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As the tourist season continues to wind down, we are all reminded how valuable the Mystic community is to so many and how the year-round Mystic residents can now breathe a little easier knowing that our quaint little village will return to a more manageable landscape. The Mystic & Noank Library has been the consummate host to many visitors during this past summer season, with Library employees reaching out to make world-wide visitors feel welcome and comfortable in the Library on the hill.

Please welcome a new addition to the Mystic & Noank Library family as Loren Wren joins our team as Director of Development. Loren is a Southeastern Connecticut resident who will be an asset to the Library having recently served as Senior Development Officer for Bradley Hospital in East Providence. Loren's areas of excellence include annual giving programs, event manage-

ment, donor relations / stewardship and fundraising. Please take the opportunity to welcome Loren to the Library. A formal introduction will take place at the November 15th celebration to commemorate the Mystic & Noank Library's 125th Anniversary.

Special thanks to Roberta Donahue who has been serving as Interim Director of the Library as we continue the search for our new Library Director. Roberta has worn almost every hat at the Library during this period and we are eternally grateful for her stepping up to the plate. A review team is in final stage of selecting our candidate and I hope to have exciting news to report on November 15th. Special thank-you to Joanna Case, Valerie Grimm, Sara Lathrop and Johnna Taylor for serving on the selection committee and evaluating the necessary skill sets necessary to steer our precious Library. More to come.



Please join us for a cocktail party fundraiser in support of the Mystic & Noank Library

Thursday, November 15 ~ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

*Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and Delicious Autumn Fare
The Mystic & Noank Library | 40 Library Street, Mystic*

The Mystic & Noank Library is a vibrant and vital resource to our Mystic communities encompassing Groton and Stonington, where knowledge and culture flourish and everyone is welcome. As we celebrate our 125th anniversary and our incredible growth to nearly 100,000 patrons visits and over 700 program offerings a year, this special evening of fun, food and fundraising will help ensure that our beloved community treasure will continue to prosper and grow for all to enjoy for many years to come.

Tickets are \$125 per person. Sponsorships are available.

Please visit

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/MNLFallFundraiser2018>

We look forward to seeing you on November 15!

FRIENDS NOVEMBER REPORT

SALLY SALANCY

I am writing this on our second day in a row of summer. While this would be great weather for early June, it's just plain confusing the second week of October! Meanwhile, we're thinking ahead to winter, when we have more time to enjoy a book, watch a movie, or listen to music, all borrowed from the Mystic & Noank Library.

Recently, the importance of public libraries has not only been discussed in editorials and articles, but also referenced in comic strips. In the October 7 issue of *The Day*, "The Family Circus" shows a child with an open book, surrounded by imaginary animals and people. The title is "Virtual reality, available at any bookshelf!" Three weeks earlier, in the September 16 issue, one of the cats in "Breaking Cat News," says "A library is where a community shares ...knowledge, literature, art, companionship..." The last line of the strip is "Librarians are the last real wizards."

Speaking of cats, my favorite image from our Library is of Mito, our library cat, peering into Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mocking Bird*. I know, I know! Mito is supposedly confined to the second floor and thus limited in what he can read. But when the lights are off and the doors are locked, the motion-sensor cameras have caught him elsewhere in the building. Like any smart library cat, Mito has discovered that the picture books in the Children's Room are easy reading. I'm sure his favorite among these is *Sneakers, the Seaside Cat*, which has a handsome tuxedo cat on the cover. If you decide to borrow this book, let your family cats sniff it and watch their reactions.

Did you visit the Library the afternoon of October 13? If so, you probably saw a bit of this year's **All Things Pumpkin**. If you have young children, you'll want to circle Saturday, October 12, on your 2019 calendar. In the meantime, you're invited to the **Like-New Holiday Book Sale**. It begins on Monday, **November 26th**, and runs to Saturday, **December 1st**. With **nearly-new books** for all ages, as well as holiday items, this is **THE** sale for those who give books as presents! It's open during **regular Library hours Monday through Friday**, and closes at **noon on Saturday**.

If you'd like to help staff the sale, please sign up at the Circulation Desk. We need – and appreciate – all the help we can get!

