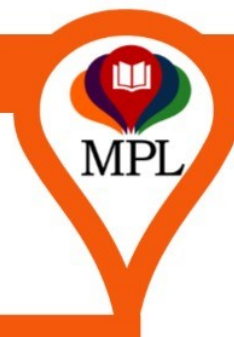


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Marlborough Public Library Newsletter



October 2018

Libraries are in the News!

Public Libraries have made the news a few times recently. And it's not because someone returned a book that was decades overdue. Libraries are in the news because of the fundamental role they play in society.



A September 8 *New York Times* article posted at <http://bit.ly/NYTimesSundayopinion>, titled "To Restore Civil Society, Start with the Library" begins with the question "Is the public library obsolete?" (Hint: the answer is "No way!").

The article defines the library as "an example of what I call 'social infrastructure': the physical spaces and organizations that shape the way people interact. Libraries don't just provide free access to books and other cultural materials, they also offer things like companionship for older adults, de facto child care for busy parents, language instruction for immigrants and welcoming public spaces for the poor, the homeless and young people."

The article goes on to state that "Libraries are the kinds of places where people with different backgrounds, passions and interests can take part in a living democratic culture. They are the kinds of places where the public, private and philanthropic sectors can work together to reach for something higher than the bottom line."

A second story posted at <http://bit.ly/SlateHumanInterest>, portrays the life of the Seward Park Library, located in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, mostly in photographs. The article, titled "The Secret Life of Libraries" shows the vast array of people who come to the library each day and the reasons they do.

Libraries have had to become more than they once were. They now thrive as community spaces where people come together to interact and maintain their health and wellbeing through a commitment to lifelong learning. That's exactly what Marlborough's library means to many.

Hello! What's New?

¡Buenos días! ¿Qué hay de nuevo?

**Spanish Conversation Circles are coming soon
to the Marlborough Public Library!**



Come speak Spanish in a comfortable, stress-free setting.

No testing, no fee, no homework. Just drop in and talk.

Mondays at 6 p.m. **beginning October 15.**

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.



October 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

Holiday Hours

The Marlborough Public Library
will be **CLOSED** Monday, Oct. 8
for Columbus Day

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!

What happens when you create a pendulum by letting a cupful of paint swing freely from a fixed point?

Gregory and Clarissa were two of the teens who found out while having fun at the library's **STEAM for Teens** event.

After experimenting with the weight of the cups, the consistency of the paint, and the length of the string, the teens ended up with a few huge messes and lots of unique artwork.



Need to Print Something?

Wireless printing is **now available** at the Marlborough Public Library!

Simply email your file to:

marlborough-bw@printspots.com for **black and white prints** or to
marlborough-color@printspots.com for **color prints**

Emailed files will remain in the queue for printing for up to 24 hours and can be accessed any time during library open hours:

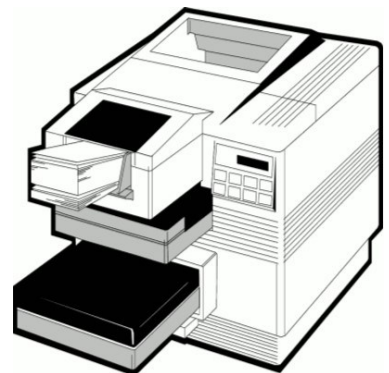
Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Print jobs can be released from our self-service print station. Our friendly staff will be happy to assist if needed.

Black and white copies are 15 cents per page/
color copies are 25 cents per page.



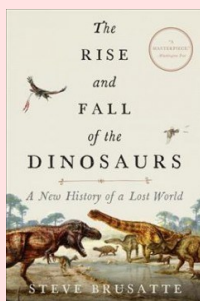
Adult Book Suggestions



Experiencing Bessie Smith : A Listener's Companion

By John Clark

An icon of musical talent and independence, Bessie Smith's contributions to the blues and the music industry earned her the title of "Empress of the Blues." Learning how to listen to Smith's work in turn develops a greater understanding of how her successors extended and reinterpreted her music to honor her enduring legacy.



