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Your DGB Cultural District E-News



News From Your Neighbors

The Triplex Cinema reopens newly renovated theater!

From [The Berkshire Edge](#) - After more than two years of fundraising and renovation work, Triplex Cinema's Theater 2 reopened on Christmas Day.

The theater includes an enlarged screen, a 7.1 Dolby surround sound system, and 127 new upholstered rocker chairs.



The theater opened with a screening of the recently released "Song Sung Blue," starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson. Later in the evening, "Marty Supreme" director and co-screenwriter Josh Safdie introduced a showing of his film.

The reopening of Theater 2 was a victory lap of sorts after over two years of hard work by the nonprofit organization behind the theater. The organization formed as a grassroots group back in April 2023 after former Triplex owner and South Egremont resident Richard Stanley closed the cinema after 28 years.

In July 2023, the grassroots group announced that it had raised enough money to purchase the theater from Stanley for \$1 million.

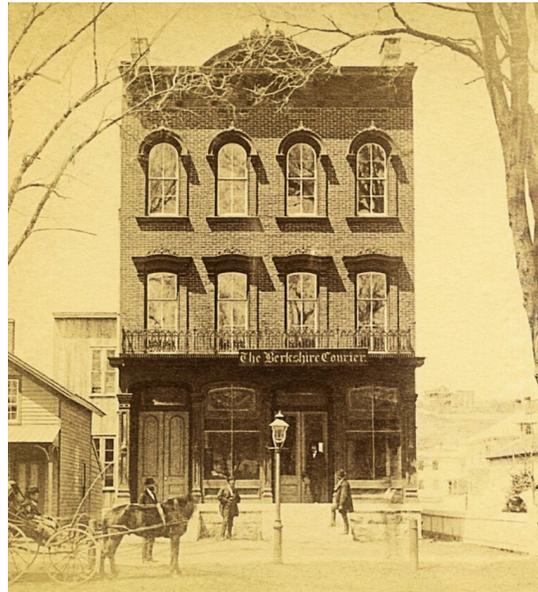
After five months of closure for renovations, the theater officially reopened on November 17, 2023. In the ensuing two years, The Triplex has been one of the hosts of the annual Berkshire International Film Festival, as well as events featuring figures from the Hollywood and independent filmmaking worlds.

This is not the last of the projects the organizations plans to take on. With Future building projects including a new HVAC system and and bathroom renovations.

Rewind & Rediscover - Berkshire Courier Building

The historic Berkshire Courier newspaper building on Main Street in Great Barrington was erected in 1869–70. Originally intended for the newspaper bearing its name, the original three-story Victorian facade has had many lives over the last century.

Enterprising editor/publisher Marcus Rogers, often credited with creating the “country correspondent”, had the structure built, where he lived on the upper floors with his family for a time.



Rogers boosted readership and subscriptions dramatically in outlying towns with his village-by-village reports. These folksy columns evolved into alliterative titles such as “Glendale Gleanings,” “Housatonic Happenings,” “Monterey Matters,” “Sandisfield Siftings,” “Sheffield Sparks,” and “Stockbridge Saunterings.”

In 1878, Rogers invented and marketed a newspaper-folding machine which earned him enough money to retire while still in his 40s. In his retirement Rogers traveled throughout the United States and around the world. After returning to his hometown of Mill River he engaged in other business ventures, where he remained a generous philanthropist until his passing at age 90.



In 1916 the large pillars in front were added when the building became Great Barrington Savings Bank. It was later home to Housatonic Cooperative Bank, followed by Pittsfield Cooperative Bank.

Today, the structure is now home to [Rubiner's Cheesemongers](#) and [Rubi's Café](#) where visitors can select from an array of cheeses, wines, and carefully crafted menu items.

To view more pictures and learn about the Courier buildings historic neighboring buildings be sure to click the [link](#).

Great Barrington Historic Walking Tours

The Great Barrington Historical Society offers two, self-guided walking tours now available on the Apple and Android App Store!

Download the Great Barrington Walking Tour App and explore the towns rich history, cultural significance, and historic sites!



Berkshire Grown - Winter Farmers Markets!

Berkshire Grown's Winter Farmers Markets host farmers and producers from Berkshire County and the surrounding region. Markets run monthly, November - April in Great Barrington.

Vendors offer an abundance of locally-grown food, including fresh greens, winter squash, root crops, apples, meat, cheese, jam, honey and maple syrup, baked goods, and more. Local artisan crafters round out the market offerings, and each market features live music.

We welcome SNAP and HIP at our markets: SNAP users receive a Market Match of up to \$30 per market, and each market includes vendors with HIP-eligible products, providing SNAP shoppers with an immediate reimbursement for benefit dollars spent on fresh fruits and vegetables. Visit the market manager's table to make the most of your benefits!