By the way, if you've donated time, money, or energy to the Library in the past three years, you are officially a "Friend". Would you **like to join us at our monthly meetings**? We are always looking for new perspectives and suggestions. Our meetings are usually held on the third Monday of the month, at noon, but since there are exceptions, it's best to confirm ahead of time. **Can't attend meetings**, but would still like to help? Please e-mail friends@mysticnoanklibrary.org.

The Friends take the month of December off, then meet to start planning for the new year on the 4th Monday of January, 2019. (The Library is closed on Martin Luther King Day, which falls on the 3rd Monday of January.) See you at the Library!

ART AUCTION THANKS!

JOANNA CASE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Second Annual Art Silent Auction held during the month of October. Special thanks to the donors and to my wonderful hanging crew: Johanna Morse, Peggy Brissette and Karen Krogseng. I hope that all of you who purchased a piece of art will enjoy it for years to come. Thank you all for your support of this fundraiser for the Friends of the Library

ART IN THE AMES ROOM

November

Betsy Shafer—Plein Air

December

Carmel Bourneuf—Fabulous Fakes

FRONT AND CENTER

KATE NELSON

Ahhh, Fall is here! Time to grab a good book, find a cozy spot and read. We've added many new titles that we hope you'll find time to enjoy. You can receive a weekly update of our newest additions to the collection by signing up for **Wowbrary**. Just click on the **Wowbrary** icon on the home page of our website. We also keep a hard copy of this list at the Circulation Desk.

It was a busy summer here at the Library with many Summer Reading programs, as well as visitors stopping in to see our beautiful building. Our Circulation Desk was beautified throughout the summer with gorgeous floral arrangements very generously donated by our patron, Pat Deskus. Pat grows most of her flowers from seed; her Dahlias were fantastic. We are very grateful for the beautiful arrangements she brought us. Thank you Pat! We also had some great displays in our lighted display case and in the Ames Room. We are reserving these spaces for next year, so if you have a collection you would like to display, please stop by the Circulation Desk or give us a call to reserve your spot.

Before you know it the Holidays will be upon us. In December we will again be having the **Giving Tree** and **Food for Fines**. Both programs support families in need through Groton Social Services and the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. The Library will have a couple of changes to our hours for the holidays. We will be closing at 1:00 pm on Wednesday November 21st to allow staff to prepare for the Thanksgiving feast. Also new this year the Library will be closed all day December 24th as well as the 25th. On December 31st we will be closing at 1:00 pm and as usual we'll be closed all day January 1st. It seems strange to be writing this already, Happy Holidays!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2017~2018 Annual Fund Drive! We appreciate each and every gift, large or small. The Mystic & Noank Library counts on you to fund library services and programs in our community. A special shout out to the businesses and foundations who so generously support the Library:

Since the last newsletter we have received:

Gifts in Memory Of

Candy Briggs

Peg Fearn

Eleanor Gannon

Hildegard Lee

Martha Thomas

Norton Wheeler Jr.

Gifts in Honor Of

Karen Bradshaw

Patti Brown

Rod Cook

Gifts in Kind

Stewart Butler

Joanna Case

Sandra Smith

CHARTER OAK SUPPORTS GREAT LITERATURE

JULIE WORTHEN

Thanks to a generous gift from Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, our Library was able to purchase titles from the Modern Library 100 Best Novel list that were missing from our collection. Some of the world's best fiction is now available for our patrons, including *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabokov, *Under the Volcano* by Malcolm Lowry, *The Adventures of Augie March* by Saul Bellow, *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner, and *Native Son* by Richard Wright. Each of the new titles has a custom-designed bookplate acknowledging the Credit Union's gift. The new books will be on display on the first floor through November. Please stop by and browse the new additions to our collection.

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

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

Wednesday November 7 at 7 pm - *Treasures of Southeastern Connecticut*— A Talk by Steve Fagin

Mr. Fagin is the editor and principal author of *The Day's* latest book, "*Treasures of Southeastern Connecticut: Our Proud History of Preserving Scenic Woodlands, Farms, the Shoreline and Other Natural Gems*," which will be released in late November. The 144-page, hardcover coffee-table book features more than 50 essays and more than 120 color photographs celebrating the region's many natural attractions, tracing their history and paying tribute to the organizations that helped preserve them for future generations.

