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A special and sincere thank you and best wishes to Chris Johnson, who has accepted a new and exciting library position in Massachusetts. Chris was a vibrant force in moving the Mystic & Noank Library forward in its program offerings and instrumental in strengthening relationships in both the Groton and Stonington municipalities. Our Library will be forever strengthened by your leadership. THANK YOU!!!!

Recently I had the pleasure and honor to introduce the finale of the 3rd Annual Roode Memorial Concert Series, which was made possible by the generosity of the family of the late Agnes Roode. Attendees enjoyed a spirited performance by the band, "Seat of our Pants." This program, like so many in recent years, demonstrates the Mystic & Noank Library's commitment to the residents of Groton and Stonington.

I look forward with amusement to the August programming calendar with peaked interest on August 7th for the teen movie night showing of "The Goonies," followed by the August 17th flashback Friday family movie "Honey I Shrunk the Kids." Enjoy these two fun filled screenings at the Library with your community friends. There will

certainly be a few groans and spirited laughter.

As the Mystic summer continues to fly by, I reflect on the beauty and tranquility our community offers to so many, including year-round residents, summer inhabitants and the myriad of tourists that make Mystic the special gem it is. Each time the whistle blows to signal the opening of the drawbridge I am reminded of the legendary number of sailing vessels that have made their way navigating the eastern seaboard and making a stop here in Mystic.

Mystic continues to be the #1 destination choice for homeowners who are looking to purchase a home in southeastern Connecticut. It is great to see the Mystic downtown continue to thrive as each new season unfolds and this year has proven to be no exception. Investments in new construction reflect the strength of our community and its attractions. The Mystic & Noank Library continues to be a vital resource as it strengthens its programming offerings to serve and benefit Groton and Stonington residents of all ages.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and be sure to take advantage of the many Library offerings.

FRIENDS 2018 FALL REPORT

SALLY SALANCY

Fall is a great time of year! Our kids or grandkids, neighbor kids, and all the other children on both sides of the Mystic River are starting their new school year. With summer behind us, and the Mystic & Noank Library's next fiscal year beginning on October 1, the Friends use September to finish old business and start looking for new perspectives, fresh ideas and new Friends!

But wait! What about the Fair? The Friends' **Silent Auction** opened on April 23rd, and on June 2nd we held our **Thirty-ninth Annual Spring Fair**, complete with baked goods, white elephants, fudge, music, book sales, Mystic Garden Club plants, and new this year, Friends' **tee shirts for young and old**. Despite the threat of a thunderstorm, the Fair started well, but when the skies opened at 1:45, everyone scurried for cover and the event came to a halt. By Saturday, June 9th, with the week-long Book Sale over and the Silent Auction money tallied, we saw that the Fair had made a little less money than usual – just under \$13,000. Of course, all the Fairgoers – and the workers - had enjoyed themselves, and the Friends have fresh funds to support the Mystic & Noank Library.

On March 25th, did you see the MNL **Library Cart Drill Team** in the Mystic Irish Parade? The crowds were waiting for us and yelled, "It's the library ladies!" On April 8th,

we joined the other two Groton libraries for the **Twelfth Annual Edible Books Festival**, celebrating books and reading. Coming up on **Saturday, October 13th**, the Friends will hold our **Eighth Annual "All Things Pumpkin,"** including a costume parade, magic show, crafts, raffle baskets, and a Pumpkin Patch to raid at the end of the party! The fun starts at 3:30, so don't be late!

In November, we'll have the **Second Annual Art Silent Auction**. Finally, on **Monday, November 26th**, the Friends will open the **Like-New Book Sale**, our last fundraiser of the year, which closes on Saturday, December 1st, at noon.

We hope you'll attend one of the Friends' **monthly meetings** and get an idea of our work behind the scenes. In fact, everyone is invited to our upcoming **Annual Meeting**, to be held **at noon on Monday, September 17th**. (We gather in the Ames Room at noon on the 3rd Monday of most months.) Bring your lunch; dessert and a beverage are provided. Since the business meeting doesn't start until 12:30, there's time to make new friends and catch up with the old.