Where: Housatonic Community Center (Housy Dome)

When: 10:00am - 1:00pm

- February 21st
- March 21st
- April 18th



Creative Economy Jobs

You can also find exclusively creative economy jobs, including remote and hybrid opportunities, at [MCC's HireCulture](#). Several sample postings are below.

Find Berkshire County in-person, remote, and hybrid jobs that pay a minimum of \$40K a year in all fields, including arts, education, nonprofits, and related, at [1Berkshire's The Jobs Thing](#). Among some of the current openings of interest are:

- [Marketing & Outreach Lead, Images Cinema](#)
- [Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education, Berkshire Community College](#)



The logo for "the jobs thing". It features the words "the jobs thing" in a bold, black, sans-serif font on a light blue background with white dots.

HireCulture

Creative employment in Massachusetts

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- [Young Women in Science Coordinator, Flying Cloud Institute](#)
- [Production Designer, The Massachusetts Review](#)

The National Organization for Arts in Health (NOAH) provides transformational leadership to bring the arts in health together and advance the field.

NOAH

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Check out current open hybrid/remote positions in the field of arts in health [here](#).

Arts Funding and Resources

Curated information about funding and financial assistance for those working in the creative economy.



Learn about grants, events, and resources, find fellowships and apprenticeships, and identify art spaces by subscribing to [MCC's Monthly Newsletter](#)

[Opportunities & Resources for Orgs – January 2026](#)

[Shakespeare in American Communities](#), a theater program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, offers three grant opportunities for eligible nonprofit theater organizations; Schools Programs, Juvenile Justice Programs, and Apprenticeship Program. A mandatory Intent to Apply is due January 29th. Full applications are due February 12th, 2026.

MassCEC's [EmPower Massachusetts Program](#) is offering two grant opportunities to increase access to the benefits of clean energy and/or reduce energy burden to previously underserved populations in Massachusetts. Eligibility: Community-based organizations, nonprofits, individuals, federal and state-acknowledged tribes, and municipalities. Rolling deadline through March 26th, 2026.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has a new [Municipal and Tribal Technical](#)

[Assistance Grant Program](#) – through the Federal Funds & Infrastructure Office (FFIO) – supporting technical assistance activities for projects led by local governments or federally recognized tribes that are seeking federal funding or have received federal funding for community infrastructure projects.

An overview of MCC's FY26 Programs and Funding Opportunities is available [HERE](#).

creative Capital

Creative Capital is a nonprofit, grantmaking organization funding artists in the creation of groundbreaking new work, amplifying the impact of their work, and fostering sustainable artistic careers.

[Artist Opportunities for January](#)

[Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grants](#) - The Foundation welcomes applications from visual artists who are painters, sculptors, and artists who work on paper, including printmakers. Grants are intended for a one-year period of time. The Foundation will review expenditures relating to an artist's professional work and personal expenses, and amounts range up to \$50,000. Artists must be actively exhibiting their current work in professional artistic venues, such as gallery and museum spaces.

[Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants](#)

- Rauschenberg Medical Emergency Grants provide one-time grants of up to \$5,000 for recent unexpected medical, dental, and mental health emergencies to artists in financial need who are creating in the visual arts, film/video/electronic/digital arts, and choreography.

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Access online courses and resources designed to help artists build thriving practices at any career stage and in any discipline.

[Creative Capital Artist Lab](#) - is a new online professional development curriculum designed to help artists build thriving practices at any career stage and in any discipline. Free for individual use, courses are created by art professionals, industry experts, and fellow artists who share vital concepts, skills, and tools to help grow artists' careers—including courses on crafting artist statements, grant proposals, managing multiple income streams, and more.

Videos include ASL and Spanish interpretation, as well as CART services.



NEFA cultivates and promotes the arts in New England and beyond.

Check the NEFA website for a wide range of resources, including:

- [Recent Publications](#)
- [Arts & Accessibility](#)
- [Community Initiatives](#)
- [Racial & Social Justice Resources](#)



The ArtsHub site regularly updates with opportunities, events, news, and more.

[See profiles and list yourself here](#) and [learn about promoting yourself on NEFA's related site: CreativeGround.](#)

ArtsHub is an ever-evolving idea designed to highlight and bring together the amazing artists, organizations, and events that are happening within the creative communities of Western Mass.

