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Marlborough Statistics

for October 2013

New Patrons: 250

Total Items Circulated: 20,038

Children's Books Circulated: 6,982

Adult Books Circulated: 4,738

Movies Circulated: 4,622

Audiobooks Circulated: 2,373

YA Books Circulated: 914

Periodicals Circulated: 765

E-Books Circulated: 282

Letter from the Director

Grants for New Libraries

In addition to all the positive comments we receive about our services and staff, people often tell us about the difficulty finding a parking place in our lot, the lack of quiet space to read, study or write, and their disappointment that many of our programs often reach capacity so quickly. We hear this kind of feedback just about every day in one form or another. We recently put up a suggestion box to solicit even more comments.

We are just about to take the first step on the road toward a new library. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, the state agency that supports libraries, has announced a Planning and Design grant round. These grants provide up to $50,000 for libraries to work with their communities to plan a new library. The last time these grants were offered was 2006. The grant provides funds to prepare a "building program" which is a detailed written plan of what needs to be in Marlborough's new library and funds to work with an architect to draw what the building program describes.

Margaret Cardello, Library Director

This grant would set us up for another future grant that would fund a significant portion of the costs associated with a new library.

The grant awards will be announced in June 2014 and then the work begins. As you think about what a new Marlborough Public Library must have, please e-mail me your thoughts at mcardello@marlborough-ma.gov. I look forward to hearing from you!

Learn a New Language in the New Year!

If you haven't visited Mango before, but are interested in learning a new language, what better time to do so than the start of the new year! On Jan. 15th, big changes are coming to the program with a more intuitive, user-friendly learning experience. So, even if you have visited before, you may want to check it out again and see the new additions.

All you need is your library card to create an account, and then you'll have access to:

- 60 different languages
- Placement tests in the most popular courses to help you find the right starting point
- Self-paced programs
- Mango Premiere to learn a language through feature films and other foreign language multimedia

And more!

You can also go to the app store and search for "Mango Languages" to download the free Mango Mobile app on your iPhone, iPod Touch, and Android.

You'll find the Mango icon at wwww.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org

Start a conversation.
mango languages

Adult & Reference Services

Writing Through the Winter

Whether it is reports or memos at work, or thank you notes, texts, and blog posts, everyone writes almost every day. But even in today's fast paced world of technology and constant contact, it is still pretty easy to feel out of touch or like you just cannot find the right words to say. It seems especially difficult to find ways to really connect with friends and family that you do not get to see everyday, or to market yourself when establishing business contacts. Whether by e-mail or handwritten letters, having the right words can make all the difference in getting your message across clearly and concisely.

These winter months, when the nights are long and the snow piles high, are the perfect time to brush up your writing skills. It is a great time of year to check in with your family and friends, or get ahead on some extra work that will really make you stand out. Even if you have been writing for years, it is always a good idea to practice and read about a variety of communication styles to keep your ideas fresh and your skills polished.

Get inspired to write for every occasion by checking out some of our books on letter writing such as: *The Art of the Personal Letter* by Margaret Shepherd (808.6 SHE), *Kind Regards: The Lost Art of Letter Writing* by Liz Williams (808.6 Wil), *Just Write: The Art of Personal Correspondence* by Molly O'Shaughnessy (808.6 O'sh) and *For the Love of Letters: the Joy of Slow Communication* by John O'Connell (NEW! 808.6 O'Co). Ask a reference librarian for help identifying more books to suit your needs.

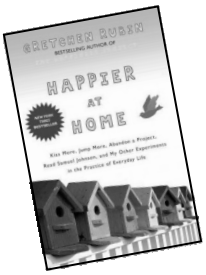
B.L.T. Book Group Now Open to Adults

Young Adult literature has been thrilling teen and adult audiences for a long time. Even before series like *Harry Potter*, the *Hunger Games*, and *Divergent* became the hits they are today, literature about teens and the struggles they face has always resonated with adults. But adults rarely had any open forums to discuss their favorite pieces of teen literature, especially those outside the mainstream.

Now, the B.L.T. Teen Book Group at the Marlborough Public Library is open to adults as well as teens. Anyone ages 13 and up who loves young adult literature is welcome to join the discussion. The group meets the last Tuesday of each month (except July and December) and group members select the genres, so there is always a variety of interesting books. Anyone interested in joining the group can visit the circulation desk to pick up a copy of the month's book.

