Check it Out!

A newsletter of the Montague Public Libraries

October 2026

Happy November, Montague!

It's amazing how quickly fall has flown. Somehow, we're here at the edge of the holiday season.

I'm very excited to announce that the new library design is largely complete! The 100% plans will be submitted to an estimation firm shortly, so we can make sure that we're comfortably working within our budget before moving to the construction document phase. The project will participate in the MassSave Incentive Program, which will help ensure the new building meets our energy performance goals. In a couple weeks, I'll share interior renderings of the reading room, circulation area, community room, children's room, and teen room. Additional details will be highlighted at our next community meeting on Thursday, December 10th at 6:00PM at the Senior Center. Mark your calendar!

In the meantime, library staff are offering a number of crafty, whimsical, and art-centered programs this month. Check out our annual fairy house party, register for a paper quilling program, stop by Kate Spencer's latest art show, participate in one of our several book clubs, or consider submitting your artwork to the Montague Center Fiber Arts show. Finally, Jake has outdone himself in his Millers Falls Movie Night selection for this month. He'll be screening The Last Unicorn, a campy kids movie about—you guessed it: unicorns—voiced by a smashing cast that includes Mia Farrow, Jeff Bridges, Christopher Lee, Alan Arkin, and Angela Lansbury. I, unfortunately, won't be able to attend but thoroughly encourage folks to stop by for a great show and tasty pizza.

Happy reading,
Caitlin

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Carnegie Public Library
413-863-3214
201 Avenue A, Turners Falls
Monday–Wednesday
10:00 AM–7:00 PM
Thursday–Saturday
10:00 AM–5:00 PM

Millers Falls Branch Library
413-659-3801
23 Bridge St.
Tuesday & Thursday
1:00–7:00 PM

Montague Center Branch Library
413-367-2852
17 Center St.
Monday & Wednesday
2:00–7:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

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The Carnegie Library will open at 11:00 AM on *Friday, 11/6* due to a staff meeting.

The Montague Center Branch will be open during regular hours.



The Montague Public Libraries will be closed to the public on:

Wednesday, 11/11,
Thursday, 11/26
and Friday, 11/27

in November



MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT



Thurs. 5th

Millers Falls Cooking Demonstration with the Food Bank of Western MA

1:00-2:00 PM. This month, we'll learn how to make sweet potato chili with food right from our food bank!
Millers Falls Branch.



Fri. 6th

Wild About Wildlife with Brad Timm

1:00-2:00 PM. Come meet local author Brad Timm. We'll explore different activities that get us moving while learning all about animal behaviors, ecosystems, and more! **Reg. Req.**
Great Falls Discovery Center.



Mon. 9th

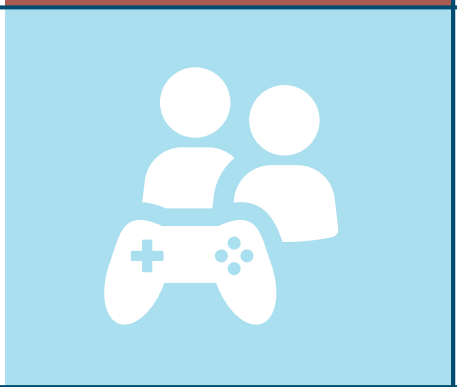
Kate Spencer: Flower Show Artist Reception

5:30-6:30 PM. Come celebrate local artist Kate Spencer and all the colors of spring and summer with her magical oil paintings.
Montague Center Branch.



Playgroup Plus at The Brick House

10:00-11:00 AM. Tuesdays Weekly. Storytelling, music, art, sensory play, hands-on activities, and healthy snacks? We've got it all. Plus, we'll be bringing in local experts and family resources every week so you can learn along with your littles. **The Brick House Annex.**



Thurs. 12th.

Minecraft Hangout for Teens and Tweens

5:00-6:30 PM. Whether you're a Redstone pro, a master builder, or just starting your very first survival world, come hang out, build, and explore alongside other local Minecraft fans. **Reg required. Carnegie Library.**

For more details and updates about these events, please visit our website or follow us on social media.
montaguepubliclibraries.org

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Kids | Teens | All Ages | Adults

Mondays

LEGO AT THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. 10:00 AM –7:00 PM. Build with LEGO all day long. For ages 6–12. **Carnegie Library**.

Tuesdays

DROP-IN CRAFT
November 3, 10, 17, 24. 2:00–7:00 PM
The craft bin is available in the children's area during library open hours. Designed for ages 5-12 but all are welcome. **Millers Falls Branch.**

PLAYGROUP PLUS
November 10, 17, 24. 10:00-11:00 AM
We'll meet in the Brick House Annex for storytelling, music, art, sensory play, hands-on activities, and healthy snacks. Plus, we'll be bringing in local experts and family resources every week so you can learn along with your littles. **Brick House Annex.**

Wednesdays

LEGO AT THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY
November 4, 18, 25. 10:00 AM –7:00 PM
Build with LEGO all day long. For ages 6–12. **Carnegie Library**.

