

# Marlborough Public Library

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2013

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**FOR ADULTS**

Not Your Average Comics

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August 6th at 2pm

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### Marlborough Statistics for May 2013

**New Patrons:**  
156

**Total Items Checked**  
**Out: 19,707**

**Children's Books**  
**Circulated: 6,668**

**Adult Books Circulated:**  
4,777

**Movies Circulated:**  
4,409

**Audiobooks Circulated:**  
1,724

**YA Books Circulated:**  
915

**Newspapers Circulated:**  
624

**E-Books Circulated:**  
279

## Letter from the Director

### Seven Goals, Much Progress

June 30 marks the end of the first year of the Marlborough Public Library's Long Range Plan that runs through 2017. A copy is available at [www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org](http://www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org). This plan was developed with community input gathered through planning committee meetings and a community survey. All this feedback went into writing the following seven goals. We have made progress on many this first year.

\* **The City of Marlborough will have a public library facility that meets the needs of the community.** The renovation



**Margaret Cardello,**  
**Library Director**

of the Children's space celebrated on May 4, 2013 and additional painting and carpeting on the lower level helped us achieve a major part of this goal.

\* **The Marlborough Public Library will respond effectively to changes in local education.** Both our Children's and Teen

Departments have been working with the schools to help get the word out about library programs and services that reinforce classroom learning. MPL supports school and home early literacy efforts and seeks to keep children connected to library services throughout their teen years.

\* **Residents will view the Marlborough Public Library as a primary source of local information.** One of our year 2 efforts will be to design a new website that will serve as a communication platform for information about library programs and services, and about resources throughout the City of Marlborough.

\* **The Marlborough Public Library will provide collections and services to meet the diverse needs of**

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## MPL Writing Competition Winners



Front left to right: Jaelyn Kassoy, Innia Macasieb, Katie Zagzoug, Siobhan Gannon, and Isabella Lopez. Back: Carly Pusateri, Sadhana Subramanian, Sakura Gandolfo, Justin Bartlett, Erinn Farmer, Zarius Dubash, and Colleen McCarthy

Marlborough Public Library recently held its Second Annual Teen Writing Competition. Teens from Marlborough or those attending a school in Marlborough were encouraged to send in their stories, essays and poetry for a chance to win the grand prize of \$100. On Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, the winners were announced at the writers' reception where they had the opportunity to read a portion of their work to the audience. First place winners are published on pages 8 and 9. To read all winners, visit our website.

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#### Poetry (grades 6-8)

1<sup>st</sup>: Innia Macasieb  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Sakura Gandolfo  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Justin Bartlett

#### Poetry (grades 9-12)

1<sup>st</sup>: Isabella Lopez  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Carly Pusateri  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Sadhana Subramanian

#### Fiction/Nonfiction (grades 6-8)

1<sup>st</sup>: Siobhan Gannon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jaelyn Kassoy  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Zarius Dubash

#### Fiction/Nonfiction (grades 9-12)

1<sup>st</sup>: Katie Zagzoug  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Colleen McCarthy  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Erinn Farmer

# Adult & Reference Services

## Groundbreaking Reads

It's that time of the year! Summer is here and it is time for Summer Reading once again. But why should the kids have all of the fun? You read year-round without recognition, so why not get rewarded for it this summer? By registering for our Adult Summer Reading Program, you will automatically be entered in our grand prize drawing for a Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 7" Tablet! By keeping track of how much you read either by hours or pages, you can be entered for prize drawings for a \$25 gift card of your choice every 2 weeks! Just read a minimum of 210 pages (15 pages a day) or 5 hours (just over 21 minutes a day) over each two week period for your chance to win, but for every additional 100 pages or 2 hours you will receive an extra entry. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/keh5v8y> to track your reading online or visit the circulation desk to sign up and receive a packet of bookmarks you can use to log your progress.

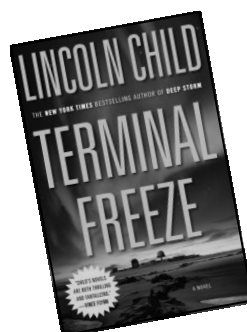
The theme for this year's Adult Summer Reading Program is "Groundbreaking Reads," so dig into a good book about archaeology, geology, gardening, or even the underworld! In July, the Book Club will be reading *Terminal Freeze* by Lincoln Child, an archaeological thriller set in the Alaskan Federal Wilderness Zone. Other recommendations for earthshaking books can be found at the circulation desk, and don't forget to attend our Summer Reading Reception on Wednesday, August 24 to share your own recommendations for "Groundbreaking Reads!"

