

This Weekend in Montague and Downtown Turners Falls. April 8-April 12. To receive this information in your inbox, sign up for the RiverCulture Newsletter:
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Wednesday, April 8
Faltown String Band
The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

Thursday, April 9
Bilingual Music & Movement
Montague Center Library, 10-11am
Join Tom & Laurie for a highly interactive program geared toward preschoolers and their caregivers. Designed for children ages 0-5 but older siblings are welcome!

Thursday, April 9
OPEN: Food Pantry
Brick House, 24 Third St., 10am-1pm

Thursday, April 9
Nice and Easy Walk
Great Falls Discovery Center, 1-2pm
Easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all.

Thursday, April 9
Miller Falls Book Club
Millers Falls Library, 5:30-6:30pm
We will be discussing the graphic novel The Hidden Life of Trees! Drop-in craft for kids age 5-12 the Millers Falls Library from 2-7pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1853997492671575>

Thursday, April 9
Tea & Crumpets Society
2 Montague Ave., Lake Pleasant
National Spiritualist Alliance. Tea & Crumpets Society welcomes readers, writers, and listeners of all kinds to this open literary salon. 5-minute reading slots, Two extended 12-minute spots , First-come, first-signed-up.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/749945861353936>

Thursday, April 9

Thankful Thursday Fundraiser

Trivia Night: LIBRARIES EDITION

Element Brewery, 6:30pm. Support the library and show off your trivia skills! Join The Friends of the Montague Public Libraries at Element Brewing Company. Library Director, Caitlin Kelley, will lead two rounds of trivia and the winning team will receive an Element gift card. Teams are limited to 4 people. Suggested donation of \$5-\$10 per player. Prizes awarded.

Thursday, April 9

DJ Andujar and Funkybottoms present:

Doo Rite! BOOGIE Night!

Shea Theater Front Room, 8-11pm

DJs Andujar and Funkybottoms will be spinning international boogie, disco, funk, breaks and cosmic dancefloor-fillers. Vinyl-only. Bring your dancing shoes. Shea bar will be serving up wine, beer, cider, canned cocktails, NA and soft drinks. Tip your bartenders. This event is in the Shea front-room. No cover charge, all ages. POSITIVE BOOGIE VIBEZ!

Friday, April 10

Drop-In Friday

National Spiritual Alliance, Lake Pleasant

11am-1pm. Enjoy the uplifting energy of this sacred space.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1986028035374180>

Friday, April 10

Kidleidoscope Story Hour- Chipmunks

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

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. For ages 3-6

Friday, April 10

Lofi Creativity Zone:

Writing and Drawing Hangout

Carnegie Library, 4-5pm. This is a chill, drop-in, no-stress program for anyone who enjoys writing, drawing, or both! Designed for teens and tweens in grades 6-12

Friday, April 10

Montague Square Dance

Common Hall, Montague Center

Live band and a guest caller every month! All dances are taught. 6:30-8pm are simpler dances great for beginners, families, and kids. After 8pm dances get more complex, but everyone is still welcome! Bring clean, non-marking shoes, a water bottle, and your friends and neighbors. Swing ya there! Suggested donation: \$7-\$20

Friday, April 10

Great Falls Coffeehouse Presents:

The Uncles with special guest Eveline MacDougall

Great Falls Discovery Center, 7-9pm

A concert series featuring local talent. The Uncles with special guest Eveline MacDougall perform a delightful mix of Folk, Rock, Country, and Jazz with several stringed instruments and four voices. Refreshments available. Sliding scale suggested donations, in support of educational programming at the Center. Meet in the Great Hall. For all ages.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1326355456213621>

Friday, April 10

Tony Vacca and Fusion Nomads

SPECIAL GUEST Senegalese master Massamba Diop

Shea Theater, 7:30pm, \$15-\$25

Tony Vacca with John Isaac Sheldon, Chris Devine, Chuck Langford, Jo Sallins, and special guest, Senegalese master of the talking drum, Massamba Diop. From Tony: I love working with this group of committed co-conspirators in our adventurous World Fusion Music. And our special guest, MASSAMBA DIOP, has been the talking drum player for Baaba Maal's world famous band for 3 decades, and the lead drummer in both The Black Panther soundtracks.

