



Friends of the Mansfield Library
NEWSLETTER

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BOOK Sale

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



Set up on Friday, Sept. 6th at 1pm | Clean up on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 3pm

NEXT BOOK DONATION DAY

**OCTOBER 5TH
9AM - NOON**

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help at the donation days. It has been great meeting our members and putting faces to many of the names on our membership list.

RENEW YOUR DUES

With the end of our fiscal year on September 30th, we remind you that it is time to renew your dues. Dues are important for funding our book sales which allow us to support the library. Dues remain at a very affordable \$10 per household, but you can always add an additional donation!

Some of the programs the Friends have helped to fund are the Summer Reading Challenge, adult crafts, the soon-to-arrive Toy Library, teen nights, a petting zoo and summer science fun. We hope you will continue to help the Friends support many more programs like these.

You can use the form on the back of this newsletter and mail it or include it with your payment in the payment box on the Friends' shelf in the library.

Help Needed for the Book Sale

We will be setting up the sale on Friday, September 6th. We will start at 1pm and work until 5pm and will need lots of volunteers to finish in that time. No lifting is required and anyone who volunteers can purchase up to 10 regular priced 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 cashier or would like to work on Saturday putting out new books.

Summer Reading Challenge

The library's summer reading challenge began this year with a day of activities and entertainment for all ages. There was a balloon artist, a face painter, a photo "booth", live music, and a cheerful library Director giving out ice pops! Adults and children could sign up for the program and earn prizes throughout the summer. The Friends were also there giving away free books to start people off on their summer reading. The program will terminate with an ice cream social on August 17th for all library patrons. The Friends will be there as well, again giving out books, because reading doesn't stop at the end of summer!



Coming Soon – Toy Library

Beginning in mid-September, the newest addition to the non-traditional materials available to borrow from the library will be a toy lending library. The toy selection will include developmentally themed items, board games, video games, STEM based toys and much more. The Friends are proud to provide the funding, along with the nonprofit organization, Traveling Toys for this exciting addition to the library.

Save the Dates!

The Friends have two exciting events coming up!



We are happy to announce that we are reviving and rejuvenating our annual meeting. We want to engage with more of our members and have some fun! This year's meeting will be held at Hops 44 on Sunday, November 17th from 4-7pm. Drinks will be available for purchase and we'll provide the snacks. There will be a trivia contest and Mansfield Middle School art teacher Shaun Rock will be doing caricatures. This event is free and open to everyone, so come on your own or bring a spouse or some friends and join us as we celebrate a year of supporting our wonderful public library.

Also being planned is a gingerbread house decorating contest on December 14th from 9-12 at the library. We will supply the kits and families, individuals, scouts, and other community groups will do the decorating. Get your group together and watch the website for more information as we get closer to the date.



June Book Sale Results

The June book sale made \$3,828. Thank you to all who helped set up, restock, cashier and clean up. Special thanks to book movers Liam Goode, Heidi Levin and to staff of the Mansfield Maintenance Department: Mary Combs, Peter Dickinson, and especially Mike Balkus for help with the set up.

Thank you to members of Boy Scout Troup 56 who came to help with the clean up.

A book sale requires a lot of effort from a lot of people and we are always appreciative of our workers:

Mike Accorsi, Sarah Accorsi, Jane Allinson, Derek Allinson, Diane Benson, Terry Bitwinski, Sterling Bobbitt, Eric Bobbitt, Anne Charters, Alma Cordner, Ken Cordner, Rachel D'Antonio, JoAnn Goodwin, Anne Greineder, Matt Hamill, Marla Hauslaib, Careen Jennings, Rita Kinstler, Gay Anne Knox, Ed Mathews, Marie McCain, Pat McMullan, Susan Meisler, Cynthia Myers, Patrice Pfeffer, Julia Sherman, David Spencer, Judy Spencer, Leslie Turner, Chris Walsh-Braheney, Liz Vitullo, and Keith Wilson.



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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 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 \$210,000. 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
Leslie Turner, Secretary

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

Name _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Date _____

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!