

Monthly Digest – April 2024

learn, play, and explore

April is National Poetry Month

(Image: a colorful stack of poetry books)

This month we're offering a variety of ways to explore poetry at the library! First, browse the thoughtful displays our librarians have curated in celebration of this important art form. Then, join us for **Adult Writing Workshop**, to try your hand at creating poetry of your very own. Finally, stop by **Library Open Mic**, a community forum for sharing music and the spoken word (poetry, stories and comedy). Share your own original work, share material written by others, or simply come to listen and enjoy. All are welcome! For more information on Adult Writing Workshop, visit: bit.ly/AprilWritingWorkshop

For more information on Library Open Mic, visit: bit.ly/AprOpenMic

Community Survey, Coming Soon!

Have your voice heard! Watch for our Community Survey, coming in April!

Teen Career Exploration Series

(Image: an abstract graphic representing people in various professional fields)

Teens, please join us for this exciting, student-led career exploration series! Brought to you by the MPL Teen Advisory Board, each session focuses on a different career field. Panelists from the community will share their experiences leading to their current career, followed by a Q&A.

To sign up for the April 4th session, visit: bit.ly/Careers_FinancialSector

To sign up for the April 25th session, visit: bit.ly/Careers_Law_Justice

A Journey into AI & Its Impact on Our Lives, Tue. 4/30 at 6pm

Unravel the mysteries of AI, explore its transformative impact in education, healthcare, and workplace, and catch a glimpse of the exciting potential it holds for the future. Whether you're a tech enthusiast, a concerned citizen, or a high school student with a curious mind, this lecture caters to all and will leave you with a newfound understanding of this fascinating technology. Presented by Fabricio Murai, an Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Data Science at WPI. To register, visit: bit.ly/AprilJourneyIntoAI

Sourdough Starter Workshop, Thu. 4/11 at 6pm

Become a dough master! Sourdough Brandon, expert sourdough baker and food blogger, will teach us how to make, maintain, and store a sourdough starter. We'll learn tips and tricks on how to keep it active, what to make with it, and even leave with some of Brandon's very own sourdough starter! To register, visit: bit.ly/AprilSourdoughBrandon

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed on Monday, 4/15, for Patriots' Day.

School Break Activities

Another school break is headed our way, and we've got you covered with fun activities to keep the kids busy and happy! Little ones can learn to draw cartoons from a real cartoon artist, and learn how to save the Earth from the Science Heroes, while Teens are invited to nerd out at Anime Club or drop by The Gaming Lab to play Mario Kart, Super Smash Brothers, and more! To see our entire schedule of school break activities, visit: bit.ly/AprilBreakPrograms

What's New on Our Shelves?

To see all the newest "stuff" at our library, visit Wowbrary at: [bit.ly/MPL Wowbrary](https://bit.ly/MPL_Wowbrary)

From the Director's Desk: A Letter From the Desk of our Director, Sara Belisle

Dear Marlborough Community,

As we head into April and the weather is beginning to warm up, I'm pleased to see the grass that was seeded last fall beginning to sprout! I can't wait to see all the native plants that were chosen for our landscape start to come out of their dormancy. These plants will be labeled this spring, so you will have the opportunity to learn about native plants that are good choices for low-maintenance landscaping.

There are a lot of exciting things happening this month! One is of personal interest, and that is April 8th eclipse. As long as the weather cooperates and we don't have a rainy, cloudy day, we'll be holding an eclipse watch party here at the library! While we won't see totality in Marlborough, we'll be able to see 93% of the sun covered by the moon between 3-4pm. This means you'll need to wear eclipse glasses in order to look at it safely. Don't worry, we have plenty of eclipse viewing glasses to share. Anyone attending programs at the library from today until Monday, April 8th will get a free pair of glasses to take home with them, with a limit of 1 per family. If we have any extra, we'll start giving them away a few days before the eclipse.

April 7 - April 13 marks National Library Week. To kick this off, we'll be sharing a survey with the community. Conducting this survey is the first stage of our strategic planning process. With information gathered from this and other sources, we'll be developing a 5-year strategic plan that will help shape library services. Now that we have a beautiful new building, we need your input to determine what else you're looking for from the library. Watch your email inbox for this survey, or visit the library to complete it in person!

Warm Regards,

Sara Belisle

Director of the Marlborough Public Library

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Library Links

Library Website: marlboroughpubliclibrary.org

Access Your Account: bit.ly/CWMARS_Account

Calendar of Events: bit.ly/MPL_EventsCalendar

English Language Learning Resources: bit.ly/MPL_ESL_Resources

Crisis & Community Resources: bit.ly/MPL_CrisisAndCommunityResources

Room Reservations: marlborough.librarycalendar.com/reserve-room

Museum Passes: bit.ly/MPL_MuseumPass

Social Media

Facebook: facebook.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary

Instagram: instagram.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary

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Online Contact Form: bit.ly/MPL_Contact_Form

Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am to 5pm