Friday, April 10

Eleanor Levine

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

Eleanor Levine has been writing music for almost two decades. Her original music centers around alternative tunings, rhythmic plucking patterns, coded lyrics, and bright vocal melodies. She mostly takes inspiration from '60s and '70s songwriters like Paul Simon, Nick Drake, Laura Nyro, John Sebastian, and Joni Mitchell, as well as Elliott Smith, Belle & Sebastian, The Shins, and R.E.M. Donations appreciated.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1468633247949374>

Saturday, April 11

OPEN: Food Pantry

Brick House, 24 Third St., 10am-1pm

Saturday, April 11

April Volunteer Day

Great Falls Books Through Bars

104 Fourth St., 1-5pm. We will be reading and responding to letters from prisoners. Come for a bit or the whole time. Masks required. The space is ADA accessible. Book donations welcome! Paperback and in good shape. We especially always need thrillers, scifi, fantasy, horror, gay fiction, history, science, and pagan/occult books.

Saturday, April 11

National Poetry Reading Month

Featuring Bob McNeil. Music by Steve Koziol

Great Falls Discovery Center, 3-4pm

Join us in celebration of National Poetry Month with BOB McNEIL writer, editor, cartoonist, and spoken-word artist, who recites with special guest musician Steve Koziol. In Bob's single author anthology *Compositions on Compassion and Other Emotions*, he explores the importance of love and hope in healing from the pandemic and endemic violence. Proceeds from this work fund the National Alliance to End Homelessness. STEV KOZIOL best known for playing in the bands Dingo Roi and Span of Sunshine, is a songwriter and musician, who has contributed guitar, keyboard, bass, alto sax, and vocal harmonies to many bands and performers throughout Hampshire and Franklin Counties. From youth to adults, all are welcome at this event, sponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center and RiverCulture.

Saturday, April 11

The Infra-Ordinary

A workshop with Lucy Ives

Unnameable Books, 66 Avenue A

In a relaxing 40-minute workshop for refreshing our memories, dissolving block, and getting creative, participants will answer questions like: What rich materials are in your dreams?

Free. https://www.instagram.com/p/DWmc2wHGJoa/?img_index=1

Saturday, April 11

Ted & Tom (acoustic originals)

Element Brewing, Millers Falls

<https://www.facebook.com/events/822705520113632>

Saturday, April 11

Open Mic!

Common Hall Montague Center

6:30-9:30pm. For the fourth consecutive year, the featured act of April's Open Mic at the Montague Common Hall will be a salute to long-time Montague resident and widely-traveled fiddler and dance caller David Kaynor, who passed away in 2021. Fiddlers Van Kaynor and Rebecca Weiss will start by playing traditional-style tunes with double fiddle harmonies and piano backup by Becky Hollingsworth. After a few tunes as a trio, they will be joined on stage by friends and musical associates, carrying on the tradition of David and his belief in the multi-faceted rewards of shared music. This Open Mic welcomes and appreciates both emerging musicians and seasoned performers. All types of performers are encouraged to participate – musicians, poets, singers, dancers, storytellers. Be prepared for 10-15 minutes. BYOB. Free. Donations accepted.

Saturday, April 11

Sparkletown 3

A tribute to Kate Lorenz

Shea Theater, 7pm, \$30

This year marks the third annual concert to celebrate the music and spirit of beloved local musician and teacher Kate Lorenz who died in 2022. The event is hosted by her brother, Matt Lorenz of The Suitcase Junket and features guests include Kris Delmhorst, Catilin Canty, Julia Read, Zak Trojano, Rear Defrosters, and Kate's Constellations.

Saturday, April 11

Labrum/Folly of Three/The Case

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 9:30pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1526891638997078>

Sunday, April 12

Poetry Reading

Unnameable Books, 66 Avenue A, 4pm

Elizabeth Zuba, Arda Collins, Dara Barrois/Dixon, Ari Banias.

https://www.instagram.com/p/DWpMuLgAR_6/

Sunday, April 12

Karaoke!

Hosted by Buckingham Rabbits Vintage

The Rendezvous, 78 Third St., 8pm

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 25

TRUNK SHOW: Hawksong Weaving

Sawmill River Arts, 440 Greenfield Road, 11am-5pm

One day only! Took Storm is a zero-waste weaver working with thrifted and gifted yarn.