



# Book Ends

The newsletter of the Mystic & Noank Library  
Winter 2017

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

CHRIS JOHNSON

As the year winds down, the MNL is gearing up to begin our 125<sup>th</sup> year of continuous service to the Mystic community in 2018! We are in the process of planning a year's worth of interesting and historical events for our patrons of all ages. We hope that you will have an opportunity to join in the celebration.

In other Library news, we recently marked the one-year anniversary of our adoption of mighty Mito, the Library cat. Mito has truly made himself at home on the second level of the MNL. Stop in today to visit with Mito and be sure to purchase your Mito mousepad at the Front Desk. Another fun way to follow Mito's latest escapades is via his Instagram account @MitoTheLibraryCat.

With Marilyn Barr's recent retirement, we have some changes in staff schedules. Julie Worthen will now be covering Tuesday evenings and Rachel Taylor is here on Wednesday evenings. We have added a new part-time staff member to our ranks – Nat Rivkin, a Stonington resident and recent graduate of Pomona College. Nat is an aspiring author and will be helping to cover our service desks and assist with Library programming. Please say “Hi” to Nat next time you visit the Library.

This issue of *Bookends*, covering mid-November through the end of January 2018, marks a change in the publication schedule from six issues per year to a quarterly distribution. The change was made to reduce costs for our Friends of the Library who provide the funding for *Bookends*. Please visit our website at [mysticnoanklibrary.org](http://mysticnoanklibrary.org) to keep up-to-date on all of our upcoming programs and activities. You can also follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MysticNoankLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/MysticNoankLibrary).

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I wish all of you, our Library friends, a very happy and healthy holiday season!

## FRIENDS REPORT

SALLY SALANCY

As I write this, we're still waiting for fall. Yesterday, it was warmer outside than in. Luckily, the days are shorter, so we know some kind of “winter” is on the way. Let's not complain about the longer nights; they give us more time for reading. When the weather does turn cold, we'll walk faster and be happy to duck inside the Mystic & Noank Library. It's always warm, even when it's “cool.” Some cold Saturday, come attend a meeting, watch a foreign film, or sit in a comfy chair and read a book.

Besides enjoying all that the M&NL has to offer, be sure to mark your calendar for the **Like-New Holiday Book Sale**, which runs from **Monday, November 27, through Saturday, December 2**. This sale features nearly-new books for all ages, as well as holiday items. If you give books as presents, this is *the* sale to attend! Open during regular Library hours Monday through Friday, it closes at noon on Saturday. If you'd like to help staff the sale, please look for the sign-up sheet at the Front Desk. We need - and appreciate - all the help we can get!

All the Friends of the Mystic & Noank Library either **volunteer time and effort**, or have **donated to the Annual Fund in the past three years**, or both. A group of 18 to 20 Friends attend the monthly meetings, but there are officers who constitute the Executive Committee. Which reminds me, did you play tag as a child? Have you ever played it as an adult? Here's how that works. You've just joined a new group, everyone welcomes you, and the meeting begins. Turning to your neighbor, you whisper, “Don't I have to be voted in?” She shakes her head. Halfway through the agenda, someone says, “We need a new Book Sale Chairman.” There's a hush, then the man across from you says, “Sylvia, you can be in charge of the Book Sale!” All the others nod or say “Great.” “Don't we have to vote?” you ask. No, you've been “tagged” and now you're Book Sale Chairman!

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At the Friends' 2017 Annual Meeting the following **officers** were elected to a one-year term: **Sally Salancy**, President; **Peggy Brissette**, Vice-President; **Joanna Case**, Corresponding Secretary; **Anne-Marie Smith**, Recording Secretary; **Sandie Scott** and **Barbara Tarbox**, co-Treasurers. This is the same team from 2016. They work so well together that no one else will run against them!

However, there's much work done by the non-officer cadre, e.g., the Cellar Dwellers who sort books or "white elephants," others who always help with the Indoor Yard Sale, the Craft Exchange, All Things Pumpkin. Many just pitch in whenever and however needed. Still, we're looking for people with new perspectives and suggestions. Are you already a Friend? Would you like to attend a meeting? They're usually on the third Monday of every month, at noon, but there are exceptions, so it's best to confirm ahead of time. Can't attend meetings, but would still like to help? Contact me ([Salancy@gmail.com](mailto:Salancy@gmail.com)) or ask a staff member.

