

Check it Out!

A newsletter of the Montague Public Libraries

October 2026

Happy October, Montague!

The spooky season is upon us, and we have a variety of events to help you celebrate all month long. You can learn our state's ghost stories, unexplained phenomena, and creepy lore on Thursday, 10/8 with "Mysterious Massachusetts: A Paranormal History Talk." On Saturday, 10/10 families and teens are welcome to join us at the Brick House Annex for a costume swap, so we can all look our ghouldest. After that, the Carnegie Library will host two sessions of needle felted pumpkin-making for the crafty folks (registration required). Then, on Monday 10/26, we'll feature an ekphrastic writing workshop using tarot cards for arcane inspiration. And last, but not least, the Friends of the Montague Public Libraries will post up outside the Montague Center Branch Library on Halloween with bucketloads of candy for Montague's trick-or-treaters.

For folks who'd like to engage in armchair travel and learn something new, we're hosting a brand new beginner Italian language program. We're starting the program at 9:00AM, so you can expect some Italian pastries for a morning nosh.

Work for the new main library plan is moving right along. By the end of this month, the design will be 75% complete, and the Library Building Steering Committee will have selected a brick pattern for the building's cornice as well as lighting fixtures and flooring.

Finally, I want to acknowledge that, along with numerous other buildings on Avenue A, the Carnegie Library was vandalized with painted messages last month. While the crime was demoralizing, the way that the community banded together to clean the affected buildings and support one another reminded me of why it's such a pleasure to work here: there's so much goodwill and care.

It's true that there are real issues to be angry about. It's also true that Montague's town staff, local non-profits, and local businesses actively work to make this community a better-resourced, more supportive, inviting, joyful, and sustainable place to live. I'm grateful to have received an apology for the paint and hopeful that we can all move forward from this incident with the intention to do more help than harm.

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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A collaboration of the Montague
Public Libraries and The Brick House



Kids
& Teens

Halloween Costume Swap Party

Saturday, October 10
3:00–5:00 PM

Brick House Annex Space
22 3RD ST TURNERS FALLS

Share the Halloween spirit with your neighbors! Enjoy light refreshments and make a creepy-cute craft at this community costume swap! No one turned away. **Donations accepted here and at the Carnegie Library & Brick House.**

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT



**Thurs.
8th**

Mysterious Massachusetts: Paranormal History with Geekgal

5:15-6:45 PM. Peer into the paranormal history of Massachusetts with our special guest, Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe, a.k.a Geekgal.
Carnegie Library.



**Sat.
10th**

Halloween Costume Swap Party

3:00-5:00 PM. Come one, come all ghouls, ghosts, and goblins to our annual monster mash. Find a new-to-you costume among donations from the community and make a creepy-cute craft. **Brick House Annex.**



**Fri.
16th**

Carnegie Crafts: Needle Felted Pumpkins Session One

10:30-11:30 AM. Seasons don't fear the reaper, nor do we! Come decorate for fall with your very own handmade needle-felted pumpkin (or a few).
Reg required. Carnegie Library.



**Tues.
20th**

Carnegie Crafts: Needle Felted Pumpkins Session Two

5:30-6:30 PM. Seasons don't fear the reaper, nor do we! Come decorate for fall with your very own handmade needle-felted pumpkin (or a few). **Reg required. Carnegie Library.**



**Mon.
26th**

Writing The Arcane: Tarot for Storytelling

5:00-6:15 PM. In this part-writing-workshop, part-Halloween-party gathering, we'll use tarot as a creative spark for our own stories. Come draw a card and see what kind of tale unfolds.
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



Tuesdays

- **DROP-IN CRAFT**
October 6, 13, 20, 27. 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.**

Wednesdays

- **LEGO AT THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY**
October 7, 14, 21, 28. 10:00 AM –7:00 PM
Build with LEGO. For ages 6–12. **Carnegie Library.**
- **MAGIC WINGS PLAYGROUP**
October 7, 14, 21, 28. 1:00–2:00 PM. A special playgroup at Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory. **Magic Wings, South Deerfield.**

Thursdays

- **DROP-IN CRAFT**
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. 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

- **LOFI LAB**
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. 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.**
- **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. 5:00–7:00 PM
Adventure awaits at the Carnegie Library! We're now accepting registrations for our summer Dungeons & Dragons Club for ages 11–19. **Reg. Required. Carnegie Library.**

Saturdays

- **LOFI LAB**
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. 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



