

WINTER 2024

# OFF THE SHELF

FRIENDS OF THE MILFORD LIBRARY  
NEWSLETTER

## THE FRIENDS LOBBY BOOK SALE HAS A NEW LOOK!



Stop by our upgraded Friends book sale area in the lower level lobby of the library. With new bookshelves and a larger selection of books, you are sure to find something to pique your interest! All items are just \$1.00. Special thanks to Amy Bringardner and Pat Beers for organizing and stocking the books!

## CONSIDER DONATING YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS OR DVDS TO THE MILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your donations will support the Friends of the Milford Library!



### The library is likely to use:

- Books in excellent condition
- Books published within the past 10 years
- Books with a wide appeal and bestsellers
- DVDs and Audiobooks (on CD)
- Items that fit our Material Selection Policy



### The library is unable to accept:

- Damaged, stained, torn, or mildewed books
- Textbooks, workbooks, or encyclopedia sets
- Magazines or museum pamphlets
- VHS tapes, audio cassettes, personal mix CDs
- Puzzles, board games, or toys

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOLIDAY BOOK SALE DELIGHTS READERS

The annual Friends of the Milford Library Holiday Book Sale exceeded expectations this year.

The community turned out in large numbers on December 2nd to explore the gift-quality collection of adult fiction and nonfiction books along with trade paperbacks. A large selection of children's picture books, easy readers, and chapter books were snapped up quickly. Volunteers in holiday-themed attire added to the festive atmosphere, helped visitors find their favorite authors and recommended books. Proceeds from the sale will go toward library programs and community events throughout the year.

As the doors closed on another successful book sale, patrons expressed gratitude for the hard work of the volunteers and are looking forward to the Summer Reading book sale next June.

Thank you to the student volunteers from Lauralton Hall who helped move boxes of books. Special thanks to Amy Bringardner, Pat Beers, Shelly Buynak, Kathy Goldbach, and Sylvia Hazard for your work on the book sale.




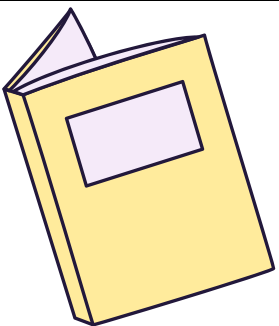

## FOML WINTER SOCIAL ON DECEMBER 15TH



# 2023 Favorite Books



A few of the FOML Board members and committee chairpersons shared their favorite books of 2023!

<p><b>The Glass Chateau by Stephen Kiernan</b></p>	<p><b>The Tender Bar by J.R. Moehringer</b></p>
<p>My favorite book of the year - hands down! A group of World War II survivors bond together to reconstruct the glass windows of a bombed French cathedral. I absolutely loved this. --Carm DeVito</p>	<p>I highly recommend this book. I am currently reading it for the second time. It's a memoir about a guy who grew up without a father and whose mother struggled to earn enough. Moehringer has a local connection too; he graduated from Yale. --Margaret Carnright</p>
<p><b>The Measure by Nikki Erlich</b></p>	
<p>The book really made me think and explore! The concept is that people are given the opportunity to open a box that tells them the exact amount of time they will live. The characters then share what they choose to do with that knowledge. --Melissa Carroll</p>	
	<p><b>Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt</b></p>
	<p>The book brings together the stories of a widowed old housekeeper, a young and unemployed 20-something boy, and Marcellus, the unlikely hero octopus. A feel-good book I loved! --Pam Pilla</p>
<p><b>Move Like Water by Hannah Stowe</b></p>	
<p>The memoir, centered around the coast of Wales, shares the young author's love and fascination with the sea and the creatures that it holds in its home. The author features six different marine creatures and explains their magnificence and significance. She is determined to follow her dream in the world! Despite the author's physical challenges, from time to time she returns to the sea as its beauty keeps her spellbound. --Judy Salemme</p>	

# SUPPORT

## BOOK SALE



Looking for a used book or DVD to buy? Stop by the Milford Public Library and peruse the selection of gently used books and DVDs available for sale on display in the downstairs lobby, **The sale is available whenever the library is open!** All adult and young adult books and DVDs sell for just \$1 each. Children's books are located on a cart in the Children's Library and are just 50 cents each.

## MERCHANDISE



Looking for a gift for a library lover? FOML is selling book bags and mugs! All merchandise can be purchased at the library circulation desk. Cash or check only. Checks should be made payable to the Friends of the Milford Library.

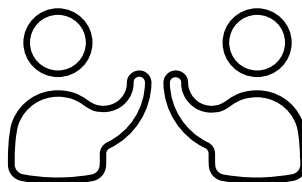
- Coffee Mug: \$10.00
- Canvas Book Bag: \$15.00



## WHAT WE DO

- We Fund Library Programs
  - Programs for children, young adults, & adults
  - Online Author Talk Series
  - Summer Reading Programs
  - Free & discounted museum passes
- We Support the Milford Community
  - Library Friends Table
  - Welcome to Milford Packets
  - Four Little Libraries
- We Fundraise
  - Book & DVD sales
  - FOML Merchandise sales
  - Special Events like Party in the Stacks
- We Advocate for the Library
  - Ambassadors for the library
  - Emails & Letters to elected officials

## BECOME A FRIEND



The Friends of the Milford Library is a non-profit, 501(c)3 volunteer organization. The focus of the group is to encourage relations between the Milford Library and the community, to focus attention on library services, and to support fund raising activities. To join the fun and learn more visit: [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org) or contact us at [milfordlib.friends@gmail.com](mailto:milfordlib.friends@gmail.com).



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