

# Monthly Digest – July 2023

*learn, play, and explore*

## Summer in the City!

(Images: a smiley-face sun, and colorful flip-flops)

We may be slowing things down at the library to prepare for the move into our beautiful new building, but summertime fun is just heating up here in the city of Marlborough! Throughout the season you'll find a variety of family-friendly activities, including a weekly farmer's market, concerts on the common, and your choice of several parks and walking trails. Cool off at one of our splash pads or wading pools or enjoy a day of sand and sun at Marlborough's own Memorial Beach. Explore all Marlborough has to offer this season, and get ready for summer in the city! To view the Marlborough Recreation Department page for information on summer camps, sports leagues, parks, pools, splash pads, a calendar of events and more, visit:

[bit.ly/MPL\\_Rec\\_Department](http://bit.ly/MPL_Rec_Department)

For information about the weekly Farmer's Market, visit: [bit.ly/MPL\\_FarmersMarket](http://bit.ly/MPL_FarmersMarket)

## Audiobook Appreciation

(Image: a stack of books "wearing" a set of headphones)

Audiobooks can be controversial, with some viewing them as "cheating." This couldn't be further from the truth! Audiobooks can benefit everyone, of all ages and abilities. For early or struggling readers, they increase word exposure and improve vocabulary, enhance comprehension, and help develop grade-level content knowledge. For those with vision impairment or other disabilities, audiobooks provide accessibility. And for just about anyone, audiobooks can be convenient, portable, relaxing, and fun, especially on those long summertime family road trips! If you haven't tried audiobooks yet, what are you waiting for? Stop by the library and pick up a CD Audiobook by your favorite author. Or visit the app store to download the free Libby app to your smartphone or other device and start listening right away using your library account!

For information on the Libby app by Overdrive, visit: [bit.ly/MPL\\_Libby\\_App](http://bit.ly/MPL_Libby_App)

To browse our digital catalog and explore our entire collection of electronic audiobooks, visit: [cwmars.overdrive.com](http://cwmars.overdrive.com)

## **July Adult Book Club, Tuesday 7/11 at 6pm**

(Image: the cover of this month's selection, *This Time Next Year We'll be Laughing* by Jacqueline Winspear)

Adult Book Club is offered virtually and in-person! Registration is required.

For complete program information, and to register, visit:

[bit.ly/MPL\\_BookClub\\_Jul2023](https://bit.ly/MPL_BookClub_Jul2023)

## **Holiday Hours**

We will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

## **Our Library Reading Program Continues**

(Image: a colorful graphic of kids having fun reading)

Kids and teens: don't miss out on our cool 2023-2024 Reading Challenge! Meet fun monthly challenges and be eligible to win some great prizes! Register today and get reading! To register, visit: [bit.ly/MPL\\_StudentReadingChallenge](https://bit.ly/MPL_StudentReadingChallenge)

## **What's New on Our Shelves?**

(Image: the Wowbrary logo)

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

## **From the Director's Desk**

**A building update, straight from the desk of our director, Sara Belisle.**

Dear Marlborough Community,

Wow, what a June we've had! I'm pleased to say that the rain has not slowed down progress on the new library.

Over the past month quite a lot of work was done on the courtyard, and in prepping the parking lot. Proper protection has been put in place to allow for outside work to continue if it's raining, and we've been able to reschedule work if needed. While all that exterior work was being done, the interior work has been speeding along. It's

amazing how quickly carpet can be installed! We have a very beautiful carpet design all throughout the building, and the installers who did this work were excellent.

We're heading into the final stretch, with the first half of our shelving delivered on June 28th. Installing an entire library's worth of shelving is no small feat, taking upwards of 3 weeks to complete! While the shelving is being installed, we're also having the new furniture delivered, including the restored and reupholstered armchairs from the old library. Then it's time for the IT department to come in and do their work installing all the new computers and other technology. Finally, the books will be moved and put into place by a professional library moving company.

We will close the temporary library in the Walker Building to move the materials and ourselves. We'll also spend some time training the library staff on use of the new building and its technology, planning programs, creating displays, and making the new library a welcoming place. During this time, many library services will be unavailable. I don't yet know when the big move will happen, but I plan to give as much notice as possible. Please keep your eyes out for more emails, social media posts, and other communication from the library that will outline when the closure will begin, and when the grand opening will be!

Warm Regards,  
Sara Belisle  
Director of the Marlborough Public Library  
07/01/2023

## **Library Links**

Library Website: [marlboroughpubliclibrary.org](http://marlboroughpubliclibrary.org)

Access Your Account: [bit.ly/CWMARSAccount](http://bit.ly/CWMARSAccount)

Calendar of Events: [bit.ly/MPL\\_CalendarOfEvents](http://bit.ly/MPL_CalendarOfEvents)

English Language Learning Resources: [bit.ly/MPL\\_ESL\\_Resources](http://bit.ly/MPL_ESL_Resources)

Crisis & Community Resources: [bit.ly/MPL\\_CrisisAndCommunityResources](http://bit.ly/MPL_CrisisAndCommunityResources)

## **Contact Us**

### **Social Media**

Facebook: [facebook.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary](https://facebook.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary)

Instagram: [instagram.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary](https://instagram.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary)

### **Temporary Address**

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### **Hours**

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 7:45pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am to 5pm