

# *The Banister Bulletin*

"If April showers should come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May."

– Buddy de Sylva

The library will be

**CLOSED**

**Saturday, April 13th**

in observance of  
Patriots' Day

## SMALL MUSEUMS PROGRAM

Join us on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. as New England author Alison O'Leary presents "The Best Small Museums in Massachusetts." This program offers a peek inside the collections of some of the dozens of unique, esoteric, and fascinating museums scattered across the state. Free! No registration required.



## NEW MUSEUM PASSES

We've added a few new passes this year, including:

- Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield)
- Norman Rockwell Museum (Stockbridge)
- Trustees of Reservations (all over MA)
- Worcester Historical Museum (Worcester)

For more information or to reserve a pass, visit the library or call us at 508-867-6339.

## 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.\*

## STORY TIME Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

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

## CHESS CLUB Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

## 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.

**Website:** [merrickpubliclibrary.org](http://merrickpubliclibrary.org)

**Facebook:** @Brookfield Merrick Public Library

**Twitter:** @MerrickPL

**Ask a Librarian:** [brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**April 24th: *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown**

Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories of a once-in-a-lifetime shared dream, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.

**MEETINGS**

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

**Library Trustees:** Wednesday, April 3rd, 6:30 p.m. (at Library)

**Recreation Committee:** Tuesday, April 9th, 7:00 p.m.

**Historical Commission:** Thursday, April 11th, 6:30 p.m.

**Community Club:** Wednesday, April 17th, 7:00 p.m.

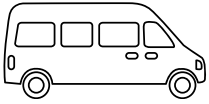
**Banister Book Group:** Wednesday, April 24th, 11:00 a.m.

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

**HISTORY: A LOOK BACK*****The Brookfield Times* | April 1894**

- W. B. Mellen and Geo. T. Woodward saw the meteor that fell while they were crossing the causeway, on Monday evening.
- Pipes are being laid to put the reservoir water into H. D. Fales' residence on Main street.
- The Brookfield Band has reorganized with G.H. Riley, leader and director and H.W. Irwin, business manager. They have played one engagement and are ready to receive others. They are to have a social dance in the town hall April 19th The proceeds are to be used to pay a debt of the band and also to defray the expenses of open air concerts each week during the season. It is hoped that all who are interested in the concerts will either buy a ticket or contribute a small sum, as an opportunity will be afforded by members of the band. The success of these concerts depends largely upon the public.
- Mrs. Curtis of Spencer, has opened a branch millinery store in Turner's block, where hats, bonnets with trimmings to match that might satisfy anyone. Give her a call.
- The fire alarm on Thursday morning was caused by a blaze at the brick yard.

**BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING**



**MEDI CAR**

Need transportation to and from a doctor’s appointment?  
Call the West Brookfield Senior Center!  
They can be reached at 508-867-1407.



**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



**MONTHLY PROGRAMS**

at the Brookfield Congregational Church

**3rd TUESDAY of the MONTH**

- Foot Clinic from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | \$10 fee
- Blood Pressure Screening at 10:30 a.m. (call Patty King for an appointment)



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



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**CONTACT**

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