

# Check it Out!

A newsletter of the Montague Public Libraries

February 2025

Happy February, Montague!

We have two very exciting pieces of news to share with you:

First, Montague was one of seven libraries in the Commonwealth to receive immediate funding and inclusion in the state's public library construction program. This means that we'll have the opportunity to pursue one of the following construction options: build an addition onto the Carnegie Library, build a completely new library on 38 Avenue A, or pick up the Carnegie Library, move it to 38 Avenue A, and then build an addition onto it there.

A new or improved library space would be fully accessible and include:

- A large community room for programs that community groups can book
- A children's room with space for play and collections for children of all ages
- A children's program room for early literacy programming and activities
- A separate teen area
- Quiet study rooms for solo or small group work
- A reading room
- A local history room that can also serve as a meeting or program space.

Over the next year, the Library Building Steering Committee and I will hire an architect, host several public design meetings, and finalize which of the three building options would best suit the community. We'll send a design to the state for approval in December 2025 and, once approved, town meeting members will vote on a ballot measure in May of 2026. Should the measure pass, then residents will have the opportunity to vote for or against the project in early summer 2026.

Want to help support the building project? Please consider joining the Friends of the Montague Public Libraries! The Friends meet on the second Monday of each month at the Carnegie Library at 5:30 p.m..

Our second exciting bit of news is that, after being used as an office for almost a decade, the Local History Room at the Carnegie Library will re-open to the public this month! We're still working out guidance for collection use but look forward to welcoming local historians and researchers soon! Once our new website is up and running, this space will also be bookable by community groups.

All the best!  
Caitlin

**The Montague Public Libraries will be closed Mon, Feb 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.**

## 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:

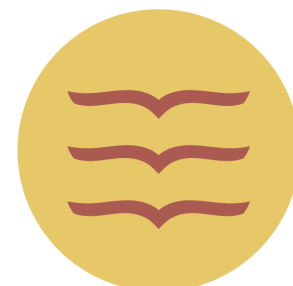
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- **GRAB & GO BAGS**  
**Craft: Heart Buddy**  
Free kits at all branches while supplies last
- **IMAGINATION STATION**  
**Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM**  
Drop-in crafts for ages 6-12
- **LEGO AT THE LIBRARY**  
**Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 PM**  
Build with 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, February 1, 10:00AM-1:00PM**  
Fiction, paperbacks, and kids' books, DVDs/CDs & Audio Books. Hundreds of recent donations. **Carnegie Library**
- **VALENTINE CARD MAKING**  
**Saturday, February 1, 10:00AM-2:00PM**  
Drop-in and make a Valentine card! All ages. **Carnegie Library**
- **VALENTINE CARD MAKING**  
**Tuesday, February 4, 3:30-4:30PM**  
Drop-in and make a Valentine card! All ages. **Millers Falls Branch Library**
- **KNITTING CLUB**  
**Wednesday, February 5 4:30-5:30PM**  
Bring a project or learn something new. All ages welcome.  
**Montague Center Branch Library**
- **FRIENDS MEETING**  
**Monday, February 10, 5:30-6:30 PM**  
Current and future Friends.  
For more info, email:  
[kristopherlangston@gmail.com](mailto:kristopherlangston@gmail.com)  
**Carnegie Library**
- **NEEDLE FELTED HEARTS**  
**Wednesday, February 12**  
Registration required. Please email [kmartineau@cwmars.org](mailto:kmartineau@cwmars.org) Montague Center Branch Library. Adults and ages 12+ Two sessions: 4:30-5:30pm and 5:45-6:45pm.  
**Montague Center Branch Library**
- **MILLERS FALLS BOOK CLUB**  
**Thursday, February 13, 5:30PM**  
We will discuss Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder.  
**Millers Falls Branch Library**
- **MONTAGUE VILLAGES MEET & GREET**  
**Thursday, February 18, 3:00-4:00PM**  
Meet and greet for seniors to get to know one another, meet Montague Villages members and volunteers, and learn about what the organization does.  
**Millers Falls Branch Library**
- **STRESS RELIEF SERIES, TWEENS & TEENS**  
**Mondays, February 24 & March 3, 10, 17 -- 4:00-5:00PM**  
Ky Aldrich (they/them) an Inward Bound Mindfulness Education Certified Teacher will offer an introduction into the fundamentals of mindfulness. Ages 11-19.  
**Brick House**
- **AUTHOR READING**  
**Saturday, February 22, 3:00-4:00PM**  
Local children's author, Astrid Sheckels, will read Hector Fox and the Map of Mystery. Scavenger hunt to follow! All ages. **Hosted by the Great Falls Discovery Center**
- **CRAFT CLUB**  
**Monday, February 24, 4:00-5:00PM**  
Learn to make a hand bound book. Suitable for all ages.  
**Montague Center Branch Library**
- **MONTAGUE CENTER BOOK CLUB**  
**Thursday, February 27, 7:00PM**  
We discuss Beautyland by Marie-Helene Bertino.  
**Montague Center Branch Library**
- **MEET & GREET WITH THE MONTAGUE VILLAGES**  
**Friday, February 28, 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**