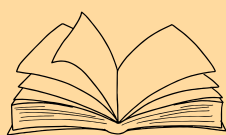




*"June is the pearl of summer, shining with warmth and joy." – L.M. Montgomery*



**Merrick  
Public  
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## CONTACT

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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 Thursday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.  
The library will reopen on Friday, June 20th at 11:00 a.m.

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT with Julie Stepanek

**Wednesday, June 11th 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 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!

**June 25th: *Never Give Up: A Prairie Family's Story* by Tom Brokaw**

In this moving story, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Greatest Generation* chronicles the values and lessons he absorbed from his parents and other people who worked hard to build lives on the prairie during the first half of the twentieth century. "With an economy of words but a wealth of emotion, Brokaw evokes his parents' hardscrabble childhoods, their solid and storied marriage, and their struggles to create a secure home for a growing family while confronting the challenges of the Great Depression and WWII. . . . Brokaw's candid and heartfelt memoir offers a timely reflection infused with his trademark sincerity and unabashed appreciation for the bedrock inspirational values that always deserve attention." – Booklist

## LOCAL HISTORY: A LOOK BACK - Farewell Tour of Lafayette

In June of 1825, the town of Brookfield welcomed the Marquis de Lafayette - America's favorite Frenchman and hero - into the Simeon Draper household (later known as the Lewis Mansion) on East Main Street.

Lafayette and Draper had both served under George Washington during the Revolutionary War, and in 1824 Lafayette returned to the United States for a 'Farewell Tour' of our country, where he was welcomed with universal affection and gratitude.

Lafayette spent 13 months attending celebratory events all over the United States, and from Brookfield traveled to Boston where he laid the cornerstone for the Bunker Hill Monument.

The American Friends of Lafayette established a Bicentennial Committee to commemorate the Farewell Tour of Lafayette. Throughout 2024 and 2025, celebratory events are taking place all over the U.S., just as they did two hundred years ago. For more info, visit **[www.lafayette200.org](http://www.lafayette200.org)**.

2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Brookfield Elementary School Cafetorium  
37 Central Street  
Brookfield, MA 01506

The ATM warrant will be posted online when available.



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.

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BROOKFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Father’s Day Chicken Barbecue

Sunday, June 15, 2025 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

The Brookfield Fire Battalion will be holding its big annual Father’s Day Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, June 15th. This is our big annual fundraiser, and we have been doing it since 1950.

The Battalion uses its funds for several purposes: to help the department with equipment purchases, to outfit members with the formal uniforms, to purchase and maintain our flags for events and the station, to support members in time of need, to support an annual award for a high school senior from Brookfield, and to allow us to recognize firefighters that retire from the department.

Tickets are available from department members, or by calling the station at 508-867-7306.

For a \$17 donation you get a barbecued half chicken, salad, dinner roll, baked potato, and an individual pie.

Serving is from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All meals are packed to go, but there will be limited seating at the station if you want to eat there.

We appreciate your support.