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MPL Statistics
for March 2015

New Patrons: 135

Total Items Circulated: 18,851

Children’s Books Circulated: 6,337

Adult Books Circulated: 4,633

Movies Circulated: 4,565

Audiobooks Circulated: 1,622

YA Books Circulated: 672

Periodicals Circulated: 579

E-Books Circulated: 279

Library & School Collaborations

One of the goals in our long range plan has been to work more closely with the Marlborough Public Schools so that we can best serve the student population of Marlborough. This year as the school year ends we have made progress in accomplishing this goal.

For the past several months, school and library representatives have been working on a One Book One City program which will encourage everyone in the city to read the same book during the month of October. Activities and discussions that center on the book will help us all come together and share ideas. The book we have chosen to be announced later this fall is one that will encourage families to read together, which is an important aspect of strengthening reading skills and family literacy.

Another joint event held at the Library presented ways to avoid the summer slump, that time during the summer when students often lose some of the academic progress they made during the school year. “Spring into Summer” provided fun ways to maintain reading, writing and math skills through the summer months. The Library’s Summer Reading Programs encourage reading and activities that help maintain and develop literacy skills, which are so crucial to success in school.

We hope Marlborough students use the Library to maintain their skills throughout the summer and all year long!

Introducing Reading Buddies for K-2nd Graders

Exciting news for kids who are learning to read: the new Reading Buddies program will be up and running soon! Starting in July, kids from kindergarten through second grade are invited to register to be a part of Reading Buddies, in which kids are paired with high school students (all of whom have had background checks—don’t worry, parents!) to practice their reading skills. Parents can sign up their children for half-hour sessions on Wednesdays or Saturdays, and start getting ready to read. Books will be provided, but bringing a favorite title is always a good way to break the ice.

Joining Reading Buddies will also help kids learn social skills, bolster their vocabulary, develop self-esteem, and (of course) develop a love of books and reading. Children who have trouble reading are less likely to enjoy it, but by pairing with local teenagers, they will be able to see reading as a pleasure instead of a chore. The best part is, studies have shown that kids who enjoy reading and have confidence in their abilities show a greater aptitude for learning and achieve more academically in their older years—even in non-literature-based subjects. In fact, there is even a Reading Buddies program at Harvard University!

Studies by the U.S. Department of Education have also shown that kids involved in Reading Buddies programs will have higher self-esteem, better attitudes toward school, and are more likely to use the library. They will also be better behaved in the classroom and have greater respect for educational materials. We at the Marlborough Public Library will make no promises that children will see such a drastic improvement, but we are confident that any time spent reading is time well spent.

Of course, the younger buddies aren’t the only ones who get something out of this partnership. By being able to take the time and enjoy books, instead of focusing solely on reading for schoolwork, many teen buddies rekindle their own spark for pleasure reading, gain confidence in their leadership abilities, and take pride in watching their younger buddies grow stronger. If that wasn’t enough, volunteering with children counts toward community service hours, which many schools require, and it looks good on college applications and resumes. Really, this program is as much for the teens as it is for the kids!

Teens who are interested in becoming a Reading Buddy should contact Jess Bacon in the Teen Room. Parents of children can register for the program on the website’s event calendar.
Adult & Reference Services

A Summer of Super Heroes

This year’s adult summer reading theme, “Escape the Ordinary”, is focused on heroes in all of the various forms they take. Check out our graphic novel collection and read about the latest adventures of your favorite superheroes, like Captain Marvel in *Higher, Further, Faster, More* (NEW! GN Marvel Captain Marvel v.1). Or go back in time and learn about the explorers and inventors who helped change history with books like *The Explorers: A Story of Fearless Outcasts, Blundering Geniuses, and Impossible Success* by Martin Duggard (910.922 Dug). Venture to new worlds in fantasy or science fiction stories like Terry Brooks’ new book *The Darkling Child: The Defenders of Shannara* (NEW! Bro). Stop by the reference desk for more recommendations.

And don’t forget to ask at the reference desk about the adult summer reading program this year! Track how much you read and be entered in a prize drawing for a $25 gift card of your choice every two weeks as well as the grand prize drawing at the end of the summer!

