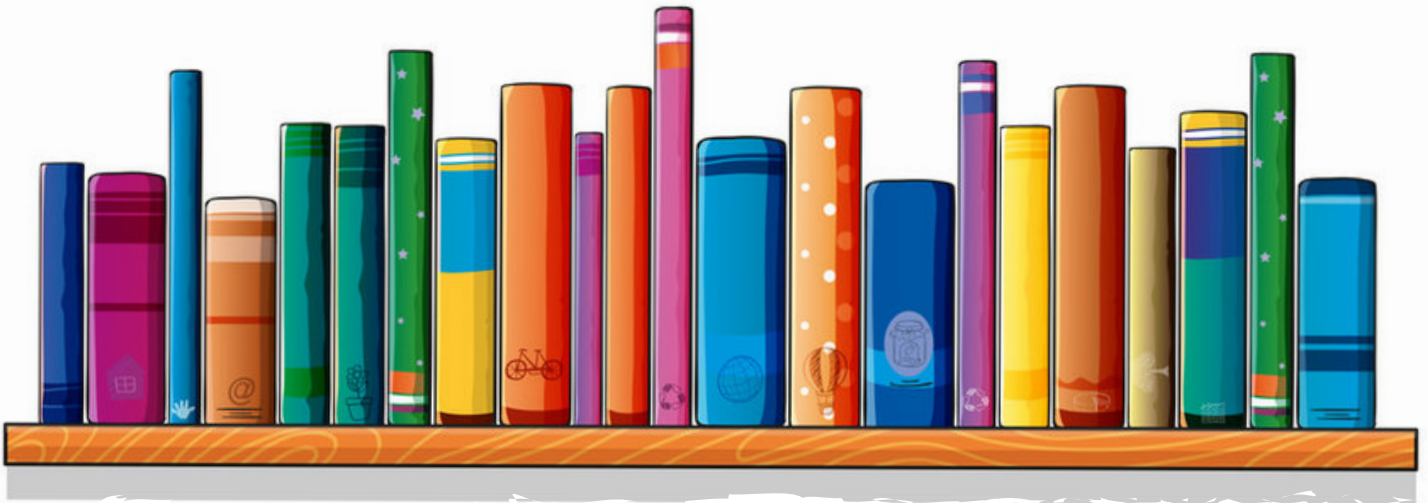




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BOOK SALE

This will be an inside sale in the auditorium!



Saturday, March 25th
9am-4pm

Sunday, March 26th
9am-3pm

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's not too late to renew your membership for the fiscal year ending Sept 30, 2023. Dues are \$10 per household and allow us to contribute the majority of the proceeds from our book sales to the library.

We hope you will continue to support the many programs, events, materials and technology made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Email us at FriendsoftheMansfieldLibrary@gmail.com to check if your dues are up to date.

Thank you for your support!

Book Review

Voyage of the Morning Light by Marina Endicott

“**The Voyage of the Morning Light**” is a “coming of age” novel about the relationship between two sisters and their opposing views about assimilation of non-English speaking people into a dominant culture. Set in 1911 in Nova Scotia, the novel describes a voyage that is both literal and figurative.

A teenage Kay accompanies her older sister Thea and her new husband, the captain of “The Morning Light,” on a transoceanic trip with a cargo of trade goods to sell. At first Kay is enchanted by the wonders the sea presents. She gains self confidence as she studies Greek with her tutor who is a missionary bound for the South Seas. But Thea struggles through the voyage. When she miscarries a second time, Thea decides to buy a young Micronesian boy and raise him as her son. After they return to Nova Scotia, the child, Aren, discovers that he doesn't “fit in.” Kay is haunted not only by Aren's unhappiness but also the tragic history of her father's school for indigenous children in Canada. (Most of his students died of maltreatment and disease.) The second half of the book picks up the story many years later. Kay, now a young woman, decides that a troubled Aren should return to Micronesia to find his parents and perhaps a home where he belongs. Without telling Thea, the two embark on another world voyage. You'll need to read this beautifully written novel to discover what happens and ponder the choices the sisters have each made. The reader can experience a wide range of emotions from joy to sorrow as the story unfolds.

Marie Endicott has based her story on her piano teacher's experience with adoption. This gives the novel a certain historic validity and a lens through which the reader can examine whether good intentions might have both unforeseen and unfortunate consequences. – *Susan Meisler*

Word Play – Paraprosdokians

Paraprosdokian means “beyond expectations” in Greek and is defined by yourdictionary.com as “a sentence or statement with an unexpected ending.” This ending is often surprising and renders the first half of the sentence humorous.