Come to the Mystic & Noank Library, join the Friends and help a great community institution!

See you there!

DEVELOPMENT NEWS
KAREN BRADSHAW

Perhaps you just returned from vacation or perhaps you enjoyed your 'staycation' right at home in beautiful Mystic County. The Library is proud to be open all year-round and we are often most busy in the summer as we welcome our locals as well as seasonal visitors to our beautiful (and air-conditioned) building.

And what a busy summer it's been! We are grateful to many local organizations for the grants we've been awarded that enable us to bring many exciting, educational and FUN activities for all to the MNL. Like the vitality of your gifts, we would not be able to do what we do without the generous and consistent financial support we receive each year from our local community partners. Thank you for YOUR part in keeping us funded!

We recently were delighted to announce the Horace B. Lamb Volunteer of the Year at our Volunteer Appreciation Party. Congratulations to Roger Richards, Library Trustee and House & Grounds Committee Chairman on being recognized by our staff and fellow volunteers to receive this annual recognition. Anyone who knows Roger knows that he takes his volunteer duties very seriously at the Library and we are grateful for his continuous and thoughtful care of our historic and special property. Thank you, Roger!

In recent months, we have received several notable gifts, including an artwork by Nick Salerno entitled *Garden Club Plant Sale*, which depicts one of the most well-known events at MNL each year! Keep your eyes open for this new artwork (in fluid acrylics) on an MNL wall soon.

In addition, two bequests have been received: one from the estate of Mary Hartman, and one from the estate of Virgil Huntley. We are grateful to these two Maine Society Members (MNL's Planned Giving Program) for including the MNL in their estate planning.

As we turn towards the end of our fiscal year (September 30), please check to be sure you have made your Annual Fund gift to the Library this year—if not, please take a moment to do so. We know that you have many choices on where to send your charitable contributions and we extend our sincere gratitude for your consistent support.

I am continually humbled by the care and generosity of the MNL Friends (that's you!) and thank you for recognizing the Library with your many financial and in-kind gifts. It has been a true pleasure to get to know many of you personally in my tenure at the Library and I will miss being a part of this very special organization. Thank you for your support as my family relocated out of state this past year and accept my sincere gratitude for welcoming me so warmly to the MNL.

GIFTS RECEIVED

In Memory of

Beth Kingsland

Paula Toomey Knott

Marge Parry

Anne Rockwell

Agnes Roode

Dr. L. Edwin Sproul

In Honor of

Joanna Case

Carl Strand Jr's Birthday

Gifts in Kind

Adam's Garden of Eden

Joanna Case

Dexter & Company

Roger James Kuhns

Nick Salerno

Stonington Historical Society

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Paul M. Coutu

Jenny Doak & Jon Mitchell

Nancy Dunne & Christopher

Saponara

Benjamin Ellcome

David Evans

John Francisconi

William & Janet Gibbs

Sophia Gipstein

Rose Corbett Gordon

Katie Greenwood

John Grigg

Sara Halsey

Dorrie Hanna

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Patricia Menno-Coveney

Judy Munro

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James Nault

Selina Nemser

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Cindy Palmer

Barbara Romboni

Peggy Russell

Sally Salancy

Dana Semeraro

Marilyn Sly

Ellen Smith

Michelle Stewart

Bill Turner

Betty Tylaska

James Waters

Kristopher Waters

Honor Books Given In Honor Of:

Adam, Sarah & Thomas Berger

Kate Berger's Birthday

Matt Berger's Birthday

By BeHill for Maeve

The Canning Children

Peter Canning

Carol & Bruce Carpenter

Claire

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Paul Coutu

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The Greatest Nieces & Nephews

Esther Green

Margaret Grigg

Hannah Lebel

Jack Lebel

Lynn Marsden-Atlas

Mito -- Our Mighty Library Cat

Katie Nault

Joshua Caleb Neuman

Oliver

Ellie Olson

Sam Olson

Peanut & Percy

Ian Richardson

Max Richardson

Riley, Teddy & Lucy Trippe

The Waters Family

Honor Books Given In Memory Of:

