

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

AUGUST 2024

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



GRAB & GO BAGS

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





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



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

FOR FAMILIES



FOR ADULTS

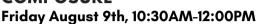


MILLERS FALLS BOOK CLUB

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: "OUILL AND FOYLE'S HASTY COMPOSURE





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 gracenmemontague-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.

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