### Join our Book Club!

Visit the circulation desk for a copy of the book.

E-mail Karen Mattes at

[kmattes@cwmmars.org](mailto:kmattes@cwmmars.org) with questions.



### **Terminal Freeze**

by Lincoln Child

Mon., July 15th at 6:30pm  
or Thurs., July 18th at 10:30am



### **The Last Time I Saw You**

by Elizabeth Berg

Mon., Aug. 19th at 6:30pm  
or Thurs., Aug. 22nd at 10:30am



### **Wolf Hall**

by Hilary Mantel

Mon., Sept. 16th  
at 6:30pm  
or Thurs., Sept. 19th  
at 10:30am

## Summer Trivia Nights



As part of the Adult Summer Reading Program the library will be hosting two trivia nights to test your knowledge on some literary and "groundbreaking" topics. This is a team event with teams of 4 people, so bring your own or make new friends! Refreshments and a prize for the winning team will be provided!

Join us in the Bigelow Auditorium on  
Mon., July 8th and Mon., Aug. 5th  
from 6-8pm.



## Book Planter Craft

Join us on Wed., Aug. 14 from 6-8pm in the Bigelow Auditorium for our Adult Summer Craft: Re-purposed Book Planters.

Turn old hardcover books into creative and inspiring planters. All supplies, including the hardcover book, potting soil, and plants will be provided, along with refreshments. Space is limited, so please register through our event calendar by visiting <http://bit.ly/MarlboroughLibraryEvents>

## Writing Group for Adults

Interested in writing and sharing your stories/poetry? Join our adult writing group every third Friday of the month. Writers are encouraged to stop by for a few hours, share their work, and critique their peers' stories/poetry. If interested, please sign up by emailing Jess Bacon at [jbacon@cwmmars.org](mailto:jbacon@cwmmars.org). Space is limited to 15 writers, so sign up now!

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

July 19, August 16, and September 20  
All meetings are 9:30am-12pm

# Teen Services

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Register now for any of our special summer programs!

## WINDOW ARTISTS



Session 1: 7/18 & 7/3;  
Session 2: 7/29 & 8/2;  
Session 3: 8/19 & 8/23

Paint a window around the library to advertise our programs and brighten the Children's Room with a design inspired by a picture book. (Earn community service hours!)

## COMIC BOOK CREATION WORKSHOP

7/22 and 7/23 11am-12:30pm

With over 20 years experience at DC Comics, Jack Purcell will run a special two part teen workshop on how to create your own comic book. Registration Required.

## PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

8/6 6-8pm

Do you shoot with your camera set on "auto" and wonder what the other features of your expensive camera actually do? Do you have a passion for photography? Bring your camera and photographs to this workshop with photographer Megan McGory, who will use a hands-on approach to help you reach your fullest potential as an aspiring photographer.

### JULY

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|    | WINDOW ARTISTS      | OPERATION OTAKU     | WINDOW ARTISTS/ WII GOT GAME | 4       | 5  | 6  |
| 7  | 8                   | 9                   | DIY: CHALK-BOARD PAINT       | MUSINGS | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15                  | OPERATION OTAKU     | NO-SEW BLANKETS              | 18      | 19 | 20 |
|    | COMIC BOOK WORKSHOP | COMIC BOOK WORKSHOP | EVENT PLANNERS               | 25      | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | WINDOW ARTISTS      | OPERATION OTAKU     | HENNA                        |         |    |    |

## NO-SEW BLANKETS

7/19 2-4:30pm

Vote on a movie to watch (Hunger Games or Beautiful Creatures) and create No-Sew Blankets for local foster children! Counts as community service hours! Registration Required.

## HENNA WORKSHOP

7/31 2-4pm

Come in for a Henna Tattoo! Learn the art of making one of these cool designs from a professional Henna artist!

## SPA DAY \*Event Planners Program!\*

8/7 1-3pm

Come relax at our Spa Day with facials, nail art and massages that will energize you! Supplies will be provided, but bring your favorite colors of nail polish if you're inspired! Registration Required. Planned by our Event Planners, teen volunteer group.

