



## Book Ends

*The newsletter of the Mystic & Noank Library*

Midsummer 2017

***Thank You to Everyone who supported the Library Fair!***  
as a donor, shopper or worker. And for the many hours of preparation it takes to make this event a success.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

CHRIS JOHNSON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

**C**ontinuity and change – that was the overarching theme for this year's *Great Decisions* discussion group topics. It's also a theme for our Library and community. 2018 will be M&NL's 125th consecutive year of providing services to the residents of greater Mystic — continuity. But please don't take this statistic for granted. With the recent 30% reduction in funding from the Town of Groton, our Library's fiscal wellbeing is never truly secure — change.

We rely on your consistent and generous donations to our Library's annual fund and your support of our fundraising events such as the wonderful Friends' Fair and our upcoming evening on September 27 at the Engine Room. We also ask you to consider a legacy gift to help us continue to serve the Mystic and surrounding community with hometown service and quality programming in a uniquely beautiful and historic building. Captain Spicer laid the groundwork back in 1892 – we need **you** to continue his vision and philanthropy in 2017 and beyond – continuity.

Our new website is now live – change! We hope that you find it more responsive and easier to use. It also incorporates our beautiful new logo and branding colors. Please also enjoy our new online resource – **BrainHQ** available to cardholders of all three Groton libraries thanks to generous funding from the Mystic Rotary Club and the Library's Kroeger Porter Fund.

One final note about continuity and change – after 27 years, **Marilyn Barr**, Reference Librarian extraordinaire, has decided to enjoy a well-deserved retirement! We will all miss Marilyn's cheerful and competent presence here at MN&L, and are certain that you join us in wishing her a long and healthy retirement. A public reception in Marilyn's honor will be held at the Library in October – details to follow. Marilyn will be working until early September – so please do be sure to stop in over the summer to wish her farewell.

I'll see you at the Library!

### SUMMER AT THE

### MYSTIC & NOANK LIBRARY

SALLY SALANCY, PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS

**I**s there one public building which serves everyone in the community, regardless of age, for free? Doesn't a public library fit that description perfectly? Another time, we'll follow the youngest library user all the way through middle school, but this time, let's talk about the grown-ups.

Adult patrons of the Mystic & Noank Library come to watch movies, listen to experts, learn new ways of doing things, discuss timely topics, and share their reading in book clubs. Those who work full-time may come less often, since they can "checkout" books from home using Overdrive and read them on a Kindle or other e-reader. Others stop by to borrow audio books to make their daily commute more pleasant, or, if they can't attend the free movies at M&NL, they may borrow from a large selection of movies on DVD including foreign films.

Retired seniors have more time, supposedly, for reading, watching movies, and listening to music or books on CD. However, some of us are down-sizing, and none of us can afford to buy all the books we want to read and all the movies we'd like to watch. Therefore, we "hang out" at the Library on a regular basis, use the public computers, borrow books, CDs, and DVDs. However, like the younger adult patrons, we may want to keep current on certain issues and get practical advice on our hobbies.

Fortunately, the Library has an app for that! In the Spicer Room, on the second floor, you'll find racks containing dozens of periodicals, from "American Ancestors" to "Bloomberg Business Week," "Catster" and "Consumer Reports." Can't afford "The Economist"? Read it here. Do you like "New Yorker" cartoons? Indulge yourself in a few months' worth. Interested in foreign affairs? Are you a gardener? Would you like to read "Sea History" or glance through "Sports Illustrated"? You've come to the right place! And while you're sitting in one of the four comfy chairs, you can also read local and regional newspapers, as well as the "New York Times" and the "Wall Street Journal." All this is free to read and, except for the current issue, available to borrow.

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By the way, did you come to the **Friends of the Library Fair on June 3**? You didn't? Here's what you missed: The **Mystic Garden Club's** section was overflowing with wonderful plants and garden accessories! They raised more than **\$4,800**, all of which they'll give to the Friends. Thank you to an additional Silent Auction donore, The Mashantucket-Pequot Museum.

**Franklin's fudge** sold briskly, the **sesame noodles** were terrific, as were as the **hot dogs**, and the complex, velvety **bean soup from the Soup Company** was outstanding! And the **baked goods**? Delicious, with very little saved for home! The **white elephants** had the biggest tent, plus a small one for children's toys, puzzles, and games. Best of all, Fair Day opened the Friends' **seven-day Book Sale!** The proceeds from the Fair and Book Sale totaled almost **\$16,000**. More importantly, people from both sides of the Mystic River came together to enjoy the Mystic & Noank Library. Enjoy the summer! **See you at the Library**

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

### **RHONA HEYL**

**O**ur reward this year for an interminable cold, wet spring (it's still not over!) are gardens as lush and verdant as I have seen in a long time. That, and a lovely, slow-release bloom season where every flower seems to want to have the stage all to itself for a day or two. I love the sun, but I'm diggin' it.

