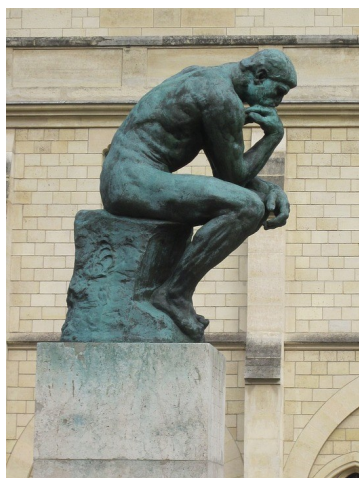




# December 2018



**As you begin thinking about 2019, here are eight library things to make sure to check out in the new year:**

**Mango** – This database lets you learn a new language or practice your English. Go to <http://marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/e-library/subject-guides/learn-a-language/> to get started.

**Overdrive** – eBook use by Marlborough patrons went up 52% in FY18. Download an eBook or a magazine on your mobile device at <https://cwmars.overdrive.com/> Need help? Ask at the Reference desk.

**Museum Passes** - Why pay full price when you can get a discount on your entrance fee! Reserve your pass at <http://marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/reserve-museum-pass/>

**Our Telescope** - Look at the winter sky through a telescope from the Aldrich Astronomical Society. You can borrow it for two weeks. For more information go to <http://marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/services/orion-starblast-telescope-kit/>

**Speed Reads**-Many popular books that everyone wants to read can be found on our Speed Read shelves. Take a look the next time you visit the library!

**Home delivery service** - If you want to use the library but can't come due to mobility or transportation issues, check out our **home delivery service** at <http://marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/services/home-delivery/>

**English Conversation Circles** help non-native speakers practice their English in an informal, friendly atmosphere. Go to <http://marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/english-language-learners/> for information about our upcoming circles.

*MPL offers programs for children, teens and adults. All the upcoming events are included in our calendar. Plan your visits by checking out these upcoming events at [bit.ly/MPLRegisterDEC2018](http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterDEC2018)*

**Hello! Come join us!**  
**¡Hola! Ven y únete a nosotros**

### **Spanish Conversation Circles**

*Mondays at 6 p.m.*



Come speak Spanish in a comfortable, stress-free setting. No testing, no fee, no homework. Just drop in and talk.

### **English Conversation Circles**

English Conversation Circles offer an opportunity for English Language Learners to speak in a relaxed atmosphere and for native English speakers to learn about other cultures.



### **December English Conversation Circles**

**Mondays:** 1:30-3 p.m.  
**Tuesdays:** 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
**Wednesdays:** 1:30-3 p.m.  
**Thursdays:** 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Fridays:** 1 p.m.  
**Saturdays:** 10 a.m.  
**No Registration Required**

## **Marlborough Public Library Holiday Hours**



### **Christmas**

*Monday, Dec. 24:* **CLOSED**  
*Tuesday, Dec. 25:* **CLOSED**

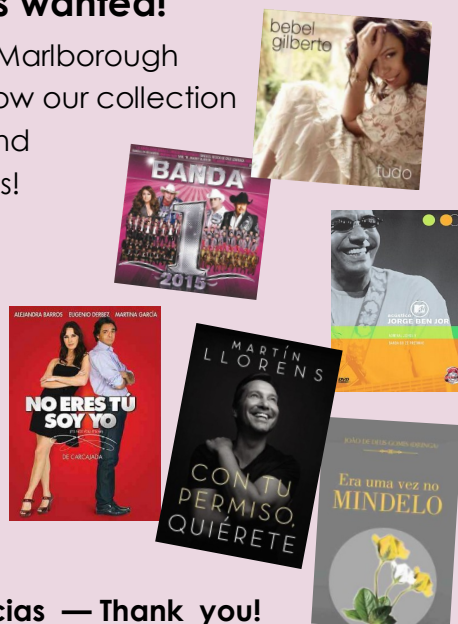
### **New Year's**

*Monday, Dec. 31:* **CLOSED**  
*Tuesday, Jan. 1:* **CLOSED**

### **Donations wanted!**

Please help the Marlborough Public Library grow our collection of Portuguese and Spanish materials!

We are seeking donations of music cds, dvds and books in Spanish and Portuguese.



**Obrigado — Gracias — Thank you!**

The Marlborough Public Library will be accepting  
**Food for Fines**  
throughout the entire month of December



To waive fines, we request a donation of one non-perishable food or personal care item per \$1.00 in fines.

