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FALL NEWSLETTER 2015

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Letter from the Director

Welcome Jason and Kate-Lynn

We have two new positions at the library that were created as a result of recent retirements that will help us make progress in some important areas. The first is our new Assistant Director/Head of Reference, Jason Homer. Jason comes to us with considerable reference and technology experience, most recently as the Technology Coordinator at the Wellesley Free Library. One of the comments we received in our recent survey recognized that we have worked to improve children’s and teen services and said now we need to “focus on adults”. Jason will help us do just that starting with technology workshops that he and his staff are developing. We also received comments about the need to improve our technology infrastructure in the library. New routers have improved our wireless access. Jason will be evaluating other ways to make progress in this critical area.

The other new position will focus on social media and marketing. Kate-Lynn Coraccio will help get the word out about all that is happening at the library, including programs, services and new items of interest to the Marlborough community. We will be redesigning our newsletter and distributing it more frequently so you get more timely information about what’s happening at the library. This was another frequent request in our survey. We’re excited to have Kate-Lynn aboard.

We are continually working to make changes that have a positive impact on your library experience.

Introducing Marlborough Reads!

We are excited to announce that this fall, Marlborough is holding a one book, one city reads initiative! This is a community-wide program to promote literacy among all ages and strengthen the sense of community by encouraging all residents in Marlborough to read and discuss the same book within a six week period (October 4 - November 14).

This fall’s choice was revealed at the Heritage Festival on October 4th. We will be reading Hoot by Carl Hiaasen. You can pick up free copies of the book around Marlborough. There will also be many copies available at the library.

Several events will help make reading the same book lots of fun. There will be book discussions, an owl show on Sat. Oct. 17th, an opportunity to dissect owl pellets and a special scavenger hunt. Residents can pick up a booklet at the library and visit places in Marlborough to find owls. Those who complete the booklet will be entered into a special raffle. This event will come to a close on Saturday, November 14th when we will meet at the Marlborough High School’s Little Theater for raffle prizes, fun activities, and to watch a showing of the movie based on the book. This project is funded by a grant from the Brigham Family Trust.

Stay tuned for more details! You can also follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MarlboroughReads
Fall into a good book

As leaves begin to change color, we asked the Reference Department to share some great reads.

**The Orchard: A Memoir** by Adele Crockett Robertson

*The Orchard* is a memoir of a young woman’s single-handed attempt to save her family’s apple orchard in Ipswich, MA during the Great Depression. The manuscript for this book was found by the author’s daughter, posthumously, and the writing is amazingly succinct, clear and even. There is also a good deal of useful information for the orchard owner, bee-keeper, or (heirloom) fruit tree hobbyist. If I had to make a complaint, I would have liked more on the author’s later life as this book really only focuses on the two years she ran the orchard (1932-1934), but overall, it’s a locally written gem, and great read for the Fall season!

- Anne R. Reference Librarian

**Lair of Dreams** by Libba Bray

A follow-up to Bray’s *The Diviners* (2012), *Lair of Dreams* picks up months after the first novel where a mysterious sleeping sickness has begun to claim lives of New Yorkers. Dream Walkers, called Diviners, are the only hope for a city in peril. Set in the 1920s, Bray offers a vivid and cinematic story that balances snarky banter, period slang, and suspenseful horror. The very large cast of characters is impressively handled and while this book is intended for YA audiences, it is enjoyable for any lover of complex plots and well written series.

- Jason H. Assistant Director / Head of Reference

**The Soul of an Octopus** by Sy Montgomery

*The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery is a delightful book in which the author recounts her experiences as an “octopus observer” at the New England Aquarium in Boston as well as on expeditions to view them in the wild. Weaving together studies and anecdotes from octopus experts, Montgomery uses her encounters with these incredibly intelligent animals to contemplate what it means to possess consciousness and how important it is to take the time to learn about different species. Anyone who has ever visited the aquarium or been the least bit curious about octopuses should definitely take the time to read this eye-opening book.

