

# *The Banister Bulletin*

"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different."  
– John Steinbeck

The library will be  
**CLOSED**  
**Wednesday, June 19th**  
in observance of  
Juneteenth

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Brookfield Elementary School Cafetorium, located at 37 Central Street,  
Brookfield, MA 01506. Parking & Entrance are behind the building.



**SOUTHWICK ZOO**  
Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we're giving out free tickets to the Southwick Zoo! Limit of 2 tickets per family. Please call the library at 508-867-6339 to reserve.

**Merrick Public Library**  
2 Lincoln Street  
Brookfield, MA 01506  
T: 508.867.6339  
F: 508.867.2981  
**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.\**

**SUMMER READING**  
The library's annual Summer Reading challenge starts on Tuesday, June 18th! Call or stop by the library to sign up.

**FREE CRAFT FRIDAYS**  
Looking for something fun to do this summer? Come cool off at the library with some free fun crafts! Available July 12th through August 23rd from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Drop-in; no registration necessary.

**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. Call for more information.

**Website:** [merrickpubliclibrary.org](http://merrickpubliclibrary.org)  
**Library Catalog:** [brookfield.cwmars.org](http://brookfield.cwmars.org)  
**Facebook:** @Brookfield Merrick Public Library  
**Ask a Librarian:** [brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com)

## 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!

### June 26th: *The Way Life Should Be* by Christina Baker Kline

Angela is single in New York City, stuck in a job she hates. She inherited a flair for Italian cooking from her grandmother, but she never seems to have the time for it. On a hope and a chance, Angela decides to pack it all up and move to Maine, finding motivation in the dating profile of a handsome sailor who loves dogs and Italian food. But her new home isn't quite matching up with the fantasy. Far from everything familiar, Angela begins to rebuild her life from the ground up and, in the process, realizes there's really no such thing as the way life should be.

## MUSEUM PASSES

The library offers passes for discounted admission to several museums around New England.  
Contact us for more information!

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 Park Zoo – Springfield Museums – USS Constitution Museum – Worcester Art Museum  
Worcester Historical Museum

## HISTORY: A LOOK BACK

### *The Brookfield Times* | June 1894

- Two musical carts were in town, Wednesday, dispensing music for the benefit of the crowd.
- Martin Donahue should be remembered when you go fishing. He has a line of new boats and sail boats to rent.
- Wm. H. Swallow is making his new business quite successful; that of keeping open a night lunch cart, on Central street. He sells 5 or 6 gallons of coffee, 10 pounds of Frankforts, and 14 dozens of rolls and a few pies every night.
- Anyone can see a handsome Wigelia in bloom in the yard at Harvey Woods' home, on East Main street.
- Thomas Mooney has his jobbing wagon newly painted and is ready on short notice to do all kinds of job work.
- Misses Eliza and Mira Hobbs left on Wednesday for a two weeks' outing at Bethlehem, N.H. Alice Bannister and Bessie Randlett will act as librarians while Miss Hobbs is away on her vacation.
- Go to Chas. E. Capen's for your fireworks for the Fourth; he has a new stock and a good variety.
- Concrete sidewalks are being extended on Main street, in front of the Brookfield House, which is quite an improvement.

**BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING**

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Brookfield Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The pantry is located in the basement of St. Mary's Church in Brookfield, at the rear of the building on the Howard Street side.



**COA WEEKLY PROGRAMS**

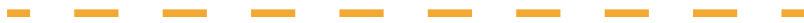
at the Brookfield Congregational Church

**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!



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