

# *The Banister Bulletin*

"This morning, the sun endures past dawn. I realize that it is August: the summer's last stand."

– Sara Baume

The library will be

**CLOSED**

**Saturday, August 31st**

in observance of  
Labor Day



## **Merrick Public Library**

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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](http://merrickpubliclibrary.org)

**Library Catalog:** [brookfield.cwmars.org](http://brookfield.cwmars.org)

**Facebook:** @Brookfield Merrick Public Library

**Ask a Librarian:** [brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com)

## **BROOKFIELD'S 1st ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL FAIR**

**Saturday, August 10th | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The Brookfield Agricultural Committee is thrilled to announce the first agricultural fair right here in Brookfield on the Common! Their aim is to boost public awareness of agriculture and its positive influence on our town, particularly among our youth.

There's something for everyone to enjoy, with exciting activities like wood carving, wool spinning, children's games, a child tractor pull, live animal interactions, flower bouquet demonstrations, and vegetable and flower contests. Also, vendors will be selling products such as natural dyed yarn, vegetables, beeswax wraps, carved wood, goat soap and more!

## **BIRDS OF PREY: NIGHT & DAY**

**Tuesday, August 20th at 5:00 p.m.**

Explore the world of raptors that share the same habitat but are active at different times – day and night. Falcons, hawks, and eagles often occupy the same territories as nocturnal owls: hardwood or mixed forests, pastures and marshlands, and even our suburbs and urban areas. Learn about what makes each species successful in its environment and the special adaptations they have for being diurnal or nocturnal. Free and open to the public!

## **BOOK SALE**

**Sunday, September 8 | 10 a.m. - 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 to the sale? Call or email the library!

## **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.

**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!

**August 28th: *Earth's the Right Place for Love* by Elizabeth Berg** This beautiful novel by a beloved author tells the story of two young people growing up in Mason, Missouri, and how Arthur Moses, a shy young man, becomes a wise and compassionate person. Full of unforgettable characters and written with Elizabeth Berg's characteristic warmth, humor, and insight into people, *Earth's the Right Place for Love* is about the power of kindness, character, and family, and how love can grow when you least expect it. "A poignant tale of love, grief, and the resiliency of the human spirit." – Kirkus Reviews



**END OF SUMMER READING**

Friday, August 23rd is the last day of Summer Reading 2024! Finish your charts and bring them to the library to collect your prizes before school starts. Remember that you can also bring your reading chart to the Brookfield Elementary School for even more rewards!



**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* | August 1894**

- Beautiful northern lights were seen Saturday evening.
- Miss Abbie Holmes is home on a vacation and rides a Liberty bicycle.
- Charles E. Clark intends to open a restaurant in his rooms on Prouty St., the first of September.
- Bicycles are taxed here this year, so of course they will be given the right of way the same as any vehicle.
- There is no truth in the report that our honored citizen, Henry V. Crosby and family were to start on a trip to Europe this week. Mr. Crosby knows nothing about it.
- The prices of meat at our markets are now the same as they were before the strike.
- Gasolene stoves are taking the lead with many this year, Thomas Warner having sold five large ones this season.
- Remember the grand picnic to be held by St. Mary's parish, Saturday, Aug. 4, at Oakland Gardens, a base ball game, between the A. O. H. Divisions of Warren and Brookfield, bicycle race, foot race and tug of war between the strong men of Burt's and the muscular men of Moulton's factory.

## BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING



### BINGO

**Tuesday, August 6th at 10:30 a.m.  
Brookfield Congregational Church**



### 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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