The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs : A New History of a Lost World

By Stephen Brusatte

A sweeping narrative scientific history that tells the epic story of the dinosaurs, examining their origins, their habitats, their extinction, and their living legacy.

Adult Services



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Events

Adult Book Club

Join us Monday, Oct. 15 from 6:30-8 p.m. or Thursday, Oct. 18 from 10:30 a.m.-noon for Book Club. This month we will discuss *I Liked My Life* by Abby Fabiaschi. Extra copies are on hold at the Circulation Desk.



Financial Series-College: Getting There from Here

Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 6:30-8 p.m.

People want to make good financial decisions that set them up for success both today and in the future, but not everyone knows the questions to ask, the information to gather, or the long-term effects of these decisions.

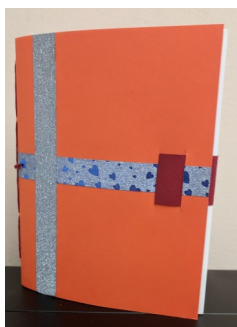


Financial advisor Jonathan Pearl will discuss establishing a college savings goal, strategies to help achieve the goal and the features and benefits of 529 savings plans.

Teens and parents are encouraged to attend. Registration is preferred as space is limited.

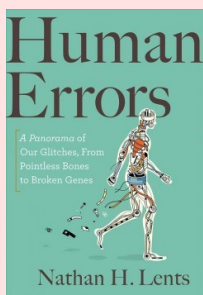
The Bindery - Password Keeper

Monday, Oct. 22 from 6-8 p.m.



Learn to make your own books! This month, make a book to keep passwords in with a folded flap closure. Register beginning Monday, Oct. 1 at noon.

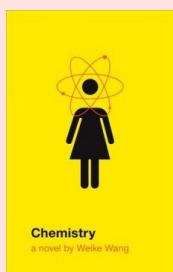
More Adult Book Suggestions



Human Errors : A Panorama of Our Glitches, From Pointless Bones to Broken Genes

By Nathan H. Lents

We humans like to think of ourselves as highly evolved creatures. But if we are supposedly evolution's greatest creation, why do we have such bad knees? Why do we catch head colds so often--two hundred times more often than a dog? How come our wrists have so many useless bones? Why is the vast majority of our genetic code pointless? And are we really supposed to swallow and breathe through the same narrow tube? Surely there's been some kind of mistake.



Chemistry: A Novel

By Weiwei Wang

This is a novel about a young Chinese woman whose graduate studies in chemistry go off track and lead her to discover the truths about her goals and desires.

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Adult Events continued

The Electric Myth: The Evolution of Creepypasta

Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m.

Join us for a spooky evening at the library with Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe of GeekGal. She will discuss the evolution of Creepypasta.

Slenderman. The Rake. The Seedearer. Ted the Caver.



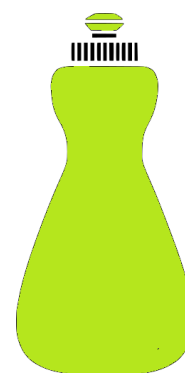
The Internet has become the new forum for our fear. In this panel, we'll look at some of the more famous creepypastas, the psychology behind why they scare us and visit the more popular forms of their stories on the web.

Sarah's dad took her to her first *Star Trek* convention as a child, sealing her future as a card carrying geek. A library associate at Springfield City Library, she tours around New England lecturing on various aspects of geek culture. She's performed for all sorts of venues from The Norman Rockwell Museum to the Massachusetts Library Association. Recommended for ages 13 and over. *Registration required.*

Crafter Dark: Homemade Green Cleaners

Monday, Oct. 29 from 6-8 p.m.