### AUGUST

| W                        | TH                    | F              | SA |
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| PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP     | HUNGER GAMES TRAINING | WINDOW ARTISTS | 3  |
| OPERATION OTAKU          | MUSINGS               |                |    |
| WINDOW ARTISTS           | 15                    | 16             | 17 |
| 20                       | 22                    | 24             | 28 |
| DIY: STEAMPUNK           | 29                    | 30             | 31 |
| B.L.T. / OPERATION OTAKU |                       |                |    |

## GIRLS AND BOYS ON FIRE: HUNGER GAMES TRAINING

8/1 1-4pm

Step into the shoes of the Katniss and the tributes of the Hunger Games stories as you take part in your own training day. Move from station to station and learn from skilled mentors the woodcraft that Katniss used to survive on her own, including archery, fire by friction, knot tying and shelter craft. Registration Required. \*\*\*Held in Wood Park in Hudson, MA

All events highlighted require registration at <http://bit.ly/MarlboroughLibraryEvents>

## Monthly Teen Programs

### Do-It-Yourself Teen Crafts

**Chalkboard Paint:** Watch a movie and learn how to make reusable and personalized spaces for creativity with Chalkboard Paint! **Wed., July 10th @ 2-4pm**

**Steampunk Crafts:** Watch a movie and learn how to make awesome Steampunk crafts and jewelry to show your creativity and inventiveness! **Wed., Aug. 21st @ 2-4pm**

Registration is required for both events. Grades 6-12.

### Wii Got Game

Come join us for snacks and WiiU games! Try out new games and enjoy club favorites! Feel free to bring your own games to share with the group. Grades 6-12 only.

**July 3rd, Aug. 7th,  
Sept. 4th @ 3:30-5pm**



### Operation Otaku

Join our anime and manga fan club! Every other Tuesday, 5-6:30pm. Ages 13+

**See Calendar Above.**

### B.L.T. Teen Book Group

Calling all teens! If you like to talk about books, then join us each month (except July) for fun discussion and a snack. Ages 13+



**Aug. 27th**

**@ 7-8pm**



**Sept. 24th**

### Event Planners

Join our growing group of event planners to plan Halloween (July) and Winter Break (August) events! Earn Community Service for your time. Grades 6-12.

**July 24th and August 14th  
@ 4-5pm**

### Musings: Teen Writers

Enjoy writing? Interested in creating your own stories? This is the group for you! We meet the 2nd Thursday of every month. Grades 7-12.

**July 11th, Aug. 8th, Sept. 12th  
@ 6:30-8pm**

For the latest information, follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TeensMPL](http://www.facebook.com/TeensMPL)



# Children's Services

## Dig Into Reading



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This year's Summer Reading theme is "Dig Into Reading!" Each week, activities will delve into a different underground topic, from dinosaur bones and mummies to construction vehicles and buried treasure. In addition to weekly story times and crafts, Children's Room staff will offer drop-in movies, an Alice in

Wonderland Party, and hands-on programs on pottery, gardening, and more. (see descriptions below and calendars on pages 10 to 12).

Several special guests will join us to share their underground expertise. Come check out more than 100 real fossils and learn about the prehistoric past with Paulette Morin at **"Having Fun with Fossils and Dinosaurs"** on **July 22nd** from 3pm to 4pm. This program is recommended for children in preschool through 5th grade.

On **August 6th** from 2pm to 3:15pm, meet eight live animals at **"Amazing Animals: Diggers and Burrowers."** Critters 'n' Creatures of NH will introduce you to the animals and share fascinating facts about their underground homes and habits.

For more information, visit [www.marlbroughpubliclibrary.org](http://www.marlbroughpubliclibrary.org). Many of our programs are drop-in; for those that require registration, you can sign up online, in person, or over the phone at 508-624-6902.



## Summer Children's Programs

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

#### BABY & TODDLER TIME

Join GERALYN for stories and songs for children ages birth - 3 1/2 with a caregiver. Drop-in.

**Mondays, 10-10:30am**

#### DROP-IN STORY TIME

Children of all ages are invited to join Tricia for stories and songs.

**Wednesdays, 10-10:45am**

#### DROP-IN CRAFT

Stop by anytime between 1:00 and 3:00pm for a Dig Into Reading craft. All ages welcome.

**Thursdays, 1-3pm**

#### PJ STORY TIME

Put on your pajamas and join us for bedtime stories and songs. Ages 3 - 7 with a caregiver. Drop-in.

**Thursdays, 6:30-7pm**

### SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

#### SUMMER ADVENTURE

Join us for fun games and activities! Ages 6-10. Registration is required.

