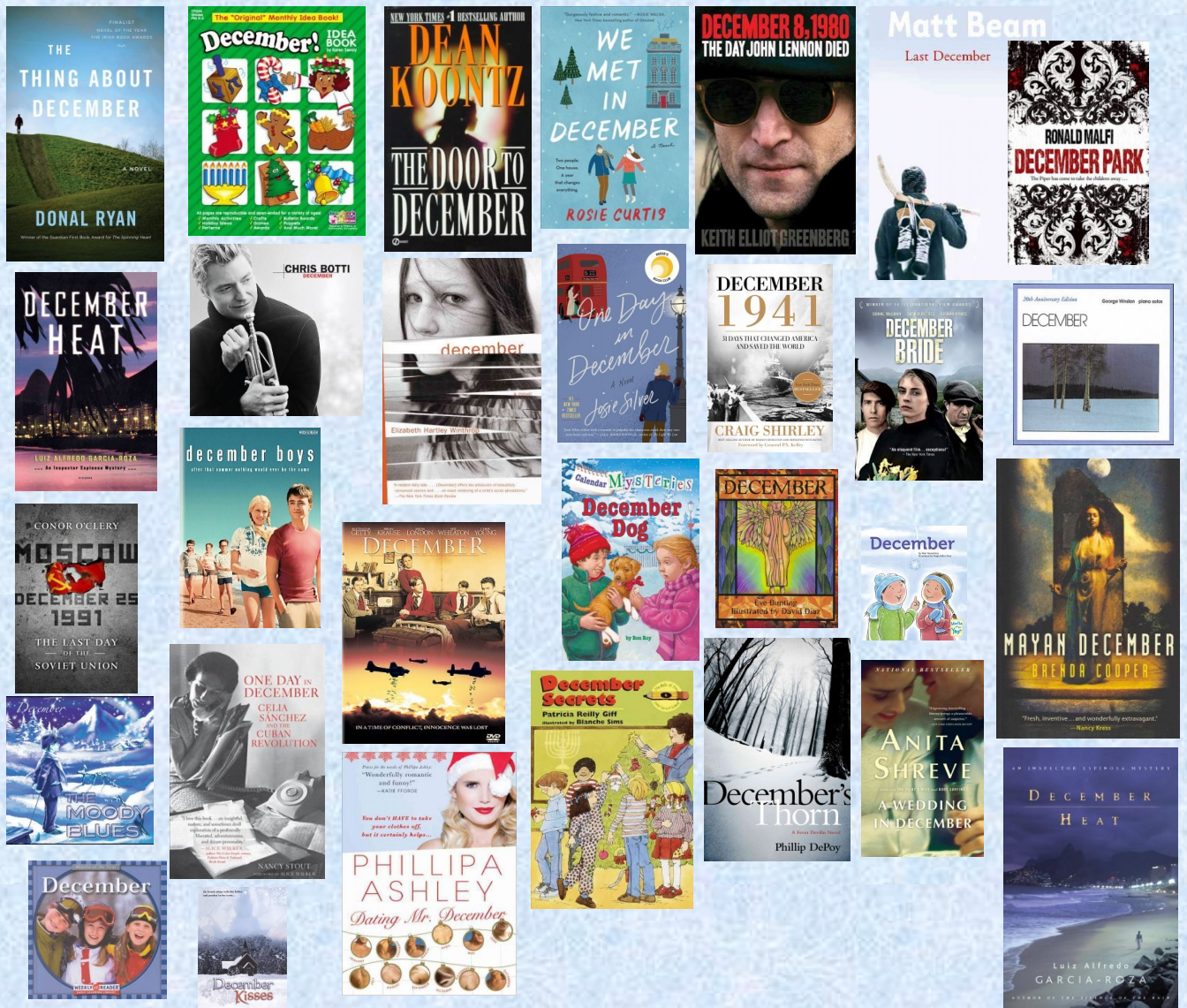




December 2019

Searching for December

Keyword searches in the CWMARS catalog at catalog.cwmars.org let you see what is available to borrow on any topic. Here's some of what we got when we entered the keyword, "December!"



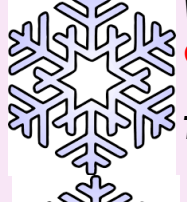
May you enjoy a keyword search of your own this month!

MPL Holiday Hours



Tuesday, Dec. 24

OPEN 9 a.m.-noon
(Closing early)



Wednesday, Dec. 25

CLOSED



Tuesday, Dec. 31

OPEN 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
(Closing early)

Wednesday, Jan. 1

CLOSED

Traveling for the holidays?

