Elizabeth Rush. **Montague Center Library**

## HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

**Friday, July 26th 1:00-2:00PM** 

Connect with local families who homeschool! An activity and snacks will be provided. 4th Friday of each month.

**Montague Center Library**