**July 16th:** 'How to Eat Fried Worms'  
**July 23rd:** 'The Enormous Egg'  
**July 30th:** 'Ellray Jakes is a Rock Star'  
**@ 3-3:45pm**

#### MOVIES + POPCORN

*Alice in Wonderland* (rated G)  
**July 2nd @ 3-4:15pm**

*James and the Giant Peach* (rated PG)  
**July 29th @ 2-3:20pm**

Adults must stay with children under 10.

#### WONDERLAND PARTY

Follow Alice down the rabbit hole for a craft, Afternoon Tea, and a game. Ages 6-11. Registration is required.

**July 8th @ 2-3pm**

#### WRITING GAMES AND WORKSHOP

Do you love words and creative writing? Sign up to play fun word games and share your ideas and questions about writing with other kids. Grades 3-5.

**July 9th @ 6:30-7:45pm**

#### HANDS ON MUSIC

Join GERALYN for a fun music class. This program is recommended for ages 2 - 5 with an adult.

**July 26th @ 10-10:45am**

#### DIG INTO THE SOIL

Learn about container gardening, harvest and taste rainbow carrots, and plant something to bring home with you! Grades K to 5. Registration is required.

**July 15th @ 2-2:45pm**

#### LEGO CLUB

Stop by and build with our large collection of Legos! Ages 5-11. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

**July 15th @ 6:30-7:30pm**  
**Aug. 9th @ 10am-12pm**

#### MUGGLE SUPPORT GROUP

If you love to read fantasy, join us to discuss a different fantasy novel each month. In August, we will discuss *The Secret of the Sirens* by Julia Golding. Registration is required. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

**Aug. 12 and Sept. 9th @ 7-8pm**

## Read to Win!

Kids, don't stop reading just because school is out for the summer - read for the fun of it! Sign up for the Summer Reading program and earn rewards by meeting your reading goals.

Every 3 hours of reading (or listening) for ages birth to 7 and every 5 hours for ages 8 to 10 will earn you one small prize from the treasure chest or one raffle ticket

for the chance to win a fabulous grand prize. Each participant can earn up to a maximum of 10 small prizes or raffle tickets. The raffle prizes will include **Red Sox tickets**, a **Kindle Fire**, fascinating science kits, and more! Sign up online at <http://readsinma.org/>



**marlborough** or in person at the library if you would like to participate. Registration will continue through the end of July, so if you can still sign up if you haven't already! You can log your reading hours and collect your tickets/prizes until Friday, August 16th.

## Summer Reading Celebration



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Join us for our end of Summer Reading party on August 20th! Enjoy delicious **ice cream** from Trombetta's Farm at **5:30pm** and stay for a hilarious magic and juggling show with **Awesome Robb** at **6:30pm**. Space in the auditorium is limited, so

get your free ticket for the magic show at the Children's Desk starting at 5:30pm so you don't have to wait in line.

Summer Reading raffle prize winners will be contacted before the party and their names will be posted at the party.

## New "Who Was...?" Biographies!

Take a look at the New Nonfiction shelves to find lots of new books from the very popular "Who Was...?" series! These are just a few of our many new biographies:

### Who Was Jackie Robinson?

An inspiring biography of the acclaimed athlete who, in 1947, became the first African American major league baseball player. (NEW! J 921 ROBINSON, JACKIE)

### Who Was Queen Elizabeth?

Presents the life of Queen Elizabeth I, from her birth in 1533 to her reign as queen, which brought peace and prosperity to sixteenth-century England. (NEW! J 921 ELIZABETH I)

### Who Was Claude Monet?

Highlights the life and work of the nineteenth-century French

Impressionist painter. (NEW! J 921 MONET, CLAUDE)

### Who Was Anne Frank?

Looks closely at Anne Frank's life before the secret annex, what life was like in hiding from the Nazis, and the legacy of her diary. (NEW! J 921 FRANK, ANNE)

**NEW**

# Seven Goals

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**Marlborough residents, especially children, teens, the ESL community and senior citizens.** Staff has been weeding our collections to get rid of items that are no longer of interest and to make space for new titles. The new Children's space has resulted in new programming efforts. Children's staff has reached out to the PTO to tell them about our programs and services. Our Home Delivery service is growing in popularity. We hope to get even more participants and volunteers involved in the program. A Conversation Circle grant will help us update our English language learning collection and subscribe to Mango, a database that will provide online support to ESL patrons and others who would like to learn a new language.

**\* The Marlborough Public Library will seek partnership opportunities with businesses, schools, and community organizations to strengthen library services to the community.** The Library will seek ways to work with a variety of groups to talk about how the Library can support their initiatives and how they can support our plans for developing library services that meet community needs.