**See you at the Mystic & Noank Library!**

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

**BILL TURNER**

**F**asten your seat belts as we enter into the express season of the holidays. During the holiday season it is important to reflect on the many programs and services the Mystic & Noank Library provided in 2017. I want to express my sincerest appreciation to Chris Johnson and her team for making the operation look seamless, knowing how much dedication and workload goes into making it a reality. A special thanks to all who participated in the recent fall clean-up on Saturday, October 28. Through the combined efforts of Judy Nickerson and her team of volunteers, the United States Coast Guard volunteers, the spirited volunteers from the ARC of New London County, Terra Firma Landscaping, and Kentford Farm's tractor expertise, we accomplished many external housekeeping chores at the MNL.

The Library Trustees were recently briefed on the Library's Strategic Plan update with a presentation from ESC of New England (a consulting and capacity building enterprise for non-profit entities). The Strategic Plan will guide the Library's planning efforts for the next 5 years and address opportunities facing the Mystic & Noank Library including additional parking, the Comrie property and the need for additional meeting

space to meet the current demand. All of these opportunities will be carefully addressed, vetted and shared with our valued stakeholder groups for input as we move forward during an exciting time in the Library's 125-year history.

As the State of Connecticut continues to experience budget shortfalls and corresponding municipal funding reductions, the MNL is making every effort to search out any opportunity to reduce expenses through operation efficiencies. We are already seeing a reduction in our energy usage as a result of a program sponsored by Eversource Energy under which the building lighting has been changed out for a more energy efficiency technology. This will be an ongoing reduction for the MNL and be reflected in our monthly electrical bill.

Your ongoing financial commitment to the MNL is valued now more than ever. THANK YOU!!!! My best to you and yours as you celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

**#GIVING  
TUESDAY**

**GIVE ON #GIVINGTUESDAY. BE OUR ADVOCATE.**

**B**ooks are powerful. Libraries are community treasures. The Mystic & Noank Library exists because of your gifts. **Tuesday, November 28** is #Giving Tuesday, an international day of philanthropy that urges you to ask, "How can I make a difference?"

Give to our Library and know that your donation DOES make a difference: better collections, better services and continued institutional stability in uncertain financial times. Thank you!

## "Fabulous Fakes" in the Ames Room

**T**he Stonington Plein Aire Painters, a group of local artists led by Carmel Bourneuf, are displaying their art in the Mystic & Noank Library's Ames Room throughout the month of December. The artwork they share mimics great works by artists like Monet and Cezanne. This program is free and open to the public; no registration is required. Opening reception Tuesday, December 6 from 5 to 7 pm.

## **TECH CLASSES WITH RACHEL RACHEL TAYLOR**

Monday, December 4: **Stop-Motion Animation** Workshop - Learn how to make fun stop-motion videos using an iPad and ordinary craft supplies! These mini-movies employ a special animation technique that is very easy to learn and use as well as to teach others at home! Great activity for the holiday season.

Monday, December 11: **Free Photo Editors** - Learn how to clean up and edit your photos using FREE online editors! These sophisticated web options allow you to perform most of the ordinary editing tasks a Photoshop program would, and additionally let you enhance, remix and sometimes even store your pictures!

Monday, December 18: **Cloud Computing** - Find out how to access, edit and store your data on the Cloud! Those who have never used cloud storage options before will learn all about the many free, easy to use, and safe web programs for organizing and accessing your files.

Monday, January 8: **Skype for Beginners** - Learn all about Skype, a FREE program that allows you to talk to people face-to-face on your device! You'll be able to chat with long-distance friends and family members as well as use special "bots" to play games, learn new skills, and schedule your calendar!

Monday, January 22: **Intro to Canva** - Canva is a wonderful free online service that allows you to design a whole spectrum of graphic items, from promotional materials to resumes, from online invitations to blogging and social media posts! Attend this new tech class to learn how to use it for your particular interests.

Monday, January 29: **Wordpress 101** - Create your own website or blog with this free web program that allows you to build on a completely customizable webpage! No coding required; thousands of templates allow you to design your own site as you like it. You'll even be able to share videos, photos and more on a page that could range from a professional website to a just-for-fun blog!

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.

