

Monthly Digest – March 2024

learn, play, and explore

New CW MARS Library Catalog, Coming March 4, 2024!

(Image: the CW MARS logo)

Get ready for an improved catalog experience! This more user-friendly online catalog experience will come with a host of new features and functionality, such as: the ability to view, manage, and check out digital material from OverDrive/Libby and other sources along with physical material right from the catalog; the ability to virtually browse and place holds on titles by format; predictive search suggestions and spell check; accessibility improvements, including additional languages, high contrast, and more! (Please note: these changes will not impact the CW MARS app.) For more information, visit: bit.ly/NewCWMARSCatalog

March is National Reading Month

Reading entertains us, is beneficial for our mental health, and keeps us informed about the world around us. National Reading Month was created to celebrate our favorite pastime. It's a great opportunity to challenge ourselves to go outside our comfort zones and explore new genres and subjects, or to just spend some quality time with our favorite authors and titles. For recommendations, visit our resource, Find a Good Book here: bit.ly/MPLFindAGoodBook

“Lucky Clover” Candlemaking Workshop, Mon. 3/11 at 6pm

(Image: a four-leaf clover)

In this program, Kulina Folk Art will guide Teens and Adults in the process of creating an adorable candle using soy wax, color, fragrance oils and a wick.

To register, visit: bit.ly/Mar11_LuckyClover

Movie Matinee, Sat. 3/16 at 2pm

(Image: the cover of the DVD “On the Basis of Sex,” based on the story of Supreme Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

In celebration of Women's History Month: “On the Basis of Sex” (Rated PG-13)

For more information, visit: bit.ly/Mar16_Matinee

Holiday Hours

The library will be closing at noon on Friday, 3/29, in observance of Good Friday.

Celebrate Local History

Join us throughout the month of March, as we celebrate the grand opening of our new Local History Room with a variety of offerings highlighting our rich local history! To see these programs on our calendar of events, visit: bit.ly/LocalHistoryRoom

Art in the Café

Through the end of March, we are honored to display a sampling of works by Native American photographer Scott Strong Hawk Foster, from his exhibit “Ways of My Ancestors – We Are Still Here.” These breathtaking photographs highlight the rich history of the indigenous peoples who are still here and living among us, and are all available for purchase directly from the artist. Please visit the library to enjoy the exhibit in person, and for more information on how to purchase. If you are a local artist interested in exhibiting your art at the Marlborough Public Library, please fill out our online form for consideration at:

bit.ly/ArtAtTheLibrary_application

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,

March is the month for more “new library” milestones. The most exciting one to share is the opening of our Local History room for folks who are interested in doing research or genealogy work. This room, which was generously sponsored by St. Mary’s Credit Union, is home to our historic collection of books, documents, and newspapers on microfilm. Did you know we have vintage Marlborough High School yearbooks in our collection? Even better, you don’t have to leave the comfort of your home to access them, as they have been digitized and are available online at: bit.ly/Marlborough_Yearbooks

The new Local History Room also features two display cases containing artifacts on loan from the Marlborough Historical Society. This exhibit is a collection of boots and ephemera from Frye Company, an American manufacturer of shoes, boots and leather accessories that first opened in Marlborough in 1863. If you’re interested in exploring these historical offerings and discussing them with our librarians, please join us on March 5th between 4-7pm.

The next time you visit, you’ll also see some new additions to the walls of the Carnegie building. We’ve hung eight pieces from our collection entitled “Old Homesteads of Marlborough,” a watercolor series by Ellen M. Carpenter that was previously displayed in the lower level of our pre-renovation building. Our collection consists of 109 of these paintings, and while we can’t hang them all at once, we intend to periodically rotate through the collection. To do this, I need your help! Next time you visit the library, please stop by the 1st floor Information Desk and flip through a book that contains photographs of each of these paintings. Then, cast your vote for the one you’d like to see next on the wall.

Warm Regards,

Sara Belisle

Director of the Marlborough Public Library

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Scholarship Opportunity

Attention Marlborough students: The deadline to apply for the MPL Board of Trustees Scholarship is March 21! To learn more, visit: bit.ly/2024TrusteesScholarship

Library Links

Library Website: marlboroughpubliclibrary.org

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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Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am to 5pm