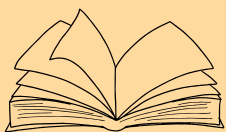




The Banister Bulletin



"Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush." – Doug Larson



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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

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.

LIBRARY SURVEY

We're considering making a slight change to our hours, as members of our community have suggested that the library open from 12-7 on Tuesdays and Thursdays rather than 1-8. We'd love to know what our patrons think of this suggestion and have created a survey so that you may share your opinion with us! The survey is available to be taken in-person at the library, or online at: <https://forms.gle/M38ZP1DbUD4Jv7As6>

Thank you for participating!

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!

March 25th: *The Sweeney Sisters* by Lian Dolan

Maggie, Eliza, and Tricia Sweeney grew up as a happy threesome in the idyllic seaside town of Southport, Connecticut. But their mother's death from cancer fifteen years ago tarnished their golden-hued memories, and the sisters drifted apart. Their one touchstone is their father, Bill Sweeney, an internationally famous literary lion and college professor universally adored by critics, publishers, and book lovers. When Bill dies unexpectedly one June night, his daughters return to their childhood home... As guests pay their respects and reminisce, one stranger, emboldened by whiskey, has crashed the party: it turns out that she too is a Sweeney sister.

LOCAL HISTORY: Valuable Lithograph Given to Library *Tri-Town Weekly - May 7, 1953*

At the meeting of the Trustees of Merrick Public Library held last Tuesday evening, Mrs. Marvin Tucker of River Street presented the Library with a rare and valuable lithograph map of the towns of Brookfield, [depicting] all the streets of the town, with exact likeness of public buildings, stores, factories, and homes as they existed at that date. Changes which have taken place during the period of sixty years will interest all who view them. Young people and those who may have moved to Brookfield in fairly recent years may be especially interested to note the tremendous shoe factory of which the Gavitt Mfg. Co. is now a part, the old mill at the foot of Kimball Street and the steamboat which plied the Quaboag River to the lakes, the old Town Hall with its stores as well as many homes which are easily recognizable. Copies of this lithograph were by the makers, the D.H. Bailey Co. of Boston. One copy once hung on the wall of the barber shop operated for many years by the late Albert Hooker, Sr., on the second floor of the building now occupied by apartments, the Tip-Top Restaurant and Ken's Grocery Store. The Library Trustees are having the map suitably framed and it will be on permanent display in the Library.

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.

MONTHLY 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

MORE PROGRAMS

held at the Brookfield Congregational Church

- **Bingo & Lunch:** Tuesday, March 3 from 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.
- **Estate & Trust Planning Seminar with Blaise Berthiaume:** Thursday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Tri-Valley Informational Seminar:** Tuesday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m.
- **St. Patrick's Day Celebration:** Tuesday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Haircuts (by appointment, \$10 fee):** Thursday, March 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **Painting Pots (\$5 fee):** Tuesday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Game Day (Pitch/Cribbage/Skip-Bo/Rummy):** Friday, March 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Manicures (by appointment, \$5 fee):** Tuesday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m.

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BROOKFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

As a yearly event, the Brookfield Agricultural Commission (AgCom) will be joining the Brookfield Garden Club on the Common at their annual plant sale on May 23. The AgCom uses this opportunity to meet members of the community interested in farming and gardening and to encourage everyone to start a garden of their own.

One of the ways we attempt that is by handing out flower and vegetable seeds. For the past few years we have provided pumpkin growing kits (seeds, soil and instructions) to the younger ones to encourage them to giving gardening a try. We have also had a mixture of flower and vegetable seeds for anyone interested.

This year the Brookfield Community Club provided the AgCom with a very generous grant so we can provide a more focused selection of seeds to the town's people.

Our question to you is, what types of flower and/or vegetable seeds would you hope to find at our event on the Common?

If you would like more information you can post a response here or send the AgCom an email using agriculture@brookfieldma.us.

You can also send general farming and gardening questions to us and we will do what we can to get you an answer.