



April 2019

In observance of National Poetry Month we hope you enjoy this

Ode to Our Patrons

To all who enter our MPL oasis
To those who come in on a regular basis
To those who enter once in a while
To check out books they place in a pile
To those who stop by to use the computer
And those who sit to learn with a tutor
To those who come to fax or to print
And those who sit to relax and read for a stint
To those who come to borrow the telescope
And those who check out self-help books to help them cope
To the youngsters who come to storytime events
And their parents who appreciate the boredom it prevents
To the teens who hang out for Lazy Crafternoons and other cool happenings
And to the tweens who come to book clubs and other fun things
To adults who try something new with various classes
And those who like to borrow our loaner reading glasses
To those who attend English, Spanish or Portuguese Conversation Circle sessions
And those who enjoy Fine Free Wednesday with no need for confessions
To those who come to take home dvds
And to those who prefer checking out audio books and music cds
We welcome all who enter our MPL oasis
And thank you for considering us one of your favorite places

MPL April Holiday Hours

Patriots Day

Monday, April 15: **Closed**

Good Friday

Friday, April 19:

Open 9 a.m.-Noon (**Closing early**)

Easter

Sunday, April 21: **Closed**

From the Director

Libraries=Strong
COMMUNITIES

Celebrate
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 7-13, 2019



National Library Week

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week (NLW) is a time every April to celebrate the contributions of all kinds of libraries, public, academic and school libraries, and to promote library use and support.

This year NLW runs from April 7-13. In 2008, the first Honorary Chairperson, Julie Andrews, was designated. This year's honor goes to Melinda Gates.

In celebration, the library has designated the entire week as **fine free**. There will be **no fines charged this week** for late materials. There are some exceptions. Call us if you have questions.

This year's theme is **Libraries=Strong Communities**. At the Marlborough Public Library, we are continually working on strengthening our community ties through our residents, schools and community groups throughout the City.

National Library Week is also a great time to get your free library card so you can take full advantage of all that your library has for you.

So much to celebrate in April....

Did you know it's also

National Library Week

April 7-13, 2019?

In honor of this special week, the library will **not be charging fines** all week!*



*Exceptions include late Speed Reads,

Healthy Snacks for Kids

The Board of Health is collecting healthy pre-packaged, nonperishable snacks for kids at school who need a little something during their day.

Donation bins will be available at the Library during the week of March 31 - April 6.



Looking for a fun way to spend your April vacation?

Fly in to the library's all inclusive resort and pay zero dollars for great activities while we're open, and enjoy free borrowing privileges of video games, movies, board games, music cds, and more for your night-time entertainment!



Friends of the Marlborough Public Library Events

To My Dearest: The Civil War Letters of George and Emily Ward

Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

When the Civil War broke out in 1861, George Ward was asked to raise the 15th Massachusetts Regiment. In August 1861, he left his wife, Emily, and their two small children to go to war. They wrote to each other frequently. In all, 116 letters survive in the collection of the Worcester Historical Museum. They detail the pain of prolonged separation, the challenges of single parenting and the horrors of the battle front. Join Lynne McKenney Lydick and Thomas R. Lydick as they share the personal and poignant letters of this Worcester couple.



Paternoster Opera Concert

Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m.
in the Bigelow Auditorium

Spend an evening listening to soprano, Olga Lisovskaya and tenor, Giovanni Formisano, perform opera arias, including a mix of Italian serenades and contemporary favorites. They will be accompanied by pianist, Levon Hovsepian.



Friends Spring Book and Bake Sale

Saturday, April 27
from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

A special early shopping event will be held for **Friends Members only** on Friday, April 26 from 1-3 p.m.

Hardcover and paperbacks sorted by subject matter will be for sale. The bake sale table will offer many homemade treats.



Proceeds fund the Friends' programs that are presented throughout the year in the Library's Bigelow Auditorium.

Hello! Come join us!
¡Hola! Ven y únete a nosotros
Spanish Conversation Circles
Mondays at 6 p.m.



Come speak Spanish in a comfortable, stress-free setting. No testing, no fee, no homework. Just drop in and talk.

English Conversation Circle Leaders Wanted!

If you enjoy meeting people from other cultures and countries, please consider leading an English Conversation Circle. No teaching experience is required, all you need to do is direct the conversation and make sure everyone speaks. If you are interested, please contact Miriam Achenbach, Outreach Librarian, at 508-624-6900 or machenbach@cwmares.org.

