

The Millbury Public Library was one of 517 public libraries nationally that received \$3,000 from the American Library Association - Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries grant. The eligibility for this grant was limited to communities with populations less than 25,000 according to the Institute of Museum and Library Services definitions. This funding will enable our library to lead community engagement programs for patrons and library staff. "Through community engagement, my goal is to gather feedback from the community on how to continue to offer innovative library programs despite the challenges of limited funding, staff development to stay abreast with new library trends, and be able to have staff stay stress-free through fun engaging staff development workshops" said Ann Dallair, Library Director.

On September 16, 2021 the Millbury Public Library will host an in-person program called Conversations about Library Programming and Staff Development at 6PM. This program's purpose is to gather feedback from the community to identify opportunities to hear ideas and suggestions on future innovative programs, programs that worked/not worked, ways for promotion, and staff development that can be offered here. Drop in or register on our website at www.millburylibrary.org for this opportunity to give imperative feedback. Light refreshments will be served.

A series of seven virtual online adult/senior computer classes will be offered as part of this grant. The 7-week computer programs will begin on Tuesday September 28, 2021 at 6PM. The following topics will be discussed: Tues. Sept. 28 and Oct 5 - 6PM - Learn Windows 10: Close the Digital Divide, Tues. Oct. 12 and Oct. 26 - 6PM - Using Browsers, Exploring Websites and Getting the Most Out of Searching the Web, Tues. Nov. 9 and Nov. 16 - 6PM - All About Pictures - Finding, Organizing, and Editing, and Tues. Nov 23 - 6PM - Save Time and Money with an Easy Computer Tune-up! (This last workshop is not for Apple/Mac Users) Registration is required so that we have an email to send the Zoom links. All programs are open for registration on our website at www.millburylibrary.org or you may call our library at 508-865-1181 for a librarian to assist you.

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