



Beyond the Bookends

August 2017

Reading in the Kitchen: MPL's Cookbook Book Club Thursday, August 3, 6:30 PM

This month's topic is barbecuing and grilling! Join us while we share our grilled or barbecued creations. There are still plenty of cookbooks reserved at the circulation desk for checkout. We look forward to seeing all of you again, and new members are always welcome, so feel free to bring your friends and family along. Our topic for the October 5th meeting is Mediterranean cooking, including a discussion on why this diet is enjoying widespread popularity. Bring your ideas for future topics!

Matt's Monday Matinee: Film Screening and Discussion Monday, August 7, 1 PM Library Program Room



Until *Reel to Real* resumes in the Fall, Library Assistant Matt Ockmond has agreed to expand his monthly film screening and discussion with an additional meeting on the first Mondays of the month. Please join us for intriguing films and lively discussions.

Mansfield Film Discussion Thursday, August 10, 7 PM Buchanan Auditorium

Join us for a viewing and discussion of *Zootopia* (2016), an animated family film that has a more complex view of race and bias than you might expect.

Adult Summer Reading Program Continues Through Saturday, August 12!

There's still time to participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program! Each review submitted enters you into a weekly drawing for a chance to win a gift certificate to a local shop or restaurant. At the end of the program, all participants will be entered in the grand finale drawing. You can also still enter the book-in-a-jar challenge, with correct answers entered into a prize drawing. Special thanks to our generous community organizations — without them we could not offer this program!

Coming in September:

Photographic Art Presentation by Brian Trainor Thursday, September 7, 6:30 PM Library Program Room

Brian Trainor is a photographer who takes a unique approach to nature and wildlife. He will visit the Library to discuss his 30+ years of professional photography experience, particularly his work in Biscayne and Everglades National Parks. He will provide a behind the scenes look at creating his work along with the backstory of what he photographs and why. Brian's sense of curiosity and his vivid imagination results in what is an open minded approach to photography as an art form. For Brian, the reward comes when someone stops to evaluate and understand what is being presented right before their eyes. Join us as we experience his work in intriguing and delightful ways. This program is free and open to all.

MPL Book Discussion Group

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:45 - 8 PM.

Tuesday, August 8: *Truth and Beauty*
by Ann Patchett

Tuesday, September 12: *Early Autumn*
by Robert B. Parker

Drop-In Knitting Group 2nd Thursday of Every Month Thursday, August 10, 2 - 4 PM

Do you have any unfinished objects in your workbasket? Do you want to learn (or re-learn) to knit?

Do you have some questions about a yarn or pattern you are considering? Come join us for an afternoon of social knitting at the library. Bring your projects, your ideas, and your questions. All portable textile crafts are welcome: knitting, crocheting, embroidery — you name it. *All skill levels are welcome; no need to register.*

At the Library Express:

Board Game Night

Tuesday, August 15, 6 - 9 PM

Enjoy board games in a fun and relaxed setting. Bring your own games or play one of ours. Teens (accompanied by an adult) and adults welcome. Free program. *Remember! You get 2 hours free parking in the garage.*

Now on Display at MPL!

The CT State Museum of Natural History has loaned the library material from two of their collections. One is a series of watercolors by noted wildlife illustrator Rex Brasher and the other is an assortment of taxidermied mounts donated to the museum by naturalist F. Eugene Allen. Stop in soon to see the work on display!

Chromebooks and Portable DVD Players Now Available to Borrow!

Looking to browse the Internet, but don't want to use a smartphone or tablet? Going on a long car trip and want to play a movie in the backseat? Search no further, the library now has Chromebooks and portable DVD players for patrons to checkout! They are available at the front circulation desk and can be checked out to patrons over the age of 18 with a fine-free library card and a valid driver's license. On your next visit why don't you give one a try?



Children's Storytimes and Play Groups

All programs begin at 10:30 AM.

All activities are free and open to the public. No registration required.

Wonderful Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30

Stories and activities for Preschool children.

August 2, 9, 16

Family Storytime

Our weekly all-ages story time takes place on Saturdays 10:30 - 11:30.

August 5, 12, 19, 26

Please Note: There will be no Toddler Time in August

Sparky's Puppets: Build a Better World

Tuesday, August 1, 6:30 PM

Sparky's Puppets dramatize favorite children's stories with colorful hand puppets, lively humor and plenty of audience participation. For over 37 years, they have delighted children and family audiences throughout New England. In this show, three hard-working but slightly clueless pigs are hard at work on their houses, trying to protect themselves from the Big Bad Wolf. And, in another story, a fisherman meets a talking fish that can make wishes come true. The magic wishes make a cottage, a mansion, and a castle suddenly spring up on the beach! Other tales will complete the program, all told with Sparky's trademark style and wit. Join us for this fun and funny show!

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 10, 2:30 - 4 PM

Come help us celebrate summer at our annual Ice Cream Social, with fun and games and make-your-own sundae outside on the lawn. This is one of our favorite annual events, a great time to relax with friends and family.



T(w)een Space at the Library!

July 27 - August 9

Patrons entering middle school or higher are welcome to come hang out in a special space set aside for tweens and teens this summer on **Tuesdays: 3 - 6 PM, Wednesdays: 1 - 4 PM, and Thursdays: 3 - 7 PM**. Parents may drop off children as long as they leave contact info and a pickup time. Wednesdays are craft days and on Thursdays the room is open to tweens and families for board games. Relax, meet some friends, play some games! While you're here, don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading program. Each week tweens and teens can enter a drawing to win prizes for reading!

Kids Crafts: Make 3-D Sea Creatures

Thursday, August 3, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Turn everyday materials into funny sea creatures. Make a paper cup crab, turn a bowl into a floaty jellyfish, or fold cardstock into a whale. Creative kids will find plenty of ideas, and may even come up with their own.

Borrow Books at Camp Mansfield

This summer, the Mansfield Library and Camp Mansfield are working together to make sure kids have access to great books. A selection of books will be available for "honor checkout" at the end of each camp day. Simply sign out a book and return it to camp or the public library when you're done. No fines, no worries! Keep Reading!

Summer Reading Program Continues Through August 18

"All Roads Lead to the Library" our Summer Reading Incentive program for kids of all ages, runs until Friday, August 18. You can still sign up at the Library or online from our website and have fun reading this summer. We have weekly prizes, lots of special programs and family fun all summer long. Be sure to make visits to the Library part of your summer. The Friends of Mansfield Library fund all our summer programs. Thank you Friends!

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Monday: 10-5 Tuesday: 10-8 Wednesday: 10-5 Thursday: 10-8 Friday: 9-5 Saturday: 9-5 Sunday: Closed



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