MAGIC WINGS PLAYGROUP
November 4, 18, 25. 1:00–2:00 PM. A special playgroup at Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory. **Magic Wings, South Deerfield.**

Thursdays

DROP-IN CRAFT
November 5, 12, 19. 2:00–7:00 PM
The craft bin is available in the children's area during library open hours. Designed for ages 5-12 but all are welcome. **Millers Falls Branch.**

Fridays & Saturdays

LOFI LAB
November 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 28. 4:00–5:00 PM. Whether you're working on a graphic novel, filling a sketchbook, or just need a quiet place to write, we've got the beats and the space for you. Teen program, ages 11-17. **Carnegie Library.**

ONLINE LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR:

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Kids | Teens | All Ages | Adults

Monday, 11/2

THE MILL RIVER FLOOD OF 1874: WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEADLY DISASTER?

5:30-6:30 PM. Join Betty Sharpe, co-director of Historic Northampton and author of In the Shadow of the Dam: The Aftermath of the Mill River Flood of 1874, for a lively history talk on the flood that changed the valley we call home. **Montague Center Branch.**

Wednesday, 11/4

COOK BOOK CLUB: NOTHING FANCY

6:00-7:00 PM. Each month features a different cookbook. Choose a recipe, prepare it at home, and bring it in to share with the group. In November, we'll explore Nothing Fancy by Alison Roman. **Reg required. Montague Center Branch.**

Thursday, 11/5

LOFI LOUNGE: CREATIVE HANGOUT IN LAKE PLEASANT

4:00-5:00 PM. Lofi Lab is hitting the road to the National Spiritual Alliance on Thursdays in a space just for teens (and kids!) to create and hang out. **National Spiritual Alliance.**

Saturday, 11/7

CARNEGIE LIBRARY USED BOOKS SALE

10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Fiction, Paperbacks and Kids books, DVDs/CDs & Audio Books. Hundreds of recent donations for purchase Proceeds benefit The Friends of the Montague Public Libraries. **Carnegie Library Basement.**

Monday, 11/9

KATE SPENCER: FLOWER SHOW ART RECEPTION

5:30-6:30 PM. Kate Spencer's paintings will be on display at the Montague Center Branch in October and November. Come celebrate Kate and all the colors of spring and summer with us. **Montague Center Branch.**

ONLINE LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR:

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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Monday, 11/9

FRIENDS OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES MEETING

5:30-6:30 PM. Do you want to support your Montague Public Libraries? Join the Friends! The Friends support library special programs, landscaping, and spaces by hosting monthly book sales and fundraising. **Carnegie Library.**

Tuesday, 11/10

MONTAGUE HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN: COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

5:00-7:00 PM. Town of Montague Planning Director Maureen Pollock will be visiting the Millers Falls Library for a presentation and discussion on housing needs in the village of Millers Falls and throughout town. **Millers Falls Branch.**

Thursday, 11/12

MILLERS FALLS BOOK CLUB: THE BEGINNING COMES AFTER THE END

5:30-6:30 PM. We pick a book, we read a book, we come together to chat about it. Our November 2026 book of choice is: The Beginning Comes After the End by Rebecca Solnit. **Millers Falls Branch.**

Saturday, 11/14

FAIRY HOUSE CRAFTING PARTY

1:00-3:00 PM. You're invited to a Fairy Party! We'll create cozy little homes for your favorite woodland fairies while exploring your creativity and giving new life to everyday treasures. **Great Falls Discovery Center.**

Monday, 11/16

BEST BRIEF BOOKS CLUB: SULA

4:00-5:00 PM. No time? No problem. Join your friends and neighbors for a book club specifically for those of us who are short on time. This month we're reading Sula by Toni Morrison. **Montague Center Branch.**

ONLINE LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR:

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Kids | Teens | All Ages | Adults

Monday, 11/16

CARNEGIE CRAFTS: PAPER QUILLING CARDS SESSION #1 | REG REQUIRED

5:30-6:30 PM. Learn to make a one-of-a-kind fall themed card using the decorative art of paper quilling! **Reg. Required. Carnegie Library.**

Wednesday, 11/18

MONTAGUE HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN: COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION

5:00-7:00 PM. Town of Montague Planning Director Maureen Pollock will be visiting the Millers Falls Library for a presentation and discussion on housing needs in the village of Montague Center and throughout the rest of the town. **Montague Center Branch.**

