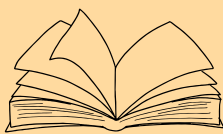




The Banister Bulletin



"In the coldest February, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other." – Linda Ellerbee



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HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday
1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday & Monday
Closed

FREE SERVICES

- Wi-Fi
- Computers
- Printing
- Copying
- Scanning
- Faxing
- Notary Public
- Home Delivery (for those Housebound)

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

RESOURCES

Library Website:
merrickpubliclibrary.org

Library Catalog:
brookfield.cwmars.org

Library Facebook:
@Brookfield Merrick Public Library

HOLIDAY CLOSING

The library will be CLOSED on Saturday, February 14th in observance of Presidents' Day.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT WITH JULIE Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

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

THE STORY EXCHANGE Tuesday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m.

If you've lived a little, noticed a lot, and sense there's a story in your experiences, *The Story Exchange* may be for you. This small-group storytelling circle is forming in Brookfield and focuses on shaping true, personal stories in a supportive, structured setting. Facilitated by Joe Klimavich, an accredited public relations professional and communication educator, the first meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, with subsequent meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at the Merrick Public Library Annex at 18 Common Street. Participation is free, but limited to 6–8 storytellers; advance registration is required. Email joe.klimavich@gmail.com to express interest.

BANISTER BOOK GROUP

This book discussion group meets at the Library Annex at 18 Common St., on the last Wednesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Copies of the current book are available for checkout at the library. New members always welcome!

February 25th: James by Percival Everett

When Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he runs away until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck has faked his own death to escape his violent father. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond. "In an astounding riposte, the much-lauded Everett writes [Huck Finn] as a liberation narrative, told from Jim (or rather James') point of view... An absolutely essential read." – *Booklist*

LOCAL HISTORY: "BROOKFIELD DAY"

The Brookfield Times - August 10, 1923 [continued]

A souvenir program will be given away at the celebration. It is being prepared under the direction of Joseph J. Durkin and will be printed at the Heffernan Press. Advertisers are responding well and it will be a successful publication. The big advertising banner will be suspended across Central street tomorrow. Residents who desire to invite friends for the day can obtain postcards from the committee. Everybody is anxious to see the day go off big and with all lending a hand it surely ought to be a wonderful success. Certainly an affair of this nature once a year ought to be appreciated by everyone.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

held at the Brookfield Congregational Church

MONDAYS

- Functional Fitness from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

- Walking Group at 8:30 a.m.

THURSDAYS

- Functional Fitness from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Crochet & Handcrafts at 10:30 a.m.

OTHER PROGRAMS

held at the Brookfield Congregational Church

Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening

2nd Tuesday of the Month
from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Foot Clinic

3rd & 4th Tuesday of the Month
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (\$10 fee)
By Appointment ONLY

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MASSACHUSETTS CENTER FOR THE BOOK: 2026 READING CHALLENGE

How the Challenge Works:

1. Choose a book that fits the monthly challenge. (Hint: Visit the library for recommendations!)
2. Each month, after you read, fill out a short form about the book. A link to the submission form can be found at: massbook.org/readingchallenge.
3. That's it!
 - Mass Center for the Book will host a year-end party to celebrate participants committed to the challenge.
 - There will be monthly drawings for free books.
 - If you read a book in each of the 12 months, you will be entered in a drawing to win a tote filled with books and other bookish goodies.

January: A book about or set in winter.

February: A book outside your usual genres or spin or spin the genre wheel at massbook.org/genre-wheel.

March: A book featuring an unlikely friendship.

April: A short story or essay collection.

May: A book set in Massachusetts.

June: A book with a sympathetic villain.

July: A book found at a Little Free Library, tag sale, or used bookstore.

August: A book that could be considered taboo.

September: A book about a journey.

October: A mystery, thriller, or ghost story.

November: An adult classic you've never read.

December: A book that connects to your heritage or cultural identity.