

The Banister Bulletin

"With freedom, books, flowers, and the moon, who could not be happy?" – Oscar Wilde



The library will be
CLOSED
Thursday, July 4th
and
Saturday, July 6th

HISTORY AT PLAY

Thursday, July 11th at 6:00 p.m.

In *Victorian Gossip Girl: Annie Adams Fields*, Judith Kalaora (HAP Founder and Artistic Director) portrays the Boston author, philanthropist, and original Gossip Girl who shares stories about the lives of her closest literary friends: From Nathaniel Hawthorne to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and Charles Dickens! This Immersive Living History Experience runs approximately 60 minutes, and is followed by talkback and Q&A. Free and open to the public!



BIRDS OF PREY: NIGHT & DAY

Tuesday, July 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

Explore the world of raptors that share the same habitat but are active at different times – day and night. Falcons, hawks, and eagles often occupy the same territories as nocturnal owls: hardwood or mixed forests, pastures and marshlands, and even our suburbs and urban areas. Learn about what makes each species successful in its environment and the special adaptations they have for being diurnal or nocturnal. Free and open to the public!



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.

- July 12: Meet a goat and bunny from Oakholm Farm!
- July 19: Make a paper bookworm.
- July 26: Create with perler beads.
- August 2: Oreo cookie taste test (gluten-free options available).
- August 9: Decorate with sand art.
- August 16: Make a bug jar.
- August 23: Paint-your own cookie from Word of Art Cookies.

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
 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.

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!

July 31st: Mastering the Art of French Murder by Colleen Cambridge

While staying in post-World War II Paris with her grandfather, Tabitha Knight becomes friends with her neighbor and fellow American, Julia Child, and must clear both their names when a woman they both knew is murdered with a knife from Julia's kitchen and a note from Tabitha in her pocket. "It's Child's ebullient personality that is the heart of the book. Part historical fiction, part mystery, Mastering the Art of French Murder is totally delectable entertainment for fans of lighthearted detective fiction." - *The Washington Post*



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 Fourth was ushered in with the usual noise of cannon tiring, bell ringing and a bonfire on the common.
- Charles Kimball has the contract for lighting the street lamps the coming year.
- A grand stand to accommodate 1000 people has been built at Lakeside park this season.
- The showers of Tuesday afternoon in this village did not extend "over-the-river" where they are much in need of rain.
- There are a few new cottages being built on the ponds.
- Jesse Doane of Rice Corner brought some nice berries to the village to sell.
- Alvin Hyde is to start a paper box factory in the basement of his box shop.
- Mr. Capen's horse was frightened by the ice cart Wednesday, while standing in front of Charles Capen's store. The horse ran directly home, breaking the buggy to pieces.
- The shingling is completed on the Maple street school house.
- Gerald & Cole have moved their bicycle business into the building formerly occupied by Twitchell & Brewster.

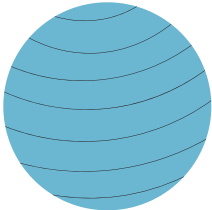
BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING



FUNCTIONAL FITNESS

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FREE Exercise Program
Mondays at 11:30 a.m.
Brookfield Congregational Church





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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