English Conversation Circles

English Conversation Circles offer an opportunity for English Language Learners to speak in a relaxed atmosphere.

No Registration Required



April English Conversation Circles

Mondays: 1:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: 10 a.m.

Wednesdays: 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 6:30 p.m.

Fridays: 1 p.m.

(No meeting Friday, April 19)

Saturdays: 10 a.m.

(No meeting Saturday, April 27)

Please check our calendar of events
at <http://bit.ly/EnglishCircles>
for meeting cancellations.

Portuguese Conversation Circles

Do you have a lot of students from Brazil?



Do your customers speak Portuguese? Are you in love with someone from Belo Horizonte?

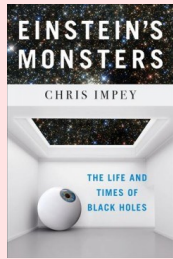
Well, now is your chance to practice speaking Portuguese!

Two non-native speakers who have lived in Brazil will lead these Portuguese speaking circles. This is a stress-free chance to talk with other learners.

There is **no fee**, no registration, no homework. Just drop in and talk! Sessions will meet **Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m. and then Saturdays in April beginning April 13, from 2-4 p.m.**

For more information, please contact Miriam Achenbach, Outreach Librarian at 508-624-6992.

Adult Book Suggestions



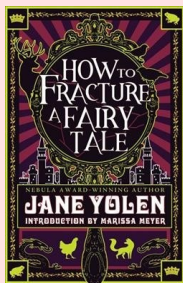
Einstein's Monsters: The Life and Times of Black Holes

By Chris Impey

An astronomer and critically-acclaimed author answers questions on the cutting edge of astrophysics to explore the fascinating science of black holes and their role in theoretical physics from Einstein's equations of general relativity to testing string theory.

How to Fracture a Fairy Tale

By Jane Yolen



Presents a collection of fractured fairy tales and legends, including Rumpelstiltskin as a falsely-accused moneylender, a philosophical bridge who longs for its troll, and a villainous wolf retiring to a nursing home.

Adult Services



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Adult Events:

Hear ye hear ye,
one and all...
It's **National Poetry Month** so come to the library and have a ball!



NaPoWriMo 2019

Thursdays, April 4 and 25 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Join other poets in a write-in to work on your 30-poem goal!



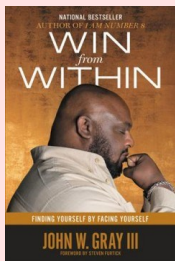
All experience levels welcome. We'll have writing prompts and exercises to jump-start your creativity, books and other objects for inspiration, and tips and tricks to help you get your ideas on the page and shape your poems. *Registration is not required, but if you'd like a reminder email please register.*

Crafter Dark - Felted Bookmark

Monday, April 8 from 6-8 p.m.

Needle felting is a fun and easy way to make personalized fabrics. Learn the basics of needle felting and celebrate spring by making a botanical bookmark. This class is for ages 18 and over. *Please pre-register.*

More Adult Book Suggestions



Win From Within: Finding Yourself by Facing Yourself

By John W. Gray III

Mega-Pastor and media personality John Gray uses powerful biblical principles to help you become your best self. He offers biblical lessons to aid in combatting bad habits and limiting patterns so that the best version of ourselves emerges. With examples from his own life as well as his ministerial counseling, Gray provides a pathway to awakening. This powerfully biblical self-help guide will push us toward victory over our inner struggles.

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More Events

Tidying Up with the KonMari Method

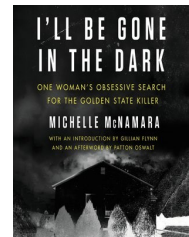
Tuesday, April 9 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Join us for an evening of organization ideas and strategies based on Marie Kondo's popular book and Netflix show, *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up!* Come learn the basic principles of the KonMari Method with certified KonMari Consultant Cristin Condon to discover how to spark joy in your home. *Registration required.*



Adult Book Club

Join us Monday, April 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. or Thursday, April 25 from 10:30 a.m.-noon for Book Club. This month we will discuss *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara. Extra copies are available at the circulation desk.

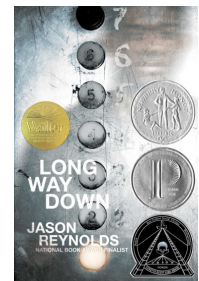


Learn more about the Book Club on our website at <https://www.marlborough-ma.gov/marlborough-public-library/adults/pages/adult-book-club>.

