

Friends Visit to the West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center

On Friday, November 2, the Friends celebrated Veterans Day with a tour of the West Haven Veterans Museum and Learning Center. The museum is located in a 9,000 square foot building at 30 Hood Terrace, West Haven, across from the West Haven train station. The museum's mission is to honor the men and women who served our state and country during times of conflict and natural disasters, and to collect and preserve artifacts that can help explain to future generations how our fighting men and women lived and survived while serving our nation. Five knowledgeable docents walked us through the collections which included weapons, uniforms, field gear and equipment used to support our troops from the American Revolution to the present. There is no admission fee for the museum, but as a 501(C)(3) educational not-for-profit organization, donations are accepted. The museum is handicapped accessible and there is ample parking in the front or rear of the building for those who would like to plan a future visit.



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Annual Meeting

Save the Date for our Thank You Party and Annual Meeting. We have had another very successful year and will have lots to celebrate at our annual meeting and thank you party on Sunday, January 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Program Room. In addition to voting on the slate of board members, we will review our year, see what's in store for 2019, visit, eat, and have some fun. Chris is already working on a new literary trivia game to try to stump our extraordinarily clever members. So please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Mark Your Calendars

- December 7th:** Holiday Book Sale in the Program Room 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- December 8th:** Holiday Book Sale in the Program Room 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- December 14th:** Gathering of Friday Friends Social and Sharing Time 10:00 a.m.
- January 27th:** Friends Annual Meeting and Thank You Party in the Program Room 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Friends of the Milford Library Newsletter



Because a Great City Deserves a Great Library

57 New Haven Avenue, Milford, Connecticut

Save the Date for the Holiday Book Sale

The Friends of the Milford Library are planning their Holiday Book Sale. The sale will be Friday, December 7th from 1-5pm and Saturday, December 8th 10am to 3pm in the library's program room. First quality, nearly new fiction and nonfiction books for adults and children will be available along with a selection of CDs and DVDs.

Adult hardcover and trade paperback books will be \$2, all children's books will be \$1 along with CDs and DVDs. We will also have a collection of author-signed books for \$5. A few book sets will be priced separately.

The sale is always fun and you never know what you'll find. Stop by to buy books for gifts or a bundle for yourself!

First Friday With Friends, December 14

Come and join the Friends on Friday December 14th at 10:00 am in the Program Room at the library. This will be a casual opportunity to socialize with our fellow members while having coffee, tea and snacks. Come chat. Linda Sheehan, Chair of Friday with Friends, will review the programs from this past year and take suggestions for programs for next year from you. Share with others what you are reading and receive some tips on what to add to your reading list.

Library Insight

The Milford Public Library has introduced a new system, *Library Insight*, for reserving and checking out museum passes. In response to patron demand, users may now make reservations for most passes up to 90 days in advance. Additionally, some of the passes have the option to print at home, eliminating the need for pick up and return at the library. The passes will no longer be available through the catalog, but accessed through a reservation system on the "Passes to Cultural Attractions" page of the library website, milfordlibrary.org.

There is a wide variety of discount or free admission passes offered, including the Beardsley Zoo, Yale Peabody Museum, New Britain Museum of American Art, Maritime Aquarium, Long Wharf Theater and more! To reserve a pass, you must be an adult with a valid library card registered in the Milford Public Library circulation system. Visit milfordlibrary.org, call or stop by the library to get started. The museum pass and reservation system have been donated as gifts to the community by the Friends of the Milford Library.

Pirates and Mermaids and the Old Man and the “C” Party Hardy at the Library!



Most Literary: The Old Man and the “C”



Emcee Brian Smith

On Saturday, October 20th, the Milford Public Library was transformed with sailboats, a submarine, underwater adventure décor for the 3rd annual *Party in the Stacks: Legends of Charles Island*. Many thanks to the sponsors for supporting the event: The Milford Bank, The Crushed Grape, ShopRite of Milford, Sterling Printing & Graphics, and The Williams Agency.

Party guests visited Charles Island on the library landing where photos were taken and many adventurous guests registered for the costume contest in hopes of winning one of the prizes generously donated by the Stress Factory Comedy Club in Bridgeport. The contest categories this year were: “Most Literary,” “Most Creative,” “Funniest,” and “Judges Choice.” Joining Library Director Chris Angeli in judging the event were Liz Davies of The Crushed Grape, Allen McGehee of The Milford Bank, and Dr. Anna Cutaia, Superintendent of Milford Public Schools.

Brian Smith emceed the evening and there was dancing to the music of The DJ Company. Many guests earned a treasure from the treasure chest by participating in the Literary Photo Quest game. The game was developed by Anne Bolin and Kathy Goldbach and artistically designed by Ronda Zalenski. Guests followed the clues to photograph themselves with Moby Dick’s tail, Virginia Woolf (To The Lighthouse), Captain Hook, Ernest Hemingway (Old Man and the Sea), a yellow submarine (20,000 Leagues Under the Sea), and with a skeleton on Treasure Island.

The food was a highlight of the evening with guests enjoying the anti-pasti table and nautical-inspired hors d’oeuvres prepared by Christopher Martins Restaurant and passed around by volunteers. Beer, wine and a rum punch was donated and served by The Crushed Grape.

Bidding took place on almost 60 silent auction items. Winners went home with restaurant gift certificates, theater tickets, a honeymoon to Africa, a Red Sox autographed baseball, and more. There were unique experiences including a ride on a Milford firetruck, a day with the Mayor and a tour of the Connecticut State Capitol.



Special thanks to Ronda Zalenski for her artistic vision, Brittney Garth for the awesome Charles Island graphic used on our flyers, the Foran High School Key Club for their muscle during set up and clean up and helping at the door during the party. Additional thanks go to Pam Pilla (Chair), Nancy Abbey, Donna Anderson, Anne Bolin, Rose Bradley, Amy Bringardner, Cheryl Cappiali, Mary Lee Clayton, Judy Condit, Carm DeVito, Evelyn Duffner, Kathy Goldbach, Deanna Jacobs, Karuna Kasbawala, Judy Kennedy, Arlene Painter, Linda Sheehan, Sandy and Bob Steady, Mary Beth Stockman, Deirdre Thomas, Lisa Thornell-Gargiulo, Kristen Trombley, Louise Uchaczyk, Danielle Valenzano, Ashley Volkens, Linda Wandelea, and Dale Weiner.



Most Creative: The Owl & the Pussycat

Many members of the Friends of Milford Library as well as library staff members played a huge role in making the Party a success. Scores of Friends met on Friday mornings to create the colorful jellyfish that hung from the ceiling, cut out waves for Moby Dick’s tail and silhouettes for under the sea, painted and glued coral, and much, much more.

Many Friends donated or lent décor items or staffed the party itself to guide and aid guests.



Judge’s Choice: Treasure Map