ESCAPE THE ORDINARY
READING CHALLENGE

To complement the adult summer reading program this year we are also doing a “reading challenge.” Pick up your list of 25 book categories at the main circulation desk or print it out from our website, and challenge yourself to escape your ordinary reading! For every five categories you read, you will earn an extra entry in the Grand Prize drawing for a Samsung Galaxy 7” tablet! The challenge runs until August 14, so make sure to stop by the desk and collect your raffle tickets before then.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLES

*Are on a break for August* - English Conversation Circles will not meet during August. Please check the library’s website to see when they will start again in September. These informal gatherings provide English language learners a chance to practice speaking English, at Beginner and Intermediate levels.

*Need Leaders* - We need group leaders to lead English Conversation Circles. You don’t need teaching experience, but should have some ideas about conversation topics. We have plenty of workbooks for you to use as well. We especially need people to get beginners talking, and if you can lead a group on an evening or weekend, that would be ideal.

*Interested? Contact Miriam Achenbach at machenbach@cwmars.org, 508-624-6992 or at the library!*

Join our Book Club!
Visit the circulation desk for a copy of the book. E-mail Karen Mattes at kmattes@cwmars.org with questions.

The Men Who United the States
by Simon Winchester
Mon., July 20th at 6:30pm
or Thurs., July 23rd at 10:30am

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry
by Gabrielle Zevin
Mon., Aug. 17th at 6:30pm
or Thurs., Aug. 20th at 10:30am

Unbroken
by Laura Hillenbrand
Mon., Sept. 21st at 6:30pm
or Thurs., Sept. 24th at 10:30am

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:*
July 17, August 21, and September 18
All meetings are 9:30am-12pm
Teen Room & Programs This Summer!

The Teen Room is officially open! 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:

**Teen Room Hours**

- **Mondays:** 3-5pm
- **Tuesdays:** 3-5pm
- **Wednesdays:** 3-5pm
- **Thursdays:** 3-5pm

**Volunteer!**

For more info, go to: marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/teen/teenvolunteering

**One Year Open Party!** July 1st & Aug. 5th 3:30-5pm

**Green Screen Sessions**

- **Thurs., July 7th @ 2-4pm**
- **Thurs., July 21st @ 3:30-5pm**
- **Wed., Aug. 5th @ 2-4:30pm**

**ImprovThis** (acting without a script!)

- **Thurs., July 29th @ 2-4pm**

**CSI: Forensics Lab**

- **Thurs., July 8th @ 2-4pm**

**D.I.Y.**

- **Thurs., June 14th @ 2-3:30pm**
- **Mon., July 27th @ 3:30-5pm**

**Design Spectacular Fondant Cupcakes**

- **Wed., July 29th @ 2-4:30pm**

**Superfight!**

- **Fri., July 30th @ 6-8pm**

**Superhero Murder Mystery for Teens**

- **Wed., July 23rd @ 3-5pm**

**No-Sew Blankets**

- **Wed., July 29th @ 2-4:30pm**

**Make Your Own Video Game**

- **Wed., July 15th @ 2-4:30pm**

**Vertigo Trivia at Its Funniest!** (6 Teams for Adults & Teens)

- **Thurs., July 30th @ 6-8pm**

**Volunteer Party!**

- **Tues., Aug. 18th @ 5-7pm**

**D.I.Y. 10 Laptops!**

- **Thurs., July 16th @ 3:30-5pm**

**4D Movie: The Incredibles!**

We’re turning The Incredibles into an interactive movie! Volunteers must attend all three sessions, which come with pizza dinner, and run the performance on Aug. 13th to the public.


- **One Year Open Party! 7/1 @ 2-5pm!**
**Calling All Superheroes for a Summer Adventure!**

It’s going to be a SUPER summer in the Children’s Room! The Summer Reading theme is “Every Hero Has a Story,” and we have some fabulous superhero activities planned.

**SUMMER ADVENTURE** is a fun program with a different craft or activity each Friday afternoon from July 17 to August 14. Kids in grades 1-3 can sign up for the 1:00 pm sessions and kids in grades 4-5 can sign up for the 3:00 pm sessions.

- **7/17:** Super Hero Training
- **7/24:** Shoebox Cityscapes

**Superhero Egg Drop Competition**

Create a contraption to save your egg from the clutches of the evil librarian! All teams whose eggs are dropped without cracking will be entered to win four tickets to 6 Flags New England. All ages welcome. Check our online calendar for more details.