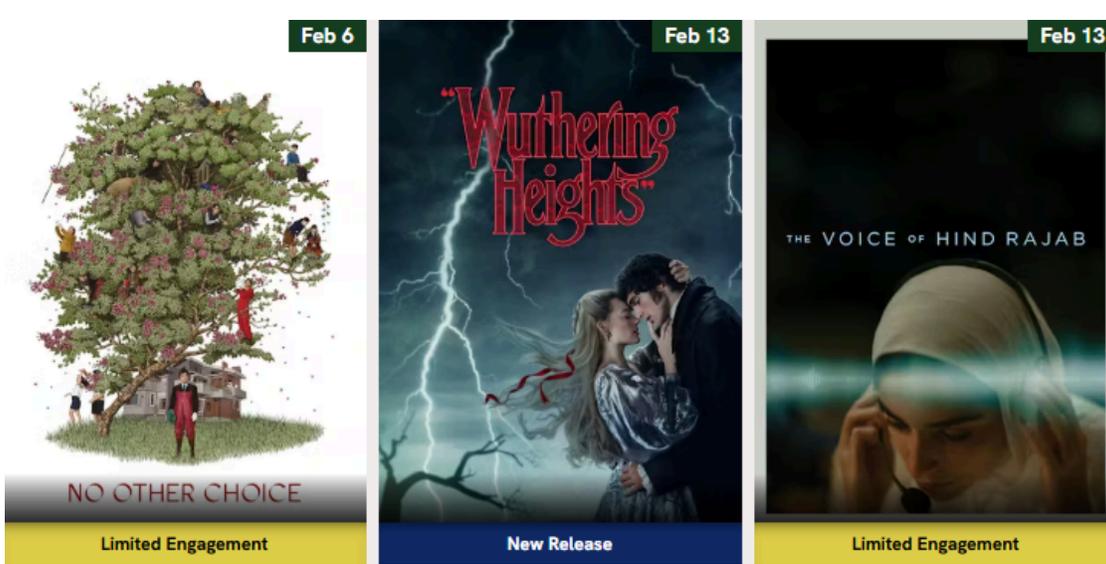


MASSCreative's [Action Network](#) fights for policies that benefit cultural nonprofits, creative businesses, and individual artists in Massachusetts. Where arts, culture, and creativity are recognized as vital components of civically engaged, economically vibrant, and equitable communities.

Mass Creative advocates for a well-resourced and equitable creative sector essential to Massachusetts's economic and civic vibrancy.

The Triplex Cinema - Coming Soon!





Be sure to click the link to view upcoming [showtimes!](#)

Great Barrington Libraries



Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday			
Children's Programs		Mason Youth Theme: Arctic Animals 				1 Closed: New Year's Day		2 10:30 am Sing and Dance*		3 11:00 am Chess Club 12:00 & 1:00 pm Marble Run Family Fun*			
Teen Programs						8 3:00 pm Beading		9 10:30 am Sing and Dance* 1:15 pm Arctic Animal Lacing		10 11:00 am Chess Club 12:00 & 1:00 pm Read to a Librarian*			
Adult Programs				6 10:30 am Brain Builders		7		15 3:00 pm Stamping		16 10:30 am Sing and Dance* 3:30 & 4:00 pm Read to a Librarian *		17 11:00 am Chess Club 12:00 pm Arctic Animal Sensory Bin	
registration required				5		12		22		23 10:30 am Sing and Dance		24 11:00 am Chess Club 4:00 pm OtherWords Poetry	
19 Closed: Martin Luther King Jr. Day		20 10:30 am Brain Builders		21		28 3:30 & 4:30 pm Marble Run Family Fun*		30		31 11:00 am Chess Club			

Adult Programs:

- Free 1 on 1 Financial Consultation: Luke Delorme, CFP, of Tableaux Wealth has offered to give 30 minute appointments to our patrons. Schedule yours today! 1/8
- OtherWords Poetry: Please join us as our monthly poetry reading returns with Cynthia Zarin and Michael Gottlieb! This after-hours event is hosted by Evelyn Reilly. 4:00pm, 1/24

Children & Teen Programs:

- Marble Run Family Fun: Children aged 4-10 and guardians will work together to design, build, and test marble runs. Adult participation is required, and sessions are designed for one family at a time. Registration required.
- Read to a Librarian: Ages 4-10 can build literacy skills, confidence, and a positive connection to reading one-on-one with Youth Librarian Valerie. Caregiver must remain for the entire session. Registration required, schedule today!
- Brain Builders: Join us for a fun weekly drop-in program designed especially for curious two-year-olds (younger kids and older preschoolers welcome too)! 10:30am, every Tuesday
- Teen Time: Stop by Mason for snacks and a weekly craft, including beading and stamping. 3:00pm, 1/8 & 1/9
- Arctic Animal Lacing: Join us at Mason for an activity that not only helps build fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, but is just plain fun! Ages 4 to 8, 1:15pm, 1/9
- Sing & Dance: Looking for a way to get up, get out, and get moving? We'll sing, dance and play together with drums, bells, balls and hoops. Circle time, dancing and lots of fun! Registration required, 10:30am, every Friday
- Youth Chess Club: Join our Youth Chess Club, and have fun! Whether you're a beginner or a budding grandmaster, come learn, play, and sharpen your skills in a friendly, relaxed environment. 11:00am, every Saturday

OtherWords reading series is back!

