

# The Banister Bulletin

"Every leap year I like to jump. It's a good way to get my exercise in every four years."  
 – Jarod Kintz

The library will be  
**CLOSED**  
**Saturday, Feb. 17th**  
 in observance of  
 Presidents Day



**Merrick Public Library**  
 2 Lincoln Street  
 Brookfield, MA 01506  
 T: 508.867.6339  
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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)  
**Facebook:** @Brookfield Merrick Public Library  
**Twitter:** @MerrickPL  
**Ask a Librarian:** [brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com)



## BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



"Blind Date" books are wrapped in brown paper with a few keywords on the front to describe the themes of the book. The idea is to pick a book with themes you're attracted to and read something you normally wouldn't. It's a fun way to be introduced to new authors or books. Stop by the library during the month of February to check one out!



## WORCESTER TELEGRAM & GAZETTE

The library is once again offering the Worcester *Telegram & Gazette* for our patrons. Daily editions of this publication will be available to read at the library, so come in and catch up on the latest local news!



## STORY TIME

Fraturdays at 11:30 a.m.  
 Join Miss Shanna for a story and activity! For kids pre-K and under.  
 Free; no registration.



## CHESS CLUB

Fraturdays 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.

**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!

**February 28th: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus**

Meet Elizabeth Zott: "A gifted research chemist, absurdly self-assured and immune to social convention" (*The Washington Post*) in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show. Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist. "Irresistible, satisfying and full of fuel." – *New York Times Book Review*

**MEETINGS**

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

**Library Trustees:** Wednesday, February 7th, 6:30 p.m. (at Library)

**Historical Commission:** Thursday, February 8th, 6:30 p.m.

**Banister Book Group:** Wednesday, February 28th, 11:00 a.m.

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

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

- The snow the first of the week reminded the people of the storm March 11, 1888.
- Landlord Dean is heating the Brookfield House as it never was before, with the new steam heating apparatus.
- Charles E. Clark has bought land on the corner of Lincoln and Pleasant streets and will erect a two story block for a bakery and store, where he will keep a variety store, where will be kept such articles as are usually found in a country store.
- L. E. Thresher has cut about 600 tons of ice and stored it for summer use.
- Napoleon Guertin of Ayer has opened the "Eatwell Cafe," in Mulcahy & Capen's block, River street, where he will furnish board and lodgings for \$3.75 per week, and a single meal 25 cents.
- The Commander-in-chief of the Grand Army was instructed by the 27th national encampment, to request Grand Army posts to hold proper services on Washington's birthday. In obedience to the above, posts are requested to hold such services.

**BROOKFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING**

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**



**2/13: Bingo**

**2/20: Birthday Celebrations**



**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**

**3rd TUESDAY of the MONTH**

- Foot Clinic from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | \$10 fee | Town Hall
- Blood Pressure Screening at 10:30 a.m. | Brookfield Congregational Church (call Patty King for an appointment)



Follow the **Brookfield Senior Center** on Facebook for more information and updates about events!



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