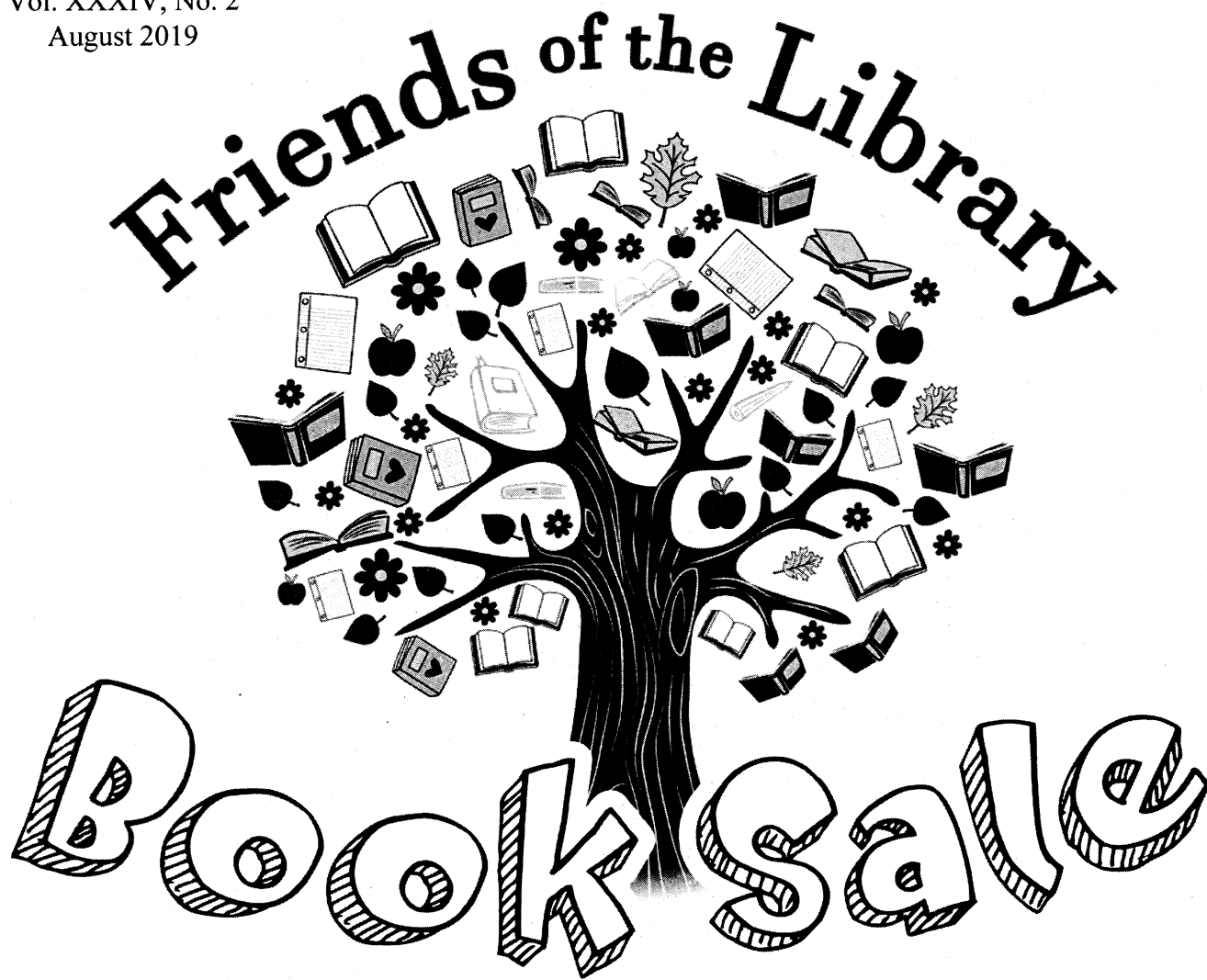


Friends of the Mansfield Library NEWSLETTER

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Saturday, September 7: 9am - 4pm
AND
Sunday, September 8: 9am - 3pm

~HELP NEEDED~

SET UP: Friday 9am - 4pm
CLEAN UP: Sunday 3pm

Membership Dues are Due the First of October!