Want to bring a stack of books with you but don't want to weigh down your suitcase? Don't



forget you can bring digital library books with you!

Did you know the digital Overdrive



catalog for e-books and e-audio books has a separate link just for kids books at cwmars.overdrive.com/library/kids and just for teens at cwmars.overdrive.com/library/teens? The entire digital catalog which contains selections for kids, teens and adults can be accessed at cwmars.overdrive.com/browse .

Need help downloading books? Find information at www.cwmars.org/content/using-online-catalog or call the Marlborough Public Library reference desk at (508) 624- 6992.

From the Director



Library Construction Project Update

We are working on a plan to move to the Walker Building during the summer of 2020 where we will set up our temporary library. We are fortunate to have this space which has both sufficient size and is so close to the construction site.

Our plan is to provide services to the public on the first floor of the Walker Building. We would have space for children and teens and space for adults along with public computers. A portion of our collection would also be available on the first floor for patrons to browse and borrow. The second floor would contain the remainder of the collection and would not be accessible to the public due to handicapped access requirements. We have many more details to work out but things are looking very promising.

We are also working with the Library Building Committee to finish the schematic designs. Once these are completed the architects will provide us with renderings that we will share with you. We know that once you see what the renovated and restored library will look like and how it will function you will be as excited as we are with the plans.

We are looking forward to all that the new year holds for the library and will share news with you through both our newsletter and website.

The Marlborough Public Library will be accepting
Food for Fines
from Saturday, Nov. 30 throughout the entire month of December



To waive fines, we request a donation of one nonperishable food or personal care item per \$1.00 in fines. Excludes fines for Museum Passes and replacement fees for lost materials. All nonperishable food/personal care items and all fine money collected during this period will be donated to the Marlborough Community Cupboard. We thank you for your generosity!

Need a Hand?
Access the MPL Social Service/
Community Resource Directory at
bit.ly/MPLResourceDirectory2019



English Conversation Circles

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

No Registration Required



December English Conversation Circles

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

(No meeting Dec. 24 or 25: Library Closed)

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Please check our calendar of events at

bit.ly/EnglishCircles

for meeting cancellations.

Would you like to receive the MPL
Newsletter in your email inbox
every month?



Sign up at bit.ly/MPLNEWS

When you sign up you can also opt to receive additional alert reminders about kids, teen or adult events, holiday hours and special announcements.

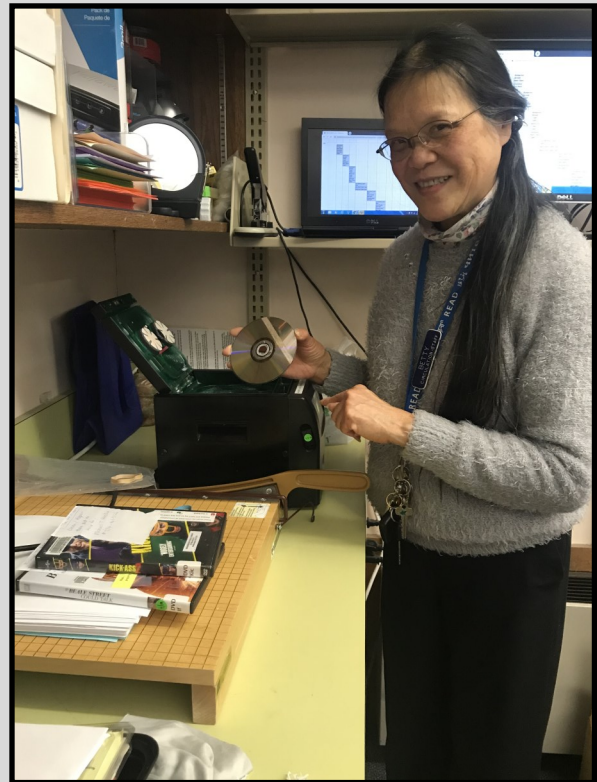
Behind the scenes...

Have you ever checked out a dvd or an audio cd book or music cd only to find the disc skips?

If this ever happens to you, please let us know!

Betty works behind the scenes buffing out scratches with our super-powered machine! She's gotten many a disc working like new again!

Thank you, Betty!

