



Friends of the Mansfield Library NEWSLETTER

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Book Sale

Saturday, May 4th
9:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday, May 5th
9:00am - 3:00pm

This will be a large sale in the auditorium and the tent (weather permitting)



Help Needed to Set Up The Book Sale!

Book Bags

Need a bag for all those books you'll be buying at the book sale? How about for all those books you borrow from the library? Or all those groceries you buy? The Friends of the Mansfield Library has sturdy, attractive, canvas bags for sale that can, of course, be used for

much more than books. You can purchase one for \$7 at the sale or at the circulation desk in the library. You'll be supporting the Friends and the library while helping to eliminate disposable bags.



Credit Cards at the Book Sale

Due to popular demand, we will begin accepting credit cards at the May book sale. A cashier dedicated exclusively to credit card payments will accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express cards. There will be a \$20 minimum for credit card use. Our credit card processing is PCI compliant for security.



Book Reviews Made Easy

Read a book lately you'd like to recommend? There is a box of book review forms available on the counter at the library circulation desk that makes it easy for you to do that. No need to worry about "proper form" or writing ability – think of it as talking about a book to a friend. We welcome short book reviews of any genre.

You can also submit reviews to Friendsofthemansfieldlibrary@hotmail.com.

Young Adult Book Recommendations *Julia T., Grade 7 Mansfield Middle School*

If you have read and liked the Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling, you will probably also like:

Unwanted series, by Lisa Mann

The Unwanted series takes place in a land called Quill, a dark and dreary place, especially because every year, every twelve-year-old gets sorted into three categories: Wanted, Necessary, and Unwanted. And every year, the Unwanted children are sent off to their deaths. Alex and Aaron Stowe, identical twins, are destined to be wanted or necessary. But when the day of the purge comes, Aaron is sorted into 'wanted' and Alex is sorted into 'unwanted.' Alex and the other Unwanted are sent off to what is supposed to be their deaths, but it turns out that everything they have been taught is a lie when they are lead into a magical land called Artime. Alex has to find a way to keep Artime hidden from Quill. This series relates to Harry Potter in the sense that a young boy is told that he is special and sent to a place of magic to train. It is full of adventure and a great read.

The Lunar Chronicles, by Marissa Meyer

The Lunar Chronicles is a series of futuristic fairy tales. In the first book, Cinder, the main character, is a gifted mechanic and also secretly a cyborg (part human, part robot). Earth is suffering from the plague, also known as Letumosis, and when Cinder's young stepsister becomes ill, Cinder will go to any length to save her. But then, The Lunars who live on the moon become mixed into the story; Cinder is told that she might be Lunar, that she might even be the only heir to the Lunar throne and, incidentally, the person that the Lunar queen wants dead most. This series relates to Harry Potter because Cinder's parents also died, leaving her with her stepmother,

who hates her.

Fablehaven, by Brandon Mull

When Kendra and Seth's parents go on a cruise, the kids go to stay with their grandparents. Their Grandpa warns them to stay out of the woods that surround the property because they are dangerous, but Seth does not listen. In the woods, he meets a witch named Muriel. Meanwhile, Kendra follows clues to a note that says 'drink the milk.' She and Seth both drink the milk put out for the animals and suddenly, they can see all the magical creatures around the garden. In doing this, they uncover the true nature of Fablehaven... This book series is like Harry Potter because of the magic aspect. (it's also like Alice in Wonderland)

The Tuesdays in the Castle series, by Jessica Day George

In the first book of this series, the main character is Princess Celie of Castle Glower, but while Celie might carry the title 'princess', she isn't your everyday princess. She's the kind with a castle that moves its rooms around depending on how it feels, who hates wearing dresses, who has devoted her life to mapping out her ever-changing castle. But when Celie's parents never come back from their journey to watch her oldest brother, Bran, graduate from the college of wizardry, and Celie's 13 year old brother, Rolf, is crowned the new king, when the castle is overtaken with the evil prince Kelsh and his soldiers, Celie and her siblings must get rid of Kelsh. This series relates to Harry Potter because of the magic aspect, because the castle moves, and because the protagonist has to get on without her parents.