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**Summer Children’s Programs**

**DROP-IN STORY TIME**

Join Tricia for stories and a craft! Ages 3-7 with a caregiver. No registration.

_Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am_

**PJ STORY TIME**

Put on your pajamas and join Meredith for stories, songs, and a snack. Ages 3 - 7 with a caregiver. No registration.

_July 13, Aug. 10_  
_6:30-7:15 pm_

**PRESCHOOL ART**

Preschool age children are invited to join Debby for messy artistic fun! Please register.

_July 7 & 21, Aug. 4 & 18_  
_10:00-10:30 am_

**PRESCHOOL SCIENCE**

A new scientific topic to explore each time! For preschool age children. Please register.

_July 14 & 28, Aug. 11_  
_3:30-4:00 pm_

**MUGGLE SUPPORT GROUP**

If you love to read fantasy, join us to discuss a fantasy book every month. Ages 10 and up. Registration required.

_July 6, Aug. 3_  
_7:00-8:00 pm_

**COMIC BOOK WORKSHOP**

Create your own super heroes and work on a comic book! Come to one session or both. No registration.

_July 20, 27_  
_3:00-5:00 pm_

**SUPERHERO MOVIES**

- July 7: Big Hero 6
- July 21: Underdog
- Aug. 4: Despicable Me 2
- Aug. 18: TMNT

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**BABY & TODDLER PLAY TIME!**

Mondays, 10-11 am

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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 kids up to grade 2 and every 5 hours for kids in grades 3 to 5 will earn you one small prize from the treasure chest, one book, or one raffle ticket for the chance to win a fabulous grand prize. Each participant can earn up to 10 prizes or tickets. The raffle prizes will include a Star Wars prize pack, DC and Marvel Comics prize packs, a ride-on Plasma Car, craft kits, and more!

Sign up online at http://www.readsinma.org/mlborough or in person at the library if you would like to participate. You can log your reading hours and collect your tickets and prizes until Thursday, August 13.

### Super Shows: Jungle Jim, Toe Jam, and Animal Adventures!

Several fabulous performers are coming to the library in July and August! On July 9 at 10 am, Jungle Jim will lead a hilarious superhero training program for ages 3 to 10. On July 30 at 2 pm, join the Toe Jam Puppet Band for songs, stories, and laughs. On Aug. 19 at 6 pm, Animal Adventures will be bringing a bunch of furry, scaly, and fascinating friends.

Space is limited at these great events, so please pick up your free tickets at the Children’s desk starting one hour before the show.

### Heroic Reads to Check Out This Summer

**Niño Wrestles the World by Yuyi Morales**

Lucha Libre champion Niño has no trouble fending off monstrous opponents, but when his little sisters awaken from their naps, he is in for a wrestling match that will truly test his skills. (J PIC MOR)

**The Princess in Black by Shannon Hale & Dean Hale**

Princess Magnolia has a secret identity as a monster-fighting superhero, the Princess in Black! (NEW! J HALE)

**Captain Awesome to the Rescue by Stan Kirby**

When Eugene goes to a new school, he brings out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster. (J KIRBY CAPTAIN #1)

**El Deafo by Cece Bell**

After losing her hearing at a young age, Cece feels isolated from her peers until she realizes her new hearing aid can help her become El Deafo, Listener for All! (YA GN BEL)

**Joshua Dread by Lee Bacon**

Middle school isn’t easy for Joshua, who is trying to hide his identity as the son of supervillains, the Dread Duo. (E-BOOK)
Summer Reading Kickoff!

Over 250 patrons came to our Summer Reading Kickoff! Thank you to our teen volunteers who helped man the stations, painted faces, and took pictures. Also, a special thanks to Katie Robey of the Marlborough Junior Women’s Club for running the registration table.

From Our Shelves to Your Player

NEW MUSIC has moved!!! You can now find all of our newest additions to the collection near the front of the library, next to New Fiction. One stop shopping for the library’s newest materials!

*Find these albums among the New Music!*

**Bad Brains: Bad Brains**

The first studio album from hardcore punk pioneers Bad Brains.

**The Last of Us Official Soundtrack**

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

**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.

**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.
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New Summer Hours

We will now be open all day (9am-5pm) on Saturdays throughout the summer. We will continue to close on Sundays in July and August.

Please Note:

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Monday-Thursday:
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--9am to 5pm
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