

November 2018

About Spike

Back in 2015, the Children's Department adopted Spike, a red-eared slider turtle. Many Children's Departments have pets, and while we were reluctant to get one, the circumstances around Spike's adoption prompted us to act. When her owners could no longer care for her they offered her to us along with all her equipment and Spike came to live at the Library.



When we adopted Spike, we didn't fully realize all that went into taking care of her. We soon replaced her tank with an even bigger one. Last year we decided that it would be best for Spike to have someone come regularly to clean her tank and check on her well-being. That's when we arranged for someone to do that.

Some people ask whether Spike would be happier released to roam free. We have looked into this and found that it is illegal to purchase or release a red-eared slider in Massachusetts. People who owned these turtles released them so often that they have now been established as a "non-native turtle" and subject to regulation according to the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife. Spike is officially grandfathered and can be kept as a pet for the rest of her life.

Many young people who come to the library make a dash downstairs to see Spike. During vacations, some people even send Spike postcards so she can keep track of where they are and welcome them back when they return. We appreciate all of Spike's well-wishers and thank you for checking on her.

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.



November 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 November Holiday Hours

Veterans Day

Sunday Nov. 11: **CLOSED**

Veterans Day Observed

Monday, Nov. 12: **CLOSED**

Day before Thanksgiving

Wednesday, Nov. 21:

CLOSING early at 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving

Thursday, Nov. 22: **CLOSED**

Day after Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 23: **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!

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)

NaNoWriMo is a fun, seat-of-your-pants approach to creative writing. On *Thursday, Nov. 1*, participants begin working towards the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by *11:59 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30*. Valuing enthusiasm, determination, and a deadline, NaNoWriMo is for anyone who has ever thought about writing a novel.

Come write-in with us! Join librarian, Danielle, and your local municipal liaison for an afternoon of literary inspiration. Check our online calendar for multiple write-in events during November. Writers of all ages welcome. Writers grades five and under should be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about NaNoWriMo visit <https://nanowrimo.org/>



Friends of the Marlborough Public Library Events



Friends' 47th Annual Art Show

Show Hours

*Tuesday, Nov. 13 through Thursday, Nov. 15 from 2-6 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 17 from Noon-4 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 18 from 1-4 p.m.*

First Lady's Reception for the Arts

Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 6-8 p.m. (Award Presentation 7 p.m.)

FOR ENTRY/REGISTRATION FORM, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Art Show-Friends of the Marlborough Public Library, 35 West Main Street, Marlborough, MA 01752 or log on to www.mpl-friends.org and [click on art show form](#), or pick up form at the library rear entrance Friends display. For further information call 508-561-1191 or email jmccabe@write4ucalligraphy.com Show is open for: Paintings, prints, drawings and mixed media in 2D and to artists 18 years and older, professional and non-professional.

Red Cross Babysitting Class

A group of parents is organizing a Red Cross Babysitting class for a maximum of 20 participants in the Library's Bigelow Auditorium on *Saturday, Dec. 1* from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

All are welcome to register on a space-available basis. The cost is \$105 per student. Checks made payable to the Red Cross can either be dropped off at the library or brought to the class.

Questions can be emailed to Jill Berson at cuznjill@aol.com



This is a community program organized by local parents and is not sponsored by the library.

Busy bookbinding at the library's Crafterdark event



**"It's fun
learning how
to create
handmade
books."**

-Susan

Museum Passes

As the temperatures fall, and you start thinking about warm places to go for entertainment, be sure to check out our **Museum Pass Program reservation page.**

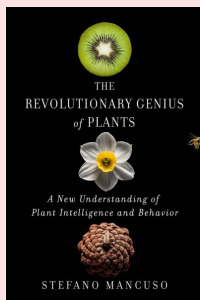
Thanks to our supporters, the library is able to offer a variety of museum passes for free or reduced admission to local museums, historical attractions, botanical gardens and zoos.

We've added a new pass!

Symphony Pro Musica, MetroWest's volunteer regional orchestra! Each pass booking allows two people to attend a concert at half price.

To reserve a pass, go to <http://marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/reserve-museum-pass/> or call the library at 508-624-6900.

Adult Book Suggestions



***The Revolutionary Genius of Plants :
A New Understanding of Plant
Intelligence and Behavior***
By Stefano Mancuso

Do plants have intelligence? Do they have memory? Are they better problem solvers than people? The *Revolutionary Genius of Plants*--a fascinating, paradigm-shifting work that upends everything you thought you knew about plants--makes a compelling scientific case that these and other astonishing ideas are all true.



***Beasts of the Deep : Sea creatures
and Popular Culture***
Edited by Jon Hackett
and Seán Harrington

This book offers readers an in-depth and interdisciplinary engagement with the sea and its monstrous inhabitants; through critical readings of folklore, weird fiction, film, music, radio and digital games.

