

Monthly Digest – October 2023

learn, play, and explore

Great News! The Wait is Almost Over!

We're nearly ready to unveil the "new" Marlborough Public Library! On Monday, 10/2, immediately following our 10am ribbon-cutting ceremony, we'll be open for business. Thank you for your patience as we've worked to make the dream of our new library a reality that our community will enjoy for generations to come!

Celebrate!

(Image: Multi-colored balloons, and a red ribbon being cut with silver scissors)

Mon. 10/2, at 10am: Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Join us in the courtyard for our official ribbon-cutting!

Week-Long Grand Opening Activities (while supplies last!):

Kids: Stop by the Children's Room and enjoy a variety of ongoing Grand Opening Week activities, such as a Library Scavenger Hunt, Decorate Your Own Library Book Bag, and more!

Teens: Come check out your new space, soak in the rays in our bright & sunny new Teen Room, and enjoy some laid-back, DIY activities while you're here.

Wed. 10/4, 4-5pm: The Return of All-Ages Chess Club!

Drop by and play a game or two of chess! This is a weekly program, and all ages and skill levels are welcome. No RSVP necessary... just drop in! For more details, visit: bit.ly/Oct4_ChessClub

Thu. 10/5, 6:30-7:30pm: Teen "Candy Olympics"

Participate in our Candy Olympics, and help celebrate our Grand Opening in the most tasty way we could think of! To sign up, visit: bit.ly/CandyOlympics

Sat. 10/7, 11am-3pm: Children's Room Grand Opening Events

Come at 11am for our Grand Opening Party, featuring live music, face painting and yummy treats, and stay for Star Wars Storytime at 2pm! Fun for kids of all ages! For

more information, visit our list of upcoming Children's events at:

bit.ly/MPL_ChildrensEvents

We're Getting Spooky!

(Image: a smiling Jack o'lantern)

From a Teen Halloween movie matinee and a creepy-crawly visit from Professor Bugman, to Trick or Treating at the Library, you'll want to check out our NEW online calendar for all of the fun, seasonal activities we've got planned! To view our new online calendar, visit: bit.ly/MPL_Calendar

Holiday Closure

(Image: a red autumn leaf)

Please note that the library will be closed on Monday 10/9, in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

From the Director's Desk

A letter from the desk of our director, Sara Belisle

Dear Marlborough Community,

The time has finally come! Tomorrow is opening day, and I can't wait to see you there. This past month we've been running around in order to complete as much setup as we can before opening day. Library staff and I have personally moved and arranged (and many times, rearranged!) everything from chairs and tables to shelves and books, all to make sure the library looks as close to perfect as possible.

As you drive by the library on Main Street, you've likely noticed that the staging has been relocated from the side of the Carnegie building to the front. Our skilled masons completed their work on the beautiful new east-side Carnegie window, and now they're hard at work on the front pediment. Because the new terracotta detail for this project arrived earlier than expected, this stage of the project is on track to be finished ahead of schedule. If the weather cooperates, landscaping will be installed on this side of the building as soon as the masons are done. Shortly after the work on the Carnegie Building exteriors is completed, we'll finally be able to install the beautiful new mahogany doors! Laws related to ADA compliance require that this Main Street-facing door be "emergency exit only," so please use our new public entrance-points on the Witherbee Street-side of the building.

Now that the final window is completed, interior work on that last, remaining room is going forward, full steam ahead! This space in the Carnegie Building will be our new Local History Room, and we're looking forward to finishing and opening it to the public soon!

In the meantime, as of Monday October 2, 2023, the newly expanded and renovated library is open for business, so please come in and enjoy!

Warm Regards,
Sara Belisle
Director of the Marlborough Public Library
10/01/2023

Library Links

Library Website: marlboroughpubliclibrary.org

Access Your Account: bit.ly/CWMARSAccount

Calendar of Events: bit.ly/MPL_CalendarOfEvents

English Language Learning Resources: bit.ly/MPL_ESL_Resources

Crisis & Community Resources: bit.ly/MPL_CrisisAndCommunityResources

Social Media

Facebook: facebook.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary

Instagram: instagram.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary

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Online Contact Form: bit.ly/MPL_Contact_Form

Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am to 5pm