**Library Hours**

Monday Closed  
Tuesday 2 - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday 2 - 5 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Sunday Closed

**Holiday Closings**

Tuesday, April 21 in observance of Patriot’s Day  
Tuesday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day

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Visit www.mytowngovernment.org for a full meeting schedule.

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**Library News**

**Outside Book Drop Locked During Open Hours:**  
Beginning in February, we made the decision to keep the outside book drop locked while the library is open. The book drop is emptied when the library opens each day. Before this change, if an item was returned after we had already emptied the book drop, it would not get checked in until the next business day, potentially resulting in late fees. We now ask that all items being returned while we are open are brought into the building. Items can be returned on either floor; there is a book return slot in both the children’s circulation desk and the main circulation desk.

**Overdrive/Libby Hold Redelivery Update:**  
As of March 3, when a hold becomes available for you on Overdrive or Libby they will no longer download automatically. Patrons will get a notification that a hold is ready for them, and you must select an option manually. You will have the three choices: borrow the hold, select “deliver later,” which will pass the item to the next person on the list while keeping you at the front of the wait list, or to remove the hold. For any questions regarding this new feature please contact Joe at (978) 355-2533 x102 or jhood@barrelibrary.org.

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**It’s Almost Time for the 2020 Census!**  
Census Day is officially April 1! The Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia and five U.S. territories. The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a non-partisan government agency. Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire - online, by phone, or by mail. Since this is the first time people can fill out the Census online, patrons who have restricted access to computers or the internet are encouraged to stop by the library to fill out the Census; we have 3 desktop computers, 5 laptops and one dedicated desktop in a private space available.
CENSUS STATIONS AT THE BARRE SENIOR CENTER

**Wednesday, April 1, Tuesday, April 7, and Thursday, April 23 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

The library will be at the Barre Senior Center during the above dates and times to assist residents in filling out the 2020 Census online. We will have 3 laptops available for people to use and library staff will be available to guide residents through the process. As a reminder, a dedicated computer in a private space is available at the library for residents to fill out the census during all open hours from March 12 to July 31.

*Library staff cannot fill out the Census for residents but will be available for tech assistance.*

COLOR AND DESIGN WORKSHOP WITH TERRY LAMACCHIA

**Thursday, May 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 6 p.m.**

This workshop will cover basic color theory and design fundamentals. Students will learn how to mix color & create color schemes. They will also learn about the remaining design elements such as line, space, texture, form, shape and value. Using the skills learned, students will create a landscape, still life, floral, city scene or other genre acrylic painting. They can choose to paint realistically, or for the adventurous, more abstractly.

*Ages 16+. All materials included. Registration required. Please call or visit the library to register.*

DO YOU FEEL A DRAFT? an adult writers’ group

**The last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.**

Do you have the desire to put into words something you need to convey to yourself or the world? Are you willing to try and express it using mediums of poetry or narrative? Or might you be interested in a critique swap? Join us for an adult writers’ group! Whether you are an experienced writer or a novice, get together with others to share ideas, resources and make some new friends!

ON GOING BOOK CLUB meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Pick up a copy of the books at the main desk. We will pick a different genre every month and some fun non-fiction titles as well.

**April 29**

**May 27**

**June 24**

LOCAL HISTORY DIGITAL ARCHIVES

Looking for local history materials? An assortment of Barre History Books and maps, and Barre High School and Quabbin Regional High School yearbooks have been digitized and are available to view online. Visit the “my account” page on our website for links to the archives.

**Talking to Strangers**

Malcolm Gladwell

**DYEING TO WEAR IT**

**Wednesday, June 3 from 5 - 8 p.m.**

Join Rhonda Fazio of Dyer Maker Studio for an interactive workshop where participants will create a beautiful and versatile piece of wearable art to take home! Classes are infused with storytelling by the artist, filled with the textile history from the region and around the world, and how this history intersects with our shared American culture. The class will focus on the design and function of the classic silk scarf/tie. The colors for the dyes are hand crafted from natural, raw materials and extracted without the use of harmful chemicals.

*Ages 18+. All materials included. Registration required. Please call or visit the library to register.*