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BOOK SALE



Saturday, June 11
9am - 4pm

Sunday, June 12
9am - 3pm

Inside and Outside!

Help needed to set up on Friday, June 10th from 9am - 1pm and for clean up Sunday at 3pm.

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**

REVIEWS

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

Please send to: **Friendsofthemansfieldlibrary@gmail.com**

COMING SOON: The Friends' Website!

We are pleased to announce the launch of our brand-new website! After three months of hard work and dedication, we are delighted to officially announce the launch. The new site launch will be June 1st and the URL is <https://friendsmansfieldlibraryct.org>

The Friends website was developed through collaboration with UConn Senior Management Information Systems students as a capstone class. An ad hoc committee of Board members was formed to work with MIS students, Sean Park, Kylie Ramia, Luming Peng and Paul Rand. The committee determined deliverables, scope of work, established a charter, and the project began!

The purpose of the website is to provide our members and visitors an easy way to learn about the Friends' services and browse information that supports the Friends' goals. The new website is interactive and gives better access to information related to Book Sales, Volunteer Options, and Membership Renewals. The website will highlight new projects we have completed and outline upcoming events.

Amongst the new features, the site contains integrated social media buttons for Facebook and Twitter, to foster improved communication with the community. We will be constantly updating our content with helpful information, articles, newsletters, announcements, and upcoming events in the News section. – *Rosemary Marcellino*

We would also like to thank our amazing ad hoc committee, Rachel D'Antonio, Liz Vitullo, Sarah Accorsi and Rosemary Marcellino who donated their time and energy to make this site what it is. – *Editor*

I'm Silently Correcting Your Grammar

We will not attempt to correct anyone's grammar, but we will be including an article in each newsletter relating to grammar or language. The following is excerpted from "21 Rhetorical Devices Explained" at [Mentalfloss.com](http://mentalfloss.com). It is likely that you've heard of many of them but just as likely that you don't know their names.

ANTHYPOPHORA: You know when you pose a question for dramatic effect and then immediately answer it yourself? That's *anthyphora*.

ANTIMERIA: If you've ever *friend*ed or *text*ed someone, *email*ed or *DMed* something, tabled a meeting or *motorway*ed your way across country, then you'll be familiar with *antimeria*, a rhetorical device in which an existing word is used as if it were a different part of speech. More often than not this involves using a noun as if it were a verb, a semantic process better known as "verbing" (which is actually a perfect example of itself). Slang (and modern English in general, for that matter) loves antimeria, but it is Shakespeare who remains the undisputed master of it. *Cake*, *drug*, *kitchen*, *squabble*, *ghost*, *blanket*, *graze*, *elbow*, and *crank* were all only ever used as nouns before he got hold of them.

ANTIPROSOPOPOEIA: *Prosopopoeia* is just a more formal name for personification, in which inanimate objects are either described in human terms or given human characteristics. The opposite of that is *antiprosopoeia*, a figure of speech in which a person is compared to an inanimate object. That might sound odd, but it's actually a very effective form of metaphor able to confer a great deal of detail or information in a clever and often witty way—think about what it means to call someone a *doormat*, a *tank*, a *firecracker*, a *mattress*, or a *garbage disposal* and you'll see precisely how effective it can be.

TMESIS: *Tmesis* is the proper name for that fan-bloody-tastic technique of splitting a word in half by inserting another word inside it. More often than not, the word being inserted in the other is a swearword (you can provide your own examples for that), but it needn't always be—*tmesis* can be used any-old-how you like.

Resources for Readers

The past couple of years have changed things for all of us, imposing restrictions on some of our favorite activities. For book lovers, it has meant that our opportunities for happily browsing book sale tables, used bookstores, and libraries have been severely curtailed.

To some extent these pleasures are dribbling back into our lives, but many of them, such as book groups and less formal discussions of recent reads or favorite books have had to be online. The internet has done its darndest to fill the gaps.

A quick search turns up a myriad of sites. Amazon, of course, tries to cover every bookish need—with book reviews, publication notifications, e-books, used books, discussion forums, newsletters, themed recommendations, etc. But the Amazon avoidant reader has plenty of alternative sites to choose from as well.

Both Goodreads (an Amazon offshoot) and Shelf Awareness will send you free e-newsletters replete with recommendations, book reviews, author interviews, book related articles, and notifications of new publications. Shelf Awareness offers two newsletters, one for readers and one for book professionals. Even if you aren't in the industry, the pro issue is interesting. Book Browse also offers a newsletter more preoccupied with book club advice and book reviews, which anyone can submit. Some of its content, however, is accessible only if you join for a fee.

Podcasts will tell you about books, or will read them to you. New Yorker Fiction lists many stories for your listening pleasure.

Used books are widely available online, many at very low prices and/or with free delivery. BookBub offers e-books at substantial discounts. ABEBooks (again, Amazon!) is an umbrella site offering books, mainly used, listed by many, many independent booksellers from all over the world. Or you can access these booksellers directly—ethicalbooksearch.com provides a list. I like Better World Books and ThriftBooks for two of these.

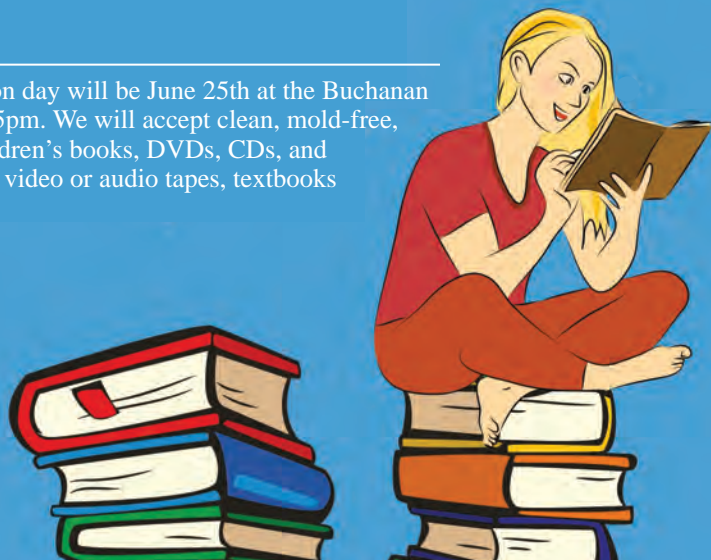
For those seeking connections to actual human beings, likeminded or otherwise, both Goodreads and Book Club Bites have community links for you. The latter also features companion food recipes for your book club enjoyment. Bookish will help you start a blog or a book club and will also sell you book-themed merchandise.

Finally, if you just enjoy posting and looking at pictures of booky things, take a look at Bookstagram, an Instagram account dedicated to books.

Have fun browsing! – *Judy Spencer*

Book Donations

Our next book donation day will be June 25th at the Buchanan Auditorium from 2-5pm. We will accept clean, mold-free, gently used adult and children's books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles. We cannot accept video or audio tapes, textbooks or magazines.



SAVE THE DATE

We're hoping to ease back into in-person programs and speakers. The annual meeting of the Friends of the Mansfield Library will feature Betsy Pittman, the archivist at the Dodd Center for the University of Connecticut. Among her many responsibilities, Betsy is in charge of the Connecticut history and culture collections. The topic for her presentation will be announced soon. Please join us on Friday evening, October 14th at 7:00pm. Save room for dessert and coffee. This will be the first event in our new speaker series. Watch for more information in future newsletters. If you have suggestions for future speakers and/or topics please contact us at friendsofthemansfieldlibrary@gmail.com.

– *Susan Meisler*





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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 \$195,000. 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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for the Friends of the Mansfield Library**

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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!