

Monthly Digest – December 2023

learn, play, and explore

“Extra! Extra! Read All About It!”

(Image: the front page of a daily newspaper)

You know that the library’s the place to go for the hottest bestsellers and Hollywood blockbusters, but did you know it’s also a great place to get your daily news? We’ve recently expanded our offerings, and there’s something for everyone. Several small, regional publications serve up local flavor, while larger titles (such as the Boston Globe, Boston Herald, New York Times, and Wall Street Journal) offer a wider perspective. Settle into the cozy new Joyce Morse Reading Room and spend some time with a good newspaper, or one of over sixty popular magazines.

Holiday Hours

Mon. Dec. 25th: Closed for Christmas

Mon. January 1st: Closed for New Year’s Day

New Adult Program: Crafting Circle

(Image: colorful spools of yarn with knitting needles)

Drop in with your current craft project (knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.) for a cozy evening of crafting & chatting! No registration needed!

Teen Lazy Crafternoon: Terracotta Pot Gingerbread Village

Wed. 12/13 @ 3:30pm

(Image: a terracotta pot painted to make it look like a gingerbread house)

This week we’ll turn terracotta pots into a gingerbread village! This program is for teens in grades 6 - 12. For more information, visit:

bit.ly/LazyCrafternoon_GingerbreadVillage

Holiday & Seasonal Activities

(Image: a terracotta pot painted to make it look like a gingerbread house)

We’re planning a “flurry” of fun activities for the whole family throughout the month of December! For more information, visit: bit.ly/MPL_EventsCalendar

Adult Book Club

Tue. 12/12 @ 6pm

(Image: a stack of books sitting next to a cup of cocoa)

It's that time of year again! Join us this month for our annual year-end Book Club social hour! We'll discuss our favorite books of 2023 and reveal the schedule of books for 2024! Please register: bit.ly/Dec2023_BookClub

What's New on Our Shelves?

To see all the newest "stuff" at our library, visit Wowbrary at: bit.ly/MPL_Wowbrary

From the Director's Desk

A letter from the desk of our director, Sara Belisle

Dear Marlborough Community,

November was an exciting month, and some great progress has been made on our last remaining renovation projects. The local history room is nearly finished, with the final detail being our new cabinet bases which will be assembled by our very talented DPW. These new cabinets will be home to our local history collection. Finish work on the main interior staircase is almost complete, and final construction on the sidewalks is moving along well.

If you drive by and view the library from Main Street, you'll see that our beautiful, custom-made wood and glass doors have finally been installed on the front of the Carnegie Building! As a reminder, these doors are for emergency exit only, and I'd like to take this opportunity to explain further why we are not able to use this doorway as an entrance. During a major building renovation project like ours, the law requires that all aspects of the building become compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Unfortunately, the steepness of the front stairs, and the short distance between the building and the sidewalk, did not provide a grade sufficient to allow for the installation of an ADA-compliant ramp or other egress option. As a result, the architects and project managers determined that there was no way to adapt this front doorway into a code-compliant entrance. The Witherbee Street-side of the building, however, now provides ramps and multiple entry points that offer accessibility for all.

Speaking of Witherbee Street, crews have begun road work, which has caused some disruption to library access on weekdays before 3pm. This is a temporary disruption, with the eventual outcome being the completion of the additional library parking lot.

This new lot will add another 35 parking spots, which we are very excited about! In the meantime, if you have little ones in your life that enjoy construction vehicles, be sure to bring them by the library during the morning hours. The view of the action from the Children's Room is great!

We have some exciting programs coming up this December. Preschoolers should check out the launch of our new program, Goblin Scouts; we've got a fun Ramen Bar event for teens; and if you're an adult, you'll have the opportunity to become a Soup Master, just in time for winter! I'm also thrilled to announce the return of our English Conversation Circles for those who wish to practice and improve their English-speaking skills. This program is led by some wonderful community volunteers. We wouldn't be able to offer this program without them!

Warm Regards,
Sara Belisle
Director of the Marlborough Public Library
12/01/2023

Library Links

Library Website: marlboroughpubliclibrary.org

Access Your Account: bit.ly/CWMARSAccount

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: <https://marlborough.librarycalendar.com/reserve-room>

Museum Passes: bit.ly/MPL_MuseumPass

Social Media

Facebook: facebook.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary

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Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am to 8pm