**\* The Marlborough Public Library will use technology to facilitate access to information.** FY13 City funds enabled us to update all of our public computers. This provides us with a good platform for growth.

**\* The Library will increase awareness of the library and its collections, programs and services.** The Library's award-winning newsletter, a new website and regular press releases on programs and



## Check Out Our New Adult Graphic Novel Section!

For all of you graphic novel fans out there, you'll be happy to know that we've decided to give this genre its own section, just like in Young Adult and in Children's. They are now located at the end of the DVD section. You'll find some old comic favorites like *Dilbert* and *Doonesbury*, as well as newer series like *Walking Dead* and *Locke & Key*. New graphic novels will be interfiled within the collection. Be sure to check out our display stand, too, with featured books from our growing collection throughout the month of June.

Graphic novels have an unfortunate stigma associated with them; most people who aren't familiar with the genre think they're "just for kids". This couldn't be farther from the truth! There are graphic novels for all ages. The new section is intended for adults ages 18+. For those with little reading time on their hands, graphic novels are great because you can finish one in a couple of hours. They're perfect for 15 minutes before bed reading! There's something for everyone with a variety of genres for every taste from horror to mystery, humor to memoir. Art styles vary just as dramatically, from black and white to full color and everything in between.

Staff member Laura Faunce has taken the initiative to develop this area. If you have any recommendations or requests, please email her at [lfauce@cwmar.org](mailto:lfauce@cwmar.org). She is happy to work with our graphic novel reading patrons!

## Library Budget and Trust Funds

The Library's primary source of funding is through the City of Marlborough's municipal budget. The library also receives an annual grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for meeting the criteria set for certified libraries.

Trust funds make up the third source of library funding. Over the years people have left money to the library as part of their estate. Many familiar Marlborough names such as Bigelow, Witherbee, Brigham and others remembered the library in their wills. Some place restrictions on the money, such as it can only be used to buy materials or it has to be used to buy poetry books. Others allow funds to be spent on anything the library needs.

In more recent years, people have continued this tradition and left funds to the Library to support library programs, such as museum passes.

If you would like to talk about including the library in your estate planning, please contact Library Director, Margaret Cardello.

# Writing Competition Winners

## 6-8th Grade 1st Place Winners Poetry and Fiction/ Nonfiction

### The Unheard Voice

by Innia Macasieb

The whispering wind calls my name  
I whisper back again and again  
The message I tell him is always the same  
But he doesn't hear me

Listen to the songs of the beasts and the birds  
That can be heard from the ends of the earth  
My actions may speak louder than my words  
But no one else can hear me

And as the sky turns dark and dim  
We all make our way back to our kin  
Saying nothing for too long is a sin  
But I have to, for no one will hear me

Crowds may gather at the center of town  
Their hollers and laughter are shaking the ground  
I raise my voice with them, loud and proud  
And yet no one can hear me

Sadly, even my family and friends  
Can't understand the messages I send  
They don't know about the heart that needs to mend  
I speak, but they can't hear me

So if you find yourself in the realm of night  
If the world deserts you, and you have nowhere to hide  
And if you open your heart and clear your mind  
Only then will you be able to hear me

## MPL Writing Winners

(Continued from page 2)

The Judges had different backgrounds in writing and teen literature. MPL is so grateful that they volunteered their time to judge this competition. Many thanks go to **Julie Berry** (author of YA books including *All The Truth That's In Me* coming out in September), **Jenny O'Connell** (YA author of *The Book of Luke* and currently working on its sequel), **Sam Paradise** (published fiction writer and finalist in the 2012 World's Best Short-Short Story Contest), **Jeff Adair** (editor of the Sudbury Town Crier, managing editor of the Community Newspaper Company, and an award winning journalist), **Sarah Sapienza** (co-founder for Worcester's Poets' Asylum), and **Diane McKamy** (high school librarian and avid teen literature reader).

### Sunset

By Siobhan Gannon

The sun rises and the sun sets. The old man squints into its radiant rays and breathes in the humid air. He gradually stands up and stretches his stiff, aching muscles. The whispering winds blow through the air and cool off the strange man. The man reaches for a slender stick he uses as a cane and begins his journey through the hazardous city he once called home. The deserted streets echo with the thud of the walking stick against the solid road ... a thud that would never be heard, since the man had lost his hearing during his time of isolation.

