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## **Dear Marlborough Community,**

As we head into April and the weather is beginning to warm up, I'm pleased to see the grass that was seeded last last fall beginning to sprout! I can't wait to see all the native plants that were chosen for our landscape start to come out of their dormancy. These plants will be labeled this spring, so you will have the opportunity to learn about native plants that are good choices for low-maintenance landscaping.

There are a lot of exciting things happening this month! One is of personal interest, and that is the April 8th eclipse. As long as the weather cooperates and we don't have a rainy, cloudy day, we'll be holding an eclipse watch party here at the library! While we won't see totality in Marlborough, we'll be able to see 93% of the sun covered by the moon between 3-4pm. This means you'll need to wear eclipse glasses in order to look at it safely. Don't worry, we have plenty of eclipse viewing glasses to share. Anyone attending programs at the library from today until Monday, April 8th will get a free pair of glasses to take home with them, with a limit of 1 per family. If we have any extra, we'll start giving them away a few days before the eclipse.

April 7 - April 13 marks National Library Week. To kick this off, we'll be sharing a survey with the community. Conducting this survey is the first stage of our strategic planning process. With information gathered from this and other sources, we'll be developing a 5-year strategic plan that will help shape library services. Now that we have a beautiful new building, we need your input to determine what else you're looking for from the library. Watch your email inbox for this survey, or visit the library to complete it in person!

Warm Regards,

Sara Belisle

Director of the Marlborough Public Library