

The Banister Bulletin



"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake
it is necessary to stand out in the cold." – Aristotle



The library will be

CLOSED

Tuesday, December 26th

Merry Christmas!

LUMINARIES

Brookfield's annual Luminary display will take place on Sunday, December 24th; lighting will begin around 4:00pm.

Rain Date: Sunday, December 31st.



If you'd like to help with either set up or clean up of the luminaries, please contact the library.



Merrick Public Library

2 Lincoln Street
Brookfield, MA 01506

T: 508.867.6339

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Regular Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
1pm - 8pm

Wednesday & Friday
11am - 5pm

Saturday
10am - 1pm

Sunday & Monday
Closed

**Please be aware it is library
policy for the patron computers
and photocopier to be shut
down 15 minutes before
closing time.**

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & HAT PARADE

Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00pm on the Brookfield Common.



STORYTIME Fridays at 11:30am

Join Miss Shanna for a story and activity! For kids pre-K and under.
Free; no registration.



CHESS CLUB Fridays 3:30 - 4:30pm

All ages and skill levels welcome. Drop in – no registration necessary.

FREE LIBRARY SERVICES

- Wi-Fi, public computers, printer, copier, scanner, fax machine
- Notary Public (Brenda Metterville), available Tuesday through Thursday during regular open hours. Call to confirm availability.
- Home delivery and pickup of library materials for anyone housebound. Available on Friday afternoons. Call for more information.

Website: merrickpubliclibrary.org
Facebook: @Brookfield Merrick Public Library
Twitter: @MerrickPL
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 11am - 12pm. New members always welcome!

January 3rd: *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci

Disillusioned journalist Tom Langdon must get from Washington to Los Angeles in time for Christmas. Forced to travel by train, he begins a journey of rude awakenings, thrilling adventures, and holiday magic. He has no idea that the locomotives pulling him across America will actually take him into the rugged terrain of his own heart, as he rediscovers people's essential goodness and someone very special he believed he had lost. Filled with memorable characters who have packed their bags with as much wisdom as mischief, [The Christmas Train] shows how we do get second chances to fulfill our deepest hopes and dreams, especially during this season of miracles.



MEETINGS

These groups meet at the Library Annex at 18 Common St., unless otherwise noted.

Library Trustees: Wednesday, November 1st, 6:30pm

Historical Commission: Thursday, November 9th, 6:30pm

Banister Book Group: Wednesday, November 29th, 11:00am

If you are interested in using this meeting space, please contact the library.



HISTORY: A LOOK BACK

The Brookfield Times | December 1893

- One of our local prophets predicts 37 snow storms this season, adding that we have already had six of them.
- The town hall is engaged for the first Tuesday in January by the new shop employees for a dance; the first Friday by the S. of V. for a dance; and the last Friday for the Firemen's ball.
- The mercury is reported going ten degrees below Tuesday night.
- Mr. A. A. Brigham and family are invited to spend Christmas as guests of Mr. Harry Pond, in "over-the-river" district.
- At the Congregational church, Sunday morning, there will be an appropriate Christmas service; and in the evening a concert at 6 p. m, All are Invited. Monday evening, they will have a tree and supper, at the vestry, for the little folk, with an entertainment following.
- Some of our merchants report good trade these holidays, despite the hard times.
- Our young people enjoyed skating on the meadows those moonlight evenings.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING



CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
11:00am - 1:00pm



Please sign up for this event.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

at the Brookfield Congregational Church

TUESDAYS

- Chair Yoga @ 9:00am
- Coffee Hour from 10:00am - 12:00pm



THURSDAYS

- Tai Chi @ 8:30am | \$5 fee



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

3rd TUESDAY of the MONTH

- Foot Clinic from 10:00am - 2:00pm | \$10 fee | Town Hall
- Blood Pressure Screening @ 10:30am | Brookfield Congregational Church (call Patty King for an appointment)



Follow the **Brookfield Senior Center** on Facebook for more information and updates about events!



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