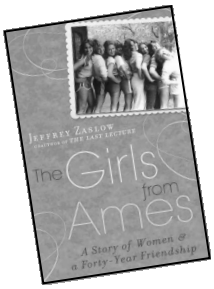
Join Our Book Club!

Visit the circulation desk for a copy of the book. Email Karen Mattes at kmattes@cwmars.org with questions.



Happier at Home
by Gretchen Rubin
Mon., January 13th at 6:30pm or Thurs., January 16th at 10:30am

The Snow Child
by Eowyn Ivey
Mon., February 10th at 6:30pm or Thurs., February 13th at 10:30am



The Girls from Ames
by Jeffrey Zaslow
Mon., March 17th at 6:30pm or Thurs., March 20th at 10:30am

Writing Group for Adults

Interested in writing and sharing your stories/poetry? Join our adult writing group every third Friday of the month. Writers are encouraged to stop by for a few hours, share their work, and critique their peers' stories/poetry. If interested, please sign-up by emailing Jess Bacon at jbacon@cwmars.org. Space is limited to 15 writers, so sign up now!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
January 17th, February 21st, and March 21st
All meetings are 9:30am-12pm

Teen Services

FEBRUARY BREAK EVENTS!

Everyday Makeup Tips and Tricks
See online calendar for date!

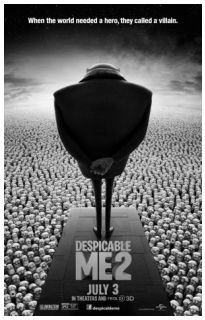
Professional makeup artist Claudia Moriel walks you through the steps of your own makeover: the best ways to highlight your eyes, use powders and blush, and make your lips look great. Get individual attention and learn the proper techniques to make yourself look fantastic. Registration required.

Over the past years, Claudia successfully practiced as a makeup artist, hair dresser and manicurist for a diverse range of clients and projects, including music and corporate videos, independent and studio movies, and other local projects.

Claudia has worked with the following actresses, doing their makeup and/or nails for feature films: Anne Hathaway *(Bride Wars),* Kate Hudson (*Bride Wars),* Brooke Shields (*Furry Vengeance), Anna Faris (What's Your Number), and Julie Delphy (The Legend of Lucy Keyes).*

Teen Movie Night
Tuesday, Feb. 18th 6-8pm

Vote on one of the following three movies to watch! Popcorn and drinks are included and one lucky winner will take home a movie gift card!



Despicable Me 2

Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters

The Avengers

This event is brought to you by our teen Event Planners. If you would like to participate in planning our next event, please contact Teen Librarian, Jess Bacon, for meeting information.

WRITING COMPETITION:

3rd Annual Teen Writing Competition
Open to teens, grades 6-12.

Categories:
6th-8th grade Poetry
6th-8th grade Fiction/Memoir
9th-12th grade Poetry
9th-12th grade Fiction/Memoir

First place: $100, Runner-Up: $25, and Honorary Mention.

First place winners will be included in our Library Newsletter and all winners will be published on our website.

Winners must be able to attend the Teen Writing Competition Reception on **Thursday, May 1st at 7pm**. Everyone is invited to attend, and winners will have the option to present their stories and poetry.

Contest deadline is **Friday, March 7th**. All submissions must be emailed with the submission form (found on our website and in the library) to Jess Bacon, Teen Librarian, at jbacon@cwmars.org

*All events above require registration at **http://bit.ly/MarlboroughLibraryEvents***

Monthly Teen Programs

Purchasing Managers

Join our new group of purchasing managers! We meet one Tuesday a month, listen to music, eat snacks, and look up new books, movies, video games, and CDs to add to the collection. Earn Community Service for your time.

Jan. 21st @ 5-6pm & more!

Operation Otaku

Join our anime and manga fan club! Every other Tuesday, 5-6:30pm. Ages 13+

See Calendar on Pages 8-10.

Event Planners

Join our growing group of event planners to plan April break and summer programs! Earn Community Service for your time. Grades 6-12.

Jan. 29th @ 4:30-5:30pm & more!

Wii Got Game

Come join us for snacks and WiiU games the first Wed of the month! Try out new games and enjoy club favorites! Feel free to bring your own games to share with the group. Grades 6-12 only.

