

PUBLISHED BY THE MOUNTAIN BREEZE STAFF

COLLECTOR/TREASURER News

Reminder : Tax collector change in hours for April:
Tuesday, 4/15/25 CLOSED
Thursday, 4/17/25 - OPEN 1pm-6pm
Friday 4/18/25 - OPEN 8am-12pm

Cultural Survey deadline extended

If you would like your name entered for a \$25 drawing to the Backwoods Breakfast & BBQ, please complete the following information on back page and return by April 17, 2025, to the Town Hall, Grace Hall Memorial Library. The drawing will be held on April 18, 2025.

TOWN CLERK News

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025. 12:00pm - 7:00pm
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025. 7:00pm

Dog licenses expire 3/31/25. You have until the end of June to renew your current license. The application is available on the website. Please make you check payable to the Town of Montgomery and include a copy of the current rabies certificate. You must include a self-addressed stamped envelope to have the license mailed back to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

See license
on page 7.

Thank you,
Cheryl Masciadrelli
413-642-6927
Clerk@montgomeryma.gov

“Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer.”

— Anita Krizzan

Open burning season permits available

The Town of Montgomery allows open burning between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm January 15 to May 1. As of print time weekend burning only is allowed.

Only brush and forestry debris is allowed to be burned.

Permits must be obtained by calling 413-862-4505 at least 48 hours prior to when the debris will be burned. Leave address, contact name and phone# and date the burn will occur on the answering service.

(Please turn to page 7.)



THINK SPRING! MONTGOMERY MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE AND PARADE

When: Monday, May 26, 2025

at NOON – Rain or Shine

Where: Town Center

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was formerly called, is the day we pay tribute to the men and women who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

Everyone is invited!! Bring your parents, children, neighbors and friends and come to the observance and parade. You can decorate your bike, horse, car or wagon with red, white and blue and walk or ride in the parade to the cemetery. The fire trucks will be there. The more people who participate – the better.

Parents – please ask your young adults to participate – otherwise I have to contact the school and hope they can “find” students for me. As usual this is completely VOLUNTARY, but I need brave, strong young adults to do readings of In Flanders Field, America’s Response and the Gettysburg Address. I don’t know many the students anymore.

Of course, I will also welcome any other readings that are relevant to the day.

Please remember - it isn’t just a “Monday holiday” – almost everyone knows someone who served or is serving in our armed forces. Please take an hour out of your day to honor our Veterans.

Any questions, I can be reached by calling 413-862-4949.

Thank you. Paula Chapman

Important numbers

FIRE EMERGENCY 911
AMBULANCE 911
STATE POLICE 911

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 862-4037

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL 685-1102
GATEWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL 685-1202
GMS ATTENDANCE 685-1201
LITTLEVILLE ELEMENTARY 685-1301

TOWN HALL OFFICE 862-3386
Listen to the following extensions of each office.
townhall@montgomeryma.gov
Administrative Secretary Hours, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FIRE DEPT: 862-4505
FIRE CHIEF - CHRIS GALIPEAU 862-4599

TOWN CLERK - CHERYL MASCIADRELLI 413-642-6927
OFFICE HOURS - BY APPOINTMENT
Email: clerk@montgomeryma.gov

POLICE DEPT:
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT -
PAULA CHAPMAN Home 862-4949
Office 862-3386, x5

RUSSELL-MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPT: 862-6209
(Call 911 for emergencies)

TREASURER/COLLECTOR - RENEE CARNEVALE
OFFICE HOURS: Tues and Thurs 8 am to 2 pm.
862-3386, x1 or direct line 642-8139

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER -
NATHAN SPERRY 413-221-0139.

PLANNING BOARD:
PHIL CAMP, Chairman 862-4976

SELECT BOARD:
MIKE MORRISSEY, Chairman 862 3368 x1
DONALD WASHBURN 862-3301
JACOB CHAPMAN 862-4949
Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month (Tue., if on a holiday)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:
LIBRARY:
LIBRARIAN - PAULA LONG 862-3894
montgomerylibrary3894@gmail.com

HOURS:
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:
NEW: Office hours of the Board of Assessors will be held on the 2nd Thursday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm of each month. Assessors Clerk will hold hours from 11 am to 2 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Meetings will be scheduled and posted when deemed necessary.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION -
L.J. GAMELLI, Chairman, ljgamelli@gmail.com
MICHAEL CHELMINSKI
DEBRA WRIGHT,
Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, when needed.

