

Monthly Digest-September 2022

Learn, Play, and Explore

****Banned Books Week [image of bird escaping cage with text Read A Banned Book]**

Did you know that in 2021, the Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) tracked 729 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services, affecting 1,597 books?

Banned Books Week (September 18 - 24, 2022) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools.

Link to American Library Association Q&A -

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/banned-books-qa>

****PJ Storytime [image of children reading a story in pajamas]**

Don't miss PJ Storytime! Put on your PJs, grab a stuffed friend, and join Ms. Kerry at 7pm on September 20th for a virtual story time filled with relaxing stories, songs, and a fun craft. This month, we're reading stories all about school! Ages 3 to 6.

****Library Closure**

Please note that the library will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

Link to Library Hours - <https://www.marlborough-ma.gov/library/pages/hours-directions>

****Girls Who Code [image of girls who code logo]**

The Fall Session of our Girls Who Code Program will meet IN-PERSON! Learn coding through a mixture of computer programming and robotics. Open to all genders, the program will meet for 9 sessions at 4:00pm on Mondays, starting September 19th. Please register at <http://bit.ly/LearnToCode22>

****Learn more about...**

Banned Books with displays in the library!

****Construction Update-September**

From the Director's Desk

Work continued on the construction site during the hot summer days. The construction crews have made considerable progress on erecting the steel framing and installing the roof layers. After certain steps in the process third party inspectors have to come on site to make sure everything is done correctly so that the next step can be taken. We don't want to waste time or money in having to redo any of the steps.

We met several times over the summer with our architect's interior design professionals to discuss finishes. These include flooring, tile and color options. We are fortunate to have the input of people who do this for a living. Choosing finishes that will wear well and be aesthetically pleasing to all who come to the Library is tricky business.

Everyone is very conscious of the quickly approaching end of summer. Work will continue on the exterior walls so that the crews can move inside once the weather makes the inevitable turn to fall and winter.

We remain on schedule for a Spring 2023 completion and are excited to watch the progress on the site as the library comes to life in its new form.

-Margaret Cardello

Library Links

Library Website - <https://www.marlborough-ma.gov/library-0>

Access Your Account -

https://bark.cwmars.org/eg/opac/login?redirect_to=%2Feg%2Fopac%2Fmyopac%2Fmain%3Flocg%3D103

English Language Learning Resources - <https://www.marlborough-ma.gov/library/esl-resources/pages/esl-programs>

Crisis & Community Resources - <https://www.marlborough-ma.gov/library/community-resources/pages/crisis-and-community-resources>

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Monday thru Thursday: 9am to 7:45pm

Friday & Saturday: 9am to 5pm