

Happy October, Montague!

Fall is in full swing and we're busy making building improvements at all three Montague Public Libraries!

The Millers Falls Branch is temporarily closed for renovation while the walls get painted, the carpeting is replaced, and the layout is reconfigured. It's our goal to make the space more versatile, so we can host more programs, expand our services, and create a cozy space where patrons can relax and read or hang out. The branch will re-open at the end of October and new furniture, including a new circulation desk, will be installed by mid-December. Check our website for updates.

At the same time, the Montague Center Branch is having its windowsills repaired and repainted, which is the last step in that building's window replacement project.

Next, starting early October, the Carnegie Library's basement will be renovated. Data and electrical outlets will be added upstairs to support staff work, damaged wall paneling and ceiling tiles will be replaced in the basement, and the heating and cooling system will be upgraded. These changes will allow library staff to move their workstations out of the local history room, which will become public space for study and for programs. Better climate control in the basement will also ensure that our most delicate historic materials can be safely preserved. It is not anticipated that this work will affect library operations.

Finally, as many of you know, MPL's Trustees and I applied to the state's construction program last spring, with the hope of funding either an expansion of the Carnegie Library or a brand-new library building on Avenue A in Turners Falls. Grant award announcements were originally supposed to go out in October, but that date has been pushed back by the state to early January. Rest assured, we'll let everyone know as soon as we hear whether our application has been funded.

All the best!
Caitlin

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
1:00-7:00

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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- **GRAB & GO BAGS**
Craft: Silly Monster Friend
Free kits at all branches while supplies last.
- **IMAGINATION STATION**
Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM
Drop-in crafts for ages 6-12. In October we'll explore making cute and creepy creatures.
Carnegie Library.
- **LEGO AT THE LIBRARY**
Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM
Build with library LEGO at the Carnegie Library.
- **CHESS AT THE LIBRARY**
Saturdays, 10:00am-12:00pm
Chess boards, pieces, and learning materials available at the desk inside of the Carnegie Library
- **KNITTING CLUB**
Wednesday October 2nd, 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 October 5th, 10:00-1:00 PM
Used book and media sale. All genres.
Carnegie Library
- **FRIENDS MEETING**
Monday October 8th, 5:30-6:30 PM
Current and future Friends.
Every 2nd Monday. Carnegie Library
- **GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB**
Thursday, October 17th, 3:30-4:30PM
Ages 8-12. This month we will be discussing the graphic novel: *Hooky* by Míriam Bonastre Tur.
Email gracem@montague-ma.gov to register.
Carnegie Library
- **ART NATURALLY**
Saturday, October 19th, 10:30AM-12:00PM
Leaf Printing. Great Falls Discovery Center
- **SLOW-STITCHED JOURNAL COVERS**
Saturday October 19th 2:00-4:30pm
For adults and ages 12+. Registration required.
Please email Kate Martineau:
kmartineau@cwmars.org
Montague Center Library
- **ART EXHIBIT CLOSING RECEPTION**
Wednesday October 23rd, 6:00-7:00PM
Nature paintings by Meaghan Schwelm.
Montague Center Library
- **MONTAGUE CENTER BOOK CLUB**
Thursday October 24th, 7:00PM
The book for October is *North Woods* by Daniel Mason. Montague Center Library
- **FAMILY CRAFTS & STORY FUN W/ THE BRICK HOUSE**
Thursday, October 24th*, 4:00-5:00PM
Register by email:
Slangknecht@brickhousecommunity.org
or call 413-800-2496.
Check montaguepubliclibraries.org for updates on whether this program is still happening in October.
Millers Falls Library
- **MEET & GREET WITH THE MONTAGUE VILLAGES**
Friday October 25th, 10:00-11:00AM
All ages. Montague Center
- **CRAFT CLUB**
Monday October 28th, 4:00-5:00PM
All ages. Montague Center Library
- **FIND US AT THE FARMERS MARKET**
Saturday, October 26th, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Join us for Food, Farms, and Factories fun at the Farmers Market, featuring books and activities about food.
Peskeopmskut Park

The Montague Public Libraries will be closed on Monday, October 14 for Indigenous Peoples' Day