



The Banister Bulletin



"Pack your bags; fill your days; summer is for adventures in a million ways." – Unknown



Merrick Public Library

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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 photocopier 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 HOURS

The library will be CLOSED on Friday, July 4th and Saturday, July 5th. The library will reopen on Tuesday, July 8th at 1:00 p.m.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT with Julie Stepanek

Wednesday, July 16th 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 children ages 0 – 5.

SUMMER READING - FRIDAY CRAFTS & MORE

Looking for some fun summer activities? Cool off at the library with FREE Friday crafts! Drop in anytime from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. No registration necessary.

- July 11 - Make your own slime
- July 18 - Make a message in a bottle
- July 25 - Play with Wikki Stix
- August 1 - Taste Test: Pringles
- August 8 - Make a cardboard kitten wearing a sweater
- August 15 - Animal art collage
- August 22 - Games and puzzles

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

All ages and skill levels welcome. This drop-in program is free to attend and no registration is required. New players are always welcome and encouraged, even if you can only attend once or twice.

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 to check out at the library. New members always welcome!

July 30th: **Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson**

Everyone in my family has killed someone. Some of us, the high achievers, have killed more than once. I'm not trying to be dramatic, but it is the truth. Some of us are good, others are bad, and some just unfortunate. I'm Ernest Cunningham. Call me Ern or Ernie. I wish I'd killed whoever decided our family reunion should be at a ski resort, but it's a little more complicated than that. Have I killed someone? Yes. I have. Who was it? Let's get started.

LOCAL HISTORY: A LOOK BACK, SERIALIZED

Charles Dickens started the 19th century serial fiction craze when he published his *Pickwick Papers* in 20 parts, with monthly installments released from 1836 to 1837. In England, the part-issue installments cost just one shilling, making fiction affordable to a whole new class of readers. We're excited to present a new serial for our dear readers, a true story shared from the archives of Brookfield's own newspaper. Stay tuned for the first part in the August issue!

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

held at the Brookfield Congregational Church

MONDAYS

- Walking Club 8:30 a.m.
- 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.

THURSDAYS

- Tai Chi at 8:30 a.m. | \$5 fee
- Needlework & Fiber Arts from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

OTHER PROGRAMS

held at the Brookfield Congregational Church

2nd Tuesday of the Month:

Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening
from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

3rd Tuesday of the Month:

Foot Clinic from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$10 fee (call Patty King for an appointment)

Every Other Thursday

Zumba Gold with Melanie at 9:00 a.m.

CONTACT: Email seniors@brookfieldma.us | **Phone** 508-867-2930 ext. 23 (Patty King)



BROOKFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL & BROOKFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Block Party & Summer Concert Series Kickoff

Friday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m. on the Brookfield Common

Hot Dog Cookout - Lawn Games - Bounce House

Featuring:

Henry the Juggler

Cait the Clown

Music & Movement with Julie

Live Music by the Paras Project



FRIENDS OF BROOKFIELD

Christmas in July: Join the Friends of Brookfield for our exciting Christmas in July Raffle! For 12 days, we're spreading holiday cheer with a daily prize drawing. Each day, one lucky winner will claim a fantastic prize!

How It Works:

- Entry Cost: \$20 per entry, or get 3 entries for \$50.
- Daily Drawings: One winning name is drawn each day for the duration of the event.
- Multiple Wins: Each entry is a separate chance to win. If you have multiple entries, you can win multiple times, but each winning entry is removed from the pool.
- Purchase Entries: Entries may be purchased from Jake Hill or Shelby Hill. You can also email FriendsOfBrookfield01506@gmail.com to connect with us.
- Ticket Sales Deadline: Saturday, July 19, 2025
- Winner Announcements: All winners will be announced on Facebook and contacted directly.

July 20: Hardwick Crossing - \$30 | July 21: Tip Top - \$50 | July 22: VSX Hair Design - \$100

July 23: Kelley Anne Photography - 1 Hour Session | July 24: Clam Box - \$25 | July 25: Janines Frostee - \$25

July 26: Micknucks/Big Bunny - \$50 | July 27: Pup's Pizza - \$100 | July 28: Howards - \$25

July 29: Micknucks/Big Bunny - \$50 | July 30: Kaizen - \$50 (2 @ \$25)

July 31: Porterhouse or Sturbridge Seafood - \$200