## **FRONT AND CENTER KATE NELSON**

**M**any of you come to the Library weekly for books and often for DVDs as well. How many of you DVD fans are aware that we have two different temporary collections that are rotated through libraries in the Connecticut Library Consortium? Each month we receive around 25 DVDs that we don't have in our permanent collection. Every three months we receive a different collection referred to as FLIC DVDs. This is a larger collection of Foreign Language Independent Cinema DVDs. You can find the jackets for these two collections in the orange boxes on the regular DVD shelves. If you find a movie that interests you, bring the jacket to the Front Desk and we will retrieve the DVD for you. They go out for one week just like our own collection.

This year we will co-sponsor the December **Food for Fines** project with the Bill Memorial Library. Both of our libraries will be collecting non-perishable food items in lieu of fines for the month of December. The food will be distributed to Groton Social Services and Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center for their food pantries to support families in need.

We wish you all very happy holidays!

## **ART AUCTION JOANNA CASE**

**T**hank you to all the people who donated the works of art to make the Art Silent Auction possible. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive community. Our hope to raise some money to support Library programs was successful. Thank you also to Johanna Morse and Peggy Brissette for their assistance in the hanging of the show. Now that we have the experience, maybe we should do it again.

## **GIVING TREE**

**Friday, November 24 -Saturday, December 16**

**A**fter Thanksgiving we set up our Giving Tree in the Library. Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center and Groton Social Services provide us with lists of recommended gifts for less fortunate families in the area. You may take a tag and purchase a new, unwrapped gift of that type, and bring it to the Library by December 16. Thank you for your participation!

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

KAREN BRADSHAW

As autumn turns to winter, I think many of us re-view our personal 'highlights reel' of events, and highs and lows of the past calendar year. We are no different here; the loss of many kind and special Friends within our Library community in the past 12 months has certainly created real 'lows'. That said, we are forever honored to celebrate the lives of these Friends through the generous memorial gifts made by family and loved ones. We know that the Library is a special community for so many of you, and we thank you for entrusting us with your memorial gifts at the sad times, as well as your generous giving throughout the year.

One of our 'highs' this year was certainly our Fall Fundraiser at the Engine Room on September 27. What a fun and festive gathering. Thank you again to our sponsors (Densmore Oil, Snediker Yacht Restoration, Mary & Thomas Fitzgerald, Chelsea Groton Bank and Dominion Energy) as well as to our attendees, advertisers and friends who gave in support of our Children and Teen space upgrades. To date, we have raised more than \$8,000 towards this effort! Please stop in the Children's Room soon to see some samples of the type of furniture we hope to buy, and thank you in advance for any gift towards these important improvements.

Our '16-'17 Annual Fund campaign was a tremendous success (104% of our goal!) and YOU made it happen with your many gifts! Within this newsletter you will find a full roster of donors; I am so pleased to report that more than 12% of you have also joined our **110% Club**, further displaying your commitment to our Library. Your advocacy on our behalf means so much and we **thank you all** for your continued support. Please accept my sincere gratitude for the time, gifts and resources you give to this unique community jewel. Our Library Friends and supporters are valued partners in our on-going success and I look forward to a year to come of many happy highlights here at the M&NL.

Mark your calendars for January 25, **2018** (that's 1/25) as the kick-off to our year of fundraising for the Library's 125th anniversary! We look forward to a year ahead of many wonderful friend- and fund-raisers to support M&NL's excellent service in your community as your public library. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

## Gifts received In Memory of

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Suzie Canning  
Carmel & Gus Bourneuf's 50th Anniversary  
Sally Lamb  
Anne O'Neill  
John (Jack) Washburn

## LIBRARY BRIDGE UPDATE

KEN LEVY

The 2017 Mystic & Noank Library Bridge Tournament is off and running. Twelve pairs are playing in two flights of six pairs each. As of October 26, almost half of the matches have been played. Since the teams have not played the same number of matches, the following standings of the top 3 pairs per flight are based upon the average score of the matches played.

Flight A:

Team 5 – Joan David/Barbara Pascoe – 2,245  
Team 2 – Susan Keach/Judith Cady – 2,010  
Team 1 – Ken Levy/Mable Hauck – 1,983

Flight B:

Team 5 – Pat and Fred Ziegler – 2,276  
Team 1 – Bunny Furlong/Martha Perry – 2,050  
Team 3 – Judith Hicks/Marge Conway – 1,947

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. Also, please try to have all of your matches completed by November 30, 2017. If you have any questions, you may contact the bridge coordinator, Ken Levy, at 860-572-9006 or [kenlevy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kenlevy@sbcglobal.net).