As you may have heard, or ascertained, I am a complete plant nut. Certifiable. I wasn't born that way. When my mom asked me to help out in the garden as a little girl – the bugs, the dirt, the heat – good grief! Barbie's Playhouse did not have a garden, just a huge closet. That was more my speed.

It was when I was studying for my Series 7 (that's a securities license) at Lehman Brothers (R.I.P.) that I began to take note of the beautiful flowerpots and window boxes all around Boston. Since I spent all day staring at a computer monitor, the colors, textures and fragrances of flowers really started to grab my attention and unburden my mind from all the formulas and legalese. I promised myself that if I passed my test, I would splurge and plant a few flowerpots of my own. The good news was that I had a very cool treetop roof deck with great sun open to the sky. The bad news was that I lived in a fourth floor walk-up. (Those two features often go together.) I passed the test and dutifully hauled the huge clay pots, the dirt, and of course the flats of flowers up the stairs one-at-a-time.

I had absolutely no idea what I was doing. But the lady at the hardware store was very patient. She explained how to put rocks in the bottom of the pots

(more stuff up the stairs!), fill the pots with the dirt, plant the plugs firmly, but so that water could easily filter through. Water frequently, but let it dry out in between so the roots will grow, but not rot. Before you know it, I was reveling in the miracle of my labor and have been ever since. Having a garden really tunes you in to the cycles of nature and the wonder of creation.

Ideas are a lot like plants. It seems like they just materialize out of nowhere, but there are often many, many years of toil and tender care before things comes to fruition. I have a quote on my desk that says, "I haven't failed. I've just tried 10,000 ways that won't work." – Thomas Edison.

Libraries are gardens for ideas. They provide a place for anyone to come, learn, explore – and blossom. Libraries and gardens are also both communities. They provide a place for us to grow and bloom together. A lovely flower alone is beautiful. A creative arrangement is spectacular.

After you've been gardening for a while, you start to understand how the different plants and animals interact. Why the Monarch butterfly needs the milkweed and the milkweed needs the meadow.

Many people have begun to question why we need libraries any more. We have experienced a significant budget cut this year in our town funding, and the worst may be yet to come. I know our civic leaders must make difficult choices. Therefore, it may fall increasingly to us – the benefactors and patrons of the Mystic & Noank Library – to keep this garden of ideas alive and thriving. So say hello to a butterfly today. And thank a meadow. And come see us at the M&NL. It may not be easy or cheap to keep it growing, but there are 10,000 reasons that it's worth it.

## **BE A PART OF THE LIBRARY'S FUTURE**

**O**ur M&NL Board of Trustees is currently seeking new members. We seek a diverse team with varied backgrounds, skills, experiences, and geographical distribution to best represent our community and plan for our Library's future.

If you are interested in being considered for a three year term on the M&NL Board of Trustees, please contact Chris Johnson, our Library Director, via email at [cjohnson@mysticnoanklibrary.org](mailto:cjohnson@mysticnoanklibrary.org) or phone at 860-536-7721.

## BOOK CLUB CORNER

MARILYN BARR

A recent column by Steven Slosberg in the Mystic River Press reminded me of how the very successful One Book, One Region (OBOR) project had its start back in 2002. It also brought to mind the people involved in its initial success: Betty Anne Reiter of the Groton Public Library, Christine Bradley, head of Eastern Connecticut Libraries, Jim Landherr from the Norwich Free Academy who put a book in the hand of every student at NFA, and Steve himself who provided the publicity and enthusiasm to sustain the project through its launch. That year we had Pete Hamill and his book, *Snow in August*. We have had many successful OBOR seasons since 2002. Who can forget Khaled Hosseini and *The Kite Runner*, or last year's *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson?

This year we have another fine book, *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi, a young woman born in Ghana and raised in Alabama. It is a story which begins with two half-sisters unaware of each other's existence. One becomes the "wench" of the commander of the Cape Coast Castle where African captives were brought before being packed into slave ships headed for the New World. The other sister is placed in the castle's dungeon with hundreds of other captives to await her journey aboard those ships. This is a multi-generational novel that covers many centuries and the legacy that stays with us to this day.