COUNCIL ON AGING 862-3386, x6 or 642-8143
COA@Montgomeryma.gov

STATE SENATOR JOHN VELIS (413) 572-3920
Office address: 94 North Elm St., Suite 301-P, Westfield, 01085

STATE REP, 3RD HAMPDEN Nicholas A. Boldyga
454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077, (413) 569-3137, Ext 103

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

April Calendar

April 2 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
April 3 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall
April 9 3:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
April 10 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall
April 16 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
April 17 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall
April 23 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
April 24 3:00 pm – Music in Montgomery – Town Hall
April 30 6:00 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
May 1 4th Quarter Taxes due

Scheduled events and times are fluid at this time and subject to change.

Paula L. Chapman

MONTGOMERY'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
OFFICE HOURS 6:30 PM TO 7:45 PM FOR
FIREARMS LICENSES ONLY

The office is in the basement of the Town Hall.

April 10	April 24
May 8	May 22
June 5	June 19

Subject to change if necessary

MOUNTAIN BREEZE AD POLICY

Montgomery resident ads: \$3.50 for ¼ page, \$7.00 for ½ page, \$10.50 for ¾ page and \$14.00 for a full page.

Non-resident ads: \$5.00 for ¼ page, \$10.00 for ½ page, \$15.00 for ¾ page and \$20.00 for a full page.

Ads: email (preferably pdf file) to

montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com, put in the MB box at the Library, or mail to: Montgomery Mountain Breeze, c/o Grace Hall Memorial Library, 161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085-9525. Include your name and phone number. Payment must be received by deadline date (usually on the 16th of the month) or ad will not be run. No cash, please; make check payable to Montgomery Mountain Breeze and **send checks directly to Laurie Flechsig, 1699 Russell Rd, Montgomery, 01085.**

MOUNTAIN BREEZE STAFF

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April 2025

Pottery Lessons Offered:
Whether a beginner or experienced at pottery,
explore your own creative potential.

Remember when...

22 East Main Street,
Huntington, MA
(next door to B&D's Variety).

Tuesday: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
CLOSED: Sundays and Mondays

...we used to write each other letters...and so exciting to find one in the mailbox! Gray Catbird has all you need - unique handmade cards and hand-turned pens ~ Let's create a little joy by sending good thoughts to someone...
Make happiness **SPRING** out of an envelope!



Gray Catbird
Pottery Studio & Gift Shop

Contact: Dale Rogers,
413.875.5205

or graycatbirdpottery@gmail.com
22 East Main Street, Huntington, MA

 [etsy.com/shop/GrayCatbirdPottery](https://www.etsy.com/shop/GrayCatbirdPottery)

 [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

Credits: Spring bowl - Dale Rogers, handmade cards & journals - Mary-Beth O'Shea and Sandie Mann, wooden pen & jar - Millie Chancellor, pen, handturned acrylic pen - John Marge, bunny gnome - Lois Kominsky.

Get those tomatoes, peppers and eggplant going, watch for ticks

April is the month to:

- in the beginning of the month, start tomatoes, peppers & eggplant from seed indoors,
- Encounters with adult deer ticks are high this time of year.
- Transplant seedlings when soil is slightly dry, to separate seedling easily
- Plant lettuce, outside, in short 12 to 18" wide blocks to maximize garden space.
- Houseplants need more water and some fertilizer as they begin new growth.
- As insect activity increases, remember most insects are not pests.

GardenNews

by Chris Brown



- Insect & Mite management guide ag.umass.edu/insectmite guide.
- Allow leaves of spring bulbs to die back naturally.
- Near the end of the month, start seeds of squash, melon & cukes indoors.
- At the end of the month, start harvesting rhubarb stalks; continue to harvest for a few weeks.

The Library Friends plant sale will take place on May 17th, at the school house on Pitcher St. Please donate any plants that you would like to share. Contact Chris Brown at 413 364 1510 or chrisbro40@yahoo.com.

GINGER SOY LIME MARINATED SHRIMP

Recipe for April 2025 Thank you, again, Jeanne Aras

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 2 lg shallots | 1 - 2" piece ginger, peeled & chopped |
| 4 cloves garlic, smashed | 3/4 cup soy sauce |
| 1/2 cup lime juice | 2 Tbsp. sugar |
| 1/4 cup chopped green onions | 1/4 cup peanut oil |
| 1/4 tsp. black coarsely ground pepper | 2 lbs. large shrimp, shells & tails on |

Place shallots, ginger, soy, lime juice, and sugar in a blender. Blend until smooth. Add green onion and oil and blend until combined. Season with black pepper. Place shrimp in a large bowl (you can use a gallon zip-lock bag). Pour the marinade over and let marinate at room temperature for 20 minutes. Preheat the grill to high and grill for 2 minutes per side. Makes 8 servings.

