


The Banister Bulletin

"It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful." – David Steindl-Rast



Happy
Thanksgiving!



Merrick Public Library

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Regular Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
1pm - 8pm

Wednesday & Friday
11am - 5pm

Saturday
10am - 1pm

Sunday & Monday
Closed

*Please be aware that the
public computers and
photocopier are shut down 15
minutes before closing time.*

Website: merrickpubliclibrary.org

Library Catalog: brookfield.cwmars.org

Facebook: @Brookfield Merrick Public Library

Ask a Librarian: brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com

MUSIC & MOVEMENT with Julie

Wednesday, November 6th at 11:30 a.m.

Join Julie for songs kids know and love. Stretch, move, sing and dance – all the while developing early literacy skills through music and rhythm! This program is free and no registration is required. Recommended for ages 0 - 5.

WHAT IS BIGFOOT? with Ronny LeBlanc

Thursday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m.

A globally recognized figure in the world of paranormal, Bigfoot, and UFOs, Ronny LeBlanc is an independent researcher, screenwriter, speaker and best-selling author. His passion, fun-loving personality, and sense of humor have paved the way for him in bringing the subject matter of UFOs and Bigfoot to the mainstream public. To learn more about LeBlanc, visit ronnyleblanc.com. This event is free to attend and no registration is required.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be CLOSED on Saturday, November 9th in observance of Veterans Day. Library hours for the week of Thanksgiving are as follows:

- Tuesday, November 26th: Open 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 27th: Open 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 28th: CLOSED
- Friday, November 29th: CLOSED
- Saturday, November 30th: Open 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

CHESS CLUB

Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

All ages and skill levels welcome. Drop-in; no registration necessary.

FREE LIBRARY SERVICES

- Wi-Fi, public computers, printer, copier, scanner, and fax machine all available for public use.
- Notary Public services offered by Brenda Metterville, Library Director. Call to confirm availability.
- Home delivery and pickup of library materials for housebound individuals.

BANISTER BOOK GROUP

This book discussion group meets at the Library Annex at 18 Common St. (next to the library) on the last Wednesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Copies of the current book are available at the library.

New members always welcome!

December 4th: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere – even back home. "With a focus on the personal joy and broadened horizons that can result from access to reading material, this well-researched tale serves as a solid history lesson on 1930s Kentucky. A unique story about Appalachia and the healing power of the written word." – *Kirkus Reviews*

MUSEUM PASSES

The library offers passes for discounted admission to several museums around New England!

American Heritage Museum – Basketball Hall of Fame – Battleship Cove – Boston Children's Museum
 Davis Farmland – EcoTarium – Eric Carle Museum – Historic New England – Holyoke Children's Museum
 Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum – Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory – New England Air Museum
 New England Botanic Garden – Norman Rockwell Museum – Old Sturbridge Village – Roger Williams Zoo
 Springfield Museums – USS Constitution Museum – Worcester Art Museum – Worcester Historical Museum

HISTORY: A LOOK BACK

***The Brookfield Times* | November 1894**

- The farmers in this vicinity have sold a good many barrels of apples this fall.
- Martin Donahue has bought out C.E. Capen's variety store in Crosby block, and took possession last Monday. Mr. Donahue is well known here and intends to keep a first class store of fruits, tobacco and papers for sale. Give him a call.
- About 30 couples attended the dance at the Town hall Thursday evening.
- 801 names on the voting list including the two precincts, the largest number ever registered here. 54 new names were added to the list this year.
- One of our local weather prophets Chas. H. Steele, predicts 19 snow storms, the coming winter.
- Levi Sherman is building another cottage on Kimball street for Alvin Hyde.
- It is about time that the seats on the common were put in their winter quarters and reserved for another season. The seats were a gift to the town in 1890 from Y.W.C.T.U. and have been greatly appreciated by many people, especially by the scholars who attend the schools nearby.
- One of our farmers dug with a hoe plow last week Monday, 20 bushels of potatoes from under the snow, and found most of them in good condition.
- Some people are willing and think the authorities should use the tax money to clear the snow off the sidewalks when it comes, and be a help to all, especially those working in the shop.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

Tuesday, November 5th: Bingo & Lunch
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 12th: \$10 Bemis Wreath Workshop
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**COA WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

at the Brookfield Congregational Church

MONDAYS

- Walking Club 8:30 a.m.
- FUNctional Fitness from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**TUESDAYS**

- Chair Yoga from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Coffee Hour from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**THURSDAYS**

- Tai Chi at 8:30 a.m. | \$5 fee

COA MONTHLY PROGRAMS

at the Brookfield Congregational Church

2nd TUESDAY of the MONTH: Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

3rd TUESDAY of the MONTH: Foot Clinic from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | \$10 fee (call Patty King for an appointment)



Follow the **Brookfield Senior Center** on Facebook
 for more information and updates about events!

Programs offered by the Brookfield COA are funded in part by grants from the MA Office of Elder Affairs, the Jeppson Family, and the Brookfield Community Club.

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