

Beyond the Bookends

September 2017

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Matt's Monday Matinee:

Film Screening and Discussion

Monday, September 11, 1 PM *Please note: *Monday Matinee will occur on the second Monday in September Library Program Room*

Until *Reel to Real* resumes in October, 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, September 14, 7 PM
Buchanan Auditorium



Join us for a viewing and discussion of Terrence Malick's *Days of Heaven* (1978). The film takes place in 1916 where Bill (Richard Gere), his girlfriend (Brooke Adams), and his sister Linda are forced to flee the city and work for a farmer (Sam Shepard). Rated PG, but not a film for kids. Nominated for five Academy Awards in 1979, and winner for best Cinematography.

Meditation and Yoga: Taught by Blanche Johnson

Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 AM

Runs September 6 - December 16

Buchanan Auditorium

***Please note, the first class may take place outside depending on set-up for the Friends of Mansfield Library Fall Book Sale.**

We will once again offer a free meditation and yoga course in the Buchanan Auditorium, thanks to the generosity of community member and library patron, Blanche Johnson, a yoga teacher with over 20 years of practice. The course is developed to support those interested to establish and/or deepen their meditation and yoga practice and knowledge. No previous experience necessary, but you will need comfortable clothes, a mat, a journal, and a pen. Come and develop your own yoga practice, and enjoy a happier, healthier life.

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. 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.



Friends of the Mansfield Library **Fall Book Sale**

Saturday, September 9, 9 - 4 and

Sunday September 10, 9 - 3

Buchanan Auditorium

Support the library and get a bargain—doesn't get any better than that! Most books still \$1!

MPL Book Discussion Group

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

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

Tuesday, October 10: *Dancing Fish and Ammonites* by Penelope Lively

Drop-In Knitting Group

2nd Thursday of Every Month

Thursday, September 14, 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.*

Environmental Conservation **and Social Justice**

Presented By Prakash Kashwan

Thursday, September 28, 6:30 PM

Author and educator, Prakash Kashwan, will discuss his book *Democracy in the Woods: Environmental Conservation and Social Justice in India, Tanzania, and Mexico*. He will discuss how societies negotiate the apparently competing agendas of environmental protection and social justice and why some countries perform much better than others on this front by examining land rights conflicts and the fate of forest-dependent peasants in the context of the different forest property regimes in India, Tanzania, and Mexico. Prakash Kashwan is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Connecticut. Co-sponsored by MPL and Joshua's Trust, this program on environmental justice in India and Africa is free and open to all.



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.

Fall session begins September 27

Toddler Time, 10:15 - 11:30

Please note the new start time for the Fall session

Stories, songs, and movement for children from birth to three.

Fridays, September 1, 15, 22, 29

Family Storytime

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

September 2, 16, 23, 30

Please Note: There will be no Storytime Programs on September 8 & 9 due to the Book Sale.

After School Dance with Thread City

Tuesday, September 26, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Calling all dancers and dance fans! Join us for a special after school program presented by Thread City Classical Dance. We'll start with a ballet story, followed by a presentation from one of Thread City's ballerinas, dressed in costume and on pointe! After her presentation we'll all dance together a bit, and do a fun craft. Thread City Classical Dance is a parent-run dance studio located in Willimantic.

Quiet Study Space: Beginning Tuesday, September 12

We recognize the need for quiet study space, since the Library can be busy and distracting to those who need to focus. To fill this need, we are pleased to offer the Program Room as a Quiet Study Space.

Expectations for Quiet Study are: no talking, silence all electronic devices and speakers, ear buds and headphones to be kept at lower volume, and no tutoring.

The room will generally be available from 1 - 5 PM, with occasional exceptions for library programs. Library staff may be using the room to prepare for programs during Quiet Study Hours.

Thanks to the Friends of Mansfield Library for All of Our Summer Programs!

We had a great summer at the Library, with over 450 kids, teens, and adults participating in our summer reading program. The Library was busy day after day with storytimes, craft programs, and special performers. Kids enjoyed magic, storytelling, live animals, and more! We ended the summer with a delicious ice cream social out on the lawn. We send our thanks and grateful appreciation to the Friends of Mansfield Library for funding all of our special programs this summer.



Attention Piano Players!

If you're looking for a place to get in some practice, our Kawai upright piano is available starting in September for use. Time slots are limited, and may change seasonally. As always, parents must remain with children at all times. Speak to a staff member for details and to book an hour. Free.



At the Library Express:

Board Game Night

Tuesday, September 19, 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 two hours free parking in the garage.

Artists Live Exhibition

Friday, September 1 -

Friday, September 29

During normal business hours.

M - F: 8 - 5, Sat. 10 - 4

Come enjoy an exhibition of artwork by Lynita Shimizu at the Library Express branch in Storrs Center! A discussion and reception with the artist will take place

Friday, September 29 from 5 - 7 PM. Free and open to all.

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