

# Check it Out!

A newsletter of the Montague Public Libraries

January 2025

Happy New Year, Montague!

Though the temperatures may be low and the days may be short, it's the perfect time of year to cozy up with a good book, to play a new board game with your family, to spend the day at a museum, or to try snow shoeing for the first time. Here at MPL, we can help you with all those activities.

Check out our Library of Things for games, tools, karaoke machines, snowshoes, a bread maker, and even a Belgian waffle maker! You can borrow a sewing machine and start a new project or make snow blocks to build an epic snow fort. Have an idea for a thing that we should add to the collection? Let us know!

Thanks to the Friends of the Montague Public Libraries, MPL also has museum passes to Mass MOCA, the Clark Art Institute, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, the Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra, and more.

Of course, we also have a ton of new books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, and e-content for all tastes, interests, ages, and reading levels. Check out some Best of 2024 lists for literary inspiration or, even better, ask one of our staff members for a recommendation.

Last, but not least, we have several programs for the public to enjoy this month. At the Montague Center Branch, artworks by local youth will go on display on Wednesday, January 8th. The Millers Falls Branch Book Club will discuss *James* by Percival Everett and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain on Thursday, January 9th. The Montague Center Book Club will discuss *The History of Sound* by Ben Shattuck on Thursday, January 30th. And finally, back by popular demand, Angela will host a Bluey Party on Saturday, January 18th at the Discovery Center. Come by and play library among many of our other Bluey play stations!

Happy reading!  
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](http://montaguepubliclibraries.org)



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- **GRAB & GO BAGS**  
**Craft: Tiny Winter Scene**  
Free kits at all branches while supplies last
- **IMAGINATION STATION**  
**Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM**  
Drop-in crafts for ages 6-12.  
In January we'll make dinosaur-related crafts! **Millers Falls Branch Library**
- **LEGO AT THE LIBRARY**  
**Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM**  
Build with library LEGO at the **Carnegie Library**
- **DROP-IN COMMUNITY PUZZLE**  
**Saturdays, 10:00am-5:00PM**  
Everyone is invited to add 1 or 2 (or 200) pieces to the library's community puzzle!  
**Carnegie Library**
- **FRIENDS USED BOOK SALE**  
**Saturday, January 4, 10:00AM-1:00PM**  
Fiction, paperbacks, and kids' books, DVDs/CDs & Audio Books. Hundreds of recent donations. **Carnegie Library**
- **KNITTING CLUB**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 4:30-5:30PM**  
Bring a project or learn something new. All ages welcome.  
**Montague Center Branch Library**
- **MILLERS FALLS BOOK CLUB**  
**Thursday, January 12, 5:30PM**  
We will discuss *James* by Percival Everett and its precursor *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. Ages 17 and up.  
**Millers Falls Branch Library**
- **FRIENDS MEETING**  
**Monday, January 13, 5:30-6:30 PM**  
Current and future Friends.  
For more info, email [kristopherlangston@gmail.com](mailto:kristopherlangston@gmail.com)  
**Carnegie Library**
- **BLUEY PARTY**  
**Saturday, January 18, 1:00-3:00PM**  
Join us for fun activities related to the popular character, Bluey, the Blue Heeler dog and her family! Ages 3-16.  
**Hosted by the Great Falls Discovery Center**
- **THE GRAND TRUNK HOTEL**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2:00-3:00PM**  
Join DCR staff as we use our imaginations, old photographs, and testimonials, to piece together the story of the grand old days in Turners Falls. Co-sponsored by Montague Public Libraries.  
**Hosted by the Great Falls Discovery Center**
- **MEET & GREET WITH THE MONTAGUE VILLAGES**  
**Friday, January 24, 10:00-11:00AM**  
Meet and greet for seniors to get to know one another, meet Montague Villages members and volunteers, and learn about what the organization does.  
**Montague Center Branch Library**
- **CRAFT CLUB**  
**Monday, January 27, 4:00-5:00PM**  
Learn a new craft or simply enjoy some camaraderie while working on your own projects.  
**Montague Center Branch Library**
- **MONTAGUE CENTER BOOK CLUB**  
**Thursday, January 30, 7:00PM**  
We will discuss *The History of Sound* by Ben Shattuck.  
**Montague Center Branch Library**

**The Montague Public Libraries  
will be closed  
Wed, Jan 1 for New Year's Day and  
Mon, Jan 20 for  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**