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Bookends

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK
KAREN WALL

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
BILL TURNER

Greetings! Summer is in full swing here at the MNL, and by the time you receive this edition of Bookends we will have concluded a very busy space-themed Summer Reading Program. We thank all of our program presenters and all of our patrons who participated. We hope you enjoyed it! We welcome your feedback as we are always interested in improving our existing programs as well as implementing new and different offerings.

Speaking of programs, we have been working on an interesting fall lineup that includes the arrival of our very own telescope (you will be able to check it out like a book!) This telescope is available through Aldrich Astronomical Society's Adopt-a-Library Telescope Program and is funded with a grant from the Mystic Rotary Club. We expect to have it in place in September and will be holding training and programs once we know the exact date of its arrival.

One highlight of our summer has been the 4th Annual Roode Concert Series, sponsored by the family of Agnes and Carl Roode. These concerts are free of charge and are held upstairs in the beautiful Spicer Reading Room. The series is winding down with one more concert: *Evening of Bluegrass with the Cabin Fever Band* on Thursday, August 22 at 6:30 (doors open at 6:00) Hope to see you there!

We are still finalizing many fall and winter programs, so be sure to visit our website and check out our event calendar. And don't forget to sign up for our monthly eNewsletter to get advance notice of our upcoming programs (sign up on our website or just call the Library and we'll add you.)

Mystic is abuzz with guests from around the globe and our community is exploding with visitors eager to take in all that Mystic has to offer. The Mystic & Noank Library is the consummate host in welcoming new faces to our legendary Library and its many resources. Just take a look at our many programming opportunities and you will find there is a choice for everyone's taste. I especially like the upcoming summer programs such as the Harry Potter trivia night, the Family Movie Matinee, *Monster's University* and the entertaining Roode Concert Series featuring the "Cabin Fever Blue Grass Band". Take a moment to check out the Library calendar and I am sure you will find something to your liking.

The Library can celebrate another success story for our 40th Annual Spring Fair. The weather was with us this year and the community was fully engaged in ensuring a banner day. The volunteer efforts of the Friends, staff, Mystic Garden Club and trustees made this year a template for years to come. A special thank you to all who had a hand in making the Fair profitable for the Library. **See page 2**

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President's Letter (continued)

The Library continues to move forward with its strategic plan. One aspect of this is the future utilization of the Comrie property. The gift of this property was a significant one and it will forever be an asset to our Library.

Please enjoy the remaining months of the summer season and all the pleasures the Mystic community offers.

THE 2019 FAIR - AND SUMMER

SALLY SALANCY, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Thanks for helping us make our 40th Annual Spring Fair and Book Sale a big success! Fair Day, June 1, dawned with no hint of rain and we had a steady crowd of book lovers all day, adding to the excellent receipts from the Friday evening Preview Sale.

Thanks to the generous businesses and individuals who donated items and services, the Silent Auction produced very positive results. And of course Mystic Soup Company's crab bisque was excellent, and the hot dogs were delicious, and Franklin's Fudge was terrific! Brett Terry and Barbara Harvey came again to provide music, and the Mystic Garland Dancers, also celebrating a 40th anniversary, performed traditional dances, accompanied by music on traditional instruments.

If you ate too much and bought all the books you could carry, you may have suddenly realized you hadn't even looked at Mystic Garden Club's plants! Then, by the time you got to the white elephants, everything was half-price, so you bought twice as much! Luckily, you reconnected with friends from both sides of the river - a perfect way to start the summer! (Missed our 2019 Fair!? Then mark the first Saturday of June on your 2020 calendar!)

What are you doing these last weeks of summer? Have you finished your "beach books"? Please don't throw them out. Books and tag sale items can be donated to the Friends at any time of year, during regular Library hours. These donations make our book sales and tag sales possible and we really appreciate them.

August is a quiet month for the Friends, but on Saturday, September 7, we'll hold our Third Craft Exchange. (See below.) Sandy Walton, who created and organizes the event, asks that you bring your own plastic bags, as one-use bags may be "scarcer than hens' teeth" by then.