- I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it. – *Groucho Marx*
- I haven't slept for ten days, that would be too long. – *Mitch Hedberg*
- I have the heart of a small boy...in a glass jar on my desk. – *Stephen King*
- Thomas Jefferson once said, “we should never judge a president by his age, only by his works.” And ever since he told me that, I stopped worrying. – *Ronald Regan*
- The freelance writer is a man who is paid per piece or per word or perhaps. – *Robert Benchley*
- People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day. – *A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh*
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car. – *G.K. Chesterton*

Rabbit Holes

Enjoy the occasional book themed chuckle? Or are you looking for more profound thoughts and quotes? If you're not too proud to admit you're on Facebook, check out these pages for literary memes to enrich your feed.

- Goodwill Librarian—memes, links, and general book appreciation.
- The Potentially Inappropriate Memebrrary for Historians and Literaries—my personal favorite!
- The Laughing Librarian
- Best Book Quotes

Okay, too much? Just scratching the surface! Turns out Facebook has a search entry box at the top of the feed which can lead you down the rabbit holes of your choice. Ah, the charms of social media! – *Judy Spencer*

Help Needed for the Book Sale

We always have a small group of dedicated volunteers who regularly help set up each sale. We appreciate them immensely and couldn't do it without them and the experience they bring. For this sale we are hoping other members who haven't helped out before will join our regulars. It's actually a fun half-day of sorting through thousands of books. We will be setting up the sale on Friday, March 24th. There is a program in the auditorium in the morning so we will be starting at 1pm and will need all the help we can get in order to finish by 5pm. If you can spare some time that day to help we'd love to have some new faces (and hands). No lifting is required, but if you are able to lift we will certainly take advantage of that! Anyone who volunteers can purchase up to 10 books that day.

We also need help cleaning up after the sale at 3pm on Sunday. This is a much faster process and usually takes about an hour if we have a lot of help. This also does not require lifting unless you are able.

Cashiers are needed on both days. We schedule 4-hour shifts with 2 people at each of 2 stations, so you never have to work alone. No experience is necessary and all books are priced at 50 cents or \$1.00 or multiples thereof so no complex math is required.

Email Anne at FriendsoftheMansfieldLibrary@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Book Donation Day – Help Needed

Our next scheduled book donation day will be Saturday, March 18th from 9am to noon at the auditorium. We accept used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games in good condition. We cannot accept video or audio tapes, records, magazines, or moldy/dusty books. In order to have time to process the many donations we receive, we must limit quantities to two (reasonably sized) boxes or bags per household.

Volunteers are needed to help sort the donations as they come in. We accept donations from 9-noon and then work until 1:00pm to clean up. No experience is necessary; we will provide on-the-job training. Please email friendsofthemansfieldlibrary@gmail.com or call Anne at 860-576-1265 if you would like to help or have any questions.



HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Judging by the favorable comments from library patrons, the annual holiday book sale was a success. Patrons appreciate the opportunity to purchase gift quality books at a fraction of the cost of new books. The small books are especially good sellers as stocking stuffers or small gifts. The sale ran for the month of December with new books being added regularly.

Fall 2022 Book Sale Results

The October Book sale made \$3,487.78 in spite of inclement weather. Thank you to all who helped set up, restock, cashier and clean up. Thanks also to Laim Goode, Heidi Levin and the Town Maintenance department for their book moving expertise. A book sale requires a lot of effort from a lot of people and we are always appreciative of our volunteers:

Sarah Accorsi, Diane Benson, Pat Biggs, Ann Charters, Rachel D'Antonio, Sharry Goldman, Anne Greineder, Barbara Katz, Rita Kinstler, Jerry and Zoe Leibowitz, Noah Lehrman, Rosemary Marcellino, Pat McMullan, Susan Meisler, Caragh O'Brien, Catherine Page, Dennis Pierce, Ann Rash, Meg Reich, Nancy Rucker, Bonnie Ryan, Jean Sawicki, Julia Sherman, Lisa Soder, Judy Spencer, Mary Stanton, Bill Thorne, Leslie Turner, Liz Vitullo, Betty Wexler, Robin Whittemore





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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 \$188,000. 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
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for the Friends of the Mansfield Library**

Name _____

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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!