Feb. 5th, Mar. 5th, @ 3:30-5pm
(Please note there is no January meeting)

B.L.T. Teen Lit Book Group

Calling all teens and adults! If you like to talk about books, then join us each month (except Dec.) for fun discussion and a snack. Ages 13+ and open to adults, too!

Jan. 28th, Feb. 25th, March 25th @ 7-8pm

Musings: Teen Writers

Enjoy writing? Interested in creating your own stories? This is the group for you! We meet the 2nd Thursday of every month. Grades 6-12.

Jan. 9th, Feb. 13th, Mar. 13th @ 6:30-8pm

For the latest information, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TeensMPL

Children's Services

Join a Book Club!

Read the book before the event, then enjoy snacks and a discussion at the event. Registration is required for all book clubs.

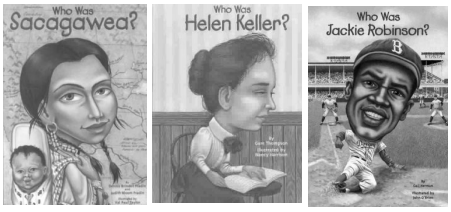
American Girl Club

Every month, read about a different American Girl and make a craft. Grades 1 to 5. The books for January are *Minute Mysteries 2* for Group I and *Meet Caroline* and *Caroline's Battle* for Group II. Starting in February, the two groups will be combined.

Jan. 7 (Group I), Jan. 14 (Group II), Feb. 4, Mar. 11

Book Blast Book Club

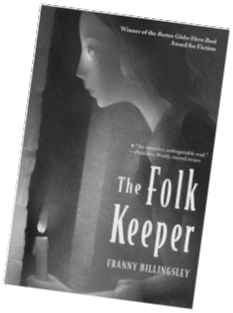
Join us for a discussion, craft, and snack. Books are at the 3rd and 4th grade level, but children in other grades are also welcome. For January, choose one of three "Who Was" biographies.



Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 31

The Muggle Support Group

If you love to read fantasy, join us to discuss a different fantasy novel each month and eat themed snacks. Ages 10 and up. The book for January is *The Folk Keeper* by Franny Billingsley.



Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3

Winter Children's Programs

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

BABY TIME

Join Geralyn for an interactive lap-sit for babies and young toddlers, birth to age 2. Stories, songs, rhymes and movement. Drop-in.

Mondays, 10:00-11:00am

PRESCHOOL PALS

Children ages 3-6 and their caregivers are invited to join Tricia for stories, songs, and a craft. Drop-in.

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:45am

TODDLER TIME

Fun stories and songs with Tricia for ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers. Drop-in.

Fridays, 10:00-10:45am

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

AFTERNOON ADVENTURE

Join us for fun games and crafts! Activities will be based on a different theme each month. Grades 1-5. Registration is required.

Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 6 @ 4:00-4:45pm

MAD SCIENCE

Are you mad for science? Then join Debby for some fun science experiments! Grades 1-5. Registration is required.

Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13 @ 4:00-5:00pm

PJ STORY TIME

Put on your pajamas and join Meredith for stories, songs, and a bedtime snack. Ages 3 - 7 with a caregiver. Drop-in.

Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13 6:30-7:15pm

ART CLUB

The Art Club is for kids who love being creative. Each month there will be a different art medium to explore. Grades 2-5. Registration is required.

Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25 @ 4:00-5:00pm

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

BILINGUAL FAMILY TIME

Each month, celebrate the culture of a different Spanish-speaking country with stories, songs, and activities. January's event will focus on Guatemala.

Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1 @ 10:30-11:30am

READ TO A DOG

Build reading confidence and have fun with a gentle therapy dog. To sign up to read to Christopher, call or stop by the Children's Room.

Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1 @ 10:30 am-12:00pm

LEGO CLUB

Drop in for building fun with our huge Lego collection. Age 4 through grade 5.

Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8 2:00-3:30pm

DROP-IN CRAFT

Join Amy for a fun craft on the third Saturday of each month!

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15 @ 10:00am-12:00pm

Once Upon a Time at the Library

Explore the magical world of fairy tales at the library during February vacation week!

