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★ The Banister Bulletin



"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn." – Lewis Grizzard





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Merrick Public Library

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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.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY: TONIEBOX

Now available to borrow! The Toniebox is a screen-free digital listening device that plays stories, songs, and more. Includes three Paw Patrol characters and a playtime puppy.

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

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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!

March 27th: A Memory of Violets by Hazel Gaynor

Step into the world of Victorian London, where the wealth and poverty exist side by side. This is the story of two long-lost sisters, whose lives take different paths, and the young woman who will be transformed by their experiences. "Gaynor once again brings history to life. With intriguing characters and a deeply absorbing story, her latest is a fascinating examination of one city's rich history and the often forgotten people who lived in it." – *Booklist*

MEETINGS

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

Library Trustees: Wednesday, March 6th, 6:30 p.m. (at Library)

Recreation Committee: Tuesday, March 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Historical Commission: Thursday, March 14th, 6:30 p.m.

Community Club: Wednesday, March 20th, 7:00 p.m.

Banister Book Group: Wednesday, March 27th, 11:00 a.m.

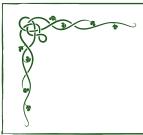
If you are interested in using this meeting space, please contact the library.

HISTORY: A LOOK BACK The Brookfield Times | March 1894

- Mrs. Mason on Green street has a hydrangea with eight handsome purple blossoms on it.
- Dr. Mary Sherman who has opened an office at her home on Main street, is a native of this town and a graduate of our high school, class of '86, after which she attended and graduated from the Woman's Medical College at Philadelphia. She spent a year in a hospital, and also a year as physician in the Consumptives Home in that city. She is well fitted to practice medicine here. Her office hours are from 9 to 10 A.M., 3 to 4, and 6 to 7.30 o'clock P.M.
- J. S. Barrett and wife of Agawam, have rented the "Millbrook Farm" and take possession April 1st. He will continue the milk route and have vegetables for sale in their season.
- The Midway Plaisance and pictures from the art gallery of the World's Fair will be given by the B.H.S. in the town hall, the first week in April. Great effort is being made by the school in this matter and a good entertainment is promised to all. A rare opportunity for visiting Chicago and the Midway for 25 cents.

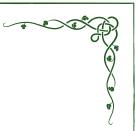
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BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING



CELTIC CHOCOLATE PROGRAM

with Kim Larkin
Tuesday, March 12th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Sign Up Required



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!

Programs offered by the Brookfield COA are funded in part by grants from the MA Office of Elder Affairs, the Jeppson Family, and the Brookfield Community Club.

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