



The Banister Bulletin



“And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep, and autumn awakened.”
– Raquel Franco



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

SILENT AUCTION

The Friends of the Library will once again be hosting their annual Silent Auction at the library during the month of October! Donations of new and handmade items will be accepted for the auction during the month of September. Please bring donations for the auction to the library during regular open hours. Donations will be accepted until Saturday, September 27th.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT with Julie
Wednesday, September 10th & 17th 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.

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 for checkout at the library. New members always welcome!

September 24th: Band of Sisters by Lauren Willig

Eschewed by her wealthy Smith College classmates, a former scholarship student reluctantly volunteers to join a group of graduates who travel to Europe to help World War I French civilians before finding herself surrounded by desperate families in villages decimated by German bombs. "A compelling tale of love, resilience, expectations, bravery, and above all, the powerful, redemptive bonds of female friendship." – Kristin Harmel, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Book of Lost Names*

LOCAL HISTORY: THE NEFARIOUS HIRAM P. GERALD
The Brookfield Times - January 3, 1896 (continued)

“Attachments have been placed on about all property held by Gerald, either here or elsewhere. The largest attachment is that of \$20,000 in favor of Geo. W. Johnson, Receiver of the wrecked Brookfield bank. Just how much the shortage in Gerald’s accounts will figure up cannot as yet be ascertained. When a receiver was appointed a notice was issued calling for the books of the depositors, some 1500 in all. At first they came in slow, as people seemed to think the bank was simply dying of ‘dry rot,’ but when early this week the explosion came, the bank books literally poured in upon Receiver Johnson and his assistants, who are hard at work trying to straighten out the tangled accounts of the defunct institution. When the bank first suspended it was expected the depositors would receive dollar for dollar, but as investigation proceeds the outlook becomes very discouraging to scores of poor people, who had laid by a part of their hard earnings for a rainy day. It is not believed that the missing treasurer took much money with him.” To Be Continued...

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.

OTHER PROGRAMS

held at the Brookfield Congregational Church

Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening

2nd Tuesday of the Month
from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Foot Clinic

3rd & 4th Tuesday of the Month
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$10 fee)

CURRENTLY FULL

Not Accepting New Clients

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



BROOKFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Last of the Summer Concert Series

Woodshed

Friday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Woodshed will conclude the Brookfield Cultural Council's 2025 Summer Concert Series with their performance on the Brookfield Town Common on Friday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m.



BROOKFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

2nd Annual Brookfield Rummage Sale & Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Brookfield Town Common

The second annual Brookfield Town Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Brookfield Common. Anyone wishing to have a yard sale on the Common, as well as local makers and vendors selling vintage, handmade, or artisan goods, are welcome. There is no fee to sell at this event.

This will also coincide with the Brookfield Town Wide Yard Sale, which will also take place Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Maps will be available online in advance, and in person at the common the day of the event.

We are thrilled to announce that the Merrick Public Library will once again be having a book sale to run concurrently with this event. It was certainly a highlight of last year!

New this year, the Brookfield Congregational Church will be hosting a tag sale, also to run concurrently with the Rummage Sale.

Also new this year, we will hold an Open Mic during the Rummage Sale, allowing local musicians a chance to perform and providing some great music for everyone on the common.