*Excludes fines for Museum Passes and replacement fees for lost materials.*

All non-perishable food/personal care items and all fine money collected during this period will be donated to the Marlborough Community Cupboard.

We thank you for your generosity!

## Friends of the Marlborough Public Library Events

### **Pioneering Women of Song Featuring Marylou Ferrante & Paula Bradley**

Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

Bigelow Auditorium

Featuring music and songs from both well-known and obscure women players of the 20's and 30's performed on banjo, guitar, slide guitar, banjo-ukulele, mandolin, harmonica, and with some flatfoot dancing to boot, traditional musicians Marylou Ferrante and Paula Bradley join forces to present an engaging and enlightening program rendered with humor and heart highlighting woman performers from the golden age of early recorded traditional American music. FREE.



### **Holiday Open House at Library**

Sunday Dec. 9 from 1:30-4 p.m.

Please join us!

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Thanks to **Bouvier Pharmacy** for the recent donation of a wheelchair for use in the library. We requested one to assist our patrons with mobility issues and to help in emergency situations.

*We appreciate Bouvier's generosity!*



The Marlborough Public Library is pleased to be a drop-off site for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program

If you'd like to donate a new, unwrapped toy for a child in need, **please HURRY!**

**THE LAST DATE TOYS WILL BE  
PICKED UP FOR DISTRIBUTION is  
Friday, Dec. 7.**





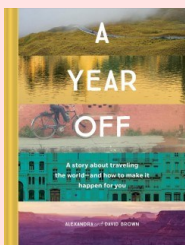
## Adult Book Suggestions



### ***Tell the Machine Goodnight***

By Katie Williams

Pearl's job is to help people find happiness, but she finds a challenge in her own son, Rhett, who seems to get the most joy out of being unhappy.



### ***A Year Off: A Story about Traveling the World -- and How to Make it Happen for You***

By Alexandra and David Brown

*A Year Off* describes how the couple took a year off from jobs, families, and other responsibilities to travel around the world—and they tell you how you can do it too. Even if you are an armchair traveler and have no intention of ditching your life for the great unknown, this book is enjoyable as both of the travelers are very charming and have a delightful way of “speaking” to the reader. Plus the book is really a work of art from the cover to the end pages and everything in between. One of the most pleasant parts of the book is the authors give you the ending at the beginning of the book so you don’t have to spend 250 pages wondering what happens to them at the end. Read and then travel—either in your dreams or for real!

**-Diane, Reference Librarian**

# Adult Services



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## Events

**NaNo Thank God It's Over Party:** Sunday, Dec. 2 from 2-4 p.m.

**National Novel Writing Month** is an annual event where people from all over the world attempt to write a 50,000 word novel during the month of November.

You've screamed, laughed, and cried your way to writing a 50,000 word novel. Now that November's over and your Novel is done, it's time to celebrate! Join your local Nano friends for some fun and games to wrap up the month. Writers of all ages welcome. Writers grades 5 and under should be accompanied by an adult.

**Crafter Dark - Bad Art:** Monday, Dec. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Midwinter is a stressful time. Between the holidays, visiting family, and the odd Nor'easter, we all need a bit of a break. Doing a little Bad Art is just the way to destress. Because this class focuses on absurdity and laughter, there's no pressure to get it "just right" or make your creation like the demo. Add macaroni, pompoms, and glitter until your creation is truly hideous - and then vote at the end for the very worst (best?) creation. The winner gets a crown and bragging rights! This class is for ages 18 and over. *Please pre-register.*

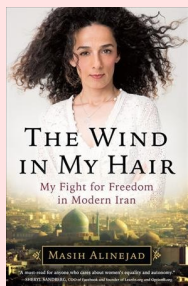
## Adult Book Club

This month the Adult Book Club does not have a book to read. Instead we will be having a social hour Monday, Dec. 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 20 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. to debut the 2019 book list!



Learn more about the Book Club on our website at <http://marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/adults/adult-book-club/>

## More Adult Book Suggestions



### ***The Wind in My Hair : My Fight for Freedom in Modern Iran***

By Masih Alinejad with  
Kambiz Foroohar

A photo on Masih Alinejad's Facebook page: a woman standing proudly, face bare, hair blowing in the wind. Her crime: removing her veil, or hijab, which is compulsory for women in Iran. This is the self-portrait that launched "My Stealthy Freedom," a social media campaign that went viral. But Alinejad is so much more than the arresting face that sparked a campaign urging women to find their voices.