Wednesday, 11/18

TEAM PUZZLE RACE AT THE BRICK HOUSE | REG REQUIRED

6:00-8:00 PM. Gather a team of up to 4 and test your skills in a head-to-head competition to see which team can complete an identical 500-piece puzzle first. **Reg. Required. The Brick House Annex.**

Thursday, 11/19

CARNEGIE CRAFTS: PAPER QUILLING CARDS SESSION #2 | REG REQUIRED

10:30-11:30 AM. Learn to make a one-of-a-kind fall themed card using the decorative art of paper quilling! **Reg. Required. Carnegie Library.**

Thursday, 11/19

POKÉMON CLUB FOR KIDS AND TEENS

5:00-6:30 PM. Swing by the library on November 19 for Pokémon Battle Academy and a Pokémon version of Keep the Feather in the Air game! **Carnegie Library.**

ONLINE LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR:

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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Tuesday, 11/24

- **MILLERS FALLS MOVIE NIGHT: THE LAST UNICORN (1982)**

  5:00-6:45 PM. Enjoy pizza and a movie at the Millers Falls Branch Library! This month, we'll be watching The Last Unicorn (1982). **Millers Falls Branch.**

Monday, 11/30

- **KNITTING CLUB AT MONTAGUE CENTER**

  4:30-5:30 PM. Join our relaxed knitting (and crochet) circle and spend some time stitching, chatting, and sharing ideas at our Montague Center Branch. **Montague Center Branch.**

Monday, 11/30

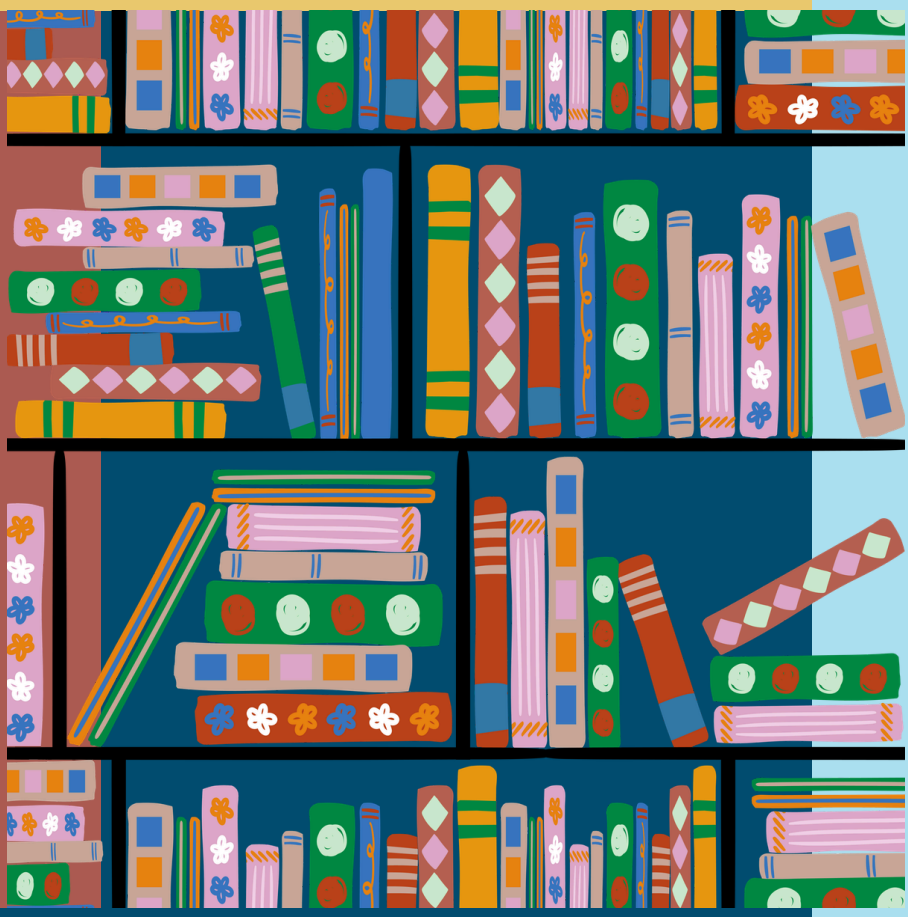
- **FINAL DAY TO SUBMIT ART TO MONTAGUE CENTER FIBER ARTS SHOW**

  Quilts, sweaters, needle point, and more: The Montague Public Libraries are seeking fiber art from artists living across all five Montague villages for shows in December and January! Email Kate for details at kmartineau@cwmars.org.

ONLINE LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR:

RESOURCE
HIGHLIGHT:

TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE



MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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