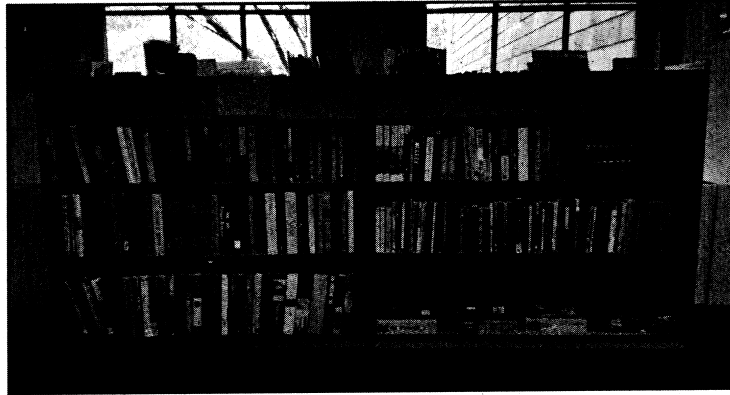
THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN A FRIEND!

Thanks to all of you who have been loyal Friends of the Mansfield Library. Because of your support, our library offers an incredible variety of programs and materials.

Many people know that the Friends Fund The Summer reading program and many of the childrens' and adult programs throughout the year, but those are only a fraction of the funds we provide. The outdoor covered area; the toys/tools/baking pans to borrow; the vegetable garden; museum passes; genealogy/language/learning software; the blackout shades in the auditorium; the guinea pig and her supplies; the annual ice cream social; even some of the display shelves custom built by a local carpenter are all thanks to Friends funds. Now that you know how much you help to support, we hope that you will renew your membership this year.

Memberships renew on October 1st of each year. To keep up with the rising cost of everything, beginning in October 2019, dues will increase from \$5 per year, as they have been since 1973, to \$10 per year for a family membership.

Friends' Sale Shelf



If you are one of the many who enjoy the book sales and wish they could occur more often, we remind you of the mini book sale happening continually on the Friend's sale shelf at the library. The shelf is just inside the entrance and is surprisingly easy to overlook as you walk in with your hands full of books and/or children. Its

size and location make it easy to take a quick look on your way in or out. There are hardcover fiction books for adults and paperback chapter books and picture books for children. On the top shelf there is a bin of small pamphlets and books, and another bin whose contents changes with the seasons. You'll also find magazines, jigsaw puzzles, and travel books. Prices are listed on the front of the shelf and there is a slot for payment on the top which you can also use to renew your membership or make a donation.

Friends board members are responsible for stocking the shelves and we ask that if you wish to donate books or puzzles to the shelf that you follow the normal donation process and bring the books to the employee entrance during business hours. We request that people not leave promotional literature, flyers or coupons on the shelf.

Don't forget to check out the honor paperback racks located near the circulation desk. The Friends stock the racks with paperbacks that are free for the taking. Patrons can also place books on the rack when they are finished with them.

Book Reviews

Read a good book lately? Want to recommend it? Look for the jar on top of the book return area of the circulation desk and jot down a quick review. Here are our latest reviews; you might find your next good read.

ADULT BOOKS:

Reviewed by: C.E. Moore

Book Title: The Eight Mountains, by Paolo Cognetti

Quiet, slow picture of a time and a life in the mountains of Northern Italy.

Reviewed by: Diane Ayer

Book Title: The Man Who Climbed Trees, by James Aldred

Very entertaining audiobook – the author takes you to the tallest treetops all over the world.

Reviewed by: Liz Vitullo

Book Title: Cemetery Road, by Greg Iles
Excellent writing, great plot.

Reviewed by: Cathleen Hammel

Book Title: Pachinko, by Min Jin Lee
A wonderful historical fiction novel about a family surviving war, bad luck, and all sorts of disadvantages.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Alon and Aviv both highly recommend the Harry Potter books by J.K. Rowling.

Savanna and Haley enjoyed Fancy Nancy.

Reviewed by: Yoojin

Book Title: The War That Saved My Life, by Kimberly Braubaker Bradley

It told me the change and emotions of Ada, a girl with a club foot, and how she grew.

Reviewed by: Johannes Shaftoener

Book Title: Henry and the Yeti, by Russell Ayto
The illustration is amazing! We love the character.

Reviewed by: Ruthie

Book Title: Dory Fantasmagory #4, by Abby Hanlon

It was very imaginative and funny at the same time. That is why Dory Fantasmagory is a five star book.

Be "Resource"ful

Do you know about the wide variety of items that your library can lend? The list includes museum passes, cakepans, tools, games and puzzles, cuddly puppets and popular online databases. One database that has been frequently accessed is ancestry.com. Library patrons are surprised at the amount of information that can be researched without DNA (available only through a personal subscription). According to the library's webpage, database records include federal censuses, military service, taxes, immigration and naturalization information, certificates of birth, marriage and death, as well as landholdings and wills. In addition, files such as "stories, memories and histories," "photographs" and "maps and atlases" can add historical context to your family's history. Detailed information and a variety of quick links help you to refine your search. Please note that this is a library edition and can be accessed only inside the library.

