

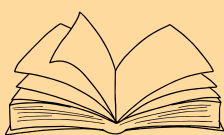


The Banister Bulletin



"March, when days are getting long, Let thy growing hours be strong to set right some wintry wrong."

– Caroline May



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

MUSIC & MOVEMENT with Julie Stepanek

Wednesday, March 12th 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.



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 members 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 at the library. New members always welcome!

March 26th: *Loyalty* by Lisa Scottoline

Loyalty can save a soul – or destroy one. Bestselling author Lisa Scottoline presents *Loyalty*, an emotional, action-packed epic of love and justice, set during the rise of the Mafia in Sicily. Readers will be transported to the dramatic and ruggedly beautiful island, the jewel of the Mediterranean, where lush lemon groves and mouth-watering cuisine contrast with a turbulent history of colonization and corruption. "[...] Every scene is a full sensory experience, as Scottoline weaves lemon-scented breezes, the ocean's sounds, and sun-baked piazza stones into a timeless, tragedy-strewn story of love, power, and redemption. History fans will appreciate the novel's well-researched foundation, especially concerning the origins of the Sicilian Mafia and early mental-health institutions." – *Booklist*



LOCAL HISTORY: A LOOK BACK

The Brookfield Times - March 1895

- The ice is said to be 27 inches thick on Quaboag pond; never before known to be as thick.
- A lady lost a fur tippet between here and Spencer the night of the District Grange. Finder will confer a favor by returning it to Mrs. S.A. Fitts.
- There have been 29,644 books taken from the Library during the year 1894, making an average of 97 books daily. The largest day's work was 297 and the smallest 16, the library being open only in the eve of that day.
- C.A. Rice has moved into the new elevator house near the depot. It is connected by telephone with Martin Donahue's store, Crosby block, Central street, where orders may be left and will receive prompt attention.
- Boys have begun playing marbles on our streets, a sure sign of spring.
- The office of the North Brookfield Laundry is at Walter Gerald's, where all orders can be left and will receive prompt attention.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

Hello, Seniors!

We would like to remind everyone that we will be offering \$5 manicures and \$5 haircuts on Tuesday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nail appointments run every 30 minutes, and hair appointments every 20 minutes. Micki and Steph are veteran professionals, and we are thrilled to have them offering these services! Please contact Amie Vogel or stop by during our program hours this week to sign up for an appointment!

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.

MONTHLY 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)

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



FRIENDS OF BROOKFIELD

Hello, Community! The Friends of Brookfield thank you for your interest in our upcoming Brookfield Gala, and for your patience as we've finalized the details. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 and will include live music and a cheese course. This will be followed by the opening of our silent auction, seated dinner, and dancing. Finally, we will present the Brookfield Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. This award will honor someone who through dedication, empathy, community-mindedness, and strength of character has made Brookfield a better place to live.

We are thrilled to announce that tickets to the first ever Brookfield Gala will be on sale at 10 a.m. on March 1st at a cost of \$70 per person. Proceeds from this event will support The Friends of Brookfield in our mission to enhance the quality of life in our community by supporting local businesses and organizations, preserving and celebrating our history, and creating a welcoming environment for all.

The menu is included below. To order tickets and note your menu selections, please contact: Kermit Eaton, Christina Predella, Jake Hill, Shelby Hill, or Amie Vogel. If you are unsure of how to get in touch with someone, feel free to message the Friends of Brookfield page on Facebook for assistance. We are incredibly excited and can't wait to see all of you there!

Brookfield Gala Menu

Starter: Famous Cheese Spread

Entree Choices: Prime Rib, Rustic Chicken, or Stuffed Squash (Vegetarian)

Dessert: Ice Cream Cake Balls

Beverages: Complimentary tea or coffee included with your meal. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.