

FALL 2021

OFF THE SHELF

FRIENDS OF THE MILFORD LIBRARY
NEWSLETTER

THE SEARCH IS ON!

Have you been wanting to get more involved with the Friends? Perhaps you feel you have more to give to the Library we all love. Are you seeking a more impactful presence? Your time may be now!

The FOML Board of Directors is currently looking to fill the following volunteer positions:

President

VP Public Relations

VP Special Events

Secretary



Position descriptions and the application form can be accessed at www.milfordlibrary.org.

Please reply by November 1st.

All applications will be kept confidential and will be reviewed by the Search Committee. Not sure and have some questions? Email your inquiry to milfordlib.friends@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Join our team and help move the Friends and its mission towards even greater success!

CELEBRATING FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK!

This year, the annual National Friends of the Library Week is **Sunday, October 17 - Saturday, October 23**. Friends of the Library groups across the country will be honoring and promoting their organizations and we are no exception.

Once again, as part of the week's celebration, we will be offering '**Party in a Bag**', a free, fun giveaway meant to show our appreciation for Milford Library's Friends. Watch for future announcements about when and where to pick up your bag.

During that week, be sure to stop by our Friends Welcome Table located on the lower level of the Library for information on how you can get more involved or simply to show your support. Feel free to patronize our ongoing gently used Book Sale, ask about our merchandise for sale, which includes coffee mugs and canvas bags, and find out how easily you can direct Amazon, at no cost to you, to donate to the Friends when you shop on their site.

We celebrate our Friends all year long but look forward to shining a light on you during this special week in October. Join us for some fun!



ADVOCATE FOR YOUR LIBRARY!

IT'S BUDGET TIME

One of the ways that Friends groups and library patrons can support their Library is speaking up or advocating for the Library at the local government level for budget and community needs.

There are several steps to the City of Milford Budget process for fiscal year 2022 - 2023:

- January - The Mayor's Proposed Budget is typically published.
- February - Board of Finance (BOF) holds a public meeting.
- March - Board of Finance Recommended Budget is published.
- April - Board of Alderman hold a public meeting on the BOF Recommended Budget.
- May/June - Board of Alderman Adopted Budget is published.

ADVOCACY ACTION:

Please send the Mayor's Office a simple note that you love and support the Library and that you would like the budget to reflect how important the Library is to the Milford community.

To contact the Mayor's Office:

Phone: 203-783-3201

Address: 110 River St, Milford, CT 06460

"Contact Us" Webform: Select **Mayor's Office** in the dropdown for "What does this comment regard".

<https://www.ci.milford.ct.us/home/webforms/contact-us>

Write, email, or call your alderman and share what the Library means to YOU!

<https://www.ci.milford.ct.us/board-of-aldermen>

Thank you in advance for stepping up and using your voice to advocate for the Milford Public Library!



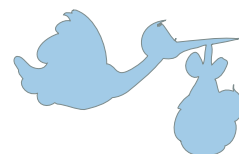
YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO ADVOCATE FOR THE LIBRARY!

It's never too early to get kids interested in civics. Younger patrons can do their part to advocate for Library funding, too.

Tell us why you love the Library in a drawing, a poem, a story, or an essay and return it to the Children's Dept.

We will display your submission in a new online gallery!

Please give a warm welcome to our newest Friend of the Milford Library,
Hudson Manivanh Harrington!



JOIN THE ADVOCACY TEAM!

Do you love the Milford Public Library? Do you want to make sure your Library has a future? Use your voice for good and join the FOML Advocacy Team!

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DANIELLE VALENZANO - YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENT

The **Milford Public Library's Young Adult Department** provides innovative and entertaining activities designed specifically for teens and pre-teens, grades 6 through 12. In turn, the students who enjoy these offerings embrace the Library as an essential community resource.

The YA Department not only provides opportunities for education and learning, but also promotes volunteerism, peer interaction, creativity and social engagement.

A main ingredient behind the success of the Young Adult Department is the dedication of its organizer, Young Adult Librarian **Danielle Valenzano**. Danielle's enthusiasm, community outreach skills and ingenuity have made the programs extremely well-received by their target audiences, notes Library Director Chris Angeli.

"Danielle assumed the position of Young Adult Librarian in December 2019," says Chris. "In her two years in the position, she has increased the amount and variety of teen programming, built up connections with the Milford schools and energized our Teen Advisory Group. She is a wonderful asset to the Library and community!"

For Danielle, the goal for the Young Adult Department is to have students experience true enjoyment from the Library. "We want the students to be engaged as well as feel a sense of ownership in what we offer," Danielle explains. "I work with a Teen Advisory Group (TAG), which consists of high school students who gain volunteer hours by assisting with general library tasks such as creating displays, organizing and shelving books, or helping with other various projects and programs within the Young Adult Department, including writing, crafting, gaming programs, book clubs and more!"