All My Irish Relatives

All Neanderthals

Robert R. Barr

Margaret Borst

McKenzie Chittenden

Virginia M. Chittenden

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Billie Palmer

Harry Nemser

Pearl Nemser

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Albert Romboni

Theodore Tylaska

Grants proudly received
this year from:

Charter Oak Federal Credit Union

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Community Foundation of Eastern CT

Dime Bank Foundation

Ledge Light Health District

Mystic Woman's Club

ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

TO LEARN MORE CHECK OUT THE DETAILS ON THE WEB OR ON FACEBOOK!

Ongoing Programs

Mondays at 4 – Writers Group

Thursdays at 3 – Cribbage

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1 – Knitting

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10 – Bereavement Counseling: Coping with the Loss of a Loved One

Center for Hospice Care of SECT

2nd Wednesday at 7 – Mysticaligraphers

Every 3rd Monday at 12 noon - Friends of the MNL Meetings

August

Closed Saturday, August 11 for Mystic Outdoor Art Festival (MOAF)

Wednesday, August 15 at 7 pm – Gail Turgeon will lead the discussion for One Book One Region book *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid [see page 9]

Monday, August 20 at 7 pm – Mary Drake presentation on her Habitat for Humanity build in Thailand

Friday, August 24 3:00-5:30 pm – Great American Read Film showing [see page 9]

Monday, August 27 at 7 pm Postcard History Series: Mystic - An Author Event with authors Martin Smith and Jade Huguenin.

Friday, August 31, 3:00-4:30 pm - Great American Read Discussion [see page 9]

September

Closed Monday, September 3 for Labor Day

Saturday, September 8—Regular Saturday hours resume

Saturday, September 15 at 10 am – A.A.R.P. Defensive Driving

Monday, September 17 at 7 pm - British Sea Music with Prof. Jeffrey M. Engel

Wednesday, September 26 at 7pm – OBOR (One Book One Region) at Connecticut College

October

Closed Friday, October 5 for Staff Development Day.

Closed Monday, October 8 for Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 2 at 7pm - Robert Baldwin, Professor of Art History, Connecticut College presents an art lecture on Munch's *The Scream* and Delville's *Orpheus*, (both painted in 1893).

Saturday, October 13 at 11 am – *A Visit with Queen Victoria: A Theatrical Performance* with Sally Mummey.

Wednesday, October 24 at 7 p.m. *An Evening With The Gillettes* at Union Baptist Church. Rescheduled from April! The Nivers give a performance about the Gillette Family, Gillette Castle, and Sherlock Holmes! A MNL 125th Anniversary Program.

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND TEENS

ROBERTA DONAHUE

Monday, August 13 at 2:00 – Art Therapy for Teens

Tuesday, August 14 at 3:30 – Wii U Gaming

Thursday August 16 at 10:30 – Drop-in Storytime

Friday, August 17 at 3:00 – Family Movie Matinee: *Honey, I Shrank the Kids*

Saturday, September 29 at 3:00 – Family Movie Matinee: *Peter Rabbit*

Storytimes – Our Storytimes are for babies, toddlers, and children up to age 5. Storytime sessions last for eight weeks and are free and open to the public. The upcoming Fall 2018 session will start the last week of September. Registration began in August through our EventKeeper calendar. Due to demand, registration is required and class size is limited. In the case of over-enrollment, classes will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis. Lapsit (6 to 23 Months) Session One: Wednesdays @ 10:15 am Session Two: Thursdays @ 10:15 am Toddlers (Just 2's to Just 3's) Session One: Wednesdays @ 11:00 am Session Two: Thursdays @ 11:00 am Three Year Olds Session One: Mondays @ 10:30 am Four and Five Year Olds Session One: Tuesdays @ 1:15 pm

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten – This program encourages families and caregivers to read 1,000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. Register at the Library and take home your first reading log. Each time you read a book with your child, fill in a box on the reading log. One thousand books may seem like a lot, but if you read just one book a night, you'll meet your goal in less than three years. Three bedtime stories a night? You can reach your goal in just a single year. Every book reading counts, whether it's a new book or an old standby your child enjoys again and again.