Wednesday December 12 at 7 pm - *The True Story Behind Christmas*—A historical talk by Tom Verde

While December 25 is certainly one of the most recognizable dates in the calendar, was it actually the date of Jesus' birth? If so, how do we know, and if not, how was it determined? The talk explores the history behind the date of Christmas, as well as various traditions associated with a holiday that was at one time banned and more closely associated with riots than reverence.

See you at the Movies!

Friday Films in the Ames Room every Friday in January at 3:00 pm

Family Movie Matinees on Saturdays at 3:00 pm every Saturday in January & February in the Ames Room

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT KEN LEVY

The 24th Mystic & Noank Library Benefit Bridge Tournament is in the final month with matches to be completed by November 30, 2018. Please make your best efforts to schedule the matches with your opponents to ensure that they are completed on time. Please remember to turn in your completed score sheets at the Library Circulation Desk. Final results should be emailed to all participants by mid December and published in the next newsletter. If you do have any questions, please contact me at 860-572-9006 or kenplevy@sbcglobal.net. Enjoy the matches and the comradery.

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Winter Preschool StoryTimes

Winter StoryTimes begin the week of January 7, 2019. Registration is available at 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.

Lapsit (6 to 23 Months)

Session One: Wednesdays at 10:15 am

Session Two: Thursdays at 10:15 am

Toddlers (Just 2's to Just 3's)

Session One: Wednesdays at 11:00 am

Session Two: Thursdays at 11:00 am

Three Year Olds

Session One: Mondays at 10:30 am

Four and Five Year Olds

Session One: Tuesdays at 1:15 pm

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

The Young Engineers' Club November 10
10 - noon

They will be covering the basics of computer networks, how the Internet works, and how to serve your own webpage. Students will create basic websites using HTML/CSS and serve it to other students in the class using a NodeJS web server. Students should bring their own laptop if possible.

Sit! Stay! Read! Saturday, November 17 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 or by calling 860-536-7721.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum Program for Kids. Saturday, December 8th at 2:00 pm. Be sure to check with the Children's Room for more details.

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

Museum Passes Available

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

Avery-Copp House, Groton
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

WINTER TECH CLASSES

RACHEL TAYLOR

Monday, November 5th

Android Smartphones and Tablets

Eager to learn to use one of these great, highly customizable devices? Attend this class and learn all about your portable machines, including their settings and navigation, as well as the differences between various types, and how to tailor each one with apps, services and other features to suit your personal needs and interests. Choice of either 10:15 am OR 5:30 pm session; attendees should provide their own devices. Registration is required; please sign up via the Library website or call for assistance.

Wednesday, November 14th from 5:30 - 6:45 pm.

Cyber Security for the Holiday Season: A Tech Seminar

Shopping for the holidays can be stressful, and, if you're not aware of all the online scams and fraudulent websites out there, potentially dangerous! Protect yourself and enjoy a safe shopping season by attending this special seminar on how to avoid identity theft, hackers, false proprietors and more by learning to identify the many, many different forms of fraud, as well as what best financial practices on the web look like.

You will also learn how to tell when Black Friday and Cyber Monday deals aren't all that meet the eye. We hope you will join us for this fun, one-of-a-kind program on staying safe online during the holiday season! This event is free and open to the public; no registration is required.

December

Your choice of 10:15 am OR 5:30 pm session for each of these classes; attendees should provide their own devices. Registration is required; please sign up via the Library website or call us for assistance.

Design Your Own Greeting Cards: A New Tech Class -
Monday, December 3rd

Create your own beautiful, personalized greeting cards for the holiday season using free programs on the web. By learning to use versatile design services like Inkscape and Canva, students will be able to make both digital

AND print greeting cards for their co-workers, friends and family - all from the comfort of their own homes, without spending a dime!

WordPress 101—Monday, December 10th

Create your own website or blog with this free online program that lets you build a completely customizable webpage! No coding required; thousands of templates allow you to design your own site as you like it. You'll be able to share stories, videos, photos and more with friends and family on a page that could range from a hobby website to a just-for-fun blog!

