

Monthly Digest – November 2023

learn, play, and explore

A Calendar Full of Opportunities for Fun & Learning!

(Image: a calendar page featuring the month of November)

Our newly renovated library is fantastic, but our new online calendar is where things are really happening! Offering a new, user-friendly functionality that allows you to filter by age group or program type, you can browse and register for a variety of programs (such as LEGO Club for kids, Teen Lazy Crafternoons, Adult Book Club, and much more), easier than ever. Check out our online calendar of events today, and discover a multitude of options for enrichment, socializing, and just plain fun! To view our new online calendar, visit: bit.ly/MPL_EventsCalendar

Holiday Hours

Veteran's Day: Closed Fri. 11/10 & Sat. 11/11... Thank you for your service!

Thanksgiving: The library will close at noon on Wed. 11/22 and will remain closed on Thu. 11/23 & Fri. 11/24. We will be open our regular hours (9am-5pm) on Sat. 11/25

Room Reservations

(Image: a hanging door sign, featuring the word "Reserved")

We are thrilled to be able to offer spaces that can accommodate private meetings for groups both small and large!

Study Rooms are intended for small groups of 1-4 people and can be reserved for up to two hours a day. For more information, or to reserve a room, visit:

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

COMING SOON! ... Meeting Rooms are larger spaces that can accommodate bigger groups, meetings and events. For more information, visit:

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

Discounted Passes

(Image: the logos for Ecotarium, Acton Discovery Museum, and New England Aquarium)

We've recently introduced a new, easier-to-use discounted museum pass reservation system. Reserve passes for museums and other local attractions, such as New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, New England Aquarium, Ecotarium, and many more. Even better news? Now, more of these passes are being offered as electronic "e-passes" than ever before. (In the case of an e-pass, you don't need to pick them up or return them to us!) To check out our new museum pass reservation program, visit:

bit.ly/MPL_MuseumPass

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,

Wow, what a month this has been! October 2nd was the official grand opening of the library, and it was a pleasure to see all of you come out this past month to check out your new library. As of the writing of this, near the end of October, we have created 558 new library cards and folks have borrowed 8,835 items!

If you've visited us on a weekday, you may have noticed we still have contractors here at the library. That's because we're still working through the finishing touches! This past month the work on the Carnegie building progressed, and the terracotta pediment was finally finished! This gorgeous restoration is one of many important investments the city made in preserving Marlborough history. Work in the local history room is progressing nicely, with painting and millwork continuing throughout the month. Our new wooden doors for the Carnegie building should be installed soon.

There is still some exterior work that needs to be completed as well. Bluestone caps are being installed on the retaining wall, and some work on the sidewalks will happen this month. Landscaping will be done on West Main Street if the weather holds. If not, that will be completed in the Spring. I'm also happy to share that Witherbee Street reconstruction is set to begin! This project involves some drainage utility work, new sidewalks, roadway resurfacing, and construction of the new parking lot across the street from the library! The main library parking lot will remain open during this project, but crews may need to periodically limit access from either Mechanic Street or Winthrop Street, as the project dictates.

We have a ton of great events coming up this November! It's National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) and we have weekly write-ins on Monday nights. It's also DINOvember, and each week we'll have fun dinosaur-themed children's programs. Hope to see you there!

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/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

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Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am to 8pm