



January 2019

LIBRARY ADVOCACY



January begins the season for Library Advocacy throughout Massachusetts. Libraries and their supporters across the Commonwealth take time out through a series of "Legislative Breakfasts" and a trip to the Statehouse on Tuesday, March 5, to inform state legislators of the services that public libraries provide to their communities and the ways that state funding impacts those services.

At the Marlborough Public Library, state funding impacts our services in five basic ways:

Delivery – This transportation system drops off 8-10 bins daily filled with materials for Marlborough patrons who are waiting and returns Marlborough items borrowed by library patrons across the state.

State Aid – Annual grants provided to libraries that meet state certification requirements. We use these funds primarily to supplement our city budget for materials and programs.

CW MARS – State money goes to our library network, CW MARS, so that some services can be provided on a regional level and don't have to be paid for by individual member libraries.

Training – State funds also provide access to training opportunities for library staff to keep current on trends and share best practices with other libraries.

Talking Book Libraries – State funds also support the libraries at the Perkins School for the Blind and the Talking Book Library at the Worcester Public Library. These programs provide access to library materials for visually impaired people.

While some of these services run behind the scenes, our patrons feel their benefits. Getting a book from another library near or far away is made possible by the delivery program which provides access to hundreds of thousands more items than we could ever provide on our own. This program makes a big impact on library services to our community.

Library Legislative Breakfast (Senator Eldridge's District)

Northborough Public Library: Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 from 8-10 a.m.

Neighbors helping neighbors....

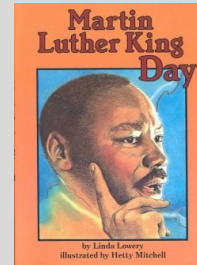
Thank you to all the Marlborough Public Library patrons who participated in our 2018 end of year **Food for Fines** Program.



All nonperishable food/personal care items and fine money collected during this period was donated to the **Marlborough Community Cupboard** to help our hungry neighbors in need.

Marlborough Public Library Holiday Hours

New Year's
Monday, Dec. 31: CLOSED
Tuesday, Jan. 1: CLOSED



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, Jan. 21: CLOSED

Friends of the Marlborough Public Library Events

The Delvena Theatre Company Production of *All the President's Women*
Bigelow Auditorium
Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 7-8 p.m.

This live performance looks into the lives of some of our United States presidents, their wives, mothers, etc.

Join us for a bit of history, fascinating stories, and entertainment with lively dialogue after the performance.

Free and open to the public.



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.

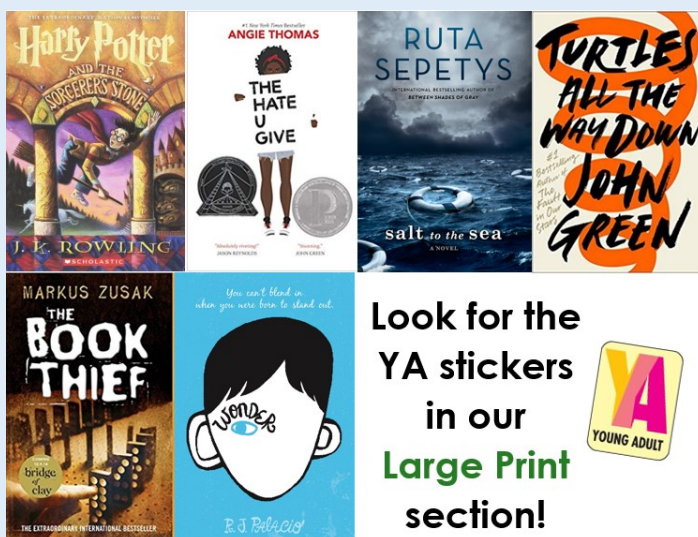


January English Conversation Circles

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

New Large Print!

We recently added some **Middle Grade** and **Young Adult** books to our Large Print collection. The new additions include popular new books, like *The Hate U Give*, classics like *Little Women*, and the entire *Harry Potter* series. When you're browsing the shelves, just look for the pink and yellow **YA stickers**.



