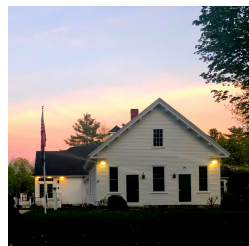


# MARY E. BARTLETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY



WEEK OF: 8/31 - 9/5/2020

**Quote for the week:**  
"You get what you focus on."  
- David Justas

## HOW DO YOU DEFINE Success?

In a recent article by a library consultant for the State Library of Ohio, librarians were reminded that summer reading success during pandemic times looks very different than success in previous years.

To compare statistically from one year to the next is not like comparing apples to apples, but rather comparing "apples to apocalypse" (Janet Ingraham Dwyer). This got me thinking about how easy it is to feel despair when one feels like their efforts are not enough.

So, how have I moved from feelings of inadequacy to feelings of success? I have begun to reframe my thinking. Rather than telling myself "we aren't doing enough," I tell myself we are present, we are pleasant, and we are pursuing excellence. We may stumble a time or two, but we get back up, reassess, and move forward. This is resulting in an overwhelmingly positive response to our services. If you have had a good experience, please consider adding your story to our testimonials page on the website by simply emailing your experience to [cl.meblib@gmail.com](mailto:cl.meblib@gmail.com).

While we are looking for good experiences, we know there may be concerns about how we are conducting business in these unprecedented times, so PLEASE email [director.meblib@gmail.com](mailto:director.meblib@gmail.com) with any dissatisfaction you may have. We always want to know how we can do better and we are happy to consider accommodations as needed.

## Save the Dates:

Monday, Sept. 14 @ 6pm - Casella Waste Systems' Information Night  
Monday, Sept. 14 @ 7pm - Friends of the Library Meeting  
Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 6pm - MEB Library Trustees' Meeting

More information located at [brentwoodlibrary.org](http://brentwoodlibrary.org)

*In-Person Appointments made at the top of each hour:*  
Monday - 1st appt. 3 - 3:30pm - last appt. 6-6:30pm  
Tue, Wed, Thu - 1st appt. 10 - 10:30am - last appt. 5 - 5:30pm  
Friday - 1st appt. 10 - 10:30am - last appt. 12-12:30pm

**STAY HEALTHY IN MIND AND BODY!**  
**JANICE**  
**DIRECTOR, M.E.B. LIBRARY**