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LIBRARY

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# Bookends

## THE 2019 ANNUAL FAIR IS ON JUNE 1ST! DON'T MISS IT!

**SALLY SALANCY, PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS**

It seemed as if winter would never come, and then spring didn't arrive till mid-April, but now, we know it's spring for sure! The **Friends' Silent Auction** opened on **Monday, May 6**. It runs for the rest of May, and closes at 2 pm on **Fair Day, June 1**. The auction includes items donated by both local merchants and MNL friends (see page 7). Once you've looked at everything on display, be sure to check the gift certificate binders. It's best to bid early and often! Keep an eye on your favorites, so others don't out-bid you, and if you'll be out of town on Fair Day, write in your highest bid before leaving home, in hopes that no one will bid higher!

And of course plan to come to the **Friends' Fortieth Annual Fair**, on Saturday, June 1, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., rain or shine! We'll have **book sales** indoors and out, **fudge** from Franklin's General Store, **tag sale** items for kids and adults, **hot dogs, sesame noodles, soup** from Mystic Soup Company, **kids' activities**, and **live music!** If the Ames Room is too crowded, and it's too early for lunch, try the **bake goods table**— cookies are great any time. Then head for the **Mystic Garden Club** section for great plants and accessories! The **Mystic Garland Dancers** will join us this year to add something extra to this Fair.

Do you want to get in Fair mode early? Come to the **Preview Book Sale on Friday night, May 31**, from 5 to 7 pm. It costs **\$5** at the door, and all prices are **50% above** the price marked. The Book Sale continues the following week during regular Library hours. Most items will be half price on Friday, June 7 and Saturday is \$5/bag sale day (bags provided). The book sale ends at noon on Saturday, June 8.

### THE FAIR NEEDS YOU!

Can you donate an item for the Baked GoodsTable? (by May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm, please)

Can you sign up to work a shift on Fair Day?

Can you sign up to work at the Book Sale the week after the Fair?

Look for the sign up notebook at the Circulation Desk, volunteer for this great community event and help raise funds to support our wonderful Library!

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## FRIENDS REPORT

SALLY SALANCY

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, was a lovely day, perfect for the Mystic Irish Parade, and the Mystic & Noank Library's **Book Cart Drill Team!** It was our sixth year in the Parade, Karen Wall's first, and the third time we won a prize. This year we were voted "Most Unique." (We've been unique all along, but maybe not the unique-est.) I'm sure it helped that our Library Director was dressed as the "Cat in the Hat." The crowd always cheers for us as we give them a three-dimensional reminder of our Library and the services it offers.

Following close on the heels – pun intended – of the Mystic Irish Parade was our **Indoor Tag Sale**, on March 29 and 30. We made \$1,451.37, to help us support events and programs at our Library. Thanks to all who donated, staffed, and/or bought at the sale!

Next, we celebrated the **13th Annual Edible Book Fest**, at Groton Public Library, on Sunday, April 7, put on by the three Friends groups (Friends of Bill Memorial Library, Friends of the Mystic & Noank Library, and Groton Public Library Circle of Friends)! As always, there was a good mix of entries, with participation by young kids, older siblings, and whole families. It's an international celebration of books and reading.

Would you like to share your ideas at our monthly meetings? Get in touch with [Friends@mysticnoanklibrary.org](mailto:Friends@mysticnoanklibrary.org).

**HAPPY SPRING AND SUMMER!**

**SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!**

## CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS! KEN LEVY

Believe it or not, the **MYSTIC & NOANK LIBRARY BENEFIT BRIDGE TOURNAMENT** will be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year this year. This "tournament" runs for 6 months starting in June and matches are played at the homes of the players. What a great way to meet new bridge players from the area, renew acquaintances, and have fun in the convenience of your or your opponent's home. Matches are set up to accommodate your schedule as there are no predetermined dates or times.

Let's make this 25<sup>th</sup> year of the tournament the best year yet. The \$25.00 entry fee per player benefits the Library and is a bargain considering the number of matches you will be playing.

