

The Banister Bulletin

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope." – Emily Brontë

The library will be
CLOSED
Saturday, May 25th
in observance of
Memorial Day

SMALL MUSEUMS PROGRAM

Join us on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. as New England author Alison O'Leary presents "The Best Small Museums in Massachusetts." This program offers a peek inside the collections of some of the dozens of unique, esoteric, and fascinating museums scattered across the state. Free! No registration required.

LOCAL AUTHOR PRESENTATION

Join us on Thursday, May 30th at 6:00 p.m. as Massachusetts author Diane Buzzell presents her book, "The Artist, the Farmer, the Hunter, and the Good Guy." This presentation offers "a slice of American history you won't find in history books," with an inside look at growing up on a farm in a small, central Massachusetts town. Diane's brother-in-law, local artist Russell Buzzell, will also have some of his artwork on display. Free! No registration required.

STORY TIME

Fridays at 11:30 a.m.
Join Miss Shanna for a story and activity! For kids pre-K and under. Free; no registration.

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.



Merrick Public Library

2 Lincoln Street
Brookfield, MA 01506
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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

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!

May 29th: *How the Penguins Saved Veronica* by Hazel Prior

A curmudgeonly but charming old woman, her estranged grandson, and a colony of penguins proves it's never too late to be the person you want to be in this rich, heartwarming story. "Veronica McCreedy is an unforgettable heroine. Crotchety, clever and oddly lovable, she kept me turning pages well into the night. Prior has given us a story of love, loss, forgiveness, and the unlikely bonds that form when we least expect it. Humorous and true with finely-drawn characters." – Elyssa Friedland, author of *The Floating Feldmans*

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

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- The cherry and pear trees are in blossom.
- The ice cart goes its rounds now three days in the week.
- Alvin Hyde has staked out the land for a cottage of 7 rooms on Kimball St., the fourth one he has, or will build this season.
- New numbers are being put on the boxes in the post office and look nicely.
- Bath rooms are open every day in the week, hot and cold water, at J. P. O'Connor's room in the post office block.
- The thermometer reached 80 above zero on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.
- Now is about the time to have the settees taken from their winter quarters and put on the common and mall.
- The fire alarm on Monday evening, was caused by the fall of a hanging lamp in F. Collette's clothing and gents' furnishing rooms in Turner's block, causing a slight blaze which was soon extinguished, but damaging some of the best suits of men's fine clothing. Insured by a Philadelphia company.
- Hevy, the photographer, is located on Central street for the next 80 days.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING



BINGO: Tuesday, May 7th at 10:30 a.m.

**MEMOIR CLASS: starting Monday, May 13th
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | 6-8 Weeks | \$10 fee**



CORNERSTONE CAFE: Friday, May 24th at 11:30 a.m.



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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