APRIL RECIPE



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

WHAT IS THAT GREEN BEE IN YOUR GARDEN?

Warm weather brings out a variety of insects including colorful green bees. If you have a garden you may have seen one and wondered what it was. These small iridescent-colored bees are part of the sweat bee family or 'Halictidae'. They can appear in shades of brown, black, blue or even purple and are most active between spring and fall.

While most bees have a queen (and they do), all sweat bees can lay eggs.

Sweat bees typically gravitate toward nectar flowers and honeydew from aphid colonies. They especially enjoy plants in the daisy, aster and mint families. They are vitally important pollinators too, pollinating crops like squash, apples, blueberries, strawberries, tomatoes and peppers. You definitely want to see these beneficial little bees in your garden. To help them out, consider planting flowers that bloom late in the season when other food sources aren't available.

Calling an insect a sweat bee may seem a little

gross but in their case they are aptly named as they are drawn to the salt in human and animal sweat.

*Notice the little things in life and Happy Spring!
From Birds and Blooms*



MHS offers program featuring our 'most famous native son'

Save the date for a program about our town's "most famous native son"!

Your Montgomery Historical Society will present "Lt. Richard Falley, Jr., Revolutionary Soldier, Patriot & Armorer" – a program that will make you proud to be a Montgomery resident, on **Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m. in our Town Hall**. Area resident and author Robert Madison will present his program based on research undertaken for his recently-published book, a biography of Richard Falley, Jr., which examines Falley's service to his country and the military career of this Western Mass. patriot.

The release of this book reminds us of the anniversaries of events that preceded the Revolutionary War – the "midnight ride of Paul Revere" on April 18, 1775 followed by the battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, and General George Washington's arrival in the Boston area on July 2, 1775, to take command of the newly-established Continental Army. The book contains chapters written in collaboration with Westfield Historical Commission and Montgomery's Historical Society, and will be available for purchase at that time.

Richard Falley, Jr., ran a secret armory in Montgomery at the base of Mount Tekoa in the "foothills of the Berkshires," from which he supplied flintlock muskets for the war effort.

Historical Happenings



In later years, Falley became a selectman of the town (first in 1784, then again in 1803 and 1804). The foundation of his early home and nearby, remains of his arsenal can still be found in the southernmost portion of Montgomery. (If anyone is interested, a "hike" to that area during the summer or autumn can be arranged.)

Madison's presentation details Falley's involvement in the French and Indian War; his 1775 service after the Lexington and Concord conflicts; accounts of Colonel Henry Knox's transport of cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston (winter of 1775-76); Falley's involvement in the 1776 Battle of Bunker Hill, and his Springfield Armory contract for 1,000 muskets.

The program is presented free of charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted for the Montgomery Historical Society's Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarship(s) yearly to graduating high school seniors who reside in Montgomery. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. We will also have a 50/50 raffle, and one lucky winner will be going home with half of the raffle prize money!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE PROGRAM RELATED TO THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION!

LIBRARY DISPLAY CHANGING SOON! In early April, the "curators" of the exhibits in the display case at the Grace Hall Memorial Library (Town Center) will be replacing the current exhibit of salt cellars with a collection of wood carvings done by the late Bill Pattison (Sr.), father of Carol Stevens. Mr. Pattison carved animals and fish in the 1980's and 1990's while living in Florida. Please be sure to check out the new items on your next trip to the Library!

Reminder: we would love to showcase your collection of items or artifacts at the library. Please call Laurie (862-8095) with your suggestion for future displays!