Please sign up by May 24. Application forms are available at the Library or contact me at [kenplevy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kenplevy@sbcglobal.net)

### ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

(No registration required)

- ◆ Writers Group Mondays @ 4pm
- ◆ Bereavement Support Group Tuesdays @ 10am
- ◆ Knit & Crochet Group Tuesdays @ 1pm
- ◆ Mystic Calligraphers Second Wednesday @ 7pm
- ◆ Literacy Conversation Group  
(for those new to the English language)  
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm
- ◆ Cribbage Club Thursdays @ 3pm
- ◆ Meditation Group Fridays @ 3pm

Be sure to visit our website ([mysticnoanklibrary.org](http://mysticnoanklibrary.org)) to view our full event calendar and sign up for our monthly eBlast

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

KAREN WALL

**G**reetings! After a lovely lunchtime walk, it appears that Spring finally has sprung! Hard to believe it's been five months since I took the helm at the MNL because it has *flown* by. I arrived just in time to dive right into budget preparation season and that has kept me hopping busy. We thank everyone who has shown support, either by speaking at public hearings in Groton or Stonington, writing letters, or just attending. Your collective voices make a difference! Because municipal funding makes up just about a third of our operating income, we also thank our generous donors who continue to support us, whether it's through our Annual Fund, donating in memory of a loved one, or leaving a legacy gift. It adds up, and because of you we are able to maintain this community treasure. If you haven't done so already, I urge you to consider making a gift today, and thank you.

And speaking of gifts, we are thrilled to announce the 4th Annual Roode Concert Series, generously sponsored by the family of Agnes and Carl Roode in their memory. These concerts are free of charge and will be held upstairs in the beautiful Spicer Reading Room (doors open at 6:00).

Thursday, June 20, 6:30 ~ Summer Solstice with Irish Harpist Aine Minogue

Thursday, July 18, 6:30 ~ Music Through the Decades with David Polansky

Thursday, August 22, 6:30 ~ Evening of Bluegrass with the Cabin Fever Band

We have lots of programs planned for the summer, so be sure to visit our website ([mysticnoanklibrary.org](http://mysticnoanklibrary.org)) to view our event calendar. And don't forget to sign up for our monthly eNewsletter to get advanced notice.

One final note: many of you have asked about Mito, our Library cat, who has been away the last few months. No, Mito doesn't have a second home in Florida...he has been on medical leave and has been recovering (and living large) with former Director, Chris

Johnson. A huge thank you to Chris for taking him under her wing.

Enjoy your summer and see you at the Library!

## DEVELOPMENT REPORT

LOREN WREN

**S**pring has sprung and there is a lot of hustle and bustle in the air, especially at the Mystic & Noank Library. The calendar is chock-full of wonderful and enriching programs for all ages for months to come!

As you have hopefully learned from our recent mailing, the Mystic & Noank Library has embarked on a fund-raising campaign in support of a much-needed upgrade to the technology available to our patrons. While our technology needs encompass all of the Library, our upgrades will need to happen in phases, with the first phase taking place in the children's and teen's areas. As we know, access to technology is especially critical in our society today. The use of the internet and computers is mandatory in most school curriculums beginning at very young ages. Unfortunately, not all families are able to provide the internet, a computer or printer in their homes which results in many children missing out on those valuable learning lessons. The Mystic & Noank Library wants to help provide those needed resources to our community. Our hope and goal is to have this technology upgrade complete and ready for the start of the new school year.

We thank you for being by our side and supporting the many financial needs of our beloved Library throughout the year. Without the generosity of our friends and supporters, who contribute 70% of the Library's annual budget, we would not be able to offer the extensive programming and services that we do. Your friendship and generosity means the world to us all at the Mystic & Noank Library. Thank you so very much and we hope to see you soon!

## P R E S I D E N T ' S L E T T E R

B I L L T U R N E R , B O A R D O F T R U S T E E S

**B**y now most of you have uncovered your garden beds to see what nature has in store for you this spring. The spring daffodils and tulip heads are a welcome change to the cold temperatures of this past winter, which is now just a fading memory. Volunteer teams continue to spruce up the exterior of our beloved historic treasure. The Mystic & Noank Library is in full swing to make this spring and summer a treat for all the residents of Groton and Stonington. Meeting the needs of all of Library visitors is a goal we continually strive for. The staff and trustees continue to find ways to make improvements and efficiencies that will keep the Library vibrant and exciting for our patrons.

A special thank you to all the supporters who stepped to the plate to assist our Library in securing the necessary budget funding needed to continue our dynamic programming lineup to the residents of Groton and Stonington. Whether you provided testimony before RTM meetings, wrote an email in support, or spoke with an elected official, we thank you for your support.

This May the MNL will hold its first "Girls who Code" event for girls ages 10 and up who are intrigued with the ever growing world of computer coding. Our young techs will learn new programming languages and adapt them to a specific project of their own. Who knows, we may have our very own tech company right here on the Mystic hill in direct competition with Silicon Valley. Other programs that continue to delight our patrons include the toddler story time, literacy conversation groups, cribbage and the writer's group. Take the time to sign up for the myriad number of programs that the Mystic and Noank Library has to offer.

