

The Banister Bulletin

“Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple.” – J.K. Rowling



**Friday, September 6
is National Read a
Book Day!**



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.

BOOK SALE Sunday, September 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Friends of the Merrick Public Library will be hosting this sale at the Library Annex (18 Common Street) on Sunday, September 8th, during the Cultural Council’s Rummage Sale on the town Common.

There will be many books, DVDs, and more for sale – stop by and take a look! All proceeds go the Friends of the Library (501(c)3).

Want to donate your books? Contact the library!

CONGRATUALIONS, BRENDA!

Please join us in congratulating our beloved Library Director, Brenda Metterville, on 25 years of service here at the Merrick Public Library! Her commitment to information access, historic preservation, and community outreach over the years is truly admirable. We commend her passion for and dedication to the library and the community. Thank you, Brenda!



INNS & ADVENTURES with Alison O’Leary

Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Based on Alison’s book of the same name, this program offers a variety of adventurous weekend trips in New Hampshire, Vermont, and the Berkshires with doses of humor, history, and peeks inside historic inns. Perfect for the armchair adventurers in the audience, too! **FREE and open to the public!**

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

The Friends of the Library’s annual Silent Auction will run from Saturday, September 28 to Saturday, October 26.

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.

Website: merrickpubliclibrary.org
Library Catalog: brookfield.cwmars.org
Facebook: @Brookfield Merrick Public Library
Ask a Librarian: 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!

September 25th: *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng

From the #1 bestselling author of *Little Fires Everywhere*, comes the inspiring new novel about a mother's unshakeable love... "Utterly stupendous. Ng creates an exquisite story of unbreakable family bonds, lifesaving storytelling (and seemingly omniscient librarians!), brilliantly subversive art, and accidentally transformative activism. As lyrical as it is chilling, as astonishing as it is empathic, *Our Missing Hearts* arguably achieves literary perfection." – Booklist



CHESS CLUB

Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
All ages and skill levels welcome. Drop-in; no registration necessary.



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

- Geo. W. Oakes has nearly 500 asters in bloom.
- H.C. Mason is doing the brick work for H. P. Gerald's cottage on the lot near the Spooover estate on Main street. Levi Sherman will do the carpenter work.
- Frost in low lands here on Wednesday morning.
- Mr. Leno, dealer in fish, oysters, etc., is out this week with his new cart neatly painted and fitted up, the work of A.J. Mellen.
- Fred Barrett and a number of other people from here attended the Sturbridge cattle show this week.
- An alarm of fire here Monday called out the engine. A spark of fire from the chimney in the church block, Main street, set the roof on fire, but it was extinguished by the wind before doing any damage.
- Quite a little business is being done in the old Brewster & Twichell shop near the railroad, where Cole & Gerald are manufacturing the Greyhound bicycle; eight or nine men are being employed, making all the parts and putting them together. A number have already been sold.
- The Water Commissioners request all persons now using the water in the reservoir, to boil it, before using for cooking or drinking purposes.
- The young ladies talk of forming a whist club here for the coming winter.
- The Cranberry crop is almost a failure here, owing to the dry season.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING



Thursday, September 19 from 5-7 p.m. at the Brookfield Congregational Church

Stop by to meet new friends and learn about the services, programs, and events the COA offers!

WEEKLY PROGRAMS @ Brookfield Congregational Church

MONDAYS

FUNctional Fitness from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

COA MONTHLY PROGRAMS

at the Brookfield Congregational Church

2nd TUESDAY of the MONTH: Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

3rd TUESDAY of the MONTH: Foot Clinic from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | \$10 fee (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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