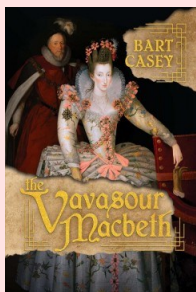


Need inspiration for getting in the holiday spirit? 🎵

Check out holiday cds at the library and enjoy the tunes at home! 🎵



Adult Book Suggestion



The Vavasour Macbeth

By Bart Casey

Once in a while when ordering for a library, one comes across a description of a book that just sounds so interesting that it almost demands reading. *The Vavasour Macbeth* is just that book. It is like a BBC English mystery printed out—complete with vicar, estranged lovers, a mysterious scroll and to top it off—Shakespeare! Mr. Casey has constructed a fiction story about little known real people in Queen Elizabeth the First's court, included a lot of detail and constructed a quickly read and enjoyable story. Even though I have never heard of the author and not a lot of libraries bought this book, it was really an informative and fun experience –you can travel through time to the Elizabethan England royal court to the Globe Theatre and place from a delightful old English village to the bustling London City museums. A perfect book for a dreary day—enjoy.

-Diane, Reference Librarian

Adult Services



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Adult Events

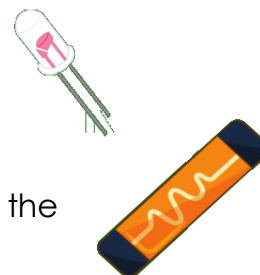
Crafter Dark - Light-up Card

Monday, Dec. 2, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Come make a card that lights up! Use LEDs, electrical tape, and a tiny battery to enhance a card celebrating the cold but glittering winter season.

For ages 18 and over.

Registration required.



Book Repair 201

Monday, Dec 9 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Learn more about book repair! Plus, bring in a damaged book from home and get tips on repairs and preservation. *Registration required.*



Adult Book Club

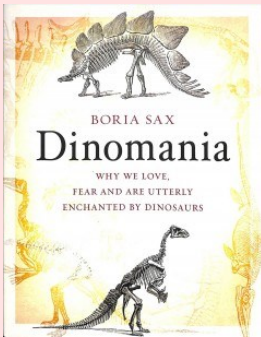
Join us Monday, Dec. 16, from 6:30-8 p.m. or Thursday, Dec. 19,

from 10:30 a.m.-noon for Adult Book Club. This month the Adult Book Club does not have a book to read. Instead we will be having

a social hour to debut the 2020 book list! Learn more about the Adult Book Club on our website at bit.ly/MPLAdultBookClub. *No registration required.*

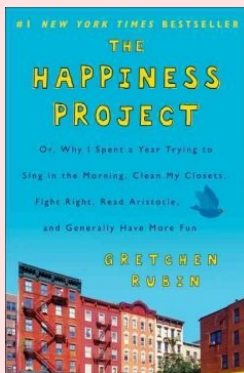


More Adult Book Suggestions



Dinomania: Why We Love, Fear and are Utterly Enchanted by Dinosaurs By Boria Sax

The story of our unlikely romance with the dinosaurs, from the finding of their enormous bones to the dinosaur theme parks of today.



The Happiness Project: Or Why I Spent A Year Trying to Sing in the Morning, Clean My Closets, Fight Right, Read Aristotle, and Generally Have More Fun By Gretchen Rubin

A thoughtful and prescriptive work on happiness filled with practical advice, sharp insight, charm, and humor.

Adult Services

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More Adult Events

Forever Young Adult

Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for FYA, our book club for adults who read YA. Teens are welcome, too! There is no assigned book for our December meeting. Instead, come ready to discuss your favorite YA reads of 2019 while noshing on some festive snacks. Share book



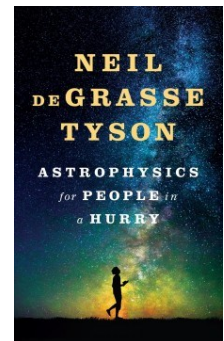
reviews and get recommendations from other YA readers. We'll also talk about current trends in YA and make predictions about the future of the genre. No registration required.

Science Book Club

Monday, Dec. 23 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Read a book about a topic in science! No previous experience in the subject necessary; come to learn something new or to share your expertise!

This month we are reading *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson. This short book is a brief introduction to astrophysics's biggest concepts. This club is for ages 18 and over. No registration required.

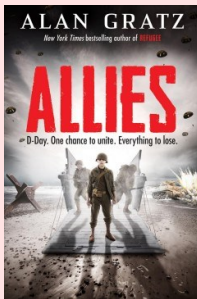


YA Book Suggestions



The Best At It
By Maulik Pancholy

Twelve-year-old Rahul Kapoor, an Indian-American boy growing up in small-town Indiana, struggles to come to terms with his identity, including that he may be gay.