Adult Services

To sign up for any event that requires registration go to <http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterNOV2018> or call (508) 624-6900

Events

The Bindery - Multi-Spine Books

Monday, Nov. 5 from 6-8 p.m.

Monthly classes teach the art of making books by hand. This month, join us to learn how to make multi-spine books.

Books can be made with multiple spines facing in many different directions. Learn about the mechanics of multi-spine books and make one to take home! This class is for ages 18 and over. *Please register.*



Crafter Dark - Homemade Spa Scrub

Monday, Nov. 19 from 6-8 p.m.

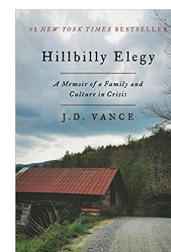
Winter is Coming! Whether you're looking for a nice gift for a friend or hoping for a little holiday relaxation for yourself, we've got you covered! Bath salts are a thoughtful gift (and a luxurious indulgence) which are sure to please, and surprisingly easy to make! Whip up your own jar of custom-scented bath salts and decorate it to keep or give away.



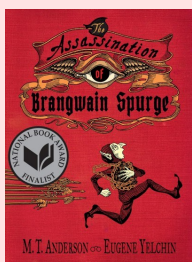
This class includes optional use of essential oils. Dogs, cats, and other animals are sensitive to essential oils and may be harmed by using essential oils around the house. In addition, essential oils may irritate human skin. Please consider any pets and your skin's sensitivity before using essential oils in personal care products. This class is for ages 18 and over. *Please register as space is limited.*

Adult Book Club

Join us Monday, Nov. 26 from 6:30-8 p.m. or Thursday, Nov. 29 from 10:30 a.m.-noon for Book Club. This month we will discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. Extra copies are on hold at the Circulation Desk.

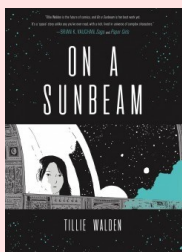


Young Adult Book Suggestions:



The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge By M T Anderson

Uptight elfin historian Brangwain Spurge is on a mission: survive being catapulted across the mountains into goblin territory, deliver a priceless peace offering to their mysterious dark lord, and spy on the goblin kingdom from which no elf has returned alive in more than a hundred years.



On a Sunbeam By Tillie Walden

An epic graphic novel about a girl who travels to the ends of the universe to find a long lost love, from acclaimed author Tillie Walden. Throughout the deepest reaches of space, a crew rebuilds beautiful and broken-down structures, painstakingly putting the past together. As Mia, the newest member, gets to know her team, the story flashes back to her pivotal year in boarding school, where she fell in love with a mysterious new student. When Mia grows close to her new friends, she reveals her true purpose for joining their ship—to track down her long-lost love.

Young Adult

To sign up for any event that requires registration or to view all events, go to <http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterNOV2018> or call 508-624-6903.

School's Out!

No school on Election Day! Come to **ArtLab for Teens** at a special earlier time *Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 2-4 p.m.* Just relax, listen to music, and make a unique masterpiece. No samples, no instructions— just a blank canvas and acrylic paints. Teen artists of all skill levels are welcome. *Registration is required, so we can be sure to have enough canvases.* For teens in grades 6-12.



Thankful for Books (And Food)

Have you tried our new teen book group, **Reading at the Table**? This is a casual discussion group— no assigned book, no pressure. You can share what you've been reading lately, hear from other teen readers, and get first dibs on brand new YA books. Fiction, graphic novels, manga, and nonfiction recommendations are all welcome. Best of all, we eat dinner while we chat. This is a great month to join, because we're going to have a mini Thanksgiving feast! Gather around the table with us *Thursday, Nov. 8 from 6-7p.m.* For teens in grades 6-12. *Please pre-register to help us plan dinner.*

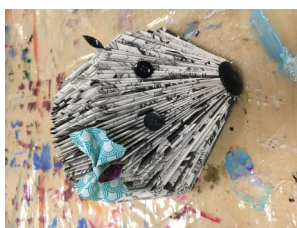


Lazy Crafternoon

After a long week at school, drop in to the Teen Room for a **Lazy Crafternoon Friday, Nov. 2 from 3:30-4:30pm.** Use permanent markers to decorate plain, white guitar picks and turn them into unique keychains, necklaces, or pins. For teens in grades 6-12. *Registration is not required, but you can sign up if you'd like an email reminder.*



Then, *Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 3:30-5 p.m.*, give a second life to some old library books with broken spines: Make a book hedgehog! This is a very simple project, but it requires lots of patience and folding. Once that part is done, you can decorate your hedgehog and give them a personality. For teens in grades 6-12. *Please pre-register.*



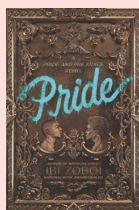
More Young Adult Book Suggestions



Lifeboat 12

By Susan Hood

With Nazis bombing London every night, it's time for thirteen-year-old Ken to escape. He suspects his stepmother is glad to see him go, but his dad says he's one of the lucky ones—one of ninety boys and girls to ship out aboard the SS *City of Benares* to safety in Canada. Life aboard the luxury ship is grand—nine-course meals, new friends, and a life far from the bombs, rations, and his stepmum's glare. And after five days at sea, the ship's officers announce that they're out of danger. They're wrong. Late that night, an explosion hurls Ken from his bunk. They've been hit. Torpedoed! The *Benares* is sinking fast. Terrified, Ken scrambles aboard Lifeboat 12 with five other boys. Will they get away? Will they survive? Based on true events.



