



Beyond the Bookends

July 2019

**CT Author Trail at Mansfield Author Jerry Freeman
Thursday July 11, Program Room 6:30 - 8 PM**

Angels, Beggars and Castaway Things: A Forager's Journey Home

Jerry Freeman lives with his family on a 21th-century home-
stead in rural northeastern Connecticut. A lifelong meditator and
meditation teacher, he writes about the ways ordinary life draws
us deeper into connection with one another and with the universal
ground of being. *Angels, Beggars and Castaway Things: A For-
ager's Journey Home* is Jerry's first book. He has written numer-
ous essays about spiritual awakening and is nearing completion
of his next book, *The Enlightenment Puzzle: A Practical Guide
to Navigating the Truths and Fallacies About Awakening*. Ulti-
mately, this is a book about compassion, about unity consci-
ousness, about the deep interconnectedness of people to and each
other, nature, and the cosmos.

Aromatherapy 101

Presented by Susan Cote

Thursday, July 18 6:30 PM

Library Program Room

This class provides an introduction to what essential oils are, how
they are made, their application and safety. There will be time to
answer questions and share a few oils for a safe hands on demon-
stration. Susan will also cover essential oils for summer first-aid
to help you navigate the summer with ease and confidence.

Susan Cote is an Aromatherapy Level 1 Certification Teacher for
Wisdom of the Earth. She has been using and studying plant medi-
cine for over two decades. Funding for this library program is
provided by the Friends of the Mansfield Library.



Tween /Teen Programs

Wednesdays , July 10, 17, 24 3- 4 PM

Saturdays, July 13, 27

July 10:Candy Sushi

Drop in to make a few pieces of sweet candy sushi. No chopsticks re-
quired!

July 13:Teen Market Tours

Teens (with a parent or guardian) are invited to join Mansfield Library
staff as we learn about the farmers and products at the Storrs Farmer's
Market. We'll choose some fresh, local ingredients from the market and
walk over to the Library Express to prepare some quick, delicious
snacks. Library staff will be at the Market on the Town Hall lawn
(We'll be the ones with the big library card), and finish up at the

Library Express.

July 17:Rock Painting

Make a cool natural decoration for yourself or to use as a unique gift!
Paint a mandala, or whatever the rock wants to be!

July 24:Tabletop Escape Room

Follow the clues and work together to unlock the solution! This activi-
ty normally runs about 90 minutes, depending on how many partici-
pants we have.

July 27:Teen Market Tour



The Library will be closed Thursday
July 4th for the holiday.

Tuesday Movies and Discussion

Tuesday, July 2

2:00 PM

5:00 PM

On July 2nd we will be showing a double
feature. At 2 pm a Foreign Film that was
greatly inspired by our 2nd film. At 5 pm we
will be showing Douglas Sirk's *All That
Heaven Allows* starring Jane Wyman as an
upper-class widow that falls in love with a
much younger, down-to earth gardener
(Rock Hudson), to the disapproval of her
children and criticism of her country club
peers. Both features are about 90 minutes
long. Neither has an MPAA rating, but they
are not for children. Feel free to come to one
or both of the features.

MPL Book Discussion Group

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

Tuesday, July 9: Join us to discuss

Call the Midwife by Jennifer Worth

Tuesday, August 14 : *Makes Me Wanna*

Holler by Nathan McCall

Board Game Night at the Library Express

Tuesday, July 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. 2 hours free parking
available in the garage. For more information
contact Sean at: KeglerSG@mansfieldct.org.



Drop-In Knitting Group

Thursday July, 18 2-4 PM

Bring your projects, your ideas,
and your questions. All skill
levels are welcome.



Children's Storytimes and Play Groups

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

Infant and Toddler Time : 10:15- 11:30 AM

Stories, songs, and playtime for children from birth to three with a caregiver.

The dates for this month are: July 5, 12, 19, 26.

Wonderful Wednesdays: 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Stories, songs and simple crafts for young children with a caregiver.

The dates for this month are: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

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

Stories, songs and simple crafts for young children with a caregiver

The dates for this month are: July 6, 13, 20, *27 (*special program on this date)



Hampstead Stage presents: "Stories in the Stars"

Friday, July 12, 3-4PM

Hampstead Stage Company (HSC) is a nonprofit, national touring theater, dedicated to educating audiences across the country by bringing classic literature to life. "Stories in the Stars" presents a compilation of Greek myths that explore the night sky, the constellations and various legends of how they came to be. Audiences will delight in learning stories of the wind, seasons, sun, moon and stars. This new play is designed specifically for the Summer Reading theme "A Universe of Stories," and aims to inspire people to, once in a while, look up. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Acrobat Li Liu

Tuesday, July 16, 6:30-7:15 PM

Li Liu was born in Shenyang, and began her acrobatic training at age 6. She performed all over Asia, Africa and Europe before joining the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus in 2000. She now lives in the United States and is a popular freelance performer. Her library performance includes hand balancing, plate spinning, trick cycling, foot juggling, ribbon dancing and Chinese water bowl manipulation. Li also touches on various aspects of Chinese language, geography and culture while sharing her work and travel experiences with the audience



Kids Crafts and Activities

Drop in crafts, games and puzzles, sensory table and playdoughs for all ages.

Thursday, July 11, 18 10:30 - 12 PM

Thursday, July 25 2:30 - 4 PM

July 11: finger and fork painting, plus decorate the sidewalk with chalk drawings.

July 18: make sand jars and do some scratch art.

July 25: magic wand creation station and make cupcake liner fairy houses.

Mindful Mondays

July 8, 15, 22, 29

3:30 - 4:30PM

A fun, family-friendly introduction to the practice of mindfulness through storytelling, movement, meditation, and arts and crafts. For children 2nd grade and up with a caregiver.



Animal Adventures

Friday, July 19, 3-4 PM

Animal Adventures is a zoo and rescue center in Bolton, Ma. In this show you'll meet a variety of animal friends, hear their stories and learn about their habits and natural habitats. Some you may even be able to touch and pet! The visiting animals depend on who is available, but you could meet a skunk or a ferret, snakes or lizards, even a scorpion or a cockroach. Each program is a true adventure

Agility Dogs Demonstration

Tuesday, July 23, 1:30 - 2:30PM

Our favorite canine performers return with their owners for another fun agility demonstration. Watch as dogs and handlers work together to negotiate various obstacle courses, and enjoy a special "meet & greet" with these talented and hard-working dogs after the demonstration!

Nappy's Puppets Family Sing-A-Long

Saturday, July, 27 10:30-11:15 AM

This funny show presents some of the silliest songs and stories around, while bringing the characters to life through the magic of shadow puppetry. Jim Napolitano's goal is to inspire and educate the audience on the range and scope of puppetry as an art form, and to keep them laughing and entertained while he does it



Playful Engineers Traveling Makerspace Wednesday, July 31, 3-5PM

Jay Mankita creates engineering workshops that are experiential and inspiring. He has a strong passion for making things move, and teaches with patience, humor, and lots of room for mistakes!



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