

Comprehensive Plan for Library Service

Municipality: **Montague**

Description: This form is a required component of the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program Application (MPLCP). For towns with multiple library branches, it is meant to describe the service area, staffing models, collections, program offerings, and unique services and characteristics of each library location. Importantly, this document also specifies whether advances in municipal development, such as the expansion or new construction of a main library, would impact other town locations.

How many certified library locations are there? **3**

List information about each location in this format:

- Name of library: **Carnegie Library**
- Address: **201 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376**
- Phone number: **413-863-3214**
- Type of library:
 - **Main**
 - Branch
 - Independent
- Geographic service area (may overlap): **Carnegie Library: As the main library, the Carnegie serves all of Montague. It is located within the village of Turners Falls and is the closest library location for the village of Montague City.**
- Service population (approx.): **8,580 (as the main library, the Carnegie serves the entire Montague community)**
- Building size (from ARIS): **7,052 sq ft**
- Attendance for previous year (from ARIS): **16,460**
- Number of programs & attendance for previous year for each age group (from ARIS) **Adult programs: 22 with 1,255 attendees; School age: 11 programs with 708 attendees; young children: 24 programs with 340 attendees; all ages: 7 programs with 1,072 attendees**
- Service model
 - Administration: **The Library Director oversees all library staff. All staff report to the Library Director except the Children's Program Assistant, who reports to the Youth Services Librarian.**
 - Staffing
 - FTEs & roles: **The Carnegie Library is the main workplace of the Library Director, the Youth Services Librarian, a Technical Services Librarian, the Children's Program Assistant, and seven Library Assistants. There are 6.5 FTEs at the Carnegie**
 - Location-specific or multi-branch/floating: **Five Substitute Library Assistants fill in as-needed at all three locations.**

- Collections
 - If collections are location-specific, what is the makeup/emphasis?

Carnegie: The collection at our main library is the most comprehensive of the three branches.

Highlights of the circulating collections include robust literary fiction and science fiction collections, a local author collection, large print materials, a seed library, and a wide variety of objects featured in the Library of Things. The Carnegie also has an enviable local history collection that was painstakingly organized over the last several years. In this collection, one can find ephemera from historic factories, fraternal organizations, and historic performances, 19th century photographs, historic maps, church histories, directories, and more. Also, there is a museum collection housed on the second floor, which contains natural history displays and local artifacts.

- If collections or subsets float, provide details: **N/A**
- Programming focus(es): **Due to the accessibility limitations of the building, many library-supported programs in Turners Falls are held off-site or, during fair weather, under a leased tent on library grounds. Children’s programming tends to focus on early literacy and STEAM, teen programs focus on community service/engagement and YA literature, and adult programs focus on local history and cultural heritage, civic engagement, genealogy, and the outdoors.**
- Unique services or characteristics, if any: **N/A**

- Name of library: **Millers Falls Branch**
- Address: **23 Bridge St, Millers Falls, MA 01349**
- Phone number: **413-659-3801**
- Type of library:
 - Main
 - **Branch**
 - Independent
- Geographic service area (may overlap): **Millers Falls Branch: Millers serves the village of Millers falls and is also close to the village of Lake Pleasant.**
- Service population (approx.): **1,158**
- Building size (from ARIS): **1,886 s/f**
- Attendance for previous year (from ARIS): **2,148**
- Number of programs & attendance for previous year for each age group (from ARIS): **10 general audience programs saw 65 attendees.**
- Service model
 - Administration: **This branch is overseen by a part-time Branch Library Assistant who reports to the Library Director.**
 - Staffing
 - FTEs & roles: **One Library Assistant works 12 hours per week, .3 FTE**
 - Location-specific or multi-branch/floating: **Substitute Library Assistants cover at this location as needed.**

- Collections
 - If collections are location-specific, what is the makeup/emphasis?

Millers Falls: Millers Falls is a community of movie enthusiasts, and the branch library contains an ample DVD collection to support patron interests.

- If collections or subsets float, provide details
- Programming focus(es): **The programming at this branch is limited due to space constraints. It focuses on social gatherings in which neighbors can get together to chat, complete a simple craft, and enjoy light refreshments.**
- Unique services or characteristics, if any:

Millers Falls: Millers Falls lacks the social services infrastructure that exists in Turners Falls but does not have fewer needs. As the only public building in Millers Falls, the branch library seeks to fill gaps in services. This branch features a food pantry, which was previously supported through donations and grant funding and is now supported through membership with the Food Bank of Western Mass. The pantry serves an average of 29 families each month, with many families picking up food once or twice per week.

Name of library: **Montague Center Branch**

- Address: **17 Center St., Montague, MA**
- Phone number: **413-367-2852**
- Type of library:
 - Main
 - **Branch**
 - Independent
- Geographic service area (may overlap):

Montague Center Branch: This branch serves the village of Montague Center and is also located close to Lake Pleasant.

- Service population (approx.): **2,270**
- Building size (from ARIS): **3,150 s/f**
- Attendance for previous year (from ARIS): **4,071**
- Number of programs & attendance for previous year for each age group (from ARIS): **Adult programs: 20 with 508 attendees; School age: 2 programs with 27 attendees; young children: 40 programs with 351 attendees; all ages: 4 programs with 240 attendees**
- Service model
 - Administration: **This branch is overseen by a part-time Branch Library Assistant who reports to the Library Director.**
 - Staffing
 - FTEs & roles: **One Library Assistant works 20 hours per week, .5 FTE**
 - Location-specific or multi-branch/floating

- Collections
 - If collections are location-specific, what is the makeup/emphasis?

Montague Center: Montague Center is a community of academics and writers. The collection of the branch highlights works by local authors on subjects as varied as fungi, poetry, art history, baseball, and gardening.

- If collections or subsets float, provide details: **N/A**
- Programming focus(es): **With the most accessible and flexible space of all three library locations, the Montague Center Branch can host a variety of programs. Programming focuses on the arts and humanities, with regular local author events, exhibits of local artworks, concerts, art-making workshops, and a book club.**
- Unique services or characteristics, if any: **N/A**

What cooperative initiatives or programs exist between locations? **All three libraries participate in the same summer reading initiatives and passive programming, such as take-and-make crafts for adults, teens, and children as well as scavenger hunts and take-home science activities for children.**

Are any changes anticipated in municipal development or population distribution that would impact library services by location? **No. Town administration and the Trustees of the Montague Public Libraries are committed to supporting a three-branch library system in Montague.**