- Karen M. Reference Librarian

**Born with Teeth** by Kate Mulgrew

Kate Mulgrew played strong characters in Ryan’s Daughter and Star Trek: Voyager and now on Orange Is the New Black. But Mary Ryan, Captain Janeway and “Red” Zernikov are no more powerful or determined than Mulgrew herself, according to this autobiography. Honest, funny, insightful, this memoir left me eager for her next installment.

- Miriam A. Outreach and Reference Librarian

**The Millionaire and the Bard** by Andrea Mays

For hundreds of years there has been a controversy—did William Shakespeare really write all those marvelous plays and lovely sonnets? In this story of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington DC, Ms. Mays attempts to solve that mystery once and for all. Once she has finished that task, she then tells the story of Henry and Emily Folger who relentlessly tracked down first folios of Shakespeare’s work, until they owned more than anyone else in the world. The Folgers then proceeded to build a fitting memorial to Shakespeare, as well as their dedication to the preservation of his writing. Although this book is non-fiction, it reads like a story and getting to know the greatest playwright and the man who worshipped him was a real treat!!

- Diane M. Reference Librarian
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@cwmars.org. Space is limited to 15 writers, so sign up now!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:
October 16th and November 20th. No December meeting. All meetings are 9:30am-12pm

The Husband’s Secret
by Liane Moriarty
Mon., Oct. 19th* at 6:30pm
or Thurs., Oct. 22nd* at 10:30am

Author Study - Roland Merullo
- Vatican Waltz
- Breakfast with Buddha
- A Little Love Story
Mon., Nov. 16th at 6:30pm
or Thurs., Nov. 19th at 10:30am

December - No Book - Social Hour
Mon., Dec. 14th at 6:30pm
or Thurs., Dec. 17th at 10:30am
Happy Holidays!

*Don’t forget to pick up your ballot for next year’s books at the October Meeting!

Technology at the Marlborough Public Library

Have you wanted to learn how to use a computer but not known where to begin? The MPL now has self-guided computer basics booklets for you to Master Computer Basics. Come to the Reference Desk and ask for a Mastering Computer Basics Booklet!

COMING SOON
Computer Classes

Interested in attending classes on computers and other technology? Tell us what kind of classes you are looking for!
Email Jason Homer, Assistant Director, at jhomer@cwmars.org with your suggestions.
Teen Programs This Fall!

Stop by to use our 60" TV, relax on our couch, or check out a laptop. Follow us on Instagram via MPLteensboro. You can register for one of our many programs below via http://bit.ly/MarlboroughLibraryEvents:

**Winter Break**

- **Cocoa House**
  - Hot cocoa, s’mores, and henna tattoos
  - Mon., Dec. 28th
  - 3-4:30pm

- **Super Smash Bros. Tournament**
  - Wed., Dec. 30th 12:30-2:30pm

- **IMPROV Marlborough**
  - Improvisational games for teens
  - Thurs., Dec. 31st
  - 1-2pm

**NaNoWriMo**

- **Write as much as you can!**
- **5 Mondays**
- Open to Teens and Adults!

**Hang out with us!**

- **Teen Room Open Hours**
  - Monday-Thursday
  - 3pm-5pm
  - Follow us on Instagram at MPLteensboro to get the latest updates and information!
**Children’s Services**

### Fall Children’s Programs (Oct.-Dec.)

#### Be an Early Explorer: Try, Learn, Play!

We had so much fun with our weekly music program last spring, we’re starting a whole new series of programs for this age group! Kids from 3-5 are invited to be EARLY EXPLORERS and learn about a new topic each week. We might be doing an art project, performing a science experiment, playing a game, or meeting a special guest, including Marlborough’s very own Officer Borden Wicks, who will be talking about his job and reading stories about police officers.