As we move into the spring and summer season we are reminded of the generosity of our patrons who have contributed both volunteer hours and financial resources to the Library. In that spirit, let's move forward to the Spring Fair where we can all enjoy the company of the Mystic community and purchase any number of items, including the fine selection of plant material gen-

erously contributed each year by the skilled team of the Mystic Garden Club.

Our staff is ready for the increased traffic the Library receives when snow birds return and visitor activity to our Library Street address grows exponentially. Our professional staff is there to greet you and offer any assis-

### THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING GIFTS:

#### **In Honor Of:**

The Mystic & Noank Library's Menders Group

#### **In Memory Of:**

Willits Ansel  
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#### **Honor Book Donors**

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Loren Wren

## FRONT AND CENTER

KATE NELSON

By the time this reaches your mailbox it will be mid-May, a busy month here at the Library. In preparation for the Silent Auction and the Library Fair we will be relocating parts of the collection. The New DVDs and most of the Books on CD will be moved to the Adult Fiction book area. If you're having trouble finding something, please ask a member of the staff.

For those of you who enjoy watching movies and TV shows that aren't always the most recent Hollywood hits, I would like to remind you of two different options you have with your MNL library card. I recently signed up for Kanopy, which is a free streaming service available using your library card. You are allowed 8 streams per month. The other option is our rotating collections through the Connecticut Library Consortium --one is more current movies and the other is Foreign Language and Independent Cinema productions, including many BBC productions.

You may have seen a new face at the Circulation and Children's desks recently. Catherine Cummings joined us in March. Some of you already know Catherine from her previous employment at Mystic Seaport. She received her MLIS last May from Simmons College and is a welcome addition to the staff.

### BOOK CLUB CORNER

Representatives from 15 local book clubs attended our twenty-first Book Club Forum held on April 17th. The representatives each spoke about two or three of their club's favorite reads from the past year. Some of the selections generated good discussions. A list of the selected titles and their authors is available at the Circulation desk and will be on our website soon. It is a good resource for those looking for something interesting to read.

I am currently reading one of the books discussed at the Forum. *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood With Britain In Its Darkest, Finest Hour* by Lynne Olson was published in

2010. It is an amazingly detailed history/biography of three Americans, 2 diplomats and one war correspondent stationed in London during the years leading up to America's entering World War II. The author used many primary sources, including private diaries and letters, to tell the stories of John Gilbert Winant, Averell Harriman, and Edward R. Murrow and the roles they played in standing with Britain during the very difficult years of the late 1930s and up to December 1941.

### BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

Afternoon Book Club – first Wednesday 1pm, does not meet in July and August

Jun 5 - *Run the Storm: A Savage Hurricane, A Brave Crew and the Wreck of the SS El Faro*, by George Michelsen

Evening Book Club – first Wednesday 7pm

Jun 5 - *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

Jul 3 - *A Long Way From Home* by Peter Carey

History Book Club – second Tuesday 7pm

Jun 11 - *Fascism: A Warning*, by Madeleine Albright

Jul 9 & Aug 13 - *American Eden* by Victoria Johnson

Classic Literature at Mystic (CLAMS) – second & fourth Monday 7pm

Jun 10 & 24 – title will be chosen at the May meeting

BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE  
FOR INFORMATION  
ABOUT UPCOMING TECH CLASSES

## ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND TEENS

### ROBERTA DONAHUE

#### Young Engineers' Club

Saturday, May 18, 10 to noon

This exciting initiative for youth ages 10+ is FREE thanks to generous support from the Sidney Gross Memorial Fund. Class size is limited and registration is required.

#### A Universe of Stories! Summer Reading

From June 24 to August 3 at noon

We are so excited that summer is here! Make this your best summer yet by stopping by the Library all summer long to pick up books, make crafts, enjoy a program, and meet new friends. We have activities and programs for ALL ages! You can register, where required, via EventKeeper.

To learn about more summer Library fun, and all Library programs, check out our activities and events on our web page, on Facebook and via our monthly enews blast. The summer fun includes:

Preschoolers Read-to-Me: A Universe of Stories!

Elementary: A Universe of Stories!  
Summer Reading Challenge

Bedtime Math's Summer of Numbers  
Math Challenge

Terrific Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

Science Series Thursdays at 2:00 pm.