The Library will be hosting a discussion of *Homegoing* on Wednesday, August 16 at 7 pm. We have multiple copies of the book available to read beforehand. Gail Turgeon will be the discussion leader. Please join us.

### Book Club Meetings

Afternoon Club – First Wednesday at 1 pm

No meetings July and August

September 6: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

Evening Club – First Wednesday at 7 pm

August 16: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

September 6: Readers choice from past 7 years of books discussed

Capt. John Porter Civil War Book Club – Third Wednesday at 6 pm

July 19: *American Ulysses* (2nd half)

August 16: *The Generals: U. S. Grant and Robert E. Lee* by Nancy Scott Anderson (1st half)

September 20: *The Generals* (2nd half)

Mystic & Noank History Book Club – Second Tuesday at 7 pm

July 11: *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow (Prologue—Chapter 12)

August 8: *Alexander Hamilton* (Chapters 13 to 36)

September 12: *Alexander Hamilton* (Chapters 27—Epilogue)

## ART IN THE AMES ROOM

### *The Edible Landscape Project*

Mid-July to Mid-August

The Edible Landscape Project is the result of a collaborative semester-long study visualizing edible landscapes, greening urban spaces and creating design proposals for social impact. The projects showcase a partnership between FRESH New London, Spark Makerspace, and Connecticut College's ART 310 Design: Public Practice Studio. All components were created by Connecticut College students and with FRESH staff & youth, and Spark members and neighborhood residents. Special thanks to M&NL Trustee and Conn College Professor Andrea Wollensak.

## FRONT AND CENTER

KATE NELSON

Ahh, summer! Time to relax, enjoy the warm weather and all of the special traditions that come with this season. For many of us the pace of life slows down in the heat of summer. Unfortunately, this is true for our Interlibrary Loan and deliverIT CT services this year. (deliverIT CT is the state van service that takes books from one library to another.)

We have been dealing with what we hoped would be a short term replacement for the old systems, but it has already been two years. Now with the state budget problems, we anticipate using the current ILL system until at least the fourth quarter of this year and there are already major changes to the deliverIT CT service starting now.

We have been asked to suspend ILL requests and lending between June 19 and July 17 so the van service can catch-up on a backlog of delivery items. Beginning July 17 we will be limited to about 70 items per day. That is usually plenty for our Library, but it means there may be delays in getting items from other libraries.

## 9TH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT AUTHORS TRAIL

The Connecticut Authors Trail consists of a consortium of Eastern Connecticut Libraries who are constantly amazed at the variety of genres and diverse styles of writing among the authors who live in or are associated with the Nutmeg State. Beginning July 6 at 6:30 pm in Franklin and ending September 14 at the Mohegan Sun, local authors will showcase their books and share their stories.

Stop in at a participating library to pick up your passport as a guide to the author events. Have your passport stamped at each author event for a chance to qualify for a special prize at the finale. Drawing to be held at 6:45 pm. Then stay and join us for a fun-filled evening with our featured speaker starting at 7:00 pm.

If you miss an event during the summer, you are invited to meet many of the authors from the Trail at the Finale. The doors to The Mohegan Sun Cabaret Theatre will open at 6:15 pm.

### Connecticut Authors Trail at M&NL

Monday, July 31 at 7:00 pm

Nancy Butler, author of *Above All Else: Independence, Happiness and Success in your Senior Years*. During her career, Nancy Butler helped thousands of people manage their financial life through the aging process. Nancy also looked after her mother for 12 years, enabling her to see the challenges of aging and the opportunities to make it the best it can be. Her book helps people take greater control of what their future life can be as they age. Nancy shows you things you can do while your mind is sharp, to potentially maintain your independence longer and live a more fulfilling life, for whatever years you have left on this earth.

### Silent Auction just for Art

Joanna Case

We are in the process of receiving, identifying and pricing many interesting prints for the **Silent Auction Just for Art** during the month of November. Several photographs have also been donated. We have promises of some pottery and woodturnings. Please mark your calendar for this event that will be held in the Ames meeting room for the month of November. If you have items you would like to donate for this Friends Fundraiser, please contact me at [jjcase06355@yahoo.com](mailto:jjcase06355@yahoo.com).

## NEWS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

KAREN BRADSHAW

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Lucky for me, green is my favorite color. Looking outside at the parade of 'greens' that cover everything, it's pretty obvious that 'growth' is the theme this spring!

