

## Dear Marlborough Community,

March is the month for more "new library" milestones. The most exciting one to share is the opening of our Local History room for folks who are interested in doing research or genealogy work. This room, which was generously sponsored by St. Mary's Credit Union, is home to our historic collection of books, documents, and newspapers on microfilm. Did you know we have vintage Marlborough High School yearbooks in our collection? Even better, you don't have to leave the comfort of your home to access them, as they have been digitized and are available online <u>here!</u>

The new Local History Room also features two display cases containing artifacts on loan from the Marlborough Historical Society. This exhibit is a collection of boots and ephemera from Frye Company, an American manufacturer of shoes, boots and leather accessories that first opened in Marlborough in 1863. If you're interested in exploring these historical offerings and discussing them with our librarians, please join us on March 5th between 4-7pm.

The next time you visit, you'll also see some new additions to the walls of the Carnegie building. We've hung eight pieces from our collection entitled "Old Homesteads of Marlborough," a watercolor series by Ellen M. Carpenter that was previously displayed in the lower level of our pre-renovation building. Our collection consists of 109 of these paintings, and while we can't hang them all at once, we intend to periodically rotate through the collection. To do this, I need your help! Next time you visit the library, please stop by the 1st floor Information Desk and flip through a book that contains photographs of each of these paintings. Then, cast your vote for the one you'd like to see next on the wall.

Warm Regards,

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