

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. January 15-18. Please Share!

Wednesday, January 15

Money Management Workshop

Brick House, 24 Third St., 9:30-10:30am

1/15 Topic: Household Budgeting. 1/22 Topic: Future Planning. Questions? Contact

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Wednesday, January 15

Dungeons & Dragons

Brick House, 24 Third St., 3-5:30pm

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Montague Center Oral History Training

Montague Center Library, 6-7pm

Learn to use the recording equipment and some basic techniques for gathering oral history.

Wednesday, January 15

Wes Brown and Friends

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

Local jazz musician Wes Brown plays live every 3rd Wednesday ("Wes-day") joined by talented musicians from all over the valley! <https://www.facebook.com/events/1071444621400506>

Thursday, January 16

Bilingual Music & Movement

Montague Center Library, 10-11am

Includes English and Spanish playful adaptations of songs and collective creation of new verses that incorporate high interest themes and accessible movements in order to expand vocabulary. Bilingual books will be available for families to add to their home libraries. Made possible by a generous grant from New Salem Academy

Thursday, January 16

Practical Magic with Kaia

Brick House, 24 Third St, 2:30-5:30

For teens. Explore herbalism and magic. This week...LIP BALM.

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Lauren Fleit

25 E Main Street, Millers Falls, 7pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/573245272187387>

Friday, January 17

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Rabbits

great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30-11:30am

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors in the Connecticut River Watershed. Program includes a story, activities, and crafts. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Siblings and friends welcome. Meet in the Great Hall.

Friday, January 17

Nice & Easy Walk

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-3pm

Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all. Enjoy natural and local history along the way. Dress for the weather with sturdy footwear and bring water. Inclement weather cancels. Meet at the main entrance.

Friday, January 17

Montague Shakespeare Festival

Live ZOOM Workshop, 1-2pm

“Why is Playing Bad So Good?” with Nia Gwynne

\$25. This Zoom session invites participants to delve deep into some of Shakespeare's dangerous and morally intricate characters. Whether you are an actor, a Shakespeare enthusiast, or someone fascinated by the human psyche, this workshop offers an opportunity to explore the darker corners of the Bard's work and understand why playing a villain can be one of the most rewarding experiences in theatre. Nia Gwynne has worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) extensively, playing some notorious Shakespearean characters along the way, including Goneril in King Lear and Tamora in Titus Andronicus. REGISTER: <https://www.montagueshakespearefestival.com/all-upcoming-workshops>.

Friday, January 17

Floor Pillow Stuffing Day

Swansons Stash House, 5-7pm

FREE! We have too many textile scraps - this event is free to help us get them out the door! Come stuff floor tussocks, ottomans, etc! We will have some premade floor pillow cases and instructions to sew your own, as well as tons of stuffing material available.

January 17-19

Young Shakespeare Players East Presents:

The Winter's Tale at the Shea Theater

Friday 6:30pm, Saturday 11:30am and 6:30pm, Sunday 1pm

A masterpiece that explores themes of loss, hope, love and redemption. With elements of tragedy, comedy, and fairytale fantasy, it is a play that attempts to answer the question: What happens after a tragedy? Every member of the Young Shakespeare Players East ensemble participates as actor, director, and stage technician, and there are no auditions or rejections. The two full casts of “The Winter's Tale,” with actors ages 8 to 18, have embraced the challenge of bringing Shakespeare's beautiful story and

characters to life. These free performance promise to be profound and delightful for audiences of all ages. Delicious concessions will be available for sale during the two intermissions.

Saturday, January 18

Community Puzzle Drop-in

Carnegie Library, 10am-5pm

Everyone is invited to add 1 or 2 (or 200) pieces to the Carnegie Library's community puzzle. All ages.

Saturday, January 18

Bluey Party

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-3pm

For ages 3-10, accompanied by an adult. Join us for crafts and activities related to the popular cartoon character, Bluey! This drop-in style event is sponsored by the Montague Public Libraries and hosted by the Great Falls Discovery Center. Meet in the Great Hall.

Saturday, January 18

Trivia Night at Montague Elks

Supports Valley Storm Softball, 6pm

Sign up a team, maximum of 8 people for a night of fun and competition to support the Valley Storm Softball organization. Cost is \$10 per person which can be paid via Venmo or cash. Event is 21+, 5 rounds of trivia in a variety of categories, Cash bar, Prize for 1st Place team, Raffle table, 50/50 raffle. MORE INFO: <https://www.facebook.com/events/603554908729127>

Saturday, January 18

Trae Sheehan

Element Brewing, Millers Falls, 7pm

Trae Sheehan is coming back to perform at the taproom for 4 shows all with different setlists and we can't be more excited! <https://www.facebook.com/events/622278750305914>

Saturday, January 18

Gravestone

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 7pm

Heavy Metal/Rock

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1146171284184839>

Saturday, January 18

Aradia, Scott Hsu, The Third Entity

78 Third St., 9:30pm

Citing the iconic German supergroup Kraftwerk as a formative inspiration in her musical journey, Aradia has a clear vision for the kind of music she wants to make and exactly how she wants to make it. Music from Aradia is hers through and through — turn on one of her tracks and it's her vocals, her instrumentals, and her production comes to life. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1139359368195508>

Sunday, January 19

TALK: Great Trunk Hotel

Great Falls Discovery Center, 2-3pm

What was so grand about the Grand Trunk Hotel in Turners Falls? The hotel, once sited next to today's Center, was built in 1872 and demolished in 1968. Join DCR staff as we use our imaginations, old photographs, and testimonials, to piece together the story of the grand old days in Turners Falls. For youth and adults. Co-sponsored by Montague Public Libraries. Meet in the Great Hall.

Sunday, January 19

The New Age of Western Mass Gridcore

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 4pm

Organ Dealer <https://organdealer.bandcamp.com/album/the-weight-of-being>. Exitum

<https://grindexitumgrind.bandcamp.com/album/the-gospel>. Visceral Filth

<https://youtu.be/N7w23QONks4?si=104tx6l6kibKPI6J>. Brujo

[https://manageprorecordingsandholdings.bandcamp.com/...](https://manageprorecordingsandholdings.bandcamp.com/) No one will be turned away for lack of funds. <https://www.facebook.com/events/43716191615775>

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The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/597466989327056>