

The Banister Bulletin

"October's poplars are flaming torches lighting the way to winter." -- Nova Bair

The library will be

CLOSED

Saturday, October 12th

in observance of
Columbus Day

SILENT AUCTION

From September 28 to October 26th

The Friends of the Merrick Public Library's annual Silent Auction is on display at the library. Stop by and take a look!

All bids must be placed by 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, October 26th.



MUSIC & MOVEMENT with Julie

Friday, October 11th at 11:30 a.m.

The library is introducing a NEW monthly preschool program! 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.



WHAT IS BIGFOOT? with Ronny LeBlanc

Thursday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m.

A globally recognized figure in the world of paranormal, Bigfoot and UFOs, Ronny LeBlanc is an independent researcher, screenwriter, speaker and best-selling author. His passion, fun-loving personality and sense of humor have paved the way for him in bringing the subject matter of UFOs and Bigfoot to the mainstream public. To learn more about LeBlanc, visit ronnyleblanc.com. This event is free to attend and no registration is required.



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.



Merrick Public Library

2 Lincoln Street
Brookfield, MA 01506

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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.

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!

October 30th: Gateway to Freedom by Eric Foner

[*Gateway to Freedom*] traces the convoluted trail known as the Underground Railroad in the roiling decades before the Civil War. Drawing on rich archival sources, including the papers of Sydney Howard Gay, a prominent New York abolitionist who scrupulously documented his cases, Foner uncovers the tireless, dangerous work of a handful of determined abolitionists and the quests of thousands of black men, women and children to achieve freedom. "Illuminating...an invaluable addition to our history." - *New York Times Book Review*

MUSEUM PASSES

The library offers passes for discounted admission to several museums around New England!

American Heritage Museum - Basketball Hall of Fame - Battleship Cove - Boston Children's Museum
 Davis Farmland - EcoTarium - Eric Carle Museum - Historic New England - Holyoke Children's Museum
 Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum - Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory - New England Air Museum
 New England Botanic Garden - Norman Rockwell Museum - Old Sturbridge Village - Roger Williams Zoo
 Springfield Museums - USS Constitution Museum - Worcester Art Museum - Worcester Historical Museum

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

- Mrs. Wm. Eaton's hydrangea has had 190 blossoms on it this season.
- Don't forget the concert Sunday night in the town hall, at 6 o'clock.
- Levi Davis has filled an order for two pounds of tea and sent to Mrs. Fred A. Rice of Basin, Montana, as they cannot buy as good tea in that locality as we have here on sale.
- Beware of agents selling stove blacking in a wooden box covered with red paper; ladies purchased two boxes for 25 cents which had blacking in top and the rest being sand.
- The reading room on Prouty St., is soon to be open evenings as it was last winter.
- Mrs. L.S. Pierce is improving her house by building a covered piazza in front 6 ½ feet wide.
- The state board of health have analyzed the river water and declared it unhealthy and dangerous for drinking purposes.
- The work at the paper box shop is rushing, making about 4,000 boxes daily.
- H.P. Gerald has purchased the Gerald block on Central St., of his father, and intends to repair it or build new in the spring.
- There is an umbrella at the town hall that has been awaiting an owner since the children's temperance concert.
- The new firm of Tyler & Moulton, who occupy the west portion of Geo. W. Burt & Co.'s shop, are cutting fifty dozen fine shoes daily and made their first shipment on Thursday. We are glad to see the young men go into business and wish them success in many ways.

BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING



Tuesday, October 15: Pumpkin Carving 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 22: Cards for Military 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 29: Gravestone Girls 10:30-11:30 a.m.



COA WEEKLY PROGRAMS
at the Brookfield Congregational Church

MONDAYS




- Walking Club 8:30 a.m.
- FUNctional Fitness from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 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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