

Monthly Digest – January 2024

learn, play, and explore

Happy New Year!

(Image: the cover of the book *Anxious People*, by Fredrik Backman)

New for 2024, by popular demand: TWO opportunities each month to attend adult book club! This book club is for anyone 18+ who loves to read and wants to discuss great books with other members of the community! Join us this month as we discuss *Anxious People*, by Fredrik Backman.

Session 1: Tue., Jan. 16th @ 6pm - To register, visit: bit.ly/AdultBookClub_Jan16

Session 2: Thu., Jan. 18th @ 11am - To register, visit: bit.ly/AdultBookClub_Jan18

To see the full schedule of books for 2024, visit: bit.ly/MPLAdultBookClub_list

The Return of English Conversation Circles

Conversation Circles provide a chance for English language-learners to practice speaking English in a relaxed, casual environment. For more information, visit:

bit.ly/EnglishConversationCircles

Holiday Hours

Mon. Jan 1st: Closed for New Year's Day

Mon. Jan. 15th: Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Free Tax Assistance

Our friends from AARP will be back again this year to offer free tax assistance!

Appointments are required, and will be available after Jan. 15. Watch our site for more information!

Kids Book Clubs Galore!

(Image: a collage of book covers, featuring January's book club selections)

Book Bunch: Ms. Kerry's early-literacy book club, perfect for beginner readers! (grades K-2).

To register, visit: bit.ly/BookBunch_Jan17

Dewey Decimators!: Explore a different genre each month with Mr. Michael! (intermediate readers, grades 3-6). To register, visit: bit.ly/DeweyDecimators_Jan18

Epic Adventurers: Dig into the fantasy genre with Mel, and get ready to have an "epic" time! (intermediate/advanced readers, grades 3-6). To register, visit: bit.ly/EpicAdventurers_Jan13

What's New on Our Shelves?

To see all the newest “stuff” at our library, visit Wowbrary at: [bit.ly/MPL Wowbrary](https://bit.ly/MPL_Wowbrary)

From the Director's Desk:

A Letter From the Desk of our Director, Sara Belisle

Dear Marlborough Community,

December was a busy month for us here at the library, and some great progress was made towards closing out the construction project. The final touches to the sidewalks were completed, and we continue to move through the final punch-list items. Once this is finished, we'll finally be able to start hanging art from the library's permanent art collection! The Local History room is really coming together, and we're working hard on getting the local artifacts into their cabinets. More information will be shared when that room is ready for use.

As you may already know, a large part of Marlborough lost power on December 18th. As with much of the city, the library lost power. But, thanks to our brand-new generator, our lights stayed on! Over the course of the day, word spread that the library had power. Before long, we saw every single study room and table fill up! We even opened the Grice Community Room and set up tables and chairs to provide additional workspaces to accommodate as many community members as possible. It was a hectic day, but I loved walking around and seeing everyone taking full advantage of their library and the resources we provide!

We're looking forward to some great programs this January. We're starting a Teen Advisory Board, where teens can hang out, have their voices heard, and help make the teen space their own, all while earning volunteer hours. We're also introducing a brand-new monthly program called the “Library Listening Lounge,” where folks can share music and poetry with others. Finally, don't miss Mission: Earth & Space!, an exciting program for where attendees ages 6+ will learn about space, and (weather permitting) even take a peek through a telescope.

2023 has come to a close, and it was an incredibly exciting year for the library, as well as for me personally. My 1-year anniversary as Library Director is approaching, and I want to thank all of you for the warm welcome I received throughout the year. It's been an honor getting to know so many of you, and I look forward to many more years to come!

Warm Regards,

Sara Belisle

Director of the Marlborough Public Library

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Library Links

Library Website: marlboroughpubliclibrary.org

Access Your Account: bit.ly/CWMARSAccount

Calendar of Events: bit.ly/MPL_EventsCalendar

English Language Learning Resources: bit.ly/MPL_ESL_Resources

Crisis & Community Resources: bit.ly/MPL_CrisisAndCommunityResources

Room Reservations: marlborough.librarycalendar.com/reserve-room

Museum Passes: bit.ly/MPL_MuseumPass

Social Media

Facebook: facebook.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary

Instagram: instagram.com/MarlboroughPublicLibrary

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Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9am to 8pm

Friday and Saturday: 9am to 5pm