

Monthly Digest – May 2023

learn, play, and explore

Welcome Message: Mental Health Awareness Month

(Image: two faces in profile overlapping one another, one turquoise and the other purple, both containing dark blue jigsaw puzzle pieces representing the complexity of the human mind)

May is a time to remember that your mental health is essential to your overall health. This in mind, we're proud to share our directory of crisis helplines and detailed contact information on local agencies and organizations that provide support for issues such as depression, addiction, domestic and sexual violence, bullying, grief, and parenting challenges. Need assistance navigating these resources? Our Reference librarians are here to help! Contact them during our business hours at 508-624-6900 or send them a message anytime at marlboroughreference@cwmars.org.

To view our directory of crisis helplines, and other mental health agency contact information, visit: bit.ly/CommunityResources_Directory

May Adult Book Club

(Image of the cover of this month's book selection, *Four Treasures of the Sky*, by Jenny Tinghui Zhang)

Deftly combining historical fiction with magical realism, this debut novel by Jenny Tinghui Zhang follows a young Chinese girl on a desperate quest to outrun the tragedy that chases her. This program is being offered in hybrid format, and registration is required. For more information, and to save your spot, visit:

bit.ly/AdultBookClub_May

Holiday Hours

We will be closed on Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day

STEM Beginnings 6-week Young Scientists Series, May 22nd at 6pm

(Image: children doing a fun science activity)

Children will learn STEM concepts through hands-on activities, story time, challenges and simple experiments in this weekly STEM series facilitated by

STEM Beginnings. Siblings are welcome. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to help their child and join in the fun during each class! Registration is required and class size is limited to 12 children.

To register, visit: bit.ly/YoungScientists_Spring2023

April Showers Brought May Flowers!

(Image: pink and yellow flowers surrounded by green leaves)

As promised, April showers have brought May flower... events! Learn all about Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arrangement, take a nature walk and do a Cyanotype, or join us for outdoor meditation.

To register for Ikebana Flower Arrangement, visit: bit.ly/Ikebana_Registration

To register for Adult Nature Walk & Cyanotype, visit: bit.ly/NatureWalk_Cyanotype

To register for Outdoor Meditation, visit: bit.ly/OutdoorMeditation_Registration

Intro to Craftivism for Teens & Adults, Thursday, May 4th at 5pm!

(Image: an embroidery ring with embroidered text "It's ok to be sad after making the right decision")

Craft-based activism has been used as a tool of resistance, coalition building, even espionage! Shannon, from Badass Cross Stitch, will teach you how to "stab it out" with embroidery, while giving an overview of the history of craftivism and ways you can get involved in the modern movement. Registration is required!

For more information, visit: bit.ly/Craftivism_Registration

What's New on Our Shelves?

(Image: the Wowbrary logo)

To see the newest "stuff" at our library, visit bit.ly/MPL_Wowbrary

From the Director's Desk

A building update, straight from the desk of our director, Sara Belisle:

Dear Marlborough Community,

Spring is fully upon us and as I watch the trees blooming, bulbs sprouting, and perennials coming back from their winter hibernation, I can't help but feel happy knowing we just had our last winter in our temporary space.

Work on the new library is moving along smoothly. We had a big win this past month with the delivery and installation of the transformer. There has been a shortage of transformers within the United States this past few years due to all the major storms in other parts of the country. I feel so fortunate we didn't experience any delay in getting ours. I can't take credit for this win though. That goes to the Commissioner of Public Works, Sean Divoll.

Work on the outside courtyard and walkways are starting. The original stairs on the Main Street side, have been fixed and leveled. You've also probably noticed that almost all the windows have been installed. Last week, I was able to take a walk through and saw, in all its window glory, one of the small group study rooms with windows overlooking Main Street. If I were you, that would be a room I'd be clambering to reserve. Speaking of room reservations, I'm sure many of you are eager to book your use of the study and meeting rooms. I'm happy to share the library has invested in a room reservation system so you'll be able to request a room from home. This system will not go live until we are close to opening so stay tuned!

Warm Regards,
Sara Belisle
Director of the Marlborough Public Library
05/01/2023

Library Links

Library Website: marlboroughpubliclibrary.org

Access Your Account: bit.ly/CWMARSAccount

Calendar of Events: bit.ly/MPL_CalendarOfEvents

English Language Learning Resources: bit.ly/MPL_ESL_Resources

Crisis & Community Resources: bit.ly/MPL_CrisisAndCommunityResources

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Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 7:45pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am to 5pm