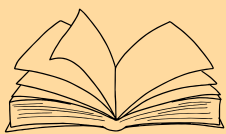




# The Banister Bulletin



"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." – William Shakespeare



## Merrick Public Library

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P.O. Box 528  
Brookfield, MA 01506

### 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 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

Our Library Survey has officially closed. Thank you to all who participated in our survey, we appreciate your input! Once the Library Trustees have come to a decision about the library's hours, an official announcement will be made, both online and here in our newsletter. Thank you for your patience!

## LIBRARY OF THINGS

We've been adding items to our "Library of Things" lately, including board games, magnet tiles, a telescope, CD players, coding games, a projector, and more! All of these items are available to check out. take home, use, and return.

## 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!

### April 29th: *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige

In the heart of the Maine woods, an experienced Appalachian Trail hiker goes missing. She is forty-two-year-old Valerie Gillis, who has vanished 200 miles from her final destination. Alone in the wilderness, Valerie pours her thoughts into fractured, poetic letters to her mother as she battles the elements and struggles to keep hoping. At the heart of the investigation is Beverly, the determined Maine State Game Warden tasked with finding Valerie, who leads the search on the ground. Meanwhile, Lena, a seventy-six-year-old birdwatcher in a Connecticut retirement community, becomes an unexpected armchair detective. Roving between these compelling narratives, a puzzle emerges, intensifying the frantic search, as Valerie's disappearance may not be accidental.

## LOCAL HISTORY: A LOOK BACK

### *Spencer Leader* – August 14, 1931

A number of Spencer people, knowing what a sure fire hit George Kelly's play, "The Torch Bearers," is, were first nighters at the opening night of the play at Brookfield town hall last Wednesday night coming back to town reported a fine presentation was given. There was a performance last night, and the final chance to see it will be this evening. The semi-professional players help out greatly to make the play enjoyable. They are: Eleanor Bennett of Cambridge, Rice corner summer resident; Edward Scoville of New Haven, and Loring Coes, Jr., who have summered many years in the Over-River district of the town. Ilsa Bleumeer is a fourth local player in the cast who does nicely. It is expected the Louise Galloway Players will offer at least two more plays before ringing down the curtain for the close of their first Little Theater movement season in Brookfield.

## 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

#### Foot Clinic

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (\$10 fee)  
By Appointment ONLY

**CONTACT: Email** seniors@brookfieldma.us | **Phone** 508-867-2930 ext. 13

## BROOKFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

### America's 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration – Sponsors Wanted

Join us in commemorating America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, a notable milestone! We need your help to facilitate the planning of this large-scale event, which will take place on August 15<sup>th</sup> on the Brookfield Town Common.

Your patronage will help fund live music, multiple local vendors, live artist demonstrations, and multicultural performances throughout the day.

A sponsorship of \$250 or more will put your name or business on all merchandise. Any and all amounts are welcome and will be publicly recognized.

Please bring donations (cash or check) to Laurie at the Brookfield Town Hall. Please make checks payable to the Town of Brookfield and write "250<sup>th</sup> Celebration" in the memo.

## BROOKFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH & POST ROAD TRADING

### Community Clothing Swap

April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

at Post Road Trading

1 Post Road, Brookfield, MA

#### Clothing Drop-Off

- Post Road Trading: Thursday – Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Brookfield Congregational Church: Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

#### Donation Guidelines

- All ages welcome; sort by size if possible.
- Gently used & clean clothing only; no items other than clothing, please.