The Spy School series, by Stuart Gibbs

When a full-fledged spy waltzes right into Ben Ripley's house and tells Ben that he's been picked to go to a top secret spy school, Ben is understandably shocked. And he's even more shocked when he enters spy school and meets Erica, a 13 year old girl who is one of the most capable spies at the school. When someone tries to kill Ben, it's up to Ben and Erica to save spy school - and themselves. This book relates to Harry Potter because the main character finds themselves in a secret world unknown to anyone than the other kids there.



Exciting Upcoming Program



Photo by Jeffrey Dunn

When we announced last fall that we would not hold our annual potluck dinner, we promised future programs and activities that would provide the same feelings of community and kindred spirit we have previously enjoyed with the dinners. We will fulfill that promise on May 21st when we host Ken Gloss of The Brattle Book Shop in Boston. If you have been to the shop, you'll know it is 3 stories of used books, packed floor to ceiling, located at 9 West Street. It also includes an adjacent vacant lot with dozens of discount books wheeled out on carts most days, weather permitting. If you've never been, you'll be delighted by the huge selection and the eclectic setting as well as the first editions, antiquarian books, 19th century maps and any number of interesting items. It's a wonderful combination of bookstore and museum that's easy to find and well worth the visit.

But if you can't get to the shop, never fear we will bring it to you; at least the most mobile part of the store, its proprietor Ken Gloss. Mr. Gloss' knowledge and expertise are well known throughout the country; he may be familiar to you from his frequent appearances as an appraiser on PBS's "Antiques Roadshow."

Mr. Gloss will regale us with fascinating and amusing stories drawn from his lifelong experiences with appraising and selling books and related materials. As a bonus, he will offer appraisals of up to three books per person.

The program will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 21st in the Buchanan Auditorium at the library. Admission is free for paid-up members and \$10 for non-members. Refreshments will be provided.

September 2018 Book Sale Results

The fall sale made \$5,804. The weather was perfect and the sale went smoothly.

We wish to thank our great volunteers for making it possible.

Sarah Accorsi, Jane Allinson, Pat Biggs, Terry Bitwinski, Jane Ann Bobbitt, Larry Bowman, Rachel D'Antonio, Andrea Epling, Mary Feathers, Sharry Goldman, Anne Greineder, Marla Hauslaib, Jan Hilton, Marietta Johnson, Margaret Kessel, Rita Kinstler, Gerald and Zoe Leibowitz, Rosemary Marcellino, Susan Meisler, Cynthia Myers, Dennis Pierce, Rita Pollack, Anne Rash, Meg Reich, Carina Sala, Judy Spencer, Pat Swords, Deborah Tung, Leslie Turner, Betty Wexler, Karen Wyatt.

Special thanks to all who helped clean up and didn't sign in and especially to Boy Scout troop 56 without which we would never be able to clean up so quickly. We always appreciate the cooperation and patience of the library staff and the invaluable help of Mike Balkus and the workers from the town maintenance and public works departments. Thanks also to our book movers: Daniel Allie, Katy Allie, Liam Goode, and Burnie Thompson.

From the Treasurer

The passing of another dear friend of the library this January got me thinking about the group of people who, in 1973, joined together to establish the Friends of the Mansfield Library. In looking through old minutes I see familiar names, and am grateful for their foresight in creating an organization with the mission of maintaining an "association of persons interested in good library service and in books; to increase the facilities and services of the Mansfield Library and thus to enrich the cultural opportunities available to the citizens of Mansfield and the surrounding area." Over the years, the Friends have amply supported the Mansfield Public Library, primarily through book sales. The earliest record I could find of their fundraising was \$31.95 in 1973. Hardcover books cost 40 cents or 3 for \$1.00, with paperbacks costing 15 cents or 10 for \$1.00. Since then, Friends booksales, two or three or sometimes four a year, have raised over \$600,000, most of which has been given to the library to buy books and pay for programs. To those who came before and to all of you still working to support the Friends, I say a sincere Thank You!

— Sarah Accorsi



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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 \$156,000. 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.

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Anne Greineder, President & Editor
Sarah Accorsi, Treasurer

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for the Friends of the Mansfield Library**

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

Enclosed is \$5.00 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!