The extensive list below reflects the individuals, businesses and foundations that generously gave to the Library's Annual Fund campaign (October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017). We are very grateful for the continued financial support extended to us by you, our Friends, neighbors and community partners. Your financial gifts totaled more than \$109,000--a 4% increase over our goal of \$105,000! Thank you, all!

Names in bold reflect 20 or more years of Annual Fund giving. A "+" indicates donors who gave at least 110% of their previous Annual Fund gift, and are now members of the Library's 110% Club. Donors who passed away during this giving campaign are marked with an \*. Despite repeated checking of this list, it's possible we have made an omission or oversight. Please accept our sincerest apologies and notify us immediately so that we may correct our error.

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#### FAMILY MOVIE MATINEES SATURDAYS AT 3

December 30 ~ *Deep*  
 January 6 ~ *Spark*  
 January 13 ~ *Boss Baby*  
 January 20 ~ *Despicable Me 3*  
 January 29 ~ *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul*  
 February 3 ~ *Captain Underpants*  
 February 10 ~ *Smurfs: The Lost Village*  
 February 17 ~ *Nutjobs3*  
 February 24 ~ *Monster Trucks*

## BOOK CLUB CORNER

KATE NELSON

I recently got around to reading two books that have been on my list for a while and was pleasantly surprised that I enjoyed both of them. I say this because I most often read fiction, but I whole-heartedly recommend the non-fiction book, *The Wright Brothers*, by David McCullough. As children we learn about the two brothers who were the first to fly. McCullough's detailed exploration of the historical event and what led up to it, brings the brothers, their father and sister to life. Through an exploration of personal letters, newspaper articles and Smithsonian documents, McCullough creates a story that engaged my curiosity by giving life to the long-dead Wright brothers and their determination to fly.

*Commonwealth*, by Ann Patchett came out last year and has been in high demand since then. Character development, interesting characters and settings are what I like most about fiction. Patchett has created a full cast of wonderful characters in *Commonwealth*. We follow six young siblings from a blended family and their parents over five decades. The story is told through many of the characters voices, each giving background and insight to what it means to be a member of their family and the tragedy that propels the plot. She creates characters that we want to know more about and can empathize with.

### BOOK CLUBS

**Afternoon Book Club** -- First Wednesday at 1 pm  
December 6: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman  
January 3: *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough  
February 7: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

**Evening Book Club**—First Wednesday at 7 pm  
December 6: *Nutshell* by Ian McEwan  
January 3: *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante  
February 7: *Remains Of The Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro  
March 7: *A Gentleman In Moscow* by Amor Towles

**History Book Club** – Second Tuesday at 7 pm  
December 12: *Rogue Heroes* by Ben Macintyre ---Part I  
January 9: *Rogue Heroes* Part II

**Capt. John Porter Civil War Book Group** – Third Wednesday at 6 pm  
November 15: *Race and Reunion: The civil war in American memory* by David W. Blight

## NEWS BRIEFS

### November 2017

**Closing at 1 on Wednesday, November 22**

**Closed Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving**  
Wednesdays – November 15, 22 and 29 – 10 to 1–  
NaNoWri Mo (National Novel Writing Month) –  
space provided in Mender's Room

Thursdays, November 16 and December 7 & 14 at  
12:30 – Mindfulness Meditation - *Save Your Sanity over  
the Holidays!* – **Register online.**

Friday, November 17 – 3 pm – Friday Feature Films –  
*The Glass Castle* (2017, PG-13)

Monday, November 27 – Saturday, December 2 at 12  
noon – **Friends Like-New Book Sale**

### December 2017

**Closed Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day**

Tuesday, December 5 – 1 to 3 – Veteran's Fair [new  
date]

Tuesday, December 5 – 6:30 – Creative Calisthenics  
with Julianne Johnson – *Mandala Poetry* – **Registration  
required.**

Monday, December 11 at 7 – Lecture – *The Children of  
Abraham: A History of Conflict and Cooperation in the Mid-  
dle East and the Roots of the Current Crisis*

It seems that the only task harder than keeping track of the violence in the Middle East is explaining it. To the outside observer, the region's politics and perpetual unrest are confounding and complex. Yet, viewed within the context of history, the reasons behind these troubles are less difficult to grasp. This presentation will shed light on the roots of the conflict in the Middle East and provide a basic understanding of how it reached the crises it faces today, from Jerusalem to Egypt to Syria, to Iraq, and beyond.