The first week of every month will also be special—we’ll be welcoming back Monument Square Music to dance our cares away! We hope you will stop by and explore along with us!

**Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 am**

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<td>Join Kat for an interactive lap-sit for babies and young toddlers, birth to age 2. Stories, songs, rhymes and movement. No registration.</td>
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<td>Oct. 22, Nov. 19, 7:00-8:00 pm</td>
<td>Muggle Support Group</td>
<td>If you love to read fantasy, join us to discuss a fantasy book every month. Ages 10+. Please register online.</td>
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<td>Wednesdays, 10:00-10:45</td>
<td>Preschool Pals</td>
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<td>New Kids on the Book</td>
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<td>Chess Club</td>
<td>Practice your skills and play against new friends. Ages 8+</td>
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#### PJ Story Time

Put on your pajamas and join Virginia for stories, songs, and coloring. Ages 3 - 7 with a caregiver. No registration. **Oct. 19, Nov. 9, Dec. 14**

#### Other Events

- **It’s Party Time!**
  - Pete the Cat Party: Saturday, October 17 at 10 am
  - Goosebumps Party: Saturday, October 31 at 2 pm
  - Mad Hatter Tea Party: Saturday, November 14 at 10 am
  - Muppet Party: Saturday, November 21 at 2 pm
  - Snowman Party: Saturday, December 5 at 2 pm
Spotlight on... GRAPHIC NOVELS!

A graphic novel is a story that’s told in pictures as well as words. These books are great for kids who are reluctant to read, or for anyone who loves a good visual with their story.

**Unicorn on a Roll** by Dana Simpson

The second *Heavenly Nostrils* book is here! Hang out with Phoebe and her favorite unicorn, who just so happens to enjoy wearing roller skates.

*NEW! J GRAPHIC SIMPSON PHOEBE #2*

**Ghosts and Atoms** by Jodi Wheeler-Toppen, Ph.D.

Who knew that movie monsters were the best way to explain science concepts? The *Monster Science* series explains plants cells by using vampires, and atoms by using ghosts! SO COOL!

*NEW J GRAPHIC 539.7*

**The Muppets** by Roger Landridge

The Muppet Show moves from tv and movies to comic books with this huge collection! All your favorites are here!

*NEW! J GRAPHIC MUPPETS*

**The Complete Newspaper Wallace and Gromit Comic Strips Collection**

You know the movies, but have you ever read “Wallace and Gromit” the comic strips? Catch up with this wacky inventor and his awesome dog, and all their shenanigans.

*NEW! J GRAPHIC WALLACE*

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**Clubs, Clubs, Clubs!**

Do you like to read? Paint? Invent things in your secret laboratory? We have a club for you! Stop by, have fun, and meet other kids who like the same things you do.

Older elementary students who are fans of fantasy may want to check out the **Muggle Support Group**, where we talk about a different fantasy book every month! Others may prefer the **American Girl Club**, where we discuss a different girl and her historical period—and make a craft to go with it—every month.

Kids just learning to read (in grades K-1) should stop by the **New Kids on the Book** club on the first Thursday of each month, and get reading! Budding artists can explore a different medium each month with Debby in the **Art Club**. Learn about clay, paint, felt, and more! Those more interested in the sciences might prefer to join **Mad Science**, and experiment with new techniques and concepts. Builders should come for our monthly **LEGO Club** and see what they can create!

New this fall: **Chess Club** will be meeting on the second Saturday of the month! Open to all skill levels, but please know the basics before you attend.

Some of our clubs require registration. Check our Event Calendar for details!

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**New for Beginning Readers!**

It can be frustrating when you’re just learning to read, but we are here to make sure we keep reading fun! Kids K-1 are invited to play games and enjoy books at our new book club just for them—**New Kids on the Book!** - that meets on the first Thursday of the month.

Kids can also sign up to **Read to Odie**, a certified therapy dog who loves to listen to stories. Build your confidence and your skills by reading aloud to a friend who will never judge you.