### ***An Absolutely Remarkable Thing***

By Hank Green

In his much-anticipated debut novel, Hank Green--cocreator of *Crash Course*, *Vlogbrothers*, and *SciShow*--spins a sweeping, cinematic tale about a young woman who becomes an overnight celebrity before realizing she's part of something bigger, and stranger, than anyone could have possibly imagined.

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## More Events

### **Financial Literacy Series:**

#### **Understanding Your Credit Report and Improving Your Score**

*Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m.*

Your credit history and credit score are pieces of information that are vital to your overall financial well-being. During this seminar you will learn:

- \$ What makes up your credit score.
- \$ What kind of actions can impact your score.
- \$ How you can improve your score.



Presented by Clete Thomas, Certified Credit Counselor from the American Consumer Credit Counseling Agency. Registration is preferred, as space is limited.

### **Wine Glass Paint Night**

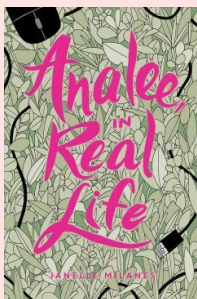
*Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 6:30-8 p.m.*

Enjoy a fun night out painting wine glasses with artist Mandy of Wicked Good Henna. All materials provided. This class is for ages 18 and over.

*Please pre-register.*



## Young Adult Book Suggestions:



### **Analee, In Real Life** By Janelle Milanés

Anxious, awkward Analee Echevarria only feels confident playing her favorite online game, but with a potential real-world romance and her father's remarriage looming, she begins to rediscover herself.



### **Check, Please! Vol. 1** By Ngozi Ukazu

Eric Bittle may be a former junior figure skating champion, vlogger extraordinaire, and very talented amateur pâtissier, but being a freshman on the Samwell University hockey team is a whole new challenge. It is nothing like co-ed club hockey back in Georgia! First of all? There's checking (anything that hinders the player with possession of the puck, ranging from a stick check all the way to a physical sweep). And then, there is Jack--his very attractive but moody captain.

# Young Adult

To sign up for any event that requires registration or to view all events, go to [bit.ly/MPLRegisterDEC2018](https://bit.ly/MPLRegisterDEC2018) or call 508-624-6903.

## Teen Events (open to grades 6-12)

### Festive Fun

Start the month with **Window Artists** Monday, Dec. 3 from 3-5 p.m. Paint winter and holiday designs on the Children's Room windows! This is a fun and creative way to get a few volunteer hours for school. *Please pre-register to reserve a window.*

Then come to **Gingerbread Characters** Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and decorate a gingerbread person cookie as your favorite book character! We'll vote for the Most Recognizable and Best Overall. The winners get a little prize, and everyone gets to eat! All materials will be provided. *Space is limited and registration is required.*



Our teen book club, Reading at the Table, will get into the holiday spirit Thursday, Dec. 13 from 6-7 p.m. Share your book reviews, get recommendations for what to read next, and enjoy some pizza. The Teen Librarian will share some brand new YA titles and give you first dibs on the newest releases before they hit the library shelves.

This month we'll spotlight cozy, feel-good stories for snowy days, and enjoy cocoa and cookies for dessert. *Please pre-register.*



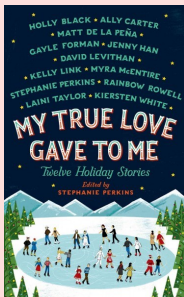


## More Young Adult Book Suggestions



### **The House with Chicken Legs** By Sophie Anderson

All 12-year-old Marinka wants is a friend. A real friend. Not like her house with chicken legs. Sure, the house can play games like tag and hide-and-seek, but Marinka longs for a human companion. Someone she can talk to and share secrets with. But that's tough when your grandmother is a Yaga, a guardian who guides the dead into the afterlife. It's even harder when you live in a house that wanders all over the world . . . carrying you with it.



### **My True Love Gave to Me: Twelve Holiday Stories** Edited by Stephanie Perkins

This holiday anthology features stories by twelve bestselling young adult writers, including Matt de la Peña, David Levithan, and Laini Taylor. Winter holidays, including Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, and New Year's, are the backdrop for these sweet romances.