Pride

By Ibi Zoboi

This retelling of *Pride and Prejudice* takes place in Brooklyn. Zuri Benitez is trying to save her rapidly gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable. When the wealthy Darcy family moves in across the street, Zuri wants nothing to do with their two teenage sons, especially judgmental and arrogant Darius. Yet as Zuri and Darius are forced to find common ground, their initial dislike shifts into an unexpected understanding.

Young Adult

More Young Adult Events

Window Artists

Paint autumn harvest designs on the Children's Room windows on *Monday, Nov. 5 from 3-5 p.m.* This is a fun way to earn volunteer hours for school! For grades 6-12. Please *pre-register to reserve a window.*

Thanksgiving Break



We're taking a little programming break from Thanksgiving to the end of the month, but remember the 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 always have a drop-in activity and coloring pages on the homework table, too! We'll be back with lots of festive holiday programs in December.

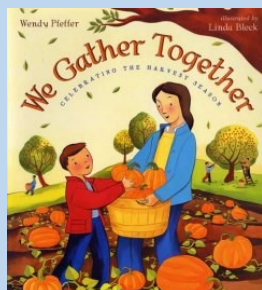
To register for events or to view regularly scheduled monthly teen programs, go to <http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterNOV2018> or call 508-624-6903.

Children's Book Suggestions

Picture Book

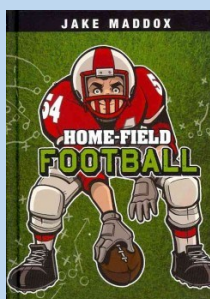
We Gather Together: Celebrating the Harvest Season

By Wendy Pfeffer



Accompanied by science activities, ideas for celebrating in school and at home, and a reading list, this nonfiction picture book reveals how an abundance of cultural traditions around the world and through the ages influenced our modern-day Thanksgiving holiday.

Early Reader/ Chapter Book



Home-Field Football

By Jake Maddox

When his mother's job forces them to move to a rural area, Mason joins the Clearwater Middle School football team and finds that it will be up to him to teach them how to win.

Children's



To view all September children's activities, or to sign up online for any event that requires registration go to bit.ly/MPLRegisterNOV2018 or call 508-624-6902.

The Children's Room has some special events planned for November!

Our **Toys & Noise Playgroup** is back Monday mornings at 10 a.m.. All caregivers are welcome to come with their little ones for some fun unstructured playtime.



"Toys & Noise!"

Drop-In Playgroup

We have a couple of **new programs** coming up as well. Ms. Tricia will be hosting a **drop-in craft program** Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon.



Krafty Kids

Preschool-aged children are welcome to come in with a caregiver and do a craft together. Ms. Jennie will be leading a **special 3-week storytime** about money as a part of the library's **Financial Literacy Series** Wednesdays at 4 p.m..



"Making Cents" Storytime

Financial Literacy Series for Kids

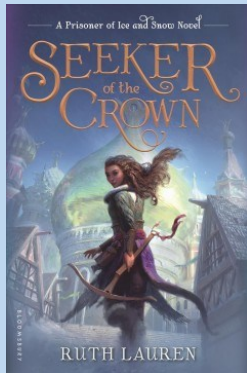
Kids will listen to stories, play games, participate in an art market and make a bank.

Registration is required for this particular program (ages 5-10).

Another Children's Book Suggestion

Chapter Book

Seeker of the Crown
By Ruth Lauren



When Princess Anastasia goes missing the queen asks Valor to find and bring her home, and unless she succeeds, Valor and her new friends will be sent back to Tyur'ma prison .

Children's



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Children's Events continued

We have all kinds of physical activities for kids as well. Mandy will be here Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. for **Preschool Yoga**. Your little ones will have a blast stretching their muscles and developing their strength (ages 2-5, with a caregiver).



Preschool Yoga
With Mandy

Dance Me a Story will be Nov. 2 and 16 at 11 a.m. Join us for literature and movement, music and imagination (ages 2-6, with a caregiver).



Hands On Nature will be presenting "**Owls & Their Prey**" Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. Come discover the habits of owls, their adaptations, and their roles in nature. Practice owl calls, and dissect a real owl pellet while learning about the prey of our local owls. Please note: there are no live owls at this program (ages 7-11). *Registration is required.*

Carrigain, our reading dog, will be back on *Saturday, Nov. 24 at 11 a.m.* Children are encouraged to come to the library and read to her in our special reading tent!

