

Monthly Digest – February 2023

learn, play, and explore

Welcome Message: Library Lovers' Month

(Image of the word "February" written in cursive, surrounded by candy conversation hearts containing Valentine's Day-themed library references, such as "Check me out," and "What's your call number?")

Love is in the air! Did you know that February is National Library Lovers' Month? From fun programming for all ages, and the return of the popular annual free tax preparation program, to a celebration of Black History Month, and a whole lot of progress on our exciting library renovation, there's a lot to love about our library!

Holiday Library Hours

(Image of a circle containing the words "President's Day" written in red, white, and blue, accompanied by an American flag-themed top hat)

We will be closed on Monday, **February 20th**, in observance of President's Day.

Free Tax Assistance

(Image of the official AARP logo)

Our friends from AARP are back again this year to offer free tax assistance! Appointments are required... for more information, go to: bit.ly/2023_FreeTaxPrep

Words Have Power

(Abstract image of a beautiful Black woman's face in silhouette, wearing a red, green, black, and yellow traditional African head-wrap, and accompanied by the words "Black History Month")

In celebration of the legacy of African Americans throughout U.S. history, our librarians have carefully selected some of their favorite books by, and about, Black Americans. Encompassing various genres, time periods and subject matter, they're excited to share these works with you. Visit us in person to see what they've picked!

Boredom Buster!

(Images of the logos for the Acton Discovery Museum, New England Aquarium, Boston Museum of Science, and the Ecotarium)

Looking for things to do with the kids during winter break? Check out all the fun places you can bring them, at discounted pricing, just by using your library card! Walk like a penguin at the New England Aquarium, or investigate the solar system at the Boston Museum of Science. Explore all of your options, and keep boredom at bay! Go to: bit.ly/MPL_MuseumPasses

Adult Book Club

(Image of the cover of this month's book selection, *Bittersweet*, by Susan Cain)

Longing, poignancy, sorrow, and joy are all inextricably linked within the human experience. Join us at 6pm on Tuesday, February 14th, for a discussion of Susan Cain's bestseller, *Bittersweet*. For more information, and to register, go to:

bit.ly/AdultBookClub_Feb2023

What's New?

(Image of a graduation cap)

Marlborough residents graduating from high school this June may qualify for the MPL Board of Trustees Scholarship! For more information, go to:

bit.ly/2023TrusteesScholarship

Welcome, Sara! Read on for a construction update from the desk of our new director, Sara Belisle:

Dear Marlborough Community,

Happy New Year! I'm thrilled to be writing my first monthly construction update as the new Director of the Marlborough Public Library. The first few weeks on the job have been a whirlwind. I'm quickly catching up with where we are in the building construction project, and getting to know the amazing library staff that have been working so hard for the community in our temporary space.

A quick summary of my background: I am coming to you from the Newton Free Library where I spent the last 10 years. It was there that I developed my love and passion for public libraries and public service. As a Marlborough resident, I'm so happy to be able to serve the community I call my own.

I'm coming on at a pivotal point in the library renovation project. Electrical work is well underway, and drywall is being hung. I was able to take a walk through the building and really visualize what's to come. We've been working hard this month to nail down all the new technology that will be available for you to use. I'm blown away by what this new library building will offer, and I think you will be too.

Warm Regards,

Sara Belisle

Director of the Marlborough Public Library

Library Links

Library Website: marlboroughpubliclibrary.org

Access Your Account: bit.ly/CWMARSAccount

Calendar of Events: bit.ly/MPL_CalendarOfEvents

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