Her YA work with the Library also takes Danielle to local schools where she visits classrooms and media centers to promote activities, such as to hold library card drives and to share the excitement of the Library's summer reading programs. The past year, due to COVID, was a new experience since this promotion was done virtually!

"I really enjoy my interaction with the students and the teachers, media specialists, and school staff," she says. "The Library has a really good relationship with Milford Public Schools, and I often work with the instructional supervisors, media specialists and teachers to best serve the needs of the students."

Over the past year, due to the pandemic, the Young Adult



programs were presented virtually. However, while following proper Health Department protocols, such as masking, the Library is beginning to move towards having in-person events. "Next on the agenda is a Halloween gathering that will take place outdoors under Fowler Pavilion," says Danielle.

"Boo Bash Teen Spectacular will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 4-6 p.m. This will include games and activities with an emphasis on coming together to have some casual fun," she adds. "It is so exciting that we can do things in-person now. I can't wait."

Boo Bash registration can be done online at www.milfordlibrary.org on the Young Adult page.

Danielle has a very special rapport with many of her current patrons. "Having worked in the Children's Department for 10 years prior to becoming the Young Adult Librarian, I've known many of them since they got their first library card," she says. "Several middle schoolers were patrons of my first story times."

Danielle's positive interaction with the students is a strong suit for the YA Department, notes Chris Angeli. "What I think makes Danielle outstanding in her role is her true interest and concern in providing the best service possible to her teens," says Chris. "She gets to know each and every person individually and truly enjoys the unique connections she makes with teens of different interests and backgrounds. Her attention to detail and understanding of teens means that she provides exceptional service and engaging programs."

Danielle, who is originally from New York, has been a Milford resident since 2009. She and her husband, Robert, are the parents of two youngsters, Julia, 9 and Olivia, 7, both of whom love to read.

AWARENESS

MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL

The **Friends of the Milford Library** had a table on the Milford Green during the Oyster Festival held on August 21. The Library's offerings of cardboard fans, bookmarks and lollipops were appreciated by the many festival-goers who stopped by the booth to chat, ask questions and, in many cases, offer praise for the Library's good work.

The booth -- which was manned throughout the day by Library Director Chris Angeli and FOML President Pam Pilla with the aid of FOML volunteers Paula Goncalves, Carol King, Marilyn May and Noel Brei -- received a steady stream of traffic during the festival. Patrons asked about post-pandemic Library hours, the availability of audio books and -- the most popular question of the day -- the timing of the Friends' next book sale.

Organizers of the Milford Oyster Festival deemed this year's event a success, despite a multitude of challenges. The annual event didn't draw its usual huge numbers, but still did well despite the pandemic, a storm warning and a vaccination requirement.



FOML Board President Pam Pilla (L) and Milford Library Director Chris Angeli (R)

SAVE THE DATE!



Baubles, Bangles and Bling Bazaar - Saturday, November 13 from 10am to 3pm at the Library.

Start your holiday shopping early and benefit the Library at the Friends' gently-used jewelry sale

Holiday Book Sale - Saturday, December 4 from 10am to 3pm in the Library's program room.

Just in time for holiday giving, best quality books including fiction, nonfiction and trade paperbacks will be for sale along with children's books.



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 books and DVDs sell for just \$1 each.

MERCHANDISE



CLEARANCE SALE 70% Off! Adult and child size face masks are available at the circulation desk for a \$3 cash donation (cash or check accepted).



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SPRING 2021

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MEET ASHLEY

On September 4, 1996, I signed my name on the dotted line and received a symbol of American democracy - my library card. Fast forward twenty-five years to today and that card still holds a special place in my wallet and my heart.

Having the opportunity to serve as President of the Friends of the Milford Library is a true privilege. During my past two years on the FOML board (VP, Special Events 2019; VP, Public Relations 2020) I have met people, neighbors, and friends, whom I may have never met had it not been for the Friends. Over the next few years, I look forward to meeting even more Friends and encourage you to reach out and introduce yourselves as well!

This past year we recognized the importance of connection, we found new ways of being together and we were reminded that we are stronger together. I am putting the call out to everyone reading this - creatives, advocates, fundraisers, organizers, booklovers, business owners, and supporters - let's come together for our library. Let's advocate, fundraise, support and volunteer for the place that brings strength and hope to us and to our community.

As you spring into this edition of 'Off the Shelf' I hope you will be as proud as I am to see how the Friends are advocating for the library, engaging with the community, and thinking creatively when it comes to fundraising.



Talk soon!

Ashley

Ashley Volkens
FOML, President

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

THANK
YOU



The Friends of the Milford Library held their Annual Meeting and Thank You Party virtually via Zoom on Sunday, January 24. Outgoing President Pam Pilla kicked off the meeting with a recap of 2020's challenges and many successes. Chris Angeli, Library Director, gave an update on the Library, highlighting changes and what is to come in 2021.