Forever Young Adult

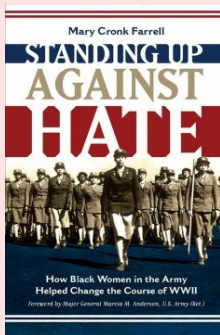
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Young Adult
Book Suggestion:



**Standing Up Against Hate:
How Black Women in the
Army Helped Change the
Course of WWII**

By Mary Cronk Farrell

Have you ever heard about the African American women who enlisted in the newly formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in World War II? They quickly discovered that they faced as many obstacles in the armed forces as they did in everyday life. Even so, they interrupted careers and left family, friends, and loved ones to venture into unknown and sometimes dangerous territory and made crucial contributions to the military war effort. Learn about Charity Adams, who commanded the only black WAAC battalion sent overseas and became the highest ranking African American woman in the military by the end of the war, and many others.

Young Adult

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School Vacation Week

There's no reason to be bored at home during your school vacation. Stop by the library for these special events!

On Tuesday, April 16 from 2-4pm, come to **ArtLab** and paint a masterpiece in your own unique style. We'll provide a blank canvas and acrylic paints.



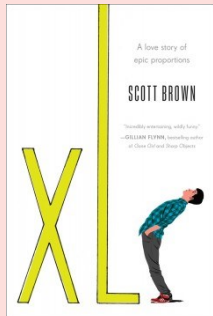
Please remember to wear old clothes. Acrylic paint stains!
Grades 6-12. *Registration is required to make sure we have enough supplies.*

You've seen the show *Nailed It!* where bakers try to recreate professional desserts. In our **Cupcake Challenge** Wednesday, April 17 from 2-3:30 p.m., you'll get a photo of a professionally decorated cupcake and one hour to recreate it with the materials provided (including pre-baked cupcakes). Then we'll vote for the decorator who truly "nailed it" and the decorator who produced the most hilarious results. After the voting, you can eat your creation if you dare! Grades 6-12. *Registration is required.*



Come to a special **Book Brunch** edition of our teen book discussion group, **Reading at the Table** Thursday, April 18 from 11am-noon. Share your reviews, get recommendations, and enjoy some brunch treats while we chat. The Teen Librarian will also give you first dibs on some brand new books before they hit the library shelves! Grades 6-12. *Please pre-register.*

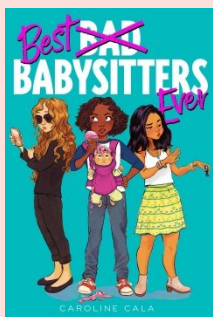
More Young Adult Book Suggestions



XL

By Scott Brown

Will has always been troubled by his short stature, but on his 16th birthday, he starts to grow--and grow, and grow.



Best Babysitters Ever

By Caroline Cala

Mayhem ensues in their sleepy California beach town when three best friends, motivated by unlimited snacks, no parents, and earning money for an epic seventh-grade party, find an old copy of "The Babysitters Club" and decide to start their own babysitting business.

Young Adult

More Events

Join us for a **Teen Movie Night** Thursday, April 18 from 5:30-7:45 p.m. and watch *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald* (Rated PG-13). We'll have pizza, popcorn, and a craft to enjoy while you watch. Grades 6-12. *Registration appreciated, but not required.*



Lifeskills 101:

JOBSEEKING FOR TEENS



Are you looking for your first job and feeling a little lost?

The next program in our **Lifeskills 101** series will give you a place to start. Join us Thursday, April 25 from 6-7:30 p. m., and get some basic guidelines for writing a resume, communicating with potential employers, and interviewing for jobs. Learn about the free library tool Career Transitions, which can help you create a resume, write a cover letter, and practice interview questions. Intended for teens ages 14-18. *Registration is required.*

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Another Young Adult Book Suggestion



Mob Psycho 100

By ONE

What's Reigen's secret to busting ghosts while keeping prices low? Well, first, he's a fraud, and second, he pays the guy who's got the real psychic power--his student assistant Shigeo--less than minimum wage. Shigeo is an awkward but kind boy who wants to help people with his power. But he needs to place mental safety locks on his emotions, because if they reach level 100, it may unleash more psychic energy than he and Reigen can handle!