Do you have young children in your family? Then you'll want to circle Saturday, October 19, for All Things Pumpkin, a celebration of fall and Halloween for preschoolers and kids in the primary grades. It starts at 3:30 with a magic show, followed by a costume parade and some crafts. At 5 pm the children are served Clyde's cider and special cookies, followed by a search for their own mini pumpkin in the secret Pumpkin Patch! (Let's hope it's a clear and sunny day.)

By the way, do you receive the monthly e-blast? The current issue is "August @ Mystic & Noank Library." It includes all the basic news of the month, but also "Staff Picks," and "Patron Recommendations," upcoming children's programs, titles that the various book clubs are reading, films being shown, and ongoing programs, all in one e-mail. To get on the e-mail list, stop by the Circulation Desk, or call the Library, to provide your e-mail address.

Happy End-of-Summer and Early Fall! See you at the Library!

Third Annual Craft Exchange

Saturday, September 7 starting at 10 am

Our system remains the same: bring all left-over knitting, crocheting, sewing, unfinished projects, embroidery, arts and crafts, colored pencils, crayons, books on crafts to the MNL during the week of September 2-6 during Library hours. In other words, clean out your stash.

We will sort and display the goods so that when you come to the Exchange you will be able to choose materials to start new projects. There is no money involved in this project. It is a friend maker rather than a fund maker.

Please support our cause in tidying up Mystics closets!

UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

These are just a few highlighted events; we are still adding programs to our calendar so be sure to visit our website (mysticnoanklibrary.org) to view our full event calendar and sign up for our monthly eNewsletter.

Celebrate Herman Melville's 200th Birthday!

Sailing Toward My Father: a one-man play about Herman Melville

Thursday, August 8, 6:30 to 8 pm

The play, performed by Stephen Collins and written and directed by Carl A. Rossi, chronicles Melville's life from youth to old age, concentrating on his evolution as a writer and his complex relations with God, his parents and siblings, his wife and children, and Nathaniel Hawthorne. Free and open to the public. No registration.

CT Authors Trail Book Talk with Rose Young

Thursday, August 15, 6 to 7:30 pm

We are pleased to be a part of the CT Authors Trail 2019. This evening we are delighted to welcome Rose Young, author of *Roses Wine and Murder*. Rose will discuss her books and writing, and then entertain questions. Refreshments will be provided. Don't forget your passport!

Coffee with the Council

Saturday, August 17, 10 to Noon

Stop by this morning for a cuppa Joe and a scone, and chat with members of the Groton Town Council. No registration. Drop-in.

Roode Concert #3 --Cabin Fever Bluegrass Band

Thursday, August 22, 6:30 to 7:30 pm (doors open at 6)

Cabin Fever Bluegrass Band has been described as "Bar-Rated Bluegrass and Gospel for the Unholy". They are friends who live and play in southeastern Connecticut and Rhode Island. No registration required. This event will be held upstairs in the Reading Room. Sponsored by the family of Carl and Agnes Roode.

Heartfulness Meditation

Fridays, 11 to Noon September 6 through October 25
Join Marsha Thompson, a certified Heartfulness trainer, for an 8-week introduction to Heartfulness Meditation. This practice derived from Raja Yoga both complements and transcends asana (the physical yoga

practice) to enable one to fully experience the heart and its unlimited potential. No registration required.

Organize your Office with Sandra Wheeler

Tuesday, September 10, 6 to 7 pm

Sandra Wheeler, professional organizer and owner of For Peace of Mind, will share key steps to getting more organized in your office. Set yourself up for success in your office at home or at work. Learn paper management – what and where to keep it. No registration required.

The Visual Time Traveller: 500 Years of History, Art and Science in 100 Unique Designs

Author Talk with Alison Hackett,

Thursday, September 19, 6 to 7:30 pm

Is it possible for 500 years of history to be reduced to bite-sized chunks of five years, incorporating twelve diverse facts that happened within that time-frame? Through her lecture Alison will reawaken your curiosity; bring you through five centuries; draw you into a web of connections linking history, art and science since the Renaissance and construct a lens with which to explain the world, in a way that is at once fragmented, modern and alive.

