



The Banister Bulletin



"Surely as cometh the Winter, I know, there are Spring violets under the snow." – Robert Henry Newell



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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

Website:
merrickpubliclibrary.org

Library Catalog:
brookfield.cwmars.org

Facebook:
@Brookfield Merrick Public Library

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library will be CLOSED on Saturday, February 15th.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT with Julie Stepanek

Wednesday, February 12th 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.

KNIT & CROCHET CLUB Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

The current class is completely full. Please contact the library if you'd like to be added to a list and notified when more spaces become available.

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 members 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 at the library. New members always welcome!

February 26th: Katharine, the Wright Sister by Tracey Enerson Wood "Wood's narrative provides a fascinating glimpse into the lives of three clever, hardworking inventors, and a sensitive emotional exploration of one woman's quest to support her brothers - and later to soar on her own. Readers will be swept away by Wood's vivid depictions of early flight, and inspired by Katharine's dedication to stay true to both her brothers and herself." – *Shelf Awareness*

LOCAL HISTORY: A LOOK BACK

The Brookfield Times - February 1895

- Gerald & Cole are getting one hundred bicycles ready for the spring trade, and have six or seven men at work.
- Tuesday night the thermometer registered from 10 to 17 deg. below zero.
- Christian Waltz has 53 lambs, including three pairs of twins this season, they are worth seeing.
- The boys have built a snow fort on River street and have hoisted the American flag over it.
- The trotters at Oakland Gardens are being exercised daily on the ice at Podunk pond.
- Masquerade concert this evening at town hall, for benefit of Brookfield Building Association.
- Workmen who are engaged in excavating for the foundation of the new hotel, find from two to three feet of frost.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING

The Brookfield Council on Aging has an exciting schedule of activities slated for February, including a belly dance workshop tailored specifically to seniors, a haircut clinic, a sonnet writing workshop, and a chocolate tasting!

Stop by coffee hour at the Brookfield Congregational Church — Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. — to pick up a calendar of events, sign up for appointments and activities, or chat with the program director about upcoming programming.

Also, please note that the Brookfield Council on Aging is now offering a needlework and crafting group on Thursdays, at the Brookfield Congregational Church, at 9:30 a.m. All crafts and skill levels are welcome, and we also invite anyone who just wants to get out of the house and socialize!

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.

MONTHLY 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)

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



BROOKFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Cultural Council will be back from hiatus this month and eager to take on new creative and culturally significant projects! This year, Cultural Council is seeking to support the creative and cultural endeavors of members of the Brookfield community. If you have a project or idea and want support bringing it to life, please contact Brookfield Cultural Council on Facebook or at culture@brookfieldma.us



FRIENDS OF BROOKFIELD

The Friends of Brookfield are delighted to invite you to join us for the inaugural Brookfield Gala on Friday, April 11, 2025, at the beautiful Salem Cross Inn!

This elegant evening will feature the presentation of the Brookfield Distinguished Citizen Award, a silent auction to benefit the Friends of Brookfield Fund, and an evening of music and dancing. Don't miss this unforgettable night, and opportunity to learn more about the Friends of Brookfield and our mission to support our community.

Follow Friends of Brookfield on Facebook or contact MaryLou Knight at marylou_knight@yahoo.com or Amie Vogel at amie.speroni@gmail.com to find out more!