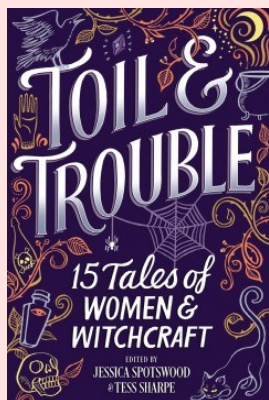
It's fall cleaning time! Nobody wants to spend all winter cooped up in a dirty house. Join us to learn how to make your own green cleaners, and take home some all-purpose cleaner and glass cleaner to help make your fall cleaning projects a breeze.



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 household products.

This class is for ages 18 and over. *Please pre-register. Registration begins Monday, Oct. 8 at 10:48 a.m.*

Young Adult Book Suggestion:



Toil & Trouble: 15 Tales of Women & Witchcraft

By Tess Sharpe

Are you a good witch or a bad witch? History tells us women accused of witchcraft were often outsiders: educated, independent, unmarried, unwilling to fall in line with traditional societal expectations. From good witches to bad witches, this is an anthology of diverse witchy tales from a collection of diverse, feminist authors. *Toil & Trouble* delves deep into the mythology of witchcraft from many cultures and points of view, to create modern and unique tales of witchery that have yet to be explored.

Young Adult

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October Tricks and Treats

Come to **Lazy Crafternoon** Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and decorate mini pumpkins to take home. Use acrylic paint, puff paint, Sharpies, and more to make your own unique autumn decorations. Open to grades 6-12 only. Supplies are limited and registration is required by Sunday, Oct. 14.



Join us Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. for a spooky evening at the library with Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe, a.k.a. GeekGal. Her program, **The Electric Myth: The Evolution of Creepypasta**, will cover the phenomenon of creepypastas, or paranormal legends that are created and popularized on the Internet.



She'll share some of the more famous creepypastas (like Slenderman, The Rake, The Seedearer, and Ted the Caver), and discuss the psychology behind why they scare us so much. Recommended for ages 13 and up. Adults and teens are welcome to attend.

Make festive Halloween treats, **Monster Mug Cakes**, Thursday, Oct. 25 from 4-5 p.m. Did you know you can make a mini cake in the microwave in just minutes? Learn how it works, then make your own colorful cake in a glass jar. Decorate the jar to make a little monster to take home. Open only to teens in grades 6-12. *Registration is required.*

Another Young Adult Book Suggestion



My Year in the Middle

By Lila Quintero Weaver

Miss Garrett's classroom is like every other at our school. White kids sit on one side and black kids on the other. Lu, the child of Argentinian immigrants, is one of the few middle-rowers who split the difference.

Lu just wants to keep her head down and get along with everyone in her class. Trouble is, Lu's old friends have been changing lately — acting boy crazy and making snide remarks about Lu's newfound talent for running track. Lu's secret hope for a new friend is fellow runner Belinda Gresham, but in 1970 Alabama, blacks and whites still don't mix. As racial tensions grow in the state—and in the classroom—it's hard for Lu to stay neutral. Will she stand up for what's right and choose friends who do the same?

Young Adult

October Tricks and Treats continued

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Ongoing Programs

The next **Teen Advisory Board** meeting is *Tuesday, Oct. 9 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Help us plan future library activities, and choose books and media for the Young Adult collection. Do you have an idea for a longterm project that would benefit the library or the community? Present it at the meeting and it could turn into an ongoing volunteer opportunity for you and other teens.

The next **Reading at the Table** is *Thursday, Oct. 11 from 6-7 p.m.* At this casual book group, we'll discuss what we've been reading lately, share recommendations, and enjoy some takeout for dinner. The Teen Librarian will also share some new releases and give you first dibs on them before they hit the library shelves. Grades 6-12. *Please pre-register.*

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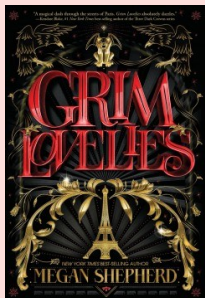
**More Young Adult
Book Suggestions:**



Fake Blood

By Whitney Gardner

In order to get the attention of Nia, the girl he likes, eleven-year-old A.J. pretends to be a vampire. The problem is that Nia intends to be a slayer.