As we turn into the final quarter of our fiscal year (as of July 1), please accept my gratitude for your continued financial support of our special institution. You are *helping us grow* our programming, services and collection---thank you! We are on track for a successful Annual Fund campaign this year and if you've not yet made your gift, please consider doing so soon!

We recently received a \$700.00 grant from the **Mystic Woman's Club in support of our popular Pre-K Summer Science programs!** The MWC is a long-time and generous sponsor of many initiatives and is responsible for so many other good works in our shared community. Thank you MWC members!

In addition, our supportive banking partners at the **Chelsea Groton Foundation** awarded us \$500.00 towards our **Summer Science & Nature Series**. The Foundation has generously supported many programs and events in the past years and we extend our sincere thanks for their continued help.

We gratefully acknowledge donations received since the last *Bookends*, as well as thanking supporters of Honor Book Weekend listed on page 5:

#### Gifts in Memory Of:

Janet Avery  
Dr. Rolf Glasfeld  
Sidney Gross  
Heidi Holmstedt Eagle  
Rose Shortt  
Lilla Solodiuk

#### Gifts in Honor Of:

Kate Nelson & Marilyn Barr  
The Menders

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Cask n' Keg, Mystic  
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Susan Kietzman  
Robert Mead  
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## 2017 HONOR BOOK DAYS ~ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

### Books Purchased By:

Olive Alonge  
 Marilyn Barr  
 Lynn, David & Jackson Belanger  
 Marc & Maria Bernier  
 Mary Anne Bigley & Bob Chew  
 Natalie Billing  
 The Bradshaw Family  
 Peggy Brissette  
 Laurel Butler & Chris Daniels  
 Sharon Carlee  
 Carol & Bruce Carpenter  
 Joanna Case  
 Holly Davis  
 Fred & Catherine Deichmann  
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 Cindy Palmer  
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 Rina Shah  
 Lauren Slutzker  
 Marilyn Sly  
 Anne-Marie Smith  
 Ellen R. Smith  
 Rachel Taylor  
 Betty Tylaska  
 Barbara Washburn  
 Lora & Robert Welt

### Given In Honor Of:

All the Children Not Afraid To Dream  
 All Headache Sufferers  
 Renee Beaulieu  
 Adam, Sarah & Thomas Berger  
 Kate Berger's Birthday  
 Matt Berger's Birthday  
 Louise Bernier  
 Marc Bernier  
 Jeff Billing  
 The Bradshaw Bucket List

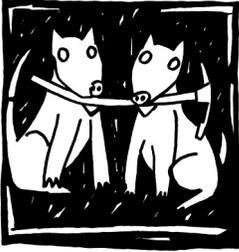
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 Thomas Palmer Carpenter  
 Joanna Case  
 Claire & Chase  
 Yolanda Conza  
 Ruth W. Crocker  
 Jo-Anne Crystoff  
 Ben Gibbs  
 Jan Gibbs  
 Doug Hanna's Birthday  
 Renee Hellenbrecht  
 Anna Hermann  
 Jamison Hermann  
 Zeb Hermann  
 The Heuer Family  
 Amanda Johnson  
 William J. Kelly Jr.  
 Jack Lee  
 Madeleine Leonard  
 Max Leonard  
 Mito ~ Who Now Has A Forever Home  
 Les Olin ~ Great Cook  
 Ellie Olson  
 Samuel Olson  
 Zoe Rogers  
 Sadie & Sam  
 Ruby Salancy  
 Steve Salomonson  
 Archie Schmidt  
 The Scott Grandchildren  
 Rosie & Michael Sullivan

Those Of Us For Whom Sleep Is Elusive  
 Riley, Teddy & Lucy Trippe  
 Sarah Washburn  
 The Welt Granddaughters

### Given In Memory Of:

Robert Alonge  
 Barbara S. Butler  
 Dudley W. Butler  
 Capt. Lowell P. Daniels  
 Ruth H. Daniels  
 Dave By Mom  
 Mark A. Dawson  
 Jean B. Evans  
 Helen Gibbs  
 Jean Hermann  
 Seth P. Hicks  
 Sally Hewes Hill  
 Paula Knott  
 Helen Leslie  
 Priscilla R. Lewis  
 Justine Metrick,  
 A Lover Of Mysteries  
 Pearl Nemser  
 Stanley Nemser  
 Nancy Nickerson  
 Jim Oberhelman  
 Richard Schmidt  
 Gene Twigg  
 Deborah A. Vogelpohl

**W**e are excited about our **Fall Fundraiser** scheduled for **Wednesday, September 27 at the Engine Room!** You'll be treated to tasty appetizers, dinner stations, desserts and an open bar! To date, we have secured several sponsors and tickets are available on our new website now. Please buy your tickets early as we anticipate a sell-out event! **Thank you** to the generous sponsors shown below and if you are eager to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Karen Bradshaw at (860) 572-8191 or [kbradshaw@mysticnoanklibrary.org](mailto:kbradshaw@mysticnoanklibrary.org).