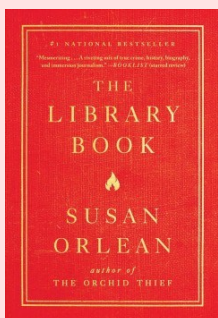
And the crown winner of last month's Crafter Dark-Bad Art is...



Lisa!



Adult Book Suggestion



The Library Book
By Susan Orlean

The *Library Book* is a harrowing account of the fire at the Los Angeles Public Library on April 28, 1986 that destroyed over 400,000 books and historical items. Although the text covers the fire moment to painful moment, it also covers library collections, library architecture, library directors, library patrons, library books—actually all things library. It is also a detective story about tracking down the possible arsonist, which keeps the reader on pins and needles: did he or did he not actually start the fire? While to a library lover it is heartbreaking to read about what was lost in the fire, many pieces irreplaceable, it is also gratifying to experience a city coming together to rescue the remnants of what was left. In spite of the rumors that libraries are dying out, this book makes clear they are very much alive and prospering.

-Diane, Reference Librarian

Adult Services

To sign up for any event that requires registration go to bit.ly/MPLRegisterJAN2019 or call (508) 624-6900

Resolving to try something new in 2019?

Marlborough Public Library's Adult Services offers ongoing book clubs plus free special events throughout the year. Whether you want to attend an entertaining presentation, learn something new at one of our classes or come get your creative groove on at Crafter Dark sessions, we have something for everyone!



January Events

Hygge Afternoon!

Saturday, Jan. 12 from 1-4 p.m.

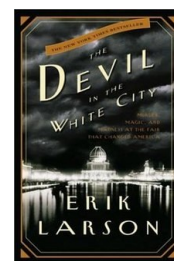
Hygge (pronounced hoo-guh) is the Scandinavian art of making sure that charming, cozy or special moments are part of every day.



Come enjoy crafts, snacks, puzzles and a comfortable place to relax. (Feel free to wear your warmest socks or slippers!) All ages welcome (Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.) *No registration required.*

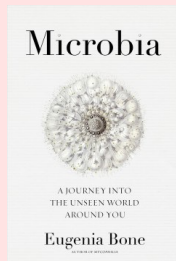
Adult Book Club

Join us *Monday, Jan. 14 from 6:30-8 p.m.* or *Thursday, Jan. 17 from 10:30 a.m.-noon* for Book Club. This month we will discuss *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. Extra copies are on hold at the Circulation Desk.



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

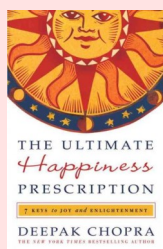
More Adult Book Suggestions



Microbia : A Journey into the Unseen World Around You

By Eugenia Bone

Set against a backdrop of [the author's] misadventures in academia, [this work] explores what microbes are and how they live and compares the microbiomes of soil, plants, animals (that includes us), and places, explaining such things as the wrongheadedness of labeling some bacteria 'good' and others 'bad' ... [and] walks you through this incredible garden of the unseen and helps you realize that we share everything.



The Ultimate Happiness Prescription : 7 Keys to Joy and Enlightenment

By Deepak Chopra

Describes how to experience joy in spite of the unique challenges of today's world, drawing on the Buddha's teachings of the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path to Enlightenment to reveal how to focus on positive aspects of painful experiences.

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More Events

Indoor Seed Starting

Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 6:30-8 p.m.



Although it is still winter, It's already time to get ready for the coming gardening season. We can begin planting seeds indoors and give them a head start to ensure that they reach their full potential.

There are many reasons to sow your own seeds indoors. There are so many more varieties of vegetables than what the garden centers offer. Join this talk by the instructors from Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens to learn more about starting your own garden from seeds.

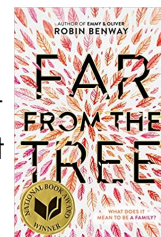
New Book Club: Forever Young Adult!