Dig deeper into your family's history to discover ancestral skeletons in your closet, relatives you didn't know existed, or people with whom you would like to reconnect. Go to mansfieldpubliclibraryct.org and click on "research."



Ken Gloss of Brattle Book Shop in Boston spoke at the library in May. The event was very successful with a standing room only crowd of about 70 people. Mr. Gloss enthralled the audience with his experiences with appraising books and talked about the misconceptions in identifying valuable books. He also appraised books brought in by audience members. We received much positive feedback and plan to offer this program again.

MAY 2019 BOOK SALE RESULTS

The May book sale made \$6,610, in spite of inclement weather. We wish to thank the wonderful volunteers who made it possible: Sarah Accorsi, Rajeev Bansal, Katherine and David Bean, Pat Biggs, Terry Bitwinski, Ann Charters, Maidie Cohen, Rachel D'Antonio, Andrea Epling, Sharry Goldman, Anne Greineder, Lisa Guerra, Marla Hauslaib, Jan Hilton, Marietta Johnson, Ayla Kardesduncer, Barbara Katz, Margaret Kessel, Rita Kinstler, Zoe and Jerry Leibowitz, Rosemary Marcellino, Marie McCain, Susan Meisler, Nancy Moriaty, Gail Morrow, Cynthia Myers, Dennis Pierce, Meg Reich, Howard Raphaelson, Julia Sherman, Lisa Soder, Judy and David Spencer, Bill Thorne, Deb Tung, Leslie Turner, Betty Wexler, Karen Wyatt and Nancy Yantz.

Thank you to Bob Lee and the town maintenance department and to Mike Balkus, Leslie McDonough and the rest of the library staff and to book movers Liam Goode and Burnie Thompson. We are especially thankful to Boy Scout troop 56 and to all who helped with the clean-up and to those who forgot to sign in.

Book Donations

The last day we will be accepting book donations before the sale will be Saturday, August 24. We accept small donations (10 or fewer small boxes/bags) throughout the year at the employee entrance of the library during business hours.

For larger donations, contact friendsofthemansfieldlibrary@gmail.com.

Please note that we no longer accept donations of video tapes or records.

Donated books should be free of mold/dust/mildew.

Library Quotes

"A LIBRARY CAN SHOW YOU EVERYTHING IF YOU KNEW WHERE TO LOOK."

-Pat Conroy

"What in the world would we do without our libraries?"

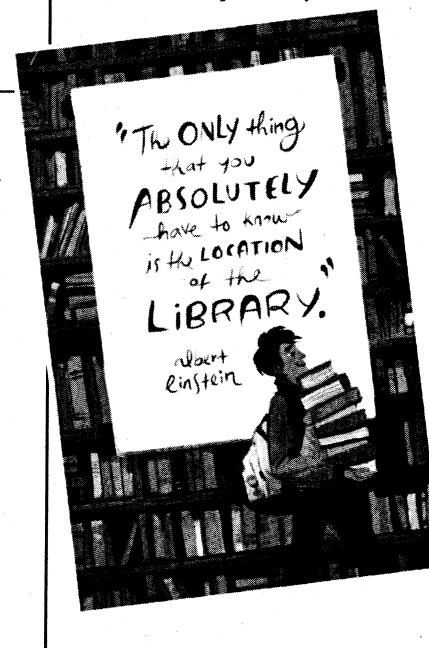
-Katharine Hepburn

"Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities."

-R. David Lankes

"An original idea. That can't be too hard. The library must be full of them."

-Stephen Fry





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Return Service Requested

Membership dues now run from October to September for everyone. If you have not renewed yet, you can do so using the form to the right. As you fill out the form, please consider contributing to the Friends of the Mansfield Library Endowment Fund. Since its inception in 1999, we have received through stocks, donations, the Book Sale (\$1,000 has been deposited from almost all book sales since 1999), and interest on the Fund where it resides - over \$165,000. Contributing to this fund gives you an opportunity to support the Mansfield Library's mission of offering the highest quality of library services to the community.

FRIENDS AND EDITORS

Anne Greineder, President & Editor
Sarah Accorsi, Treasurer

**MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FORM
for the Friends of the Mansfield Library**

Name _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

I would like to receive the Friends of the Mansfield Library newsletter by e-mail

Enclosed is \$10.00 per address for dues and a tax deductible contribution of _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Make checks payable to: Friends of the Mansfield Library, Inc., and mail to:
Sarah Accorsi, 284 Storrs Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250.

If you would like to make a separate contribution to the Endowment Fund, make your check payable to: THE FRIENDS OF THE MANSFIELD LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND and send it also to the above address.

Thank You!