Young Adult

More Teen Events

Readers, Writers, and Artists

Paint cheerful spring designs on the Children's Room windows at **Window Artists Monday, April 8** from 3-5pm. This is a fun, creative way to earn volunteer hours for school. Grades 6-12. *Registration required to reserve a window.*

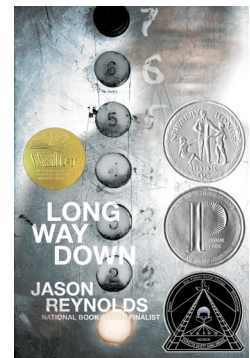
Welcome the warmer weather at **Lazy Crafternoon Tuesday, April 9** from 3:30-4:30 p.m. by making a dual windchime/suncatcher out of simple materials. Use our art supplies to customize your creation. Grades 6-12. *Please pre-register.*



Come to our next **Teen Write-In Thursday, April 11** from 6-7:30 p.m. This is a monthly gathering for teen writers to come and do their thing in a supportive and inspiring space. You provide the imagination and we'll provide the music, snacks, and cocoa. Grades 6-12. *Registration appreciated, but not required.*

The April meeting of **Forever Young Adult** book group is **Wednesday, April 24** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and will celebrate **National Poetry Month.**

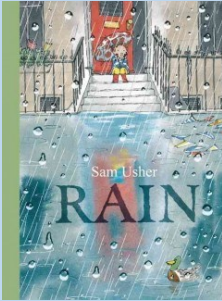
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Children's Book Suggestions

Picture Book

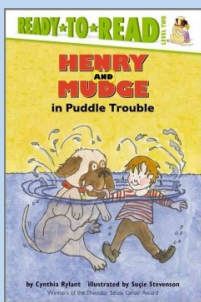


Rain

By Sam Usher

Forced to stay indoors during a rainstorm, young Sam drinks hot chocolate, reads and dreams of adventures while his Granddad does paperwork until the need to mail an important letter triggers an adventure into the wet outdoors.

Beginner Reader



Henry and Mudge in Puddle Trouble

By Cynthia Rylant

For Henry and his big dog Mudge, spring means admiring the first snow glory, playing in puddles in the rain, and watching the five new kittens next door.

Children's



To view all children's activities, or to sign up online for any event that requires registration go to <http://bit.ly/MPLRegisterAPRIL2019> or call 508-624-6902.

Spring is in the air! Stop by the children's room for all of our exciting programming this month.

Are you looking to connect with your baby in a new way? Sheryl White from Baby Kneads will be conducting two workshops for infants and their caregivers.

On *Tuesday, April 2 at 10 a.m.*, she will be teaching **baby massage** and on *Tuesday, April 16 at 10 a.m.*, there will be a **baby sign language workshop**. Both events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. *Please pre-register.*

There will be special events throughout the week of spring break.

On *Wednesday, April 17 at 10 a.m.*, we'll have a **Fairy House Workshop**, where children (ages three and over, with a caregiver) can decorate their own special little house with paint, stickers, fairies, butterflies and ladybugs. *Please pre-register for this event.*



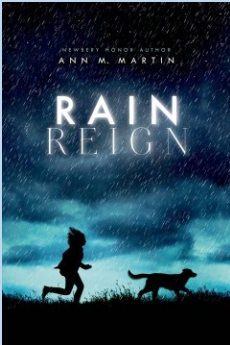
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Caravan Puppets will be stopping by *Wednesday, April 17 at 11a.m.* to perform "Our Flying Friends." This show will be filled with folk tales and original music (ages three and over, with a caregiver).



Another Children's
Book Suggestion

Chapter Book



Rain Reign

By Ann Martin

Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.

Children's



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More special spring break events

If you like playing board games, Ms. Lauren will show you how to play **SpongeBob Squarepants Operation** at Wednesday, April 17 at 4 p.m.

On Thursday, April 18, at 2 p.m., we'll have a special presentation, **Butterflies and Moths**, by Hands On Nature. In this program, kids will learn the difference between the two and the importance of these special insects in our ecosystem.



They'll also get to see live butterflies up close, and then enjoy a fun butterfly activity/craft (ages three and over, with a caregiver). Please pre-register. Following this program, **Mad Science** will also be doing experiments with eggs at 3 p.m..

Finally, Friday, April 19 at 10 a.m., we will have **Dance Me a Story**. Stop on by to dance and pick up some books as we will be closing at noon in observance of Good Friday.