Calling all adults who are young at heart! If you're a fan of YA literature, if you're curious about what the kids are reading these days, or if you're looking to connect with the

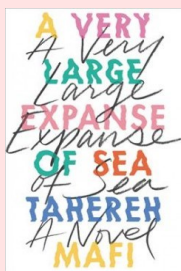


teens in your life, Forever Young Adult is for you! We will meet once a month to chat about the assigned book, learn about current trends in YA literature, and enjoy some snacks! Teens are welcome to join, too.

Come to the first ever meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 6:30-7:30pm. Meet the group leader Christine (MPL's Teen Librarian), share a bit about your relationship to YA literature, and chat about this month's book: *Far From the Tree* by Robin Benway: Three teenagers, biological siblings separated by adoption, explore the meaning of family in all its forms -- how to find it, how to keep it, and how to love it. Pick up a copy at the Circulation Desk.

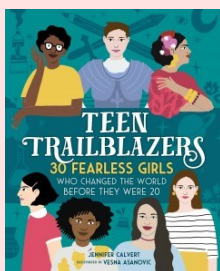


Young Adult Book Suggestions:



A Very Large Expanse of Sea By Tahereh Mafi

It's 2002, a year after 9/11. It's an extremely turbulent time politically, but especially so for someone like Shirin, a sixteen-year-old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped. She's tired of the rude stares, the degrading comments—even the physical violence—she endures as a result of her race, her religion, and the hijab she wears every day. Shirin has had her guard up for so long that she's not sure she'll ever be able to let it down, even when she meets Ocean James, a kind boy who really wants to get to know her.



Teen Trailblazers: 30 Fearless Girls Who Changed the World Before They Were 20 By Jennifer Calvert and Vesna Asanovic

Joan of Arc. Anne Frank. Cleopatra. Pocahontas. Mary Shelley. Many of these heroines are well-known. But have you heard of Sybil Ludington, a 16-year-old daughter of an American colonel who rode twice as far as the far better-remembered Paul Revere to warn the militia that the British army was invading? Learn about her and other young women who accomplished remarkable things before their twentieth birthdays.

Young Adult

To sign up for any event that requires registration or to view all events, go to <http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterJAN2019> or call 508-624-6903.

2019 Reading Resolutions

Reading at the Table, our casual book discussion group, continues into 2019. Share what you've been reading lately, get recommendations for what to read next, and enjoy pizza while we chat. The Teen Librarian will also share some brand new YA titles before they hit the library shelves.



The next meeting is *Thursday, Jan. 10 from 6-7 p.m.* Want to read more nonfiction in 2019? Want to try manga for the first time? Want to keep track of every book you read this year? It's a new year, so let's make some reading resolutions!

Lazy Crafternoon

You have two chances to spend a **Lazy Crafternoon** at the library this month. On *Tuesday, Jan. 15 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.*, get organized for the new year. Make a mini dry erase board, a pencil roll, and more to get your locker in order. This project was created by an artistic teen named Alexis. If you have a great idea for a library activity, please share!



On *Thursday, Jan. 24 from 4-5:30 p.m.*, make a DIY foam squishy toy to help you manage your school stress. We'll provide the supplies, including memory foam, and you can shape and paint the squishy of your choice.



Open to grades 6-12. Please pre-register for either or both sessions.

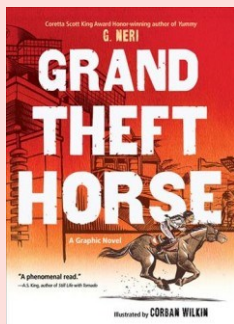
More Young Adult Book Suggestions



Last Pick

By Jason Walz

Three years ago, aliens invaded Earth and abducted everyone they deemed useful. The only ones spared were those too young, too old, or too "disabled" to be of value. Living on Earth under the aliens' harsh authoritarian rule, humanity's rejects do their best to survive. Their captors never considered them a threat—until now. Twins Sam and Wyatt are ready to chuck their labels and start a revolution. It's time for the kids last picked to step into the game.