He trudges down the center of the road, exhausted from years of traveling. Alas, this is the final day of his painstaking trek. The final day that life exists on Earth, for death is a sly trickster that creeps up on this wise man. He sighs with relief as a grand tower appears in his sights. He scurries towards the building and, shoving through mounds of dirt and trash, reaches for the rusty handle.

With a creak, the eerie door pushes open and the man trudges inside. He slams the door shut and bolts the locks on as tight as this lone soldier holds onto life. Paranoid thoughts of other survivors push into his mind, but he ignores them with the realization there was no one. A rough cough chokes the man along with the gaseous fumes lurking in the room. He retires to a wooden chair that Fate placed into the room.

The sun rises and the sun sets, but unfortunately, this man has risen for a final time. He collapses into the chair and just as his eyes close, there is a knock at the door.



# Writing Competition, Cont.

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## 9-12th Grade 1st Place Winners Poetry and Fiction/ Nonfiction

### Salt Water Promises

by Isabella Lopez

Harsh rock threatened to scrape my hands,  
While wild flowers bloomed.  
The climb whispered of greater things,  
The air, with hope, perfumed.

The wind danced sweetly through our hair;  
Children squealed below.  
Troubles were pebbles in the sand,  
Thoughtless of tomorrow.

We sat as queens on mossy throne.  
Waves broke, jumping higher,  
Chuckled, foaming back to the sea.  
The seagulls sang for her.

An endless horizon gleamed,  
While the sea kissed its shore.  
Salt air swirled through each of my lungs,  
And promised I was more.

### Chasing the Moon

By Katie Zagzoug

The moon is so huge tonight it looks like it might fall on us. But I know it won't, because gravity exists, so it's okay.

"Gus, ten more minutes." I hear the echo of my mother's voice in my head, knowing we'll be out well over her limit—we always are. I kick my feet against the pavement and glance up at my brother. He stands a good foot above me, with light hair and gray eyes that remind me of my father.

"You ready, Parker?" He bounces up and down on his toes impatiently.

"Yesplease, Gus, yesplease." I nod and hide my smile from him.

"On your mark..." Parker leans forward, flapping his massive hand against his thigh. "Get set..." He breathes in deep, two rows of crooked white teeth stretching across his face in a grin. "GO!" I push off the asphalt and spring through the air with my brother at my side. We're neck and neck but we aren't focusing on each other because we're only set on one thing: the moon.

*You kids will be the ones to get it, I know you will.* Dad was certain Park and I would be the ones to catch the moon. *You'll be the richest men in all of Indiana.* We would laugh and ask him how the moon would get us any money at all. *Think of all the cash you'll make as cheese salesmen!*

"The moon isn't really made out of cheese, Dad," I'd say, and Parker would laugh.

Looking at him now, my brother, with his hair flying backwards and his tongue hanging out, it really makes me think of Dad. It reminds me of when he was out here with us, chasing the moon. Running fast, but not faster than us because he wanted us to believe we were the fastest kids in the whole universe. It makes me miss him.

At the end of the street where the last fire hydrant is, we stop and lean on our knees. I breathe in and out slowly, then turn to my brother, who's staring into the sky.

"I swear I almost got it that time, Gus. *Iswear, Iswear.*"

I pat his back, leading him to the steps. "You'll get it next time, man." We sit down and I watch Parker closely as he picks grass from the lawn, presses it between his thumbs and shreds each blade into tiny pieces. He mumbles to himself about the moon and how proud Dad would be and how he's *suuresure* he'll get the moon tomorrow.

I lay back and balance my head in my hands, looking up at the moon. I see my father in the moon just as much as I see him in Parker, my mother, our house and everything else. I miss him and I swear that as long as I do, I will never stop chasing the moon.