The Little Libraries Stewards and Maintenance & Repairs teams were thanked and celebrated for reaching the 5 year anniversary of the opening of the first Little Library. Our community partners were recognized and thanked for supporting the Friends group throughout the year.

Following the recognitions and thank yous, officer election results for 2021 were shared by Chris Angeli. Newly elected positions are as follows: Ashley Volkens, President, and Pam Pilla, Vice President Membership. Continuing their terms on the board are Kathy Goldbach, Treasurer; Paula Goncalves, Assistant Treasurer; and Arlene Painter, Secretary. The Vice President Public Relations, and Vice President Special Events positions remain vacant.

Outgoing officer Margaret Downey was thanked for sharing her time and talents while on the board. A book will be donated to the library in Margaret's name.

The meeting concluded with guest speaker, Nancy Abbey. Nancy shared her, "10 Best Books of 2020 and Up and Coming Books for 2021".

LITTLE LIBRARIES

Shout out to Lisa Tryon!

- Lisa is a Little Library Steward for our YMCA Little Library. During the last three snowstorms, Lisa took her duties as steward to new levels by shoveling out the Little Library! Go, Lisa!

Sad News...

- o Unfortunately, the train station coffee shop has decided not to reopen, therefore, closing this Little Library location. Stay tuned for more Little Library updates!



Milford YMCA Little Library

MONTHLY QUESTIONS



What one word would you use to describe the Milford Public Library?



What was your favorite children's book?

FUNDRAISE

COCOA & KISSES!

In just six days, our Cocoa & Kisses **sold out!** Thank you to our Friends who donated supplies, packaged the grams, and made the deliveries. Also, thank you to everyone who participated in our first fundraiser of the year!

Be on the lookout for our next seasonal gram!



Arlene Painter & Pam Pilla

THANK YOU, CAPPUGINO'S!

The Friends of the Milford Library was chosen as January's "Gino's Promise" recipient - a fundraising initiative at CappuGino's. A portion of sales was donated to the Friends.

CappuGino's Team Member Courtney chose The Friends of the Milford Library as their Gino's Promise local organization. Courtney said, ***"Friends of the Milford Library funds education programs for children and adults. I picked them because of my interest in educating children in the sciences; they provide many services to our community like public programs, passes to museums, and the little libraries all over Milford."***

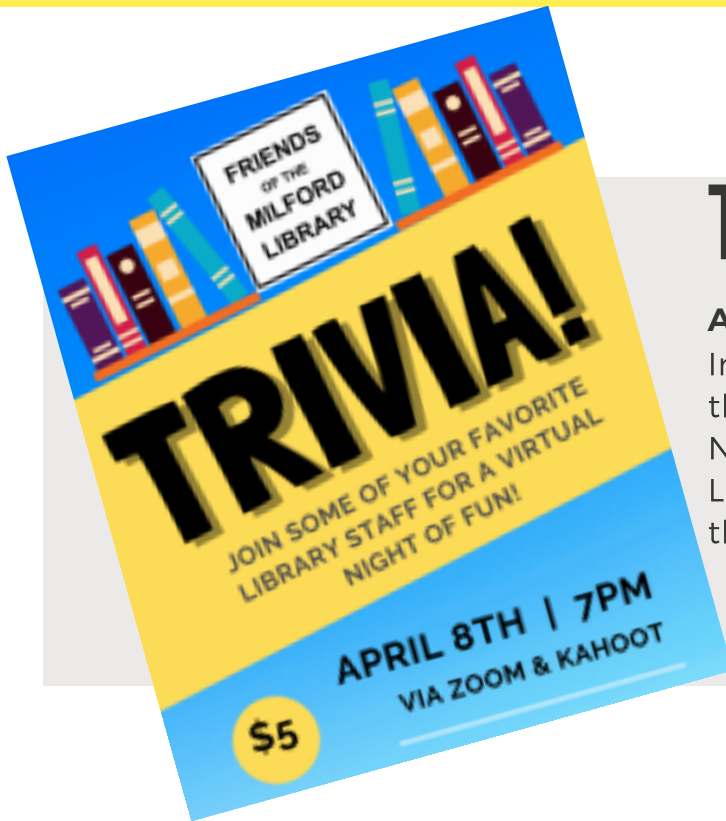


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FUNDRAISE



TRIVIA NIGHT!

