



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

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