Grand Theft Horse

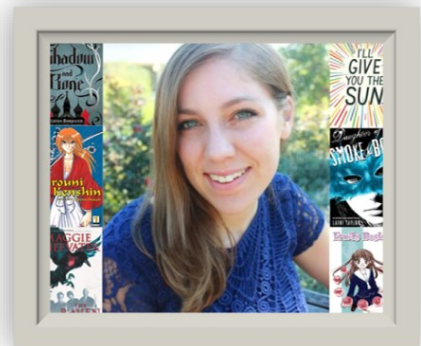
By G. Neri

Graphic biography of the author's cousin, a rookie horse trainer who defiantly challenged the horse racing world and its treatment of animals.

Young Adult

Welcome, Julie!

Have you met Julie, the newest member of the Teen Services staff? She's passionate about Young Adult literature—both reading and writing it—and some of her favorite books/series include the *Raven Cycle*, the *Grishaverse*, the *Daughter of Smoke and Bone* series, and *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson.



She is also a big manga fan! Some of her favorite are *Fruits Basket*, *Naruto*, *Full Metal Alchemist*, and *Rurouni Kenshin*. Julie is very excited to introduce some new programs in January!

Whether you're an aspiring writer who finds it hard to actually sit down and get started or you've already got a project in the works and just want a comfy place to do your thing, Julie's monthly **Teen Write-In** is for you. The first one will be *Thursday, Jan. 17 from 6-7:30 p.m.*



Lounge in the Teen Room and write, write, write. We'll have writing prompts and exercises if you're stuck or uninspired. Of course, we'll also have soothing music, hot cocoa, and snacks to keep you going.

Come to the new **Manga and Anime Club** *Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Talk about your favorite manga and anime series, make series recommendations for the library's collection, and share your input about what this club should be. Want to practice drawing manga? Make manga/anime related crafts? Learn about the different parts of the Japanese writing system? Simply talk about your faves? We want to hear your ideas!

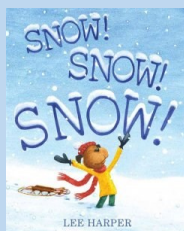
Forever Young Adult: A book club for grown-ups (and you!)

Christine, MPL's Teen Librarian, is starting a new book club for adults who want to read YA literature. Teens are welcome to join, too! The first meeting is *Wednesday, Jan. 30 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.* For more details, see the Adult Section of the newsletter or visit our online events calendar.

To register for events or to view regularly scheduled monthly teen programs, go to <http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterJAN2019> or call 508-624-6903.

Children's Book Suggestions

Picture Book



Snow! Snow! Snow!,

By Lee Harper

A father and his two sons spend a perfect day sledding together.

Early Reader/ Chapter Book



Magic Bone: Nice Snowing You!

By Nancy Krulik

With a bite of his magic bone, Sparky heads off to adventures in Switzerland.

Chapter Book



Daughter of Winter

By Pat Lowery Collins

In the mid-nineteenth-century shipbuilding town of Essex, Massachusetts, twelve-year-old Addie learns a startling secret about her past when she escapes servitude by running away to live in the snowy woods and meets an elderly Wampanoag woman.

Children's



To view all December children's activities, or to sign up online for any event that requires registration go to <http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterJAN2019> or call 508-624-6902.

Happy New Year from the Children's Room!



We're back on schedule with our regular programming, such as Mother Goose on the Loose, Toddler Time, Krafty Kids, Early Explorers and Dance Me a Story.

We also have a couple new and exciting programs to introduce.

Starting *Thursday, Jan. 10 at 11 a.m.*, join Ms. Larissa for a **Portuguese Storytime**. Come and listen to stories in Portuguese and make craft. This program is for children ages 3 and up. *No registration necessary.*

We will be continuing our **Financial Literacy Series for Kids** in 2019! We're very excited to have instructors from TD Bank join us *Wednesdays Jan. 16, 23 and 30 at 4 p.m.* Children, in grades 2 through 3, will participate in games and activities that teach them all about money: how to save it, spend it, and even plan their own budget!

The **TD Bank Wow! Zone for Kids** program is free and only *requires pre-registration* to participate.

In February, we will have four more additional classes with TD Bank for children in grades 4 through 5.



Carrigain, our new reading dog, will be back for a visit *Saturday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m.* Choose a book that you'd like to read and sit in our special reading tent with her. She's an attentive listener.