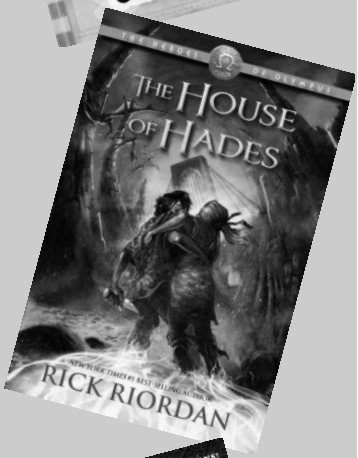
Join us in the Bigelow Auditorium to watch a movie and eat popcorn on **February 18th** at **3:00pm**. On **February 19th** from **2:00** to **4:00pm**, children of all ages can stop by to make a fun craft.

Sparky's Puppets will perform two fabulous puppet shows in the Bigelow Auditorium on **February 20th**. Space in the auditorium is limited, so pick up your free tickets at the Children's circulation desk starting one hour before each show.

"Old Favorites," starting at **2:00** pm, is a 30-minute show featuring classic fairy tales especially for children ages 5 and under with a caregiver.

"Explore the Land of Enchantment," starting at **3:00pm**, is a 45 minute show for ages 3-10 with a caregiver. The Sparky's Puppets website,

www.sparkyspuppets.com, describes it as "a rollicking assortment of enchanted objects, secret powers, and hilarious adventures." We hope to see you there!



Looking Forward to Spring Programs

The snow is falling, but we are already getting ready for spring! Save the date for these upcoming events.

Fairy Legends of Ireland

Join us on **March 17th** at **6:30pm** for fairy stories and music from the Emerald Isle by award-winning story-teller Diane Edgecomb with Margot Chamberlain on harp. Ages 5 through adult. Free tickets will be available starting at 4:00pm.

Community Baby Shower

New and expecting parents are invited to attend our baby shower on **April 12th** from **10:00am to 12:00pm**. Get information about community organizations that serve Marlborough families, sign up for a library card, do a craft and enjoy pastries.

April Vacation

This April, learn about food from around the world. Stop by for a movie, a craft, and a cooking program!

New Additions to Popular Series

Ready for the next installment of your favorite series? Look for these books in the new fiction section.

***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck* by Jeff Kinney**

After being dumped by his best friend and having a hard time finding new friends in middle school, Greg decides to change his luck and turn all his decisions over to chance. (NEW! J KINNEY DIARY #8)

***Heroes of Olympus: The House of Hades* by Rick Riordan**

Greek and Roman demigods from the Prophecy of Seven must work together to seal the Doors of Death--and help Percy and Annabeth escape the Underworld in the process. (NEW! J RIORDAN HEROES #4)

***Ranger's Apprentice: Royal Ranger* by John Flanagan**

A tale that brings the Ranger's Apprentice arc full circle finds an adult Will struggling with the loss of his beloved wife and reluctantly mentoring the headstrong daughter of Horace and Evanlyn so that she can assume leadership over the floundering Rangers. (NEW! J FLANAGAN RANGER'S #12)

Friends of the Library

Upcoming Events - Jan., Feb. and March

2014 Friends Photography Show
Co-sponsored with the
Assabet Valley Camera Club
Mon., Feb. 10th thru Sun., Feb. 16th

Reception & Open House
Monday, Feb. 10th, 6pm - 8pm

Gallery Hours
Tues., Feb. 11th through Sun., Feb. 16th

- Afternoon and Evening Hours
- Call Library for specific times

Check out our upcoming author and concert events!

Special Program
Wed., Jan. 22 - 7pm - The Image Maker and other stories from India and Pakistan

31st Author/Celebrity Series Program
Wed., Feb. 19th - 7pm—TBA

Special Program
Wed., Feb. 26 - 7pm - New England Authors in the Making of the Modern World

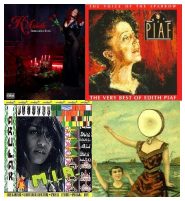
Yacyshyn Concert Series
Wed., March 12th - 7pm—Ezra Cutting Trust Concert

Auditions for 17th Anick Young People's Concert
Sat., March 15th - 10am to 2pm

31st Author/Celebrity Series Program
Wed., March 19th - 7pm—Ted Reinstein, WCVB Chronicle Magazine Reporter and author of New England Notebook

Special Program
Wed., March 26th - 7pm - Nathaniel Hawthorne: The Haunted Mind

Please go online: **www.mpl-friends.org** for updates on all programs, entry forms, and membership forms



From Our Shelves to Your Player

Check out some of the newest additions to our music collection!

K. Michelle – Rebellious Soul (2013) Brand new R&B with an old school sound, strongly influenced by Whitney Houston and Mary J. Blige.