# Young Adult

## More Festive Fun for Teen for Teens grades 6-12

Before school is out for the holiday, come to **Lazy Crafternoon** Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Use the library's supplies to make greeting cards for family, friends, and teachers while listening to seasonal tunes and sipping hot cocoa. You can also get volunteer credit for your time if you make cards for the library's home delivery program. *Please pre-register.*



## Vacation!

Bored at home during your school vacation? Remember that **MPL's Teen Room** is open whenever the library is open! There are comfy chairs, computers, books, manga, and magazines to enjoy in a space just for teens.

We also have some special activities planned. Join Mandy from Wicked Good Henna for an evening of



**Wizards Wonders** Thursday, Dec. 27 from 4-6 p.m. Visit three different stations of *Harry Potter* crafting, plus a grand finale of decorating your own Owl Cupcake! *Please pre-register.*



Then relax and get creative at **ArtLab** Friday, Dec. 28 from 2-4 p.m. We'll provide the blank canvas and acrylic paints; you bring your creativity and wear clothes that can get a little messy! *Pre-registration is required.*

To register for events or to view regularly scheduled monthly teen programs, go to [bit.ly/MPLRegisterDEC2018](http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterDEC2018) or call 508-624-6903.



## Children's Book Suggestions



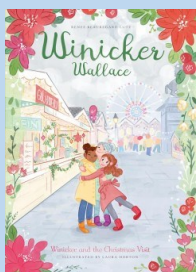
### Picture Book

#### **Snow Sisters**

By Kerri Kokias

Two sisters enjoy a snow day in their own unique ways, apart and then together.

### Early Reader/ Chapter Book



#### **Winicker Wallace: Winicker and the Christmas Visit**

By Renee Beauregard Lute

Winicker Wallace's best friend, Roxanne, is coming to spend Christmas in Paris! Winicker is thrilled. But she is worried when Roxanne doesn't want to do their traditional Christmas activities. Instead, Roxanne wants to sightsee in Paris! But when Winicker and Roxanne celebrate Christmas in a way neither of them expected, Winicker sees they haven't grown apart after all.

# Children's



To view all December children's activities, or to sign up online for any event that requires registration go to [bit.ly/MPLRegisterDEC2018](http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterDEC2018) or call 508-624-6902.

The Children's Room is looking forward to the holidays this month. We have some wonderful events coming up!

On *Thursday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m.*, join us for a snack and a screening of the movie, **Happy Feet!**



**Art Club** will be making holiday ornaments *Thursday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m.* Stop by and create some holiday gifts with Miss Debby. Then, **Mad Science** will be making fizzy bath bombs *Thursday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m.* Bring your creativity and we'll supply the rest of the ingredients. Both programs are for children ages 7 to 11. *Registration is required.*

**During school vacation week**, we'll make a **Cactus Snow Globe** craft and listen to some holiday stories *Wednesday, Dec. 26 at 2 p.m.* (ages 3 and up, with a caregiver).

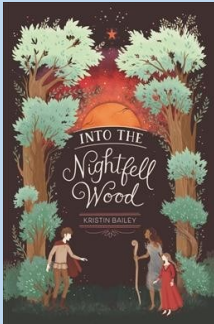


## Another Children's Book Suggestion

### Chapter Book

*Into the Nightfell Wood*

By Kristin Bailey



Wynn and Elric may now be safe, but adjusting to life in the Between is not without complications. Their adoptive mother, the benevolent Fairy Queen, is haunted by the memory of her child who was kidnapped long ago--and she won't risk letting the same thing happen to Wynn and Elric. But that same grief has been weakening the queen's powers for years, and the protective shield around their kingdom is deteriorating.

Wynn is coerced into the Nightfell Wood by a creature sent to do the Grendel's bidding, Elric knows he must go after her to save her life. What they discover there--about fear, prejudice, and the true nature of evil--will change the fairy kingdom forever.

# Children's



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## More School Vacation Week Children's Events



On Thursday, Dec. 27 at 11 a.m., the **Snow Sisters** will join us for a party! Dress up as your favorite fairytale princess or prince. We'll have an interactive storytime, singing, dancing, glitter tattoos, games and a snack.

The **Snow Sisters** will also be available for photos and autographs (ages 3 and up, with a caregiver).

And Friday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m., we will have a **Gingerbread House Workshop** (ages 7-11). Please pre-register for the workshop.



As always, please join us for our other regularly scheduled events, such as **Dance Me a Story** (Fridays, Dec. 7 and 21), **Preschool Yoga with Mandy** (Wednesday, Dec. 12), **PJ Storytime** (Tuesday, Dec. 11) and **Read to a Dog** (Saturday, Dec. 15).