Grim Lovelies

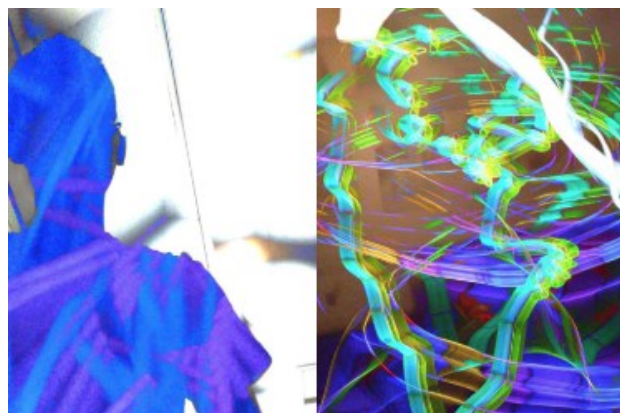
By Megan Shepherd

When their mistress is murdered, Anouk and her fellow beasts have only three days until their enchantment ends and they are transformed back into animals, but in seeking to remain human, they threaten the hierarchy imposed by the society of magic handlers in Paris called the Haute.

Young Adult

Ongoing Programs continued

At **STEAM for Teens** Monday, Oct. 15 from 4-5 p.m., we'll look at creepy photographs and see if we can detect whether or not they are digitally altered hoaxes. Then we'll learn about long exposure photography, and use a free app to create our own images of ghostly light trails. We will have a few devices to share, but you can use your own smartphone too. Open only to teens in grades 6-12. *Please pre-register.*



Let's talk about Ransom Riggs' novel, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, and watch the 2016 film inspired by the book at **Page to Screen Movie Club** Thursday, Oct. 18 from 5:30-7:45 p.m. Pizza will be served! Get a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk all month. For teens in grades 6-12. Please pre-register. The movie is rated PG-13 and may not be suitable for every teen.

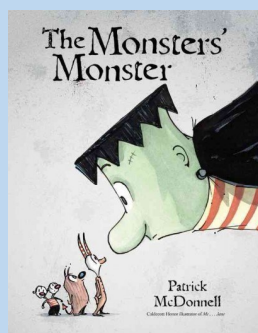


Help us get the Children's Room ready for **Star Wars Reads Day** and earn a few volunteer hours for school! We need **Window Artists** to paint *Star Wars* (or Halloween) designs on the windows Monday, Oct. 22 from 3-5 p.m. Registration is required to reserve a window. Open to teens in grades 6-12.

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Children's Book Suggestions

Picture Book

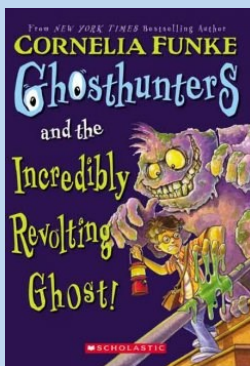


The Monsters' Monster

By Patrick McDonnell

Gloom 'n' Doom spend much of their time arguing over who is the "biggest and baddest" until they build a monster together that turns out to be very different than what they expect.

Early Reader/ Chapter Book



Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost

By Cornelia Caroline Funke

Timid nine-year-old Tom Tomsy reluctantly agrees to help professional ghostbuster Hetty Camomile dispel an IRG (Incredibly Revolting Ghost) from an old house.

Children's



To view all September children's activities, or to sign up online for any event that requires registration go to bit.ly/MPLRegisterOCT2018 or call 508-624-6902.

October is gearing up to be an extremely busy month in the Children's Room!

We have so many fun events to share with you!