M.I.A. – Arular (2005) Described as "intensely urban and aggressively modern" the album combines elements of everything from rock to hip-hop to world music.

Edith Piaf – The Voice of the Sparrow (1991) One of the most famous French singers, Edith Piaf sang such classics as La Vie En Rose.

Neutral Milk Hotel – In an Aeroplane Over the Sea (1997) A classic of '90s indie rock, *In an Aeroplane Over the Sea* combines folky singing and storytelling with experimental and psychedelic instrumentals.

Kanye West – Yeezus (2013) Kanye West's newest album includes collaborations with everyone from John Legend to Skillex.

Exciting Changes to Our Music Section!

Beginning this month, we will be dividing our Popular music section into several more specific categories. This will make it easier for patrons to browse through their favorite genres and find new music and old favorites. Look for the following new categories over the next few months!

Pop/Rock **Rap/R&B** **Folk/Blues** **Country**

Metal **Electronic/Dance** **Gospel/Soul**

JANUARY 2014

All Ages = Adult= A
Children = C Teen= T
Tween = TW

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSED	2 **4-4:45pm** C Afternoon Adventures	3	4 **10:30-12pm** Read to a Dog **10:30-11:30am** ViveGuatemala! A Bilingual Family Event
5	6 **10-11am** C Baby Time Lapsit **7-8pm** TW Muggle Support Group	7 **4-5pm** C American Girl 1	8 **10-10:45am** C Preschool Pals	9 **4-5pm** C Mad Science **6:30-7:15pm** C PJ Storytime **6:30-8pm** T Musings: Teen Writers	10 **10-10:45am** C Toddler Time	11 **2-3:30pm** C LEGOS
12	13 **10-11am** C Baby Time Lapsit **6:30-8pm** A Adult Book Club	14 **1:30-2:15pm** C Super Heroes Story Time & Craft **4-5pm** C American Girl 2 **5-6:30pm** T Operation Otaku	15 **10-10:45am** C Preschool Pals	16 **10:30am-12pm** A Adult Book Club	17 **9:30-12pm** A Inklings: Adult Writing Group **10-10:45am** C Toddler Time	18 **10am-12pm** C Drop-In Craft
19	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CLOSED	21 **5-6pm** T Teen Purchasing Managers	22 **10-10:45am** C Preschool Pals	23	24 **10-10:45am** C Toddler Time	25
26	27 **10-11am** C Baby Time Lapsit **4-5pm** C Book Blast Book Club	28 **4-5pm** C Art Club **5-6:30pm** T Operation Otaku **7-8pm** T A B.L.T. Book Group	29 **10-10:45am** C Preschool Pals **4:30-5:30pm** T Event Planners	30	31 **10-10:45am** C Toddler Time	

Want to be Part of our Website User Testing Group?

We're in the final stages of redesigning our website and we would like to invite you to join our Website User Testing Group before we share the site with the public. It is really easy to do: we will give you a list of questions that you can answer on our new website. You will be asked to et us know how easy it was to find the answers and give us suggestions on how to make the website as user-friendly as possible.

If you are interested in participating, please register here: **http://bit.ly/MPLwebsite**
Testing will begin in February/March.

Please Note:

Dates are subject to change. Please see our website calendar for the latest program information.

Go to www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org and click on "Calendar Events" on the left.

FEBRUARY 2014

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16 **1-5pm** **Photog-raphy Show Ends**	**17** PRESIDENT'S DAY CLOSED	**18** **3:00-5pm** C Children's Movie And Popcorn **6-8pm** T Teen Movie Night	**19** **2-4pm** C Drop-in Craft	**20** **2-4:30pm** C Sparky's Puppets	**21** **9:30-12pm** A Inklings: Adult Writing Grp	**22**
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MARCH 2014

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Regular & Summer Hours
Monday-Thursday:
--9am to 8:30pm
Friday:
--9am to 5pm
Saturday:
--9am to 5pm
--9am to 1pm (July 6-Aug 31)
Sunday:
--1pm to 5pm (closed July 7-Sept. 1)

Mailing: 35 West Main Street

Parking: 22 Witherbee Street

Marlborough, MA 01752

Contact Information
Circulation Desk: (508) 624-6900
Children's Room: (508) 624-6902
Reference: (508) 624-6992
Director: (508)624-6901

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