Check our Event Calendar for details and to sign up!

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**ODIE**
In the summer months, Marlborough Public Library users checked out: 63,687 items

**Movies**

There were 13,671 movie checkouts this summer. That saved Marlborough Public Library users $11,469.69 in theater ticket costs.*

*Based on *Time* Magazine estimated average box office price.

**eBooks**

eBooks continue to become more widely used by users of all ages. During the summer we saw eBooks climb to 4,401 checkouts, a 41% increase over last summer!

- **Kindle**: 1,594
- **OverDrive Read**: 247
- **Streaming Video**: 54
- **Audiobooks**: 1,061
- **Tablets** (non-Kindle): 1,301
- **Nook Magazines**: 144

**Summer Stats:**
- June Circulation: 20,799
- July Circulation: 23,202
- August Circulation: 19,686

**Computer Usage**
- June: 2,749
- July: 2,849
- August: 2,552

**Summer Reading**
- Adults: 104
- Teens: 337
- Children: 503
Friends of the Library
Upcoming Events - October, November, and December

Cold Chocolate in Concert
Wed. October 14th - 7pm - 8pm

Battle of the Bulge
Wed. October 28th - 7pm - 8:30pm

Annual Juried Art Exhibit
Mon. Nov. 9th - 1pm through Sun. Nov. 15th - 1pm

Author/Celebrity Series
Thurs. November 19th - 6pm - 8pm

Friends Concert Series # 2
Wed. December 9th - 5pm

Children’s Holiday Concert
Wed. December 16th - 5pm

Cold Chocolate is creating an exciting and unique new sound in the world of Americana: fusing bluegrass and roots with a dash of funk.

Please go online: www.mpl-friends.org for updates on all programs, entry forms, and membership.

From Our Shelves to Your Player
NEW MUSIC has moved!!! They are now near the front of the library, next to New Fiction. One stop shopping for the library’s newest materials!

Susie Mantell: Your Present: A Half-Hour of Peace
Something a little different in our collection. This is half an hour of guided visual meditation narrated by stress-relief expert Susie Mantell.

The Last of Us Official Soundtrack
The award winning soundtrack to the extremely popular video game The Last of Us.

Bad Brains: Bad Brains
The first studio album from hardcore punk pioneers Bad Brains.

Bing Crosby: Songs I Wish I Had Sung the First Time Around...
Bing Crosby covers classic songs by other artists, including Al Jolson and Nat King Cole.
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**Events:**

- **All Ages =**
- **Children =**
- **Tween =**
- **Adult =**
- **Teen =**
- **Friends of MPL =**
**Please Note:**

All calendar dates are subject to change. Please see our website calendar for the most current program information.

Go to www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org and click on “Calendar of Events” on the left.

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You’re invited to the First Lady’s Reception for the Arts at 6-8pm!

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**Holiday**

- **Thanksgiving Holiday**
- **Library Closed**
- **Food for Fines Amnesty**
- **Nov 28 - Dec 31**

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**All Ages**

- **= Adult**

**Children**

- **=**

**Teen**

- **=**

**Tween**

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**Friends of MPL**

- **=**
### Library Hours

- **Monday-Thursday:**
  - 9am to 8:30pm
- **Friday:**
  - 9am to 5pm
- **Saturday:**
  - 9am to 5pm
- **Sunday:**
  - 1pm to 5pm

(closed July 4th—Labor Day)

### Contact Information

- **Mailing:** 35 West Main Street
- **Parking:** 22 Witherbee Street
- **Marlborough, MA 01752**

- **Circulation Desk:** (508) 624-6900
- **Children’s Room:** (508) 624-6902
- **Teen Room:** (508) 624-6903
- **Reference:** (508) 624-6992
- **Director:** (508) 624-6901

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### Holiday Amnesty/No Fines

- **Nov 28 Through Dec 31**