

THIS WEEKEND in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. July 10-15. Please Share!

Wednesday, July 10

Music on the Common

Becky and John

Montague Center Common, 6-7pm

Foot Stompin, Toe Tappin! Bring a lawn chair and a beverage. Free!

Thursday, July 11

[Smokey Bear's 80th Birthday Party](#)

Great Falls Discovery Center, 3:30-5:30pm. Free and for all ages. Join Wildland Firefighters from the DCR Bureau of Fire Control & Forestry. Hear a reading of the Smokey Bear Story at 3:30 and 4:30pm. Learn about campfire safety. Tour a Wildland Fire Engine, try a scavenger hunt, and meet Smokey Bear himself at 4pm and 5pm! Free Story books, party favors and refreshments. Sponsored by DCR and Montague Public Libraries. Rain or shine.

Friday, July 12

Kidleidoscope Story Hour – Bobcats

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30am

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. <https://greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org>

Friday, July 12

Bilingual Story Stroll + Intro to Spanish Class

Carnegie Library, 3-4pm

Join Jan Lamberg, from The Support Network, for an Intro to Spanish class under the tent. The Ripley Farm will bring ducks and ducklings! We can learn all about ducks and learn how to say duck in Spanish, too. Designed for children and caregivers. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on. *RAIN DATE: Fri, July 26, same time. <https://montaguepubliclibraries.org>

Friday, July 12

Danny and Heath

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 7pm

Acoustic Country/Singer Songwriter. Always fun and lots of laughs with these two.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/456691930446625>

Saturday, July 13

Art Naturally Series

Painting with Inks from the Garden

Great Falls Discovery Center, 10:30am

Discover nature through story, poetry, and art in our series of free Art Naturally programs. Using words and images, instruction and techniques you create an art piece inspired by the natural world to take home. Learn how to make ink from cabbage and more! For adults, teens, and children ages

6 and up (accompanied by an adult). Art materials provided.

Saturday, July 13

Second Saturday Open Mic

Common Hall, Montague Center

Sign up start at 6:15pm. Diverse music performed by Valley musicians. All types of performers are encouraged to participate- musicians, poets, singers, dancers, storytellers. Come prepared to perform for 10-20 minutes, depending on the turnout. Voluntary donations. BYOB.

Saturday, July 13

[Poetry/New Book Release](#)

[Linda Bratcher Wlodyka and Paul Richmond](#)

Unnameable Books, 66 Avenue A, 6:30pm. Linda Bratcher Wlodyka and Paul Richmond will both be reading from their new books. ABOUT LINDA: Linda's poem, Secret Cottage, was voted Best in the Berkshires in 2012. Linda has 3 chapbooks previously self-published. Linda's first full length poetry collection, If Brambles Were Bookends Collected Poems, was published in September 2023 by Human Error Publishing. PAUL RICHMOND was awarded beat poet laureate three times: MA, National, and Lifetime from NBPF. Paul has publisher of over 70 writers and has authored 8 books himself. Paul also performs as "Do It Now."

<https://www.facebook.com/events/834776281556857>

Saturday, July 13

The Wonder Yearz

Pioneer Valley Brewery, 7pm

Let's go back to the 60's and 70's...a fun band with fun songs. Caution: audience members may find that they've traveled back to the Summer of Love!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1141553317126932>

Saturday, July 13

Shea Presents: CINEMASTORM

Shea Theater, 7:30pm

FREE Double Feature: Super Mario Brothers (1993) and Mortal Kombat (1005)

Enjoy this FREE double in our lovely, air-conditioned theater. Sponsored with the generous support of Northeast Solar. Beer. Flicks. Snacks. Trivia. All FREE! What more do you want?! Join the storm-CINEMASTORM!

Sunday, July 14

Artist Reception: REMNANTS

Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-3pm

Photographer Joe Wallace captures the stark beauty of Turners Falls' abandoned Strathmore and Griswold mills. Q&A at 1:30pm with Joe and special guest Town Administrator Walter Ramsey who will answer questions about the past and future of the mill sites. The Remnants exhibition is part of ongoing Foods Farms and Factories programming.

Sunday, July 14

"Do It Now"

Peskeompskut Park, 2-4pm

Poet laureate Paul Richmond, World music percussionist Tony Vacca, and master guitarist John Sheldon create a funkadelic and free-flow concoction of cool Beat Poetry, soaring melodies and irresistible percussion. Equal parts magic carpet ride, mesmerizing sound-web and outspoken words. What these guys do just might be the perfect industrial-strength elixir for our tumultuous times. This fusion of spoken word poetry and music is free and open to the public. Also, at Peskeompskut Park that afternoon will be an independent BOOK FAIR featuring regional publishers and authors. Donations are appreciated. Bring a lawn, blanket. The rain date is Sunday, July 21. Sponsored by RiverCulture with financial support from Greenfield Coop Bank and the Mass Cultural Council. <https://www.facebook.com/events/483913960641262>

Sunday, July 14

Jackie Wang and Ethan Seeley

Unnamable Books, 66 Avenue A, 3pm

Jackie Wang is a scholar, poet, multimedia artist, and Assistant Professor of American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California, where she researches race, surveillance technology, and the political economy of prisons and police. Her current book project, *The Carceral Laboratory: The Rise of High-Tech Prisons and Police*, is under contract with Princeton University Press. Ethan Seeley is pursuing an advanced degree at Harvard Divinity School, where he studies religions of the Americas and the history of money. He is also an editor for the journal [@peripheriesjournal](#).

Sunday, July 14

FILM SCREENING

Unnamable Books, 66 Avenue A, 7pm

"We are extremely excited to host a screening of the documentary "Prison in 12 Landscapes" directed by Brett Story with [@decarwmass](#) 7pm-9pm after JACKIE WANG (Carceral Capitalism) & Ethan Seeley.

Sunday, July 14

Karaoke with Buckingham Rabbits Vintage

The Rendezvous, 78 3rd St., 9pm