Hosted by Tom Verde (M.A., Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations), an independent scholar and journalist who has lived in and traveled extensively throughout the Middle East, reporting on its culture and history.

### January 2018

**Closed Monday, January 1 – New Year's Day &  
Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1 & 8 –  
10 to 11:30 - *Mindfulness Meditation*

Friday Feature Films return on Friday, January 19 at 3  
– Titles TBD

Thursday, January 25 - Kick-off to our year of fund-  
raising for the Library's 125th anniversary.



## KIDS & TEENS HIGHLIGHTS

ROBERTA DONAHUE

### Winter Preschool Storytimes

Winter Storytimes begin the week of January 8, 2018. Registration is available at [mysticnoanklibrary.org](http://mysticnoanklibrary.org) or by calling (860) 536-7721. Storytimes are scheduled to meet weekly Mondays through Thursdays. Classes consist of stories, finger-plays, crafts and songs.

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. StoryTime sessions last for eight weeks and are free and open to the public.

### Sit! Stay! Read!

Saturday, November 18 2-3 pm

Sign up to read with Phantom, our Bernese Mountain Dog friend (best for kids entering first grade and up) or just stop by to say hi! **Sign up online** at [mysticnoanklibrary.org](http://mysticnoanklibrary.org) or by calling 860-536-7721.

### Afternoon Wii U Gaming

Stop by the Library on Fridays from 3:30 to 5 pm for some fun among friends. Get your game on with other kids and teens. Program takes place in the Activity Room. Games are appropriate for ages 9 and up. Come join in on the fun!

### NEW! Teen Art Programs

We are excited to announce a new partnership! In collaboration with educators from the Lyman Allyn Museum in New London, we are offering new art programs, just for teens.

Thanks to a grant from the Mystic Rotary Club, these programs are free for participants. Join us! You can **register for one or all** of these special sessions. All programs begin at 1 pm.

Saturday, November 18 - Pati Hill inspired collage and copy machine art . We will make connections to the current exhibition of her work on view at the museum.

Thursday, December 28 - Hand painting canvas totes inspired by adult coloring books.

Saturday, January 27 - Sculpt Your Own Coral Reef. Inspired by The Coral Reef Project, an installation opening at LAAM that day by Williams School teacher Tekla Zweir

## Register for 1KBK TODAY

We are so pleased to offer the program 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KBK) thanks to a grant provided by the Groton Education Foundation.

The program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth to 5 years old. The goal is to read 1000 books together prior to the child's start of formal schooling or Kindergarten. Sound impossible? It's not! Three books a day for one year is over 1000 books!

Families commit to recording how many books they read together on a Reading Log (provided by the Library). As the child reaches certain milestones (100 books, 200 books etc.), the child receives a small prize! We will also create a special bulletin board in the Library to mark the progress of participants! Reach 1000 books and the child takes home a special book of their own to keep! In addition, a book will be dedicated in the child's name for the Library's collection.

**Sign up in the Children's Room** during regular Library hours--it's FREE!

### Museum Passes Available

Preview a museum for all your holiday out-of-town guests! Stop by the Children's Room to review the passes and discounts available. More information on our website at [mysticnoanklibrary.org](http://mysticnoanklibrary.org). We thank the Friends of M&NL for their generous support of the museum passes program.

Connecticut Science Center, Hartford  
Custom House Maritime Museum, New London  
Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Mystic  
Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme  
Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London  
Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk  
Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Mashantucket  
Mystic Aquarium, Mystic  
Mystic Seaport, Mystic  
Old State House, Hartford  
Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence  
State Parks Pass, CT (various)  
Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford

Check our website for more details on~~

Trim-A-Tree at 2 on December 9

Family Holiday Movie *Home Alone* at 3 on December 16

Family Movie *The Emoji Movie* at 3 on December 29

Family Movie Matinees Saturdays at 3 See Page 7

December 30 to February 24

Take Your Child to the Library Day February 3

3D Printer activities

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Local Writers ~ Mondays at 4  
Knitting Circle ~ Second & Fourth Tuesdays at 1  
Cribbage Club ~ Thursdays at 3

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