Looking for the right fit for these gloves

Chief Frye Memorial Scholarship

Open to: Graduating 2025 Montgomery High School Students

Eligibility requirements: Must be a resident of Montgomery (non-Gateway students may request an application from

Montgomery Fire Department) (Contact Dan Flechsig – 862-8095 or email 83.mfd.association@gmail.com)

Criteria: Community Service, Academic Accomplishment, Financial Need Award amount: \$250.00 Application deadline: May 1st

Application requirements: Gateway common application, transcript Completed application to: Montgomery Fire Department

Attn: Scholarship Committee 154 Main Road Montgomery, Mass. 01085

*****You must provide official documentation of 2nd semester enrollment in educational institution.**

Apply for these scholarships

Here are the scholarships available for Montgomery High School seniors:

A.P. Pettis Fund (\$300.00) &

Montgomery Historical Society (\$300.00)"

Please apply by using the "Common Application" available at Gateway Guidance center. Or email Laurie at: menehunes_mom@yahoo.com for application.

Application deadline: May 1, 2025. Must include a transcript.

Hey Montgomery!

Sign up now for a town wide tag sale on

Saturday, May 17th!

Contact Karan Miller to register and for more information. Addresses will be included in an ad on FaceBook and other media outlets.

NEW DATE!!!

Thank you for your consideration!

Karan Miller
karanmiller@gmail.com

When: Every Thursday @ 3pm
Where: Montgomery Town Hall,
161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085

Music in Montgomery



"I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun shiny day
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun shiny day"
- Johnny Nash

April 3	Ed Bentley & Friends
April 10	Ravenwood
April 17	Craig Manning, Dave LaBlanc & Larry Southard
April 24	Helen Arbour & Joe Nerney
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May 1	Jerry & Kara Noble
May 8	Larry Southard
May 15	"We Three" - Barry, Sarah, & Pete
May 22	The Uncles
May 29	Ed Bentley & Friends
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June 5	Helen Arbour & Joe Nerney
June 12	Larry Southard
June 19	Kara & Jerry Noble
June 25	R & D - Rob Adams & Dennis Avery

"All are welcome!"
Music in Montgomery is sponsored by Gray Catbird Gift Shop, Montgomery Town Library, and the Montgomery Council on Aging.

We encourage donations of baked goods. Money donations for refreshments will be split between two worthy local causes: Montgomery's Volunteer Firemen's Association and our Town Library. We have a tip can for thanking our fabulous musicians as well.

**TOWN OF MONTGOMERY
DOG LICENSE APPLICATION 2025**

LICENSE #: _____
EXPIRES: 03/31/2026

OWNER NAME/ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ OWNERS SIGNATURE: _____

DOG INFORMATION

NAME: _____ BREED: _____ SEX: _____ SPAYED/NEUTERED (y/n): _____ AGE: _____

COLOR: _____ OTHER DETAILS: _____

RABIES CERTIFICATE #: _____ DATE OF VACCINATION: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____ VET: _____

In reliance on the above certificate for payment fee of _____, the animal described above is licensed for the period of April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026.

Dated: _____, Town Clerk.

FEES: \$6.00 spayed/neutered
\$10.00 NOT spayed/neutered

See By-Laws for Kennel Fees more than four (4) dogs.

Please refer to the website www.montgomeryma.gov for the Dog By-Laws.

• Burning permits (continued from Page 1)

The burn permit can be revoked at any time due to dry conditions and or air quality so please get your cleanup done soon.

Burn area also must be at least 75' from any dwelling and a means of extinguishing the fire must be accessible.

Spring time is the most common time of year we do have unintended brush fires that can consume countless hours and many resources. Please call 911 if you have a fire get out of control as soon as you have concern as the quicker we can respond the more manageable the fire is.

Check out our Facebook page for information regarding the MFD.

VOLUNTEER

If you want to join our Volunteer Department please contact us. Trainings are 1st and 3rd Tuesdays nights at 7 pm or leave a message on our voicemail. We also have a junior Firefighter training program. Applicants must be 16 years of age with parental consent. We have several members on our team that started as juniors and several have even gone on to career departments and ambulance services as their full time career.

*Thank you for your support!!
Montgomery Fire Department*

Southwick BoH holds health fair

Health Fair
Southwick Town Hall Auditorium
Friday, May 16 9:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable item for



Vendors will have information on various topics: home health, independent/assisted living, MA State 911 program, health insurance, food insecurity, massage therapy, and local maple syrup will be available to purchase.

* The nutrition program from the Food Bank will be here with the "Smoothie Bike" - you pedal the bike to blend your smoothie! So fun!!