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## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Monday, July 10 at 7 – **Author Talk**  
J.M. Walker – *Case of the Flying Corpse*

Tuesday, July 25 at 11 – **“Sooner is Better”**  
Center for Hospice Care

Often with hospice and palliative care, sooner is better. Here’s why: You live longer. You feel better. You regain control of your life. If you get better, you can leave hospice care, no problem. And you can re-enter hospice whenever you need to. You don’t need to be in the last days or weeks of life to qualify for hospice and palliative care. Hospice care is about living – living well in the time you have left.

Friday, July 28 at 12:30 – **“Medicare Made Clear”**  
United Healthcare

When the time comes to choose a Medicare plan, reviewing your options can become overwhelming. To help you get started, Diane Zieminski, an independent healthcare agent, invites you to attend this educational "Medicare Made Clear" seminar - you'll learn all about your various Medicare choices! She has many tools and resources that will make it easy for you to understand the basics of Medicare. Refreshments will be served! This program is free and open to the public; no registration is required.

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Nancy D. Butler - see page 4 for details

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– Screening of the PBS Film *Traces of the Trade* followed by discussion

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--“*Homegoing*” by Yaa Gyasi --- Book Discussion led by Gail Turgeon

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Saturday, September 9 – **Regular Saturday Hours**  
Resume – open 10 to 5

Saturday, September 16 – 10 to 2 – **AARP Defensive Driving**

Film Series will resume in October

## NEWS FOR KIDS & TEENS

ROBERTA DONAHUE

We are so excited that summer is here! Make this your best summer yet by stopping by the Library all summer long to pick up books, make crafts, enjoy a program, and meet new friends. We have activities and programs for ALL ages! For more information please visit our web site or pick up a brochure in the Children’s Room.

**Preschoolers Read-to-Me: Build A Better World**

Read-to-Me is a joint reading activity, designed for children entering Kindergarten and younger along with their caregivers. Read together and keep track to collect prizes and stickers each week.

**Elementary: Build A Better World**

This is a reading challenge program for kids entering first grade and up. Keep track of how much you read this summer and take part in our challenge every time you visit the Library. Read books, and win prizes!

**Bedtime Math’s Summer of Numbers Math Challenge**

Earn a star stickers for your constellation chart each day you do a Bedtime Math problem!

**Terrific Tuesdays at 2**

July 11 ~ Ed Pop - *Flea Circus*

July 18 ~ Sciencetellers - *Building Tall Ships and Pirate Tales*

July 25 ~ Keith Munslow - *Songs and Stories, Cartoons and Comedy*

August 1~ *Sparky’s Puppets: Build a Better World*

Generously funded by the Friends of the Mystic & Noank Library

**Science and Nature Series Thursdays at 2**

July 13 ~ bringtheHoopla - *Build a Better World: Happiness and Hula Hoops*

July 20 ~ *Marvelous Marvin’s Brain Circus*

July 27 ~ Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center - *Creepers and Leapers*

Generously funded by the Chelsea Groton Foundation and the Friends of the Mystic & Noank Library.

**Pre-K/K Summer Science Wednesdays at 10:30 am**

This series is made possible by generous funding from the Mystic Woman's Club. Presented by the Children's Museum of Southeastern CT.

July 12 ~ *Crazy Science*

July 19 ~ *Up & Down Roller Coasters*

**Kids Yoga with Miss Kim**

Mondays at 10:30 am July 24 and July 31

Funded by the Friends of the Mystic & Noank Library

### **Puppetry Workshop with Andrew Brown**

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm from July 12 to August 2

This four-week workshop teaches the basics of puppetry: building, moving, creativity, and working as a team. In the fourth week there will be a short performance.

For ages 7 to 12.

### **Friday Family Movie Matinee**

Fridays at 3:00 pm from June 23 to August 18. Bring your own snacks! Funded by The Friends of the Mystic & Noank Library.