2nd Annual Mystic Film Festival

Thursday, October 3 through Sunday, October 6

Film screenings and panel discussions will take place in the Ames Room from noon to 6 pm.

ONGOING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Writers Group Mondays @ 4 pm

Bereavement Support Groups

Ongoing support group: first & third Tuesdays @ 10 am

Newly bereaved group: second & fourth Tuesdays @ 10 am

Knit & Crochet Group Tuesdays @ 1 pm

Mystic Calligraphers Second Wednesdays @ 7 pm

Literacy Conversation Group (for those new to the English language)
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

Cribbage Club Thursdays @ 3 pm

Meditation Group Fridays @ 3 pm

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

LOREN WREN

As I continue my journey here at the Mystic & Noank Library, I discover something new each day. New things about the robust programming and services our Library offers to our community, new things about our loyal friends and supporters, and new things about the tremendous needs to sustain our beautiful and historic Library. Having switched from many years in non-profit healthcare fundraising to association library fundraising, I am still learning what that truly means and the impact it has on the Mystic & Noank Library. Did you know that less than 30% of our operating budget comes from town funding? This means 70% of our total operating budget comes from you, our loyal and faithful supporters. We cannot thank you enough for your steadfast generosity to MNL. We simply cannot do what we do without you!

I am pleased to share that our recent appeal to upgrade the technology in our youth and teen's areas was a true success! Because of this incredible generosity we will be able to implement a comprehensive overhaul of our outdated and inoperative equipment. I am thrilled to say that this is actively taking place as we research the newest and greatest equipment that will be most beneficial to our patrons. We look forward to implementing this plan over the next several months.

The Library is also incredibly fortunate to be the beneficiary of several wonderful gifts and grants that are allowing the Library to obtain new equipment and host many programs. A very special thank you to our following funders: The Rotary Club of Mystic funded the Adopt-a-Library Telescope and Program at the MNL. Stay tuned for when this unique and innovative program is fully operational; The Groton Rotary Club funded a new large screen television, rolling cart and a karaoke machine for the kids' area. We are thrilled to finally have a working television; Pfizer Groton and Chelsea Groton Foundation are funding several Science & Nature Series programs; The Mystic Woman's Club is funding a youth yoga series and the Groton Education Foundation is supporting a Hands-on Music program

that will begin in the fall. The Mystic Lions Club has also given generously to our Annual Fund! Our Friends of the Mystic & Noank Library held another successful Fair in June to benefit MNL. We are so grateful to this enthusiastic and loyal group of "friends" who support the Library so generously in so many ways. It is through these wonderful gifts that MNL can offer fun, active and innovative programming.

SAVE THE DATE: We are excited to welcome Yale University's Whiffenpoofs to the Library for a special a cappella performance during our fall fundraiser on Thursday, October 24 from 6 to 8 pm at the Library. Please check out the details on this "fun"draiser on our webpage. If you are interested in helping on the event committee or in becoming a sponsor, please let me know. We would love to have you!

There are so many ways to support the Mystic & Noank Library, whether through volunteerism, being a strong advocate and ambassador in the community as well as supporting our many funding needs. Matching gifts are a great way to double your impact at MNL. During the first six months of this year, we received over \$2,500 in matching gift funds from Pfizer. Will your company match your philanthropic giving?

Charter Oak Credit Union is once again giving away \$100,000 in 100 days. Gifts from \$25 to \$500 to MNL from a Charter Oak Credit Union member will be matched between August 20 and November 27. Another great way to double your impact!

We still have space available in our front walkway for your personalized brick! The customized bricks make wonderful gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and special occasions.

Don't forget to shop Amazon Smile and choose Mystic & Noank Library as your charity of choice. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases to the Library. Every dollar adds up!

Again, thank you all...for your loyalty, friendship and support of our Library. We can't do it without you!

BOOK CLUB CORNER

KATE NELSON

Many book clubs take a break over the summer months and this is true for both the Afternoon and Evening book clubs here at the Library. Both groups will meet again the first Wednesday in September.