Movie Matinees Fridays at 3:00 pm  
from June 14 to August 16

Summer Preschool Drop-in Storytimes!

LEGO Fun Fridays at 10:30 am  
from July 5 to July 26

Wii U Gaming Afternoons! Tuesdays from July 2 to  
August 13 - 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

AND more!

#### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

This Library program that encourages all families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten has been generously funded by a grant from the Groton Education Foundation.

#### PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR ADULTS

(No registration unless noted)

Shakespeare Film Series

Friday, May 17 @ 2:30 ~ Julius Caesar

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group

Fridays through May 31, 10-12

Please register by visiting our event calendar or calling the Library.

MNL Spring Clean-up Day (rescheduled from April 13)

Saturday, May 18, 9-12

Register by visiting our event calendar or calling the Library.

AARP Safe Driver Class

Monday, May 20, 5-9

Offered by AARP Driver Safety and designed especially for drivers age 50+. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Attendees must bring their driver's license to class and their own snacks or drinks. Registration is required; visit our event calendar or call the Library.

Captain John Porter Civil War Book Collection Dedication

Wednesday, May 22, 3:00-4:00

Join us for a reception and light snacks to honor the donors of this important collection.

Learn Ukulele with Julie!

Thursday, May 23, 6-7:30

Join Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. No experience necessary. Bring your uke or borrow one of Julie's. Best for ages 8+. Registration is required as space is limited to 24; visit our website event calendar or call the Library.

25TH Annual Bridge Tournament

June 1 through November 30

Roode Memorial Concert Series

Thursday, June 20 @ 6:30

Thursday, July 18 @ 6:30

Thursday, August 22 @ 6:30

ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Please see page 2

## THANK YOU TO OUR SILENT AUCTION DONORS!

Here is a list of all the merchants and businesses who have stepped forward and supported our Silent Auction for the Library Fair. Many, many thanks to these wonderful donors! We urge you to patronize these fine establishments and tell them how much you appreciate their support of the Mystic & Noank Library. Come in and bid during the month of May on the goods and services they have provided for our Auction.

ABC PhotoLab	Kelley's Pace	N.L. Shaw & Company
Advantage Personal Training	Kitchen Little	Nest
Antonio Design Group	Lis Bake Shop	Pasta Fresca & Piadina
Avanti's Pizza & More	Lou's Computers	Pequot Plant Farm
Bank Square Books	Mallove's of Mystic	Pizzetta
Barley Head Brewery	Mango's Wood Fired Pizza Co.	Pottery Shed/Mystic Clay Art
Bleu Squid Breakfast & Bakery Café	Mystic Army Navy Store	Project Oceanology
Blue Horse Children's Shop	Mystic Clipper	R.A. Georgetti & Co.
Cask'n Keg	Mystic Cycle Center	Rob Rivers: The Salon & Spa
Custom Marine Canvas	Mystic Depot Coffee Roasters	S&P Oyster Co.
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center	Mystic Disc	Saltwater Farm Vineyard M/Bar
Dog Watch Café	Mystic Drawbridge Ice Cream	Scrapbook Cove
Driftwood Yarns	Mystic Knotwork	Sea Swirl
drwb@24	Mystic Luxury Cinemas	Sea Well Seafood
Engine Room	Mystic Museum of Art	Seahorse Restaurant
F & F Distributors	Mystic Pet Shop	Simply Majestic Jewelers
Fitnostics	Mystic Pizza	Somewhere In Time
Fords Lobsters	Mystic River Boathouse	Starbuck's
Four Paws Veterinary Services	Mystic River Historical Society	Studio Jeffrey P'an
Frank's Gourmet Grille	Mystic River Yarns	T Bags + Beads
Hair Unique II	Mystic Seaport Bookstore	The Spice & Tea Exchange
Holly Wreath	Mystic Seaport Museum	Tidal River Clothing Co.
Hope & Stetson	Mystic Silver and Company	Toy Soldier
Irish Eyes	Mystic Soup Company	Universal Package Store
Jealous Monk	Mystic Sweet Shoppe	WristLits
JTK Management	Mystic Yoga Shala	
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MONDAY ~ TUESDAY ~ WEDNESDAY

10 TO 9

THURSDAY ~ FRIDAY 10 TO 5

SATURDAY BEGINNING JUNE 8

9 TO 1

We will be closed on  
Monday May 27 in observance of Memorial Day  
and on Thursday, July 4

9:30 ~ 2:30

JUNE 1

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