

CHECK IT OUT!

NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES
AUGUST 2024

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Happy August, Montague,

It feels like this summer is flying by! Thankfully there are plenty of exciting summer programs to attend this month. No Strings Marionette Company will return to Peskeompskut Park on Friday, August 9th at 10:30AM. Music and Movement will continue through mid-month and Chess on the Library Lawn and LEGO weekly will be hosted weekly.

Now, for some especially exciting news. I'm pleased to announce that the Montague Public Libraries have been awarded a provisional grant from the American Library Association AND a grant from the Library Initiative for Teens and Tweens. The two grants will fund *Beyond Library Walls--Serving Teens and Tweens*, a project developed by MPL Youth Services Librarian, Angela Rovatti-Leonard. In collaboration with The Brick House and Montague Catholic Social Ministries, the project aims to build out-of-school community support for local youth by empowering young individuals through social emotional learning and bolstering peer-to-peer connections.

Angela was inspired to develop this project to support local youth after recent survey data showed that, "symptoms of depression and anxiety among students have skyrocketed to more than half of all students reportedly feeling sad or depressed most days, and two-thirds of students feeling anxious or worried most days."

For all that public libraries still focus on circulating materials, projects like Angela's show that they can also do so much more. Libraries are a place where community members can be seen, where needs can be met, and where empathy and compassion are the default.

Beyond Library Walls is a two-year grant. Angela will do outreach for youth input in October and the first grant-funded programs will be scheduled in late 2024 or early 2025. Stay tuned for more details!

Food, Farms, and Factories series:

Visit www.greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org/foodfarmsandfactories to learn more.

Local Author Spotlight--Wednesday, August 21st 5:00pm-6:00pm

Cathy Stanton discusses her book, *Food Margins: Lessons from an Unlikely Grocer*. At the Montague Center Library.

Find Us at the Farmers Market--Saturday, August 24th 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. At Peskeompskut Park.

Nice & Easy Walk: Community Gardens - Food, Farms, and Factories Edition

Saturday, August 24th 10:00-11:00am Meet at the main entrance of Great Falls Discovery Center.

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: Recycled magazine butterfly 
Free kits at all branches while supplies last.

SUMMER MEALS

Monday - Friday, August 1st 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** 


MEG RICKS' LANDSCAPES: ENDANGERED AND PRESERVED

Monday, Wednesday 2:00-7:00PM,
Friday 10:00AM-1:00PM
Exhibition of painting at the library all month.
Montague Center Library 


LEGO AT THE LIBRARY

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

BILINGUAL MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Thursday August 1st & 8th, 10:00 AM 
Sing and move with Tom & Laurie
under the tent at **the Carnegie Library**

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


DELAYED OPENING

Friday, August 2nd 1:00PM
The Carnegie Library will open late on
Friday, August 2nd for a staff training.
The Montague Center Library will be closed
that day as well.


BOOK SALE

Saturday August 3rd, 10:00-1:00 PM 
Used book and media sale. All genres.
Carnegie Library


KNITTING CLUB

Wednesday August 7th, 4:30-5:30pm 
1st Wednesday of each month! Bring a project
or learn something new. All ages welcome.
Montague Center Library


MILLERS FALLS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, August 8th 5:30PM 
August's book is *If on a Winter's Night a
Traveller* by Italo Calvino.
Millers Falls Library


NO-STRINGS MARIONETTE COMPANY PRESENTS: "QUILL AND FOYLE'S HASTY COMPOSURE

Friday August 9th, 10:30AM-12:00PM 
Bring a chair, blanket, or something else to sit
on for a puppet show at **Peskeompskut Park**


FRIENDS MEETING

Monday August 12th, 5:30-6:30 PM 
Current and future Friends. Every 2nd Monday.
Carnegie Library


GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, August 22nd, 3:30-4:30PM 
Ages 7-11. This month we will be discussing the
graphic novel: *The Leak* by Kate Petty.
Email gracem@montague-ma.gov to register.
Carnegie Library

FAMILY CRAFTS

W/ THE BRICK HOUSE: 
Thursday, August 22nd, 4:00-5:00PM
Make your favorite tree out of a variety of
materials with special guest Terri Skarsynski.
Register by email:
Slangknecht@brickhousecommunity.org
or call 413-800-2496.
Millers Falls Library

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

Friday, August 23rd 1:00-2:00PM 
Connect with local families who homeschool!
An activity and snacks will be provided.
On the 4th Friday of each month.
Montague Center Library