



# Beyond the Bookends

October 2018

*The Library will be closed on Monday, October 8 in observance of Columbus Day.*

## Foreign Film Tuesdays Tuesday, October 2, 2 PM Program Room



October 2nd at 2 pm catch Foreign Film Tuesdays a new monthly program where we will be showing films from around the world. For this program the film titles will not be announced ahead of time.

## Mansfield Public Library Film Discussion group Thursday, October 11, 5:00 PM

Thursday October 11th at 5pm we'll be watching our yearly Halloween selection Charles Laughton's *The Night of the Hunter* from 1955. About a sadistic preacher, played by Robert Mitchum, that marries a gullible widow (Shelley Winters) whose young children are reluctant to tell him where their real father hid \$10,000 he'd stolen. The film is 1 hr. and 33 min in length, and it predates the MPAA ratings system but it's unlikely children would enjoy it. There will be complimentary popcorn and water available.

## Mark Twain and the American Presidents

Thursday, October 25, 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
Buchanan Auditorium



Mark Twain's frank observations about American culture in the Gilded Age often ring true today. Corruption, national identity, the power of big business, and America's global role were just as contested then as they are now. His funny, insightful observations about the presidents of his day apply readily to the modern presidency. This delightful, educational program will be presented by The Mark Twain House & Museum.

## Meditation and Yoga: Taught by Blanche Johnson Wednesday, October 31, 10 - 11:30 AM Buchanan Auditorium

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.

## MPL Book Discussion Group

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

**Tuesday, October 9 :** *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben.

**Tuesday, November 13:** *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

## Drop-In Knitting Group 2nd Thursday of Every Month Thursday, October 18, 2 - 4 PM

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



## Coming in November

### Adult Gingerbread House Workshop

Thursday, November 15, 6:00 PM  
Library Program Room

Join us as we create our own unique gingerbread houses !



## Coming in December

### Reading in the Kitchen Book Club Annual Cookie Swap

Thursday, December 6, 6:30 PM.

We will have cookie cookbooks available at the Gingerbread Workshop to check out to inspire you to try something new.



## Children's Storytimes and Play Groups



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

**Toddler Time, 10:15 - 11:30 AM**

Stories, songs, and playtime for children from birth to three with a caregiver.  
October 5, 12, 19, 26.

**Wonderful Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 AM**

Stories, songs and simple crafts for young children with a caregiver.  
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

**Family Storytime, 10:30-11:30 AM**

Stories, songs and simple crafts for young children with a caregiver.  
October 6, 13, 20, 27.

### Spooktacular Animal Adventure

Wednesday, October 24,

2 SHOWS: 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM

Recommended for ages 4 and up.

Please reserve a free ticket for one of these shows, see details below\*

Meet some of the animals that haunt our dreams, make our skin crawl, and the hair stand up on the back of our necks! Learn about animals that are perfectly at home in the shadows and in swamps, and are on the prowl under the moonlit sky. Animal Embassy's Spooktacular Animal Adventure is designed to demystify these amazing creatures and help people cross the line from fear to respect and appreciation. This show will showcase Animal Ambassadors such as a Chilean Rose Hair Tarantula, an Emperor Scorpion, a Sinaloan Milk Snake, a Dumeril's Boa, a Spectacled Owl or Indian Peahen, an Argentine Black & White Tegu and "spooktacular" wild-life artifacts in the spirit of Halloween!

**\*We will be handing out free tickets for Spooktacular Animal Adventure beginning October 1. Everyone who attends, adults and children, will need a ticket. We should have plenty of space with two shows, but we do have to limit the number at each show. You may pick up tickets at the Library's main desk, or reserve by phone by calling 860 423-2501. Please choose either the 4:30 or the 6:30 show.**



### Fall Fun for Kids

Tuesday, October 9, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

No school in Mansfield today. Drop in to the Library for a variety of fall activities. Make a fall leaf collage with contact paper, a fall tree sponge painting picture, enjoy the fall sensory bin and more!



### At the Library Express:

#### Board Game Night

Tuesday, October 16, 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.*

### Storrs Farmer's Market

Our winter market dates have been announced! Our outdoor market will continue every Saturday in front of the Mansfield Town Hall, from 3-6PM until November 17th. Our winter market will begin Saturday, December 1st from 3-5PM in the Buchanan Auditorium at the Mansfield Public Library through April 2019.



### Halloween Family Storytime

Saturday, October 27, 10:30 AM – Noon

Volunteers from UConn's Language For All will help with our special Halloween Family Storytime. Come and enjoy not-too-spooky stories plus extra crafts and activities celebrating Halloween and related traditions from around the world. Wear your costume if you want to!



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Friday: 9-5 Saturday: 9-5 Sunday: Closed