



Friends of the Mansfield Library

NEWSLETTER

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POSTPONED
DUE TO COVID

BOOK SALE

FEBRUARY 12TH & 13TH

QUESTIONS?

Have a question about your membership? Want to volunteer at the next book sale?

You can contact the Friends for these and other issues at: **Friendsofthemansfieldlibrary@gmail.com**

Watch the library's website for news about future donation days and book sales!

Membership

Friends memberships run from October 1 to September 30. If you have not renewed your membership for fiscal year 2021-2022, we hope you will fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and continue to support the Friends. Dues are \$10 per household and cover the incidental costs of book sales, including office supplies, postage and printing for newsletters, advertising in the Chronicle, and paying young strong bodies to move books. The more dues we collect to cover these expenses, the more book sale income that can go to the library.

Anyone who has participated in the summer reading program or has attended one of the many entertaining and informative programs hosted by the library should know that these are funded in large part by the Friends. These are major expenditures that may not have otherwise been possible without us. Friends money has also been used for Adirondack chairs for the lawn, the covered area in the playground, the vegetable garden, several guinea pigs and their supplies, the ice cream social, adult and child craft programs; the list goes on.

Your contributions to the Friends help make our library a valuable and vibrant community resource. Membership can be different things to different people. Many members pay their dues and perhaps donate books and/or buy books at the sales and can feel good about contributing in this way to support the library. Other members pay their dues and work setting up, cleaning up or working at the book sales. Those members enjoy the comradery and community spirit of the sales; and what could be more fun for a book lover than to sort through thousands of books while setting up a sale? Whatever your commitment to membership, we know that all our members are supportive of the library and we appreciate them all and thank them for their contributions.

Book Donations

By now, many regular library patrons are aware that the book donation procedures have changed. However, there have been enough inquiries made to the staff about future donations that clarification seems appropriate. Rather than collecting books at the employee entrance of the library, the Friends have held designated "donation days" once a month since July (except for December). This has appeared to work well for both the donors and for the Friends board members who collect and sort the books. We have had enough donations that our storage area is now full and we had planned a sale in February.

Unfortunately, COVID intervened and we have deemed it prudent to postpone the sale until it can be held outside, tentatively in June. We hope that people can hold onto their donations until we can again schedule a donation day, most likely in the summer.





REVIEWS

The newsletter gladly accepts short reviews or recommendations of adult and children's books.

Please send to:

Friendsofthemansfieldlibrary@gmail.com

Don't forget about the Friend's sale shelf at the entrance to the library. Adult and children's books are for sale every day.

The Friends' Endowment Fund

In 1999, a group of forward thinking members of the Board of the Friends of the Mansfield Library proposed opening an investment account in the Friends' name. They argued there might come a time when the library or the Friends would need funds for a major project beyond the scope of the Town budget or when economic circumstances would force a catastrophic decrease in library funding. They knew then, and we are especially aware now, that even the unimaginable is possible. The proposal was passed and since then we have endeavored to deposit \$1,000 in the fund from each book sale, with the exception of the past two years when we have been unable to have our biannual sales. It is not just these deposits that contribute to the fund; we want to especially acknowledge and thank the generous members who have made one-time or annual donations to the fund. We would like to encourage other members to consider including a donation in their estate planning or when they renew their membership.

Holiday Sales Table

The holiday sale table returned again this year and was a great success. The library staff reports many positive comments from patrons who appreciated the chance to purchase gently used books to give as gifts and stocking stuffers. We also offered our high-quality, American made book bags this year, which sold well.





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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 \$200,000. 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

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**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!