# JULY 2013

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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|  | <b>1</b><br><b>10-10:30am</b> <br>Baby & Toddler Time<br><b>10am-4pm</b> <br>Window Artists   | <b>2</b><br><b>3-4:15pm</b> <br>Movie & Popcorn:<br>Disney's Alice in Wonderland<br><b>5-6:30pm</b> <br>Operation Otaku         | <b>3</b><br><b>10-10:45am</b> <br>Drop-In Story Time<br><b>1-8pm</b> <br>Window Artists<br><b>3:30-5pm</b> <br>Wii Got Game | <b>4</b><br><div style="background-color: blue; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">INDEPENDENCE DAY<br/>LIBRARY CLOSED</div>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b><br><div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>9am-1pm</b><br/>           Summer Hours Begin         </div>       |
| <b>7</b><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Summer Hours Begin - Closed Sundays through Labor Day</b> </div> | <b>8</b><br><b>10-10:30am</b> <br>Baby & Toddler Time<br><b>2-3pm</b><br>Wonderland Party <br><b>6:30-8pm</b><br>Summer Trivia Night    | <b>9</b><br><b>6:30-7:45pm</b> <br>Writing Games and Workshop for Kids   | <b>10</b><br><b>10-10:45am</b> <br>Drop-In Story Time<br><b>2-4pm</b> <br>YA DIY: Chalk board Paint  | <b>11</b><br><b>1-3pm</b> <br>Drop-In Craft<br><b>6:30-7pm</b> <br>PJ Story Time<br><b>6:30-8pm</b> <br>Musings: Teen Writers   | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br><b>10-10:30am</b> <br>Baby & Toddler Time<br><b>2-2:45pm</b> <br>Dig into the Soil<br><b>6:30-7:30pm</b> <br>Legos at Night<br><b>6:30-8pm</b> <br>Adult Book Club | <b>16</b><br><b>3-3:45pm</b> <br>Summer Adventure: 'How to Eat Fried Worms'<br><b>5-6:30pm</b> <br>Operation Otaku          | <b>17</b><br><b>10-10:45am</b> <br>Drop-In Story Time<br><b>2-4:30pm</b> <br>No-Sew Blankets   | <b>18</b><br><b>10:30-12pm</b> <br>Adult Book Club<br><b>1-3pm</b> <br>Drop-In Craft<br><b>6:30-7pm</b> <br>PJ Story Time  | <b>19</b><br><b>9:30-12pm</b> <br>Adult Writing Group | <b>20</b><br><b>10am-12pm</b> <br>Read to a Dog: Therapy Dogs of Mass |
| <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br><b>10-10:30am</b> <br>Baby & Toddler Time<br><b>11am-12:30pm</b> <br>Comic Book Workshop Part 1<br><b>3-4pm</b> <br>Having Fun with Fossils & Dinosaurs   | <b>23</b><br><b>11am-12:30pm</b> <br>Comic Book Workshop Part 2<br><b>3-3:45pm</b> <br>Summer Adventure: 'The Enormous Egg' | <b>24</b><br><b>10-10:45am</b> <br>Drop-In Story Time<br><b>4-5pm</b> <br>Event Planners   | <b>25</b><br><b>1-3pm</b> <br>Drop-In Craft<br><b>6:30-7pm</b> <br>PJ Story Time  | <b>26</b><br><b>10-10:45am</b> <br>Hands on Music     | <b>27</b>  |
| <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br><b>10-10:30am</b> <br>Baby & Toddler Time<br><b>10am-4pm</b> <br>Window Artists<br><b>2-3:20pm</b> <br>Movie & Popcorn<br>James and the Giant Peach   | <b>30</b><br><b>3-3:45pm</b> <br>Summer Adventure: 'Ellray Jakes is a Rock Star'<br><b>5-6:30pm</b> <br>Operation Otaku     | <b>31</b><br><b>10-10:45am</b> <br>Drop-In Story Time<br><b>2-4pm</b> <br>Henna Workshop   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>             All Ages =              Adult =  </p> <p>             Children =              Teen =  </p> <p>             Tween =  </p> </div> |  |  |

## Register for Summer Reading!

Children Program:  
<http://bit.ly/MPLChildrens2013>

Teen Program:  
<http://bit.ly/MPLSummerReading2013>

Adult Program:  
<http://tinyurl.com/keh5v8y>



### Please Note:






These dates are subject to change. Please check our website calendar for the latest program information.

Go to [www.marlbroughpubliclibrary.org](http://www.marlbroughpubliclibrary.org) and click on "Calendar of Events" on the left.