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| July 7    | <i>The LEGO Batman Movie</i> (PG, 2017)<br>plus Lego building all day long |
| July 14   | <i>The Wild Life</i> (PG, 2016)  |
| July 21   | <i>Sing</i> (PG, 2016)   |
| July 28   | <i>Storks</i> (PG, 2016)   |
| August 4  | <i>Ratchet and Clank</i> (PG, 2016)  |
| August 11 | <i>Rock Dog</i> (PG, 2016)   |
| August 18 | <i>Swan Princess: Royally Undercover</i> (G, 2017)                         |

### **Summer Preschool Drop-in Storytimes**

Thursdays at 10:30 am from June 22 to August 10. Join our librarians for a fun and interactive story time for our youngest library patrons. We will feature new themes each week.

### **LEGO Fun Fridays**

Fridays at 10:30 am from July 7 to July 28. Imagine, build and create! New challenges each week.

### **Scratch Programming Club**

Saturdays at 10:00 am. This weekly club is for kids interested in learning fun and interactive Scratch programming! Participants will have the opportunity to create virtual games, music videos, art projects and more - all of their own digital design! Children ages 10 and up are welcome.

### **Wii Gaming Cart!**

Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm June 27 August 8  
Drop by and try your hand at some really fun games! New challenges each week.

### **Ready\_Set\_Code**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm from July 19 to August 9  
Tech Librarian, Rachel Taylor will lead these fun, informative coding classes. Bring a laptop if you have one. For ages 10 and up.

### **Sit! Stay! Read!**

Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:00 am July 15 and July 29. Read to Phantom! Make a new furry friend when you read to a pooch.

### **A Night at the Library: A sleepover for your Stuffed Animals!**

Drop-off stuffed animals July 21 between 2:00 and 3:00 pm. Pick-up next morning between 9:00 and 10:00 am for our Build a Better Donut – Donut Decorating workshop

### **Harry Potter Trivia Night**

Monday, August 7 at 6:30 pm  
Enjoy Harry Potter-themed snacks while testing your Hogwarts knowledge during this fun-filled evening.

### **Conservation Quest Mini Exhibit**

**August 22 to September 12**

This traveling exhibit is provided by the Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Learn about clean energy, light bulbs, recycling and more. The museum-quality exhibit has vibrant pull-up banners, portable hands-on exhibits and play-filled activities allowing students to learn by doing. Open during normal Library hours

### **Teen Art Series** For ages 10 to 15

Mondays at 2:00 pm. Class size limited.

July 10 Sculpture with Mystic Museum of Art artist Melissa Skiadas

July 17 Jamilah Henna Creations. Learn about the history, origin and traditions of henna and get a professionally-applied henna design.

July 24 Origami for All Ages with Fran Block. We will make modular origami by combining two or more forms to create three-dimensional models.

July 31 “Trashion” Have fun creating fashion accessories and wearable art pieces from recycled and “trash” materials such as plastic bags, wires, and old costume jewelry. With a mini “trashion show” and more with Mystic Museum of Art artist Carlene Bermann. Funded by the Friends of the Mystic & Noank Library.

### **Teen Talent Night**

July 24 at 6:30 pm

Do you have a special talent? Come join us on Teen Talent Night and show off your talent!

### **Teen Movie Nights**

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

July 11 *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* (PG-3, 2016)

July 18 *Dr. Strange* (PG-13, 2016)

July 25 *Beauty and the Beast* (PG, 2017)

August 1 *Split* (PG-13, 2016)

## **COLLEGE READINESS SERIES**

### **Tackling the College Application Essay**

Monday, July 17 at 6:30 pm

Emily Fry, Associate Director of Admission, Connecticut College and Holly Bogo, Assistant Director of Admission, Connecticut College will lead this session offering insight into how essays are reviewed and tips for writing your own personal narrative for the college application process. Upcoming programs will be:

How to Pay for College - Monday, October 23 at 6:30 pm

From Stress to Success - Monday, November 6 at 6:30 pm

### **Fall Storytime**

Registration will begin in August.. Check our website [www.mysticnoanklibrary.org](http://www.mysticnoanklibrary.org).

## What's Happening @ Your Library

Pick up a brochure or check our website!

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Adult Programs ~ pages 4 & 6  
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**Build A Better World! Summer Reading 2017**  
June 26 to August 5 at noon

## Ongoing Programs

Thursdays at 3 pm – Cribbage  
Second & Fourth Tuesdays at 1 pm – Knitting  
First & Third Tuesdays at 10 am – Bereavement  
Counseling – Center for Hospice Care of SECT

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