Thursday,
10/1

- **LOFI LAB ON THE ROAD: CREATIVE HANGOUT IN LAKE PLEASANT**
4:00-5:00 PM. Thursday afternoon mood? Lo-fi and low pressure. Come hangout, work on something creative, and make some friends while listening to chill beats. **The National Spiritual Alliance, Lake Pleasant.**

Saturday,
10/3

- **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,
10/5

- **FRIENDS OF MPL ANNUAL MEETING**
5:30-6:30 PM. Come learn about The Friends of the Montague Public Libraries and the ways they support each of our branches. During this special annual meeting, the Friends will also feature a presentation by a representative from the League of Women voters who will discuss elections. **Carnegie Library.**

Wednesday,
10/7

- **COOK BOOK CLUB: EAST BY MEERA SODHA**
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 October, we'll explore East by Meera Sodha. **Reg required. Montague Center Branch.**

Thursday,
10/8

- **COMMUNITY CARE CORNER: RESOURCE SUPPORT WITH THE BRICK HOUSE**
1:00-2:00 PM. Everyone needs a little help sometimes. We're bringing Stacey over from the Brick House to give you a helping hand. She can support you in signing up for SNAP, WIC, and all sorts of other programs. No shame. No blame. She'll keep it confidential and simple. **Millers Falls Branch.**

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS



Thursday,
10/8

- **MILLERS FALLS BOOK CLUB: OPEN THROAT BY HENRY HOKE**
5:30-6:30 PM. Join us at our Millers Falls Branch every second Thursday for a casual book club. Our October 2026 book of choice is: Open Throat by Henry Hoke. Genres: literary fiction, magical realism, LGBTQ fic. **Millers Falls Branch.**

Thursday,
10/15

- **LOFI LAB ON THE ROAD: CREATIVE HANGOUT IN LAKE PLEASANT**
4:00-5:00 PM. Thursday afternoon mood? Lo-fi and low pressure. Come hangout, work on something creative, and make some friends while listening to chill beats. **The National Spiritual Alliance, Lake Pleasant.**

Monday,
10/19

- **BEST BRIEF BOOKS CLUB: PENELOPIAD BY MARGARET ATWOOD**
5:30-6:30 PM. No time? No problem. Join your friends and neighbors for a book club specifically for those of us who are short on time. Our October book of choice is: Margaret Atwood's The Penelopiad. Genre: mythological fiction. **Montague Center Branch.**

Wednesday,
10/21

- **MINECRAFT HANGOUT**
5:00-6:30 PM. Work together on creative builds, tackle challenges, and share your favorite strategies in this high-energy, collaborative session designed especially for teens and tweens. Ages 11-19. **Reg. required. Carnegie Library.**

Thursday,
10/22

- **CORNETTI AND CONVERSATION: INTRO TO ITALIAN CLASS**
9:00-9:45 AM. Drop by the Carnegie Library for a casual, beginner-friendly Introduction to Italian class. We'll be using lessons from a BRAND NEW language learning platform—Transparent Language Online. **Carnegie Library.**

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Thursday,
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Monday,
10/26

- **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. All skill levels welcome. **Montague Center Branch.**

Tuesday,
10/27

- **MILLERS FALLS MOVIE NIGHT: ANIMATED SHORT MARATHON**
5:00-6:45 PM. Every last Tuesday you can come enjoy pizza and a movie at the Millers Falls Branch Library! In September, we'll be watching a marathon of animated shorts. **Millers Falls Branch.**

Wednesday,
10/28

- **GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB: BEA WOLF BY ZACH WEINERSMITH**
5:30-6:00 PM. Graphic novels get a bad rap at school. We're here to give them the attention they deserve. Welcome to a BRAND NEW book club for graphic novel fans! This month, we're reading *Bea Wolf* by Zach Weinersmith. Genres: comedy and folklore. **Carnegie Library.**

Thursday,
10/29

- **POKÉMON CLUB**
5:00-6:30 PM. No matter who your favorite Pokémon is or your favorite game generation, this is the place for you to meet, trade stories, and share your favorite parts of the Pokémon world. Swing by the library for Pokémon Battle Academy and a game of Who's That Pokemon?! **Carnegie Library.**

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EVENTS CALENDAR:





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Halloween Trick-or- Treating

Saturday, October 31
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Montague Center Branch
17 CENTER ST, MONTAGUE, MA

Ghouls, ghosts,
and goblins: make
the Montague
Center Library
part of your trick-
or-treating plans!
The Friends of the
Montague Public
Libraries will have
cauldrons full of
candy for you.





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