Western Hampden County Public Health District
Southwick Board of Health/Southwick Public Health Nurse

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Tim Baker
- Erica Coon
- Joseph Coon
- Trevor Coon
- Kelsey Frye
- Michael Gaudette
- Gabrielle Goralczyk
- Jerry Goralczyk
- Jason Harris, Jr.
- River Heeter
- Mason Little
- Rick Little
- Mike Morrissey
- Ed Ondrick

- Louise Ondrick
- Lyndon Ondrick
- Gene Washburn
- Dennis Wassung
- Aaron Wendt

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Patty & Rich Little

Is your birthday included in our monthly listings? If you would like to share that information, please forward your details to montgomerymtbreeze@gmail.com

Montgomery COA: *neighbors helping neighbors*

Here are the various ways the COA is helping neighbors:

Good Morning Neighbors!

We saw some familiar faces during the March Coffee Hour. Old friends reconnected and we also met new neighbors. Join us again for a relaxed hour of good conversation and friendly faces at Town Hall in the Community Room. During Coffee Hour bring your knitting, a deck of cards, a story to share or just yourself. Coffee, tea and light treats will be served.

Coffee Hour
Tuesday, April 15th
10AM

Upcoming Coffee Hours May 20th, June 17th,
and July 15th.

Come join us - all are welcome!

Cooking Class for One (or Two)

Join Chris Brown and Jeanne Aras as they demonstrate planning and cooking a delicious and healthy spring meal for one or two on April 24th from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM in the Community Room at Town Hall. Enjoy a small tasting of food and sharing of recipes during this fun and informative demo.

Class size is limited to 10 people. To reserve a spot email Chris Brown at chrisbro40@yahoo.com. If the class is full your name will be added to a waiting list for the fall session.

Help with Light Springtime Chores

Do you need a little help with some light springtime chores? Cleaning out a garden bed? Installing a window air conditioner? Putting in screen doors? Or other spring cleaning tasks? There is a local youth volunteer group that can help our senior community with these seasonal projects. For more information please contact Dale Rogers at graycatbirdpottery@gmail.com.

Hearing Clinic

The Russell Council on Aging invites Montgomery and other surrounding town senior residents to a New Ears Affordable Hearing Care Clinic held by Gary Winn, a licensed hearing instrument specialist. He will perform hearing screenings and counsel people about hearing loss and hearing aid maintenance. For the next clinic and appointment please call 862-6217 and leave a message.

Hilltown Easy Ride Van Service

Available to residents age 60 & over in Montgomery and surrounding towns. This service is available Monday through Friday for medical and other appointments, shopping, and errands.

Call Hilltown CDC at 413-296-4232 at least 24 hours in advance (not counting weekends or holidays) to schedule a ride.

Prior to being transported, an application for service needs to be completed and approved by the FRTA office. You may obtain a copy of the application by contacting the FRTA (413)774-2262 or download it from the FRTA website at www.fрта.org. Once approved, an Easy Ride information packet will be forwarded to you related to this service.

Senior Services

Highland Valley Elder Services 800-322-0551

To report elder abuse (available 24/7) 800-922-2275

Veteran Services 413-572-6247
julie.barnes@cityofwestfield.org

MA Senior Legal Helpline 800-342-5297
mass.gov/legal-help-for-elders

Access Care Partners 413-538-9020
accesscarepartners.org



Meet the Massachusetts Register of Deeds

Montgomery Town Hall

Thursday-May 8, 2025 at 1:30pm

Cheryl Coakley-Rivera, Esq. Register of Deeds invites homeowners to an Informational Seminar.

Who we are and what we do

- Homestead Act
- Consumer Notification System
- Title Fraud

All attendees are eligible to receive a free certified copy of their deed!

Customer Service is our top priority!

For more information contact:

413-755-1722 • hcrodscd@sec.state.ma.us

www.hampdendeeds.com



LIBRARY NEWS

facebook.com/
gracehallmemorial

April 2025

When a library is open, no matter its size or shape, democracy is open, too.

- **Yoga Classes:** Join us for yoga every Wednesday night at 6 pm. To reserve your spot, please contact Chris Brown at chrisbro40@yahoo.com.
- **Music in Montgomery:** every Thursday at 3 pm

Cookbook Book Club April 17 at 6:30pm is Stop by the Library and check out the Book Club selection before The Library will provide a selection of cook books to discover.

Seahorse: Learn to Pastel Paint workshop with Greg Maichack will be on April 5 at 11 am. This hands on workshop for Adults serves sheer beginners to advanced artist . All material provided, including hundreds of professional grade pastels, paper and pencils. Please sign up in the library.