Allies
By Alan Gratz

It is June 6, 1944, D-Day, and Dee Carpenter (true name Dietrich Zimmermann), an underage private in the United States Army, is headed for Omaha Beach, seeking revenge for his uncle, who was arrested by Nazis when Dee was a little boy; meanwhile, Samira Zidano, an eleven-year old French-Algerian girl is looking for the French resistance, desperate to deliver the message that the invasion is about to begin, and get their help in freeing her mother--this is the most important day of the twentieth century, and both children want to fight, and survive.

Young Adult

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Teen Events (For Grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted)

Ask an Author!

At a very special **Teen Write-In** Thursday, December 5 from 4-5 p.m., we will be joined via Skype by Abby Cooper, the author of *Sticks & Stones* (2016), *Bubbles* (2017), and *Friend or Fiction* (2019). We'll have a 20-minute Q&A with Abby at the beginning of the meeting and then use the rest of the time to work on our own writing. Do you have burning questions about writing or what it's like to be a published author? This is your chance to get them answered by a professional! *Registration appreciated but not required.*



Spread Community Cheer

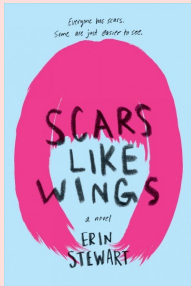
Paint wintry designs on the Children's Room windows at **Window Artists** Monday, Dec. 9, from 3 -5 p.m. This is a fun way to earn volunteer hours for school. *Please pre-register to reserve a window.*



At **Lazy Crafternoon** Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 3-5 p.m., you have another chance to earn volunteer hours. Make thoughtful homemade holiday cards for our home delivery patrons. *Registration appreciated but not required.*



Another YA Book Suggestion



Scars Like Wings By Erin Stewart

Ava Lee has lost everything there is to lose: Her parents. Her best friend. Her home. Even her face. She doesn't need a mirror to know what she looks like--she can see her reflection in the eyes of everyone around her.

A year after the fire that destroyed her world, her aunt and uncle have decided she should go back to high school. Be "normal" again. Whatever that is. Ava knows better.

There is no normal for someone like her. And forget making friends--no one wants to be seen with the Burned Girl, now or ever.

But when Ava meets a fellow survivor named Piper, she begins to feel like maybe she doesn't have to face the nightmare alone. Sarcastic and blunt, Piper isn't afraid to push Ava out of her comfort zone. Piper introduces Ava to Asad, a boy who loves theater just as much as she does, and slowly, Ava tries to create a life again. Yet Piper is fighting her own battle, and soon Ava must decide if she's going to fade back into her scars . . . or let the people by her side help her fly.

Young Adult

More Teen Events

(For Grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted)

Festive Fun

Need a gift for someone you love? Join us for a **Marble Planet Pendant** workshop
Saturday, Dec. 14 from 2 -3:30 p.m.

Mandy from Wicked Good Henna will help you create a marble pendant and a unique strand on which to hang it, using leather cording, beads and wire.



This makes a great gift! Tricky techniques using wire and pliers make this best for ages 13 and up. Ages 13-18 welcome.
Please pre-register.

Our regular events are still happening this month, but with a holiday twist. At **Hot Cocoa Cafe** *Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 6 -8 p.m.*, we'll have seasonal tunes and treats, along with the usual cocoa and button-making.

At **Reading at the Table** *Thursday, Dec. 12 from 6-7 p.m.*, our pizza and book discussion will feature a festive dessert and cozy atmosphere. *Please pre-register.*

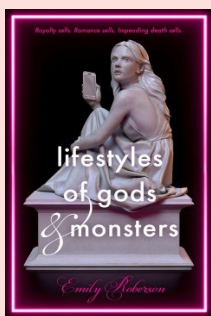


Can you make your favorite book characters out of icing and candy? Join us and make **Cookie Characters** *Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.* We provide people-shaped sugar cookies and decorating supplies; you provide the creativity. At the end, we'll vote for the "Most Recognizable" and "Best Overall" creations. *Please pre-register.*

Join us at another **Lazy Crafternoon** *Thursday, Dec. 19 from 3:30-5 p.m.* and make a mini winter scene using a tiny canvas, pine trees, and fluffy fake snow. *Please pre-register.*

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Another YA Book Suggestion



Lifestyles of Gods and Monsters

By Emily Roberson

Sixteen-year-old Ariadne's whole life is curated and shared with the world. Her royal family's entertainment empire is beloved by the tabloids, all over social media, and the hottest thing on television. The biggest moneymaker? The Labyrinth Contest, a TV extravaganza in which Ariadne leads fourteen teens into a maze to kill a monster. To win means endless glory; to lose means death. In ten seasons, no one has ever won.

