

# Check it Out!

A newsletter of the Montague Public Libraries

January 2026

Happy New Year, Montague!

Whether you have a list of resolutions that you're determined to keep or you just want to find some quality materials to get you through the coldest months of the year, the Montague Public Libraries have something for everyone.

In addition to our collection of books, audiobooks, DVD's, and Library of Things items, we also have a deep bench of digital offerings. Crafters and tinkerers of all kinds can learn new skills and find instructions and patterns for new projects on Craftsy, available through the Libby app. Folks looking for their next great read can find read-alikes and reading lists on NoveList Plus. Patrons exploring their family history can stop by the library and add to their research with Ancestry Library Edition. Streaming service, Kanopy, offers free access to a variety of movies, shows, and documentaries, including The Great Courses.

In addition to these offerings, I'm happy to share that Montague has added a second streaming service, Biblio+, to our digital collection. This ad-free streaming service is available for free with a Montague Public Libraries card and can be accessed from your computer, phone, smart TV, or tablet. Biblio+ features a curated library of TV series, documentaries, and films, including an extensive collection of BBC programs, and there are no limits on how many things you can stream in a month. (Yes, you can binge all of *Wallander* this weekend!) For help using Biblio+, stop by the Carnegie Library this Friday, 1/2, at 1:00PM for Library Learning Lab.

As usual, we have a full calendar of programs this month for families, adults, and teens. Highlights include our new Youth Astronet program; a reading by children's author, Prudence Marsh; a cooking demonstration by a coordinator from the Food Bank of Western Mass; a reading by local author, Bruce Watson; and our Winter Wonderland Family Fun day.

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 Branch Library

413-659-3801

23 Bridge St.

Tuesday & Thursday

1:00-7:00 PM

### Montague Center Branch Library

413-367-2852

17 Center St.

Monday & Wednesday


2:00-7:00 PM

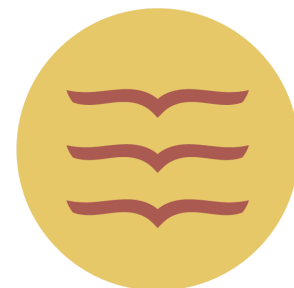
Friday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Website:

[MontaguePublicLibraries.org](http://MontaguePublicLibraries.org)

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● **BILINGUAL MUSIC & MOVEMENT**

Thursday, Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:00–10:45 AM  
Sing, dance, and move with Tom and Laurie at Montague Center Branch Library. Made possible by generous donations from patrons.

● **LIBRARY LEARNING LAB: BIBLIO+**

Friday, January 2, 1:00–2:00 PM  
Enjoy BBC programming? Looking to reduce your streaming subscriptions? Drop by to learn about our newly added resource, Biblio+!  
Carnegie Library

● **LOFI CREATIVITY ZONE: WRITING & DRAWING HANGOUT**

Fridays, 4:00–5:00 PM  
A chill, drop-in program for teens and tweens who enjoy writing and drawing.  
Carnegie Library

● **FRIENDS USED BOOK SALE**

Saturday, January 3, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM  
Browse fiction, paperbacks, and kids' books, DVDs/CDs & audiobooks. Carnegie Library

● **SENSORY FRIENDLY HOUR**

Monday, January 5, 12, & 26 9:00–10:00 AM  
Join us outside of normal library hours for a welcoming environment for preschoolers with sensory sensitivities. Carnegie Library

● **COMMUNITY RESOURCE ASSISTANCE**

Tuesday, January 6, 1:00–2:00 PM  
Get assistance with a wide range of programs and resources, from job search help to mental health services at Millers Falls Branch Library.

● **DROP-IN CRAFT**

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:00–7:00 PM  
Make paper snowflakes at Millers Falls Branch Library. For ages 5–12.

● **LEGO AT THE LIBRARY**

Wednesdays, 3:30–4:30 PM  
Build with LEGO at Carnegie Library.  
For ages 6–12.

● **MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**

Thursday, January 8, 5:30–6:30 PM  
Discuss Stumbling on Happiness by Daniel Gilbert at Millers Falls Branch Library.

● **EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE WITH YOUTH ASTRONET**

Fridays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 5:00–6:30 PM  
**Space is limited; registration is required.**  
Participate in a science education study by Harvard & Smithsonian. Carnegie Library

● **LOCAL CHILDREN'S AUTHOR READING: PRUDENCE MARSH**

Saturday, January 10, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM  
Join us for a reading of A Place for Poe at Great Falls Discovery Center

● **THE ATTIC: LIVE**

Monday, January 12, 5:30–7:00 PM  
Local writer Bruce Watson will share his project The Attic, a weekly, original web magazine. Montague Center Branch Library

● **KNITTING NIGHT AT CARNEGIE**

Tuesday, January 20, 5:00–6:15 PM  
Bring your work-in-progress, or use our yarn and needles to start a new project.  
Carnegie Library

● **COOKING DEMONSTRATION**

Thursday, January 22, 1:00–2:00 PM  
Join Abigail, nutrition coordinator with the Food Bank of Western MA, for a cooking demonstration at Millers Falls Branch Library.

● **KNITTING CLUB**

Wednesday, January 26, 4:30–5:30 PM  
Bring a project or learn something new! All ages/skill levels welcome.  
Montague Center Branch Library

● **MOVIE NIGHT**

Tuesday, January 27, 5:00–6:45 PM  
Enjoy pizza and a movie at Millers Falls Branch Library. This month, we'll watch *The Dark Crystal*. For library cardholders only.

● **WINTER WONDERLAND FAMILY FUN**

Saturday, January 31, 2:00–4:00 PM  
What can you do for family fun on a cold winter afternoon? Come to the library for button-making, hot chocolate, and a winter wonderland egg carton craft! Carnegie Library

**ONLINE LIBRARY  
EVENTS CALENDAR:**