If you're looking for a book discussion to attend there are many occurring over the summer and fall as part of the Connecticut Author Trail. You can even win a prize by participating in the CT Author Trail program. We're hosting the author Rose Young on Thursday August 15th at 6:00 pm for a reading and talk about her murder mystery, *Roses, Wine and Murder*. We have multiple copies available and hope that many of you will attend.

Another source for book discussions throughout the region is the One Book One Region program. The focus of this program is to get many people in Southeast Connecticut to read the same book and come together to discuss it and the issues it covers. This year's title is *Hey, Kiddo* by Jarrett Krosoczka. This is a memoir in graphic format. It is the author's story and artwork of growing up the son of a heroin addict who is raised by his grandparents. I must admit that it is the first graphic book I've read. You can imagine that it isn't always a pleasant story or picture. It deals with many of the effects of drug abuse and how it can affect an entire family. Jarrett was lucky that he had a loving extended family that raised him and a talent for drawing that was encouraged. We have multiple copies available and a list of the book discussions and programs in the area. The author will speak at the wrap-up of the program on September 17, 7:00 pm at Connecticut College.

Mystic Afternoon Book Club-1st Wednesday at 1:00 pm

Sep. 4 *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover

Oct. 2 *Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup* by John Carreyrou

Mystic Evening Book Club-1st Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Sep. 4 *This Is How You Lose Her* by Junot Diaz

Mystic History Book Club-2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Aug. 13 *American Eden: David Hosack, Botany and Medicine in the Garden of the Early Republic* by Victoria Johnson, chapter 9 to end

Sep. 10 & Oct. 8 *These Truths: A History of the United States*, by Jill Lepore

Clams (Classic Literature at Mystic) 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00 pm

Aug. 12 & 26 *The Complete Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway*

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

ART SILENT AUCTION!

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ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND TEENS ROBERTA DONAHUE

A Universe of Stories: Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center presents Curious Creatures!

August 8, 2 pm. A fun, interactive, live animal presentation. Generously funded by the Chelsea Groton Foundation and Pfizer Groton—thank you!

A Universe of Stories: Summer Preschool Drop-in Storytimes! Last session August 8, 10:30 in the Ames Room.

A Universe of Stories: Friday Family Movie Matinees

Fridays, 3:00 in the Ames Room
8/9 *Space Jam* (PG, 1 h 28 m, 2002)
8/16 *Monsters University* (G, 1 h 44 m, 2013)

A Universe of Stories: Wii U Gaming Afternoons!

Tuesdays, August 6 and August 13, 3:30 to 5 in the Ames Room. Drop by and try out our games with your friends.

ACTIVITIES FOR TWEENS AND TEENS

A Universe of stories: Teen Film

August 6 at 6 pm *Interstellar* (PG-13, 2 h 49 m, 2014)

A Universe of Stories: Yoga for Tweens & Teens!

Thursdays, August 8 & 15, 4 to 5 pm in the Ames Room
Yoga with Miss Kim will lead an expressive and gentle yoga class with an emphasis on kindness, mindfulness and non-competition. Great for ages 10 and up! Registration required for each session.

Ready,Set,Code: Minecraft Makers!

Wednesdays, August 7 & 14, 6:30 in the Children's Room
Our Tech Librarian, Rachel Taylor, leads these fun, informative coding classes. Learn how to program, code and create Minecraft games, complete with interactive scenery, animations and characters! Laptops are available for those who do not have one. Great for ages 10 and up!

Family Movie Night!

August 5, 6:30 in the Ames Room
Join us with your favorite snacks!
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
(PG, 2 hrs. 30 m, 2001)

College Readiness Series: Tackling the College Essay

Monday, August 19, 7 :00 in the Ames Room
Ben Brown, Assistant Director of Admission, Connecticut College

This session will offer insight into how essays are reviewed and tips for writing your own personal narrative for the college application process.