# AUGUST 2013

| Sun                                 | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat                             |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------|
| All Ages =<br>Children =<br>Tween = |   | Adult =<br>Teen =   |  | <b>1</b><br><b>1-3pm</b> Drop-In Craft<br><b>1-4pm</b> Girls and Boys on Fire: Hunger Games Training Day<br><b>6:30-7pm</b> PJ Story Time | <b>2</b><br><b>10-4pm</b> Window Artists          | <b>3</b>                        |
| <b>4</b>                            | <b>5</b><br><b>10-10:30am</b> Baby and Toddler Time<br><b>2-3:30pm</b> Lego Club<br><b>6:30-8pm</b> Summer Trivia | <b>6</b><br><b>2-3:15pm</b> Critters 'N Creatures<br><b>6-8pm</b> Photography for Teens | <b>7</b><br><b>10-10:45am</b> Drop-In StoryTime<br><b>1-3pm</b> Spa Day<br><b>3-5pm</b> Wii Got Game                   | <b>8</b><br><b>1-3pm</b> Drop-In Craft<br><b>6:30-7pm</b> PJ Story Time<br><b>6:30-8pm</b> Musings: Teen Writers                          | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                       |
| <b>11</b>                           | <b>12</b><br><b>7-8pm</b> Muggle Support Group  | <b>13</b><br><b>5-6:30pm</b> Operation Otaku  | <b>14</b><br><b>2-4pm</b> Yoga Workshop<br><b>4-5pm</b> Event Planners<br><b>6-8pm</b> Adult Craft Night-Book Planters | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br><b>9:30-12pm</b> Adult Writing Group | <b>17</b>                       |
| <b>18</b>                           | <b>19</b><br><b>10am-4pm</b> Window Artists<br><b>6:30-8pm</b> Adult Book Club                                    | <b>20</b><br><b>5:30-7:30pm</b> Summer Reading Children's Celebration                   | <b>21</b><br><b>2-4pm</b> YA DIY : Steampunk Crafts<br><b>6-8pm</b> Adult Summer Reading Reception                     | <b>22</b><br><b>10:30am-12pm</b> Adult Book Club  | <b>23</b><br><b>10am-5pm</b> Window Artists       | <b>24</b>                       |
| <b>25</b>                           | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br><b>5-6:30pm</b> Operation Otaku<br><b>7-8pm</b> B.L.T. Book Group          | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>   | <div>Library Closed Today</div> |

# SEPTEMBER 2013

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1<br><b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>                     | 2   | 3   | 4<br>3:30-5pm <b>T</b><br>Wii Got Game      | 5<br>4-4:45pm <b>C</b><br>Afternoon Adventure  | 6   | 7<br>9am-5pm <b>Regular Library Hours Resume</b><br>10am-12pm <b>C</b><br>Read to a Dog: Therapy Dogs |
| 8<br>1-5pm <b>Regular Library Hours Resume</b> | 9<br>7-8pm <b>TW</b><br>Muggle Support Group      | 10<br>1:30-2:15pm <b>C</b><br>Preschool Pals<br>4-5pm <b>C</b><br>American Girl Club 1<br>5-6:30pm <b>T</b><br>Operation Otaku  | 11<br>10-10:45am <b>C</b><br>Preschool Pals | 12<br>4-5pm <b>C</b><br>Mad Science<br>6:30-7pm <b>C</b><br>PJ StoryTime<br>6:30-8pm <b>T</b><br>Musings: Teen Writers | 13<br>10-10:45 <b>C</b><br>Baby/Toddler Time  | 14<br>2-3:30pm <b>C</b><br>Lego Club  |
| 15   | 16<br>6:30-8pm <b>A</b><br>Adult Book Club        | 17<br>1:30-2:15pm <b>C</b><br>Preschool Pals<br>4-5pm <b>C</b><br>American Girl Club 2  | 18<br>10-10:45am <b>C</b><br>Preschool Pals | 19<br>10:30am-12pm <b>A</b><br>Adult Book Club<br>6:30-7pm <b>T</b><br>PJ StoryTime                                    | 20<br>9:30-12pm <b>A</b><br>Adult Writing Group<br>10-10:45am <b>C</b><br>Baby/Toddler Time | 21<br>10am-12pm <b>C</b><br>Saturday Drop-In Craft<br>1-3pm <b>T</b><br>Video Game Tournament         |
| 22   | 23<br>4-5pm <b>C</b><br>3rd & 4th Grade Book Club | 24<br>1:30-2:15pm <b>C</b><br>Preschool Pals<br>4-5pm <b>TW</b><br>The Art Club<br>5-6:30pm <b>T</b><br>Operation Otaku<br>7-8pm<br>B.L.T. Book Group   | 25<br>10-10:45am <b>C</b><br>Preschool Pals | 26<br>6:30-7pm <b>C</b><br>PJ StoryTime  | 27<br>10-10:45am <b>C</b><br>Baby/Toddler Time  | 28  |
| 29   | 30  | <div> <div>All Ages = </div> <div>Children = </div> <div>Tween = </div> <div>Adult = </div> <div>Teen = </div> </div> |   |  |   |   |

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--9am to 8:30pm

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--9am to 5pm

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--9am to 5pm

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