[OtherWords](#), is a monthly poetry reading series that takes place at the Mason Library. Curated by poets [Michael Gottlieb](#) and [Evelyn Reilly](#), *OtherWords* is a continuation of the series that was previously hosted at the Familiar Trees Bookstore and RA Gallery on Railroad Street.

January's reading will take place on Saturday, January 24th at 4:00 pm and features readings from Michael Gottlieb and Cynthia Zarin.

Michael Gottlieb is a poet and the author of twenty-four books of poetry, essays and memoir. His latest book is *Next!* (new poems) published by Chax Press, joining the standard set of his work, in a matching uniform edition format also published by Chax: his *Collected Memoirs*, *Collected Essays* and *Selected Poems*.

Cynthia Zarin is the author of two novels, *Inverno* and the recently-published *Estate*; six books of poetry, including *Orbit* and *Next Day: New and Selected Poems*; five books for children; and two essay collections, *Two Cities* and *An Enlarged Heart: A Personal History*.

Thanks to the support for the Friends of the Great Barrington Library this series is free and open to the public.

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Be sure to visit the [Great Barrington Public Libraries](#) website to view more and programming and events!

What | When | Where



What: [A Berkshires Salon](#)

When: Sunday, January 25th | 7:00pm

Where: Dewey Hall

Details: The Left Bank Club—Southern Berkshires' very own local artists' collective—has curated a series of salon performance evenings. A new monthly series designed to bring the community together with local creators from across the arts. Attendees can expect an evening of interaction, inspiration, and discovery as nine participating artists and creators share work, stories, and the creative processes behind them. The format blends presentation, conversation, and community engagement, encouraging meaningful exchanges rather than passive viewing.



What: [London's National Theatre in HD: Hamlet](#)

When: Saturday, January 31th | 7:00pm

Where: Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center

Details: Trapped between duty and doubt, surrounded by power and privilege, young Prince Hamlet dares to ask the ultimate question – you know the one. Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera (*The Father and the Assassin, Life of Pi*) is Hamlet in this fearless, contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy. National Theatre Deputy Artistic Director, Robert Hastie (*Standing at the Sky's Edge, Operation Mincemeat*) directs this sharp, stylish and darkly funny reimagining. Tickets cost \$17 / \$10 ages 21 and under.



What: [Celestial Ball 2026!](#)

When: Saturday, February 7th | 7:30pm

Where: Dewey Hall

Details: Blast Off to Dewey Hall's 2026 Celestial Ball—the electrifying grand finale of our annual fundraising supernova!

DRESS TO DAZZLE: Sequins like supernovas, glitter rivaling the Milky Way—you're the star!

MIX, MINGLE & DANCE: Galactic lights, swirling stars, DJ BFG beats in a galactic wonderland.

SLIP INTO THE MYSTICAL LOUNGE: Cozy couches, quiet conversation, a wine bar, and tarot card readings.

FEAST ON ASTRAL FIRE: Savory bites & stellar sweets. 2 drink tickets included with ticket (wine, beer, champagne, signature cocktail, zero-proof), plus a cash bar.



What: [Valentines Day Potter's Market](#)

When: Saturday, February 14th | 10:00am - 3:00pm

Where: Dewey Hall

Details: Join us for a Valentine's Day Potter's Market! You and your sweetie can browse beautiful handmade pottery for your home, enjoy live music, savor locally made treats, sip fresh coffee, and support talented local artists.



What: [“Endings” — Piano Trios by Shostakovich and Schubert](#)

When: Sunday, February 15th | 4:00pm

Where: Saint James Place

Details: How to end and exit a musical composition—with a bang or a whimper? Will there be the thunderous affirmation of a Beethoven symphony or a whispered adieu à la Mahler’s Song of the Earth, sailing into eternity? A cliffhanger ending leaves the audience on the edge of their seats while a full-circle ending bringing us back to the beginning satisfies human desire for resolution and completeness. Ambiguous endings can evoke many different emotional responses while the happy ending is a classic, satisfying viewers and listeners as they wrap up their experience. Gila Goldstein, piano; Xiao-Dong Wang, violin; Yehuda Hanani, cello. This event is \$60.

Be sure to follow the Downtown Great Barrington Cultural District on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date on all the latest news and events happening downtown!



[Mass Office of Travel and Tourism](#)

The [Massachusetts Official Travel and Tourism \(MOTT\) website](#) includes a FREE business database where you can list your business! To get started, [visit their website](#), where you can sign on as a new business or update your information if you are already registered.

Are you making the most of the #mylocalMA campaign? [Submit Your Story](#) for a chance to be featured on social media and in MOTT’s My Local MA e-newsletter. You can find more information and resources at [Lovemylocalma.com](#).

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