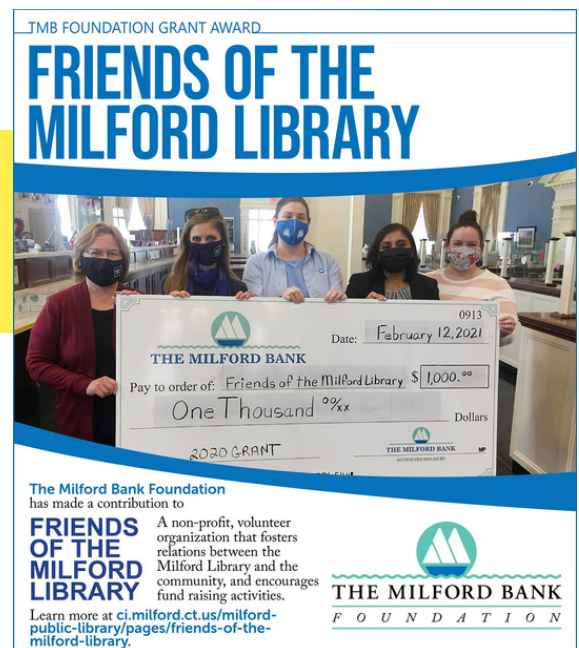
April 8th @ 7pm

In Celebration of National Library Week the Friends will be hosting a virtual TRIVIA NIGHT and inviting some of your favorite Library staff to play along! Are you smarter than a librarian?

Visit **milfordlibrary.org**
to secure your spot!

THANK YOU, THE MILFORD BANK FOUNDATION!

The Friends of the Milford Library was chosen to receive a grant from the TMB Foundation which will help us continue our mission of supporting the Milford Public Library.



JOIN THE FUNDRAISING TEAM!

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ADVOCATE

TAKE.MAKE.& ADVOCATE!



Liza Schreiner & Ashley Volkens

We distributed 100 physical winter advocate kits - encouraging library lovers to reach out to their Board of Aldermen and share their library story!

Congratulations and thank you to our "Take. Make. & Advocate!" winner, Liza!

"As a new member of this city, my first action was to find and join the local library. It showed me the wonderful community of Milford, and welcomed me in with open (socially distant) arms."

-Liza Schreiner

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, LOCAL OFFICIALS!

Last month, our FOML Advocacy Team met to sign letters, take photos, and shoot videos to send to Mayor Ben Blake and Milford's Board of Aldermen.

The team also virtually delivered over 200 signed hearts by library lovers!



From left, top row: Cheryl Cappiali, Amy Bringardner, Arlene Painter. From left, bottom row: Ashley Volkens, Monique Manivanh, Pam Pilla, Judy Kennedy

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COMMUNITY

THANK YOU, CAFÉ ATLANTIQUE!



Tara Symons, Monique Manivanh, Ryan McConnell (owner)



Charlotte Antonini

During the month of February, Café Atlantique distributed hearts supporting the Friends of the Milford Public Library as part of a *Food For Thought* campaign led by Friend Monique Manivanh. Each heart included a fun fact related to food and libraries. Thank you Café Atlantique for the buzz! *P.S. Thank you to Monique's niece, Charlotte, for gluing the hearts!*

Food for thought:

Americans spend more than three times as much on salty snacks as they do on public libraries.

DID YOU SEE US IN THE PAPER?



SUPPORT

MPL FACE MASKS



Adult and child size face masks are available at the circulation desk for a \$10 cash donation (exact change or check only).



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SUMMER 2021

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A NOTE FROM ASHLEY

Since our last edition of Off the Shelf - we've opened our upstairs book sale, welcomed back our table volunteers, hosted our first ever virtual trivia night, celebrated the Library staff during National Library Week, launched our Garden Gram fundraiser, put our new library themed mugs on sale, held our first in person book sale event since the start of the pandemic, volunteered at Milford's Pirate Day and Juneteenth Celebration, welcomed new members to the group, and distributed two high school scholarships and four high school book awards. Talk about momentum - wow!

As Margaret Mead said "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Now to some personal news: I will be stepping down from my position on the Friends board, as I have been offered an exciting new role in my career.

As I look back at my time on the board, whether it be chairing 'Party in the Stacks: Goes POP Culture', leading PR campaigns such as the naming/redesigning of the newsletter, or spearheading new innovative ways to spread awareness and advocate for the library, I want to take this time to thank YOU! Without you our volunteer run organization would not exist and neither would the Library programming and other projects we support.

Though I am stepping down from my position, I am still a Friend - advocating and supporting all of the great things the Milford Public Library offers and stands for. With such a passionate group of volunteers, I know the energy and momentum will continue to move forward.

Remember - share your 'library story' with anyone and everyone.

Talk soon!

Ashley Volkens

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

We wish Ashley the best as she embarks on a new professional opportunity. We thank her for her dedication to the Friends in the past few years, for her endless energy, and for all the ways in which she has impacted the Friends and all of us. At this time, Pam Pilla will be assuming the role of President. Stay tuned as we re-group. You will be hearing from us very soon!

FOML Board