When the gorgeous, mysterious Theseus arrives at the competition and asks Ariadne to help him to victory, she doesn't expect to fall for him. He might be acting interested in her just to boost ratings. Their chemistry is undeniable, though, and she can help him survive. If he wins, the contest would end for good. But if she helps him, she doesn't just endanger her family's empire—the monster would have to die. And for Ariadne, his life might be the only one worth saving.

Young Adult

Even More Teen Events (For Grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted)

Winter Break



Take the **Teen Speed Read Challenge**: Can you read a whole book from start to finish between *Saturday, Dec. 21* and *Saturday, Jan. 4*? Read your book, fill out the review form,

then bring your completed form the Reference Desk by *Saturday, Jan. 4* and pick out your free prize book (Limit one per teen).



Teen Anime Movie Night

Join us for a teens-only screening of *My Hero Academia: Two Heroes* (PG-13) *Thursday, Dec. 26* from 6-7:45 p.m. Enjoy snacks and hot cocoa while you watch. *No registration required.*

Come to **ArtLab Monday, Dec. 30** from 2-4 p.m. We'll provide a canvas and acrylic paints, and you can do the rest. Relax, listen to music, and get creative! *Please pre-register.*



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Children's Book Suggestions

Picture Book

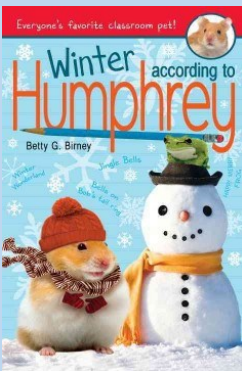


Winter is Here

By Kevin Henkes

Snow falls, animals burrow, and children prepare for the wonders winter brings.

Beginner Reader



Winter According to Humphrey

By Betty G Birney

Humphrey the hamster and the students in Mrs. Brisbane's class get ready for the holidays and a special Winter Wonderland program.

Children's



To view all children's activities or to sign up online for any event that requires registration, go to bit.ly/MPLRegisterDEC2019 or call 508-624-6902.

Are you ready for the holidays?

We have a ton of fun programs and events in the Children's Room during the month of December, especially during school vacation week that you won't want to miss!

Dance Me a Story will be *Fridays, Dec 6 and 20 at 11 a.m.*

The program is an interactive story time that introduces literature through movement, music, and imagination. Designed for children ages 2-6 years old, each session embarks children on a musical adventure centered around a popular fairy tale. *No registration required.*



Dance Me a Story

STEAM Storytime will be *Thursdays, Dec. 12 and 19 at 10 a.m.* In this program, we listen to stories, try a hands-on activity or experiment, and also play together. Each week we

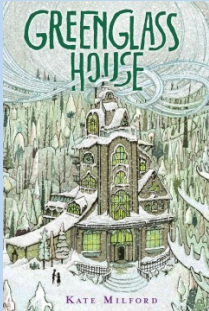
explore a new topic. The program is for children ages three and up, with a caregiver. *No registration required.*



Join us for **Art Club** *Thursday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.* We'll be making a holiday craft. This activity is for children ages 7 to 11. *Please pre-register.*

Another Children's Book Suggestion

Chapter Book



Greenglass House By Kate Milford

A rambling old inn, a strange map, an attic packed with treasures, squabbling guests, theft, friendship, and an unusual haunting mark this smart middle grade mystery in the tradition of the *Mysterious Benedict Society* books and Blue Balliet's *Chasing Vermeer* series.

Children's



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More Children's Events

No registration required for any of the events below.

On Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m., come to our **Hygge for Kids** event. This event is for children ages 2 to 11, with a caregiver. Relax in our cozy reading tent and have some cookies and hot chocolate. You can assemble a puzzle, play a card game or make your own bird or mitten banner to take home.



Rosalita's Puppets will be here Friday, Dec. 27 at 11 a.m. for a fantastic show called *Mrs. Claus and the Ice Queen*. All ages welcome! We'll have a sweet treat afterwards while you mingle with the puppets.

Get ready for **Playful Engineers** Saturday, Dec. 28 at 11 a.m. Jay Mankita will bring this traveling workshop to our library, where we'll design and assemble our own Rube Goldberg machines. All ages are welcome to come.



On Monday, Dec. 30 at 3:30 p.m., during **Mad Science**, Ms. Debby will be constructing a Geodesic Dome Tent, so stop by to help out!

We'll be cleaning out our craft closet Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. Drop in and see what you can create with our huge collection of craft supplies (ages 2-12, with a caregiver).