Ask our friendly staff for suggestions - we're here to help you on your journey to 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! Our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program has been generously funded by a grant from the Groton Education Foundation.

Make-A-Plate at the Library! Come be a part of the plate making tradition, our annual Library fundraiser in the Children's Room. During normal Library hours for the month of October, you can come in and design your own custom plate. \$10.00 per plate. Excellent gifts, the plates should arrive in time for holiday gift giving. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Room.

All Things Pumpkin - Saturday, October 13 at 3:30 pm. Rain or Shine! Fun for All Ages! Ed Pop Magic Show - Costume Parade - Children's Activities - Basket Raffle - Clyde's Cider and Goodies.

College Readiness Series

Are you or your child getting ready for college? Take advantage of the Library's free college readiness seminars that cover the core challenges in applying to schools. The College Readiness Series is free and open to the public; no registration is required. Sessions take place in the Ames Room at 6:30 pm. Both students and their guardians are encouraged to attend.

Monday, August 13 – *Tackling the College Application Essay* – Ben Brown, Assistant Director of Admission, Connecticut College.

Monday, October 22 – *How to Pay for College* – W. Tom Polowy, MS Financial Advisor, Valark Financial Services.

Monday, November 5 – *From Stress to Success* – Laurie Saunders, Senior Admissions Officer, University of Connecticut, Avery Point Campus.

TECH CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

RACHEL TAYLOR

Choice of either 10:15 am OR 5:30 pm session for each class. Attendees should provide their own devices. Registration is required for each class; please sign up via the Library website or call for assistance.

Monday, September 10 - Goodreads: This class on Goodreads, a popular book-interest/social-networking site, will teach you to use the website to track books you want to read and rate the ones you already have read while connecting you with friends, offering you tailored book recommendations, and giving you access to thousands of free booklists and reviews!

Monday, September 24 - Learning a Language Online: Interested in travel or self-education? Eager to learn a foreign language but not sure where to

begin? Take this class and learn about many excellent websites and language apps such as Duolingo, Mango, Busuu, and more! Your language lessons will all be self-paced and fun - and completely free.

Monday, October 1 - Social Media Marketing - Learn how to use Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites to promote your business and advertise your services! Find out about all the ways you can use a social media page to broadcast yourself and find your audience.

Monday, October 15 - Blogging for Beginners - Learn how to create a great blog through Blogger, Tumblr and other blogging platforms and connect it with social media and the web! We will also look at samples of notable blogs and discuss best blogging practices and privacy.

ART IN THE AMES ROOM

August ~~ "Summer in Connecticut"
Joyce Maurice, Peggy Traskos, and
Betsy Broughton Shafer

September ~~ Ann Shaw, Photography

October ~~ Art Silent Auction

B R I D G E T O U R N A M E N T K E N L E V Y

The 24th Mystic & Noank Library Benefit Bridge Tournament is underway with 10 teams competing for the title of "Best Bridge Pair". Matches have started and the competition is as fierce and friendly as ever. Please remember to turn your completed score sheets in at the Library Front Desk. If you do have any questions, please contact Ken Levy at 860-572-9006 or kenplevy@sbcglobal.net.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

We are so grateful to YOU, our patrons, Friends, local businesses and community members for supporting the 39th Annual Library Fair on June 2! It was a super event, with something for everyone ... including nearly every type of New England weather! We are so fortunate to have this level of community support for our Library.

Thank you, Mystic Garden Club, for your extraordinary generosity in donating your Plant Sale proceeds to us—totaling \$3,700! Thank you, Senator Somers for arranging for the Charter in recognition of our 125th Anniversary!

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible—the “Cellar Dwellers” sorting books and White Elephants all year, the heavy lifters who set

up and took down the Book Sale, the donors of food items, the Silent Auction donors, the volunteers before, during and after the Fair.