Editing Your Photos Online — Monday, December 17th

Learn how to fix up and edit all of your family and holiday pictures using FREE online photo editors! These sophisticated web options allow you to perform most of the editing tasks a Photoshop program would, and additionally let you enhance, remix and sometimes even store your pictures, as well as easily share the completed results through social media!

January 2019

Technology Drop-In Day at the MNL - Saturday, January 12th from 10 am. to 1 pm.

Have an iPad and want to know how to download apps or e-books? Receive a holiday gift of a Smartphone and eager to learn about all of its features? Stop by MNL to learn how to use your new device, including how to select e-books, search for and download apps, navigate the settings, and find the answers to all of your queries! Any device is welcome; you may also bring in questions even if you don't have a portable machine.

This program is free and open to the public; no registration or appointment is required.

More Tech programs are coming for January.

Be sure to check with the Library!

BOOK CLUB CORNER

KATE NELSON

Full is here and book clubs are in full swing again. We continue to supply multiple copies of books to 12 different clubs and I'm impressed with the variety of book selections among the clubs. The State Interlibrary Loan System continues to be challenging, but we are seeing improvements and the delivery system is much more efficient these days.

Many of the clubs have read or will be reading the One Book One Region choice, *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. Like many of the previous OBOR selections, this fictional tale of a refugee couple who escape their war-plagued city by means of magical doors, was either totally enjoyed or, conversely, not cared for. When readers were asked why they didn't enjoy the book the most common response had to do with the fantasy of the doors. Personally, I don't mind a bit of fantasy in fiction, especially when it moves the story along and in this case the doors provide a sense of hope in some very difficult situations. I was glad to see such a large audience attending to hear the author speak at Connecticut College. The One Book One Region choices have generated a lot of discussion around books and important topics. I look forward to learning what the 2019 title will be.

I'm currently reading a book that has been popular with a number of clubs, *Killers Of The Flower Moon: The Osage Murders And The Birth Of The FBI*, by David Grann. It is a fascinating book about a horrible part of our history that isn't covered in the history books. In Oklahoma during the 1920s there were many murders of Osage Indians to obtain the "head rites" to the oil rich land they owned. Many of the murders were solved by agents of what became the FBI. This book expertly tells the story of the abuse of Native Americans that was systemic in local, state and federal agencies at this time and relates the beginnings of the FBI and forensic detective methods.

BOOK CLUBS

Capt. John Porter

Civil War Book Club

Third Wednesday at 6 pm
(Meets at The Ancient Mariner on Main Street)

Nov 21: A biography of Salmon P. Chase by Albert Bushnell Hart.
Available online at
<https://books.google.com>

Dec 19: *The Confederate Battle Flag: America's Most Embattled Emblem* by John M. Coski

Jan 16: *Field of Blood: Violence in the Congress and the Road to Civil War* by Joanne Freedman

Afternoon Book Club
First Wednesday at 1 pm

Nov 7: *White Houses: A Novel* by Amy Bloom

Dec 5: *Red Leather Diary: Reclaiming a Life Through Pages of a Lost Journal* by Lily Koppel

Jan 2: *The Cement Garden* by Ian McEwan

Evening Book Club

First Wednesday at 7 pm

Nov 7: *The Pier Falls and Other Stories* by Mark Haddon

History Book Club

Second Tuesday at 7 pm

Nov 13: *A History of Venice* by John Julius Norwich (finish)

Dec 11: *SPQR* by Mary Beard (through page 608)

Jan 8: *SPQR* by Mary Beard (finish)

CLAMS

(Classic Literature at Mystic)
Mondays at 7 pm

New members may get details at the Circulation Desk.



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10 TO 9

THURSDAY ~ FRIDAY ~ SATURDAY

10 TO 5

We will be closed on the following dates: 11/12 for **Veterans Day**,
11/21 at 1 pm & 11/22 for **Thanksgiving**; 12/24 & 12/25 for **Christmas**,
12/31 at 1 pm & 1/1/2019 for **New Years**, and 1/21/2019 for **Martin Luther King Day**

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