A Universe of Stories: Stop-Motion Animation Workshop

Wednesday, August 21, 6:30 in the Children's Room
Learn how to make fun stop-motion videos using an iPad and ordinary craft supplies. Great for ages 8 to 12!

Creative Movement with the Eastern CT Ballet

Friday, September 10 at 10 am
An introduction to creative movement for 3 to 5 years olds. During class, we will read a book and then do 35 minutes of movement around the theme, "The Orchestra", all about musical instruments and directing an orchestra!

All Things Pumpkin! Fun for all ages!

Saturday, October 19, 3:30 to 5:00
Ed Pop Magic show 3:30 p.m.
Costume Parade
Basket Raffle
Clyde's Cider & Goodies
Rain or Shine!

Fall Storytimes

September 23 - November 14
Registration begins in August! Classes meet weekly for eight weeks and consist of stories and crafts. Class size is limited and registration will be done on a first come, first served basis. Free and open to the public.
Lapsit (6 to 23 months)

Session One: Wednesdays, 10:15 - 10:45

Session Two: Thursdays, 10:15 - 10:45

Just Two's to Just Three's:

Session One: Wednesdays, 11:00 - 11:30

Session Two: Thursdays, 11:00 - 11:30

Three Year Olds: Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15

Four and Five Year Olds: Tuesdays, 1:15 - 2:00

MYSTIC HISTORY AT THE MYSTIC & NOANK LIBRARY JUDY HICKS

The north side of West Main Street is once again complete. The Allyn family site has finally been rebuilt to its original mid 19th century look. It took 19 years but its "history" explains it all. And that history is now available at our Library in the Local History area on the second floor. Plus much more!

A few years ago, Joanna Case, retired Director of the Library, suggested to me that we index the local weekly newspaper, *The Mystic River Press*. Issues going back to 1992 had been kept at the Library over the years. A lot of information about the area was available, but the papers were taking up a lot of space. But a library is a source for information! We took on the task.

We created a system of reading the papers, clipping articles pertinent to Mystic, cataloging by category and filing. We are a trio now: I read and clip, Joanna catalogs, and Carolyn Scholz files. So far the years 1999 to 2013 (although 2005 is still in the works) have been completed and the articles are filed in 14 large 3 ring loose leaf binders. Seven are labeled "People in the News," three "Local Businesses Throughout the Years," and three "Organizations." Articles are in page protectors and are arranged alphabetically. "Mystic Seaport" articles are arranged roughly by subject in a separate binder and filed in the Local History collection in the 623.8s.

All of these binders supplement digitized complete copies of Mystic and Stonington area newspapers from 1859 through 1932 with a few exceptions. This is a remarkable collection in itself and we now have complemented it with early 21st century news items.

Much of the past 150 years of Mystic history is now available for research and/or general interest at the Library. Our Local History area is the place to visit for learning more about Mystic in the 19th, 20th and early 21st centuries. The changes are many, but the scene remains much the same in many ways. If you are interested in the whys and the why nots of the changes in Mystic, visit the second floor of the Library.

LIBRARY BRIDGE UPDATE KEN LEVY

The 2019 Mystic & Noank Library Bridge Tournament is off and running. Ten pairs are playing in two flights of five pairs each. Matches have begun and the games are friendly and competitive.

Please remember to schedule your matches as soon as possible and they do not need to be played in any particular order. Additional forms, if needed, are available at the Library or by contacting the bridge coordinator.

Also, please remember to either hand deliver or mail the signed score sheets to the Library as soon as possible after the match has been completed, and please try to have all of your matches completed by November 30, 2019.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 860-572-9006 or kenplevy@sbcglobal.net.

ART AUCTION COMING UP!

JOANNA CASE

The Third Annual Art Silent Auction will be held in the Ames Room for the month of October. All items have been donated and we have a wonderful assortment to offer again this year. Each piece of hanging wall art will have a number and a corresponding bid sheet with an opening bid. Bid sheets will be in notebooks on the shelf to your left as you enter the room. We ask that each bid be at least \$1.00 over the previous bid. Bidding will open on October 1 and close on October 30. Hope you find something you would love to have on your walls.



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