Common Seed Program at the Library! Common Seed project promotes gardening by sharing seeds. This years “common Seed is a Provider Bean– a delicious green snap bean that is well known and loved. Planting instructions and seeds are at the library.

Eversource has gifted the library with a Kill A Watt meter that patrons can check out to do an audit of their home.

BOOK & PLANT Sale date set for May 17, 9 am to 2 pm at the Little Red School House. Book Donations can be do by appoint with the library, Plant donation the day of .

Posting on Facebook

We will post updating news to our Facebook page , such as when new items come in or change in hours.

Hours

Tues: 10– 5:30

Thurs: 11-8

Sat: 9:30-12:30

Ebooks on Libby

Contact

Mail

161 Main Road, Montgomery, MA 01085

Phone

413-862-3894

email

montgomerylibrary3894@gmail.com

Website

montgomery.cwmars.org

commonwealthcatalog.org

Don't forget to check out Wowbrary and Libby our online services.

HOW TO USE YOUR CW MARS ACCOUNT

Get your new card at the Library!

What is CW MARS?

CW MARS is a diverse multi-type library consortium made up of over 160 member libraries primarily located in Central and Western Massachusetts.

CW MARS is an acronym that stands for **C**entral and **W**estern **M**assachusetts **A**utomated **R**esource **S**haring.

What are the perks of membership?

As a library card holder, you get access to...

160+ Libraries

Your CW MARS card grants you borrowing privileges at all CW MARS libraries. Items can be checked out and returned to any CW MARS library. A list of libraries and catalogs can be found at www.cwmars.org/libraries

8M+ Physical Items and 175K+ e-Titles

Over 8 million items in the network can be borrowed, most of which can be requested and picked up at your local library. Borrow items through the online catalog at catalog.cwmars.org.

Get 24/7 access to the network's collection of over 175,000 digital titles, powered by OverDrive and Libby. Over 3,000 magazine titles are always available to borrow. Access the digital collection at catalog.cwmars.org or cwmars.overdrive.com.

Automatic Renewals

Forget the hassle of manually renewing your items. Physical items eligible for renewal will be auto-renewed on their due date!

Commonwealth Catalog

If a CW MARS library does not have a title, expand your search across the state using the Commonwealth Catalog at www.cwmars.org/cwmars_comcat

SEARCH THE CATALOG, PLACE HOLDS AND MORE.

Accessing Your Library's Catalog

You can find a list of CW MARS library catalogs at www.cwmars.org/libraries. Select your library from the list, or search the network catalog at catalog.cwmars.org.

Logging Into Your Account

You can log into your account from any page in the catalog.

1. Click **Sign In** in the top right.
2. Enter your full library card number without any spaces. Then enter your password.
3. Click to **Sign in**.

Navigating Your Account

From **Your Account Summary** page, you can view your due dates by clicking **Checked Out Titles**, manage your holds with **Titles on Hold**, view charges and pay any over \$0.50 by clicking **Charges**, and update your preferences with **Account Settings**. You can also create lists of titles with **My Lists** and view your **Reading History**.

Searching the Catalog

To search the catalog, enter your search term into the *Search* field. Optionally, select a search *Type* (e.g. *Keyword*, *Title*, etc). Click **Search**.

Searches will default to a *Keyword* search of material owned locally*. These can be adjusted or filtered upon if you are having trouble finding what you want.

*To view items owned by ANY CW MARS library, make sure the **CW MARS Libraries** tab is selected above your search results.

Placing a Hold

Through the catalog, titles from across all of CW MARS can be requested for pickup at your local library. To do this, you will need to place a hold.

1. Search for material in the catalog.
2. Once you've found the title you want, click **Place Hold** next to the format you'd like to request.
3. Confirm/choose the CW MARS library at which you'd like to pick up the item.
4. Adjust your notification preferences* if desired. You can choose to be notified by *email* and/or *text message*. Some libraries may also *call*.
5. Click **Submit Hold Request** to place the hold.

*These preferences can also be adjusted in **Your Account > Account Settings > Hold Notification Preferences**.

Managing Your Holds

You can view items on hold by going to **Your Account > Titles on Hold**. From here, you can check your status, *suspend* holds that you'd like later, or *cancel* holds that you no longer want.



www.cwmars.org



[HTTPS://
MONTGOMERY.CWMARS.
ORG](https://montgomery.cwmars.org)



Scan to find your library!
www.cwmars.org/libraries

And so much more!