And what do the Friends do with the money raised? Proceeds from the Fair help pay for summer reading program activities, museum passes for our patrons to borrow, our MNL newsletter, movie matinees, and more, including the purchase of the new tables in the Ames Meeting room.

BOOK CLUB CORNER

KATE NELSON

I hope everyone is enjoying a bit of down time this summer and taking advantage of a few months when you're free to read whatever you desire. Two of the Library book clubs, have taken a summer break this year. The Evening Book Club will be meeting on August 15 as part of the *Exit West*, One Book One Region discussion, and the Afternoon Book Club will start their 2018/2019 discussions on September 5. The History and Capt. John Porter Civil War Book Clubs have been hard at it all summer with the latter changing their meeting location to The Ancient Mariner. All of the clubs are open to anyone. We endeavor to supply multiple copies of all the clubs' chosen titles a month before the discussion. I encourage you to check our website and

event calendar or call the Library closer to the dates of the meetings in case there is a change to be noted.

Afternoon Book Club

First Wednesdays at 1

September 5

Mary: Mrs. A. Lincoln by Janis Cooke Newman

October 3

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

November 7

White Houses by Amy Bloom

December 5

Red Leather Diary by Lily Koppel

Evening Book Club

First Wednesdays at 7

September 5

A Sunday at the Pool in Kigali by G. Courtemanche

October 3

Song of the Lark by Willa Cather

November 7

The Pier Falls and Other Stories by Mark Haddon

Capt. John Porter Civil War Book Club

Third Wednesdays at 6

August 15

Grant by Ron Chernow (pages 500 to end)

September 19

Crucible of Command by William C. Davis

History Book Club

Second Tuesdays at 7

August 14

Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff

September 11

Hell and Good Company by Richard Rhodes

October 9

A History of Venice by John Julius Norwich (through chapter 23)

November 13

A History of Venice (finish)

December 11 *SPQR*, by Mary Beard (through Chapter 6)

NEWS BRIEFS

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW MNL TEE SHIRTS?

One (or more) can be yours!

Featuring Mito on one sleeve and the Library logo on the front

Adult sizes \$15 – heather rose, heather green, charcoal or navy

Kid sizes \$12 – hot pink, bright green, charcoal or navy

Available at the Front Desk

**Wednesday, August 15 7:00 - 8:30 pm.
One Book, One Region**

Local educator Gail Turgeon will lead the MNL's discussion of this year's choice for the One Book, One Region read, *Exit West* by Moshin Hamid. Join us for what we hope will be a lively discussion of this book about the psychological hardships endured by two exiles as they journey from their war-torn homeland in an unexpected fashion. We have multiple copies of the book available. This program is free and open to the public; no registration is required.

COMING IN OCTOBER! SECOND ANNUAL ART SILENT AUCTION!

GREAT AMERICAN READ

Friday, August 24th, 3:00-5:30 p.m. – Film showing

Join us to watch *The Great American Read*, a documentary about PBS' quest to find America's favorite novel based on an ambitious book list of the same name. Meredith Vieira hosts this televised special in which she interviews actors, authors, and other public figures about their favorite books. This fascinating documentary includes conversations with regular Americans as well, all of whom will have a chance to vote on which book on the list they think deserves to be the winner.

Although everyone is welcome, we especially encourage those participating in the MNL's first Adult Summer Reading Program to attend, as the book list outlined in this film also serves as the official (suggested) list for our participants. Afterwards, we will hold a discussion of the movie and book choices. This program is free and open to the public; no registration is required.

Friday, August 31, 3:00- 4:30 p.m. - Discussion

The titles on the Great American Read list, which is available on the MNL's website, are among America's most read, ranging from literary classics like *1984* and *Jane Eyre* to popular bestsellers such as *The Martian* and *Gone Girl*. The list also includes YA favorites such as *Harry Potter*, *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hunger Games*, as well as many other genres.

Everyone will recognize a title, which is why we're inviting you to join us for a discussion of each person's favorite novel on the list. We especially encourage those in the MNL's Adult Summer Reading Program to attend. Refreshments will be served! This program is free and open to the public; no registration is required.



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