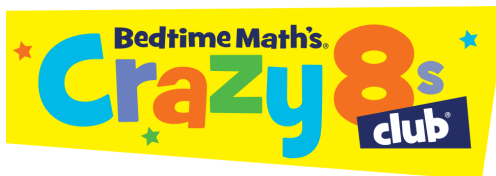
There are quite a few new programs, especially if you're interested in STEM. On *Wednesday, Oct. 10 and 24 at 4:30 p.m.*, kids will see their 2D sketches come to life in our **3D Doodle Class!** Exploring concepts in math, history, chemistry, physics, architecture, engineering, art, and design, PinkyInc. will demonstrate the step-by-step evolution of a 2D drawing to a tangible 3D model using stencils and a 3D pen. This class is for children ages 7 and up. *Please pre-register.*

On *Saturday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m.*, Paul Zimbella, a former Forensic Scientist for the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory, will be bringing his **Forensic Science Roadshow for Kids** to the library. Kids will learn how to find fingerprints for evidence, look at footwear impressions, use a metal detector and a crime light! This program is for kids ages 8 through 14, and *requires pre-registration*. Don't miss this fascinating opportunity to be introduced to the world of forensic science.

Starting Monday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m., **The Crazy 8's Club**,

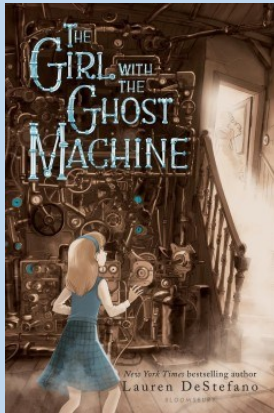
a math club for kids, will start up again. This eight week series allows kids to

build stuff, make music, and much more while learning all about math! *Registration is for the entire week series* and the club is for children ages 8 and up.



Another Children's Book Suggestion

Chapter Book



The Girl with the Ghost Machine

By Lauren
DeStefano

Neglected by her father who spends all of his time building a ghost machine to bring her mother back from the dead, twelve-year-old Emmaline decides that the only way to bring her father back will be to make the machine work, or destroy it forever.

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LEGO Playtime is back every second Saturday of the month at 2 p.m., so drop by with a friend for some building fun.



Our **Read to a Dog** program is also back and we have a new doggy friend to introduce to everybody.

Meet Carrigain!



He's friendly and loves being read to! We have a brand new doggy tent for you to share with him, so *please register for a 15 minute session* and pick a book that you would like to read. Carrigain will be at the library every *third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. - noon.*

October is also a month of parties at the library!

We're having a **Star Wars Reads Day Celebration**

Thursday, Oct. 25 starting at 2 p.m. Jyn Erso will read *Star Wars* stories, we'll play pin the lightsaber on Darth Vader, do a craft and eat some Princess Leia cupcakes. Dress up as your favorite *Star Wars* character for a prize.



On *Tuesday, Oct. 30*, stop by the library in your costume for our annual **Halloween Party**. We'll read spooky stories, make a haunted house, eat candy, and play games. Come and wrap your friends up as mummies or toss a frog into the witch's cauldron for a prize.

Fall 2018 Book & Bake Sale



with
**Teresa's Bake Shop
and Coffee Shop**

Sandwiches * chili * baked goods * Beverages



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH – 9 AM TO 4 PM

Marlborough Public Library – Bigelow Auditorium
35 West Main Street, Marlborough, MA

Hardback and Paperback Books Sorted by subject matter

Adult – Hardcover \$1.00 – Paperback \$0.50

Hardcover Young Adult \$1.00

Children's \$0.50 – Children's Softcover \$0.25

Book Sale Chair – **Jean Peters**

To: Volunteer to work on the Book Sale

Volunteers needed for setup on: Friday, October 12th 9AM – 1PM
and day of Book Sale on Saturday, October 13th from 9AM – 4PM



To: Donate baked goods

To: Volunteer to work on the Bake Sale

Please call the following telephone numbers

Books – Jean 508-481-1833

Baked Goods – Beverly 508-485-4334

For further info go to: mpl-friends.org

This is a Friends major fund raising event.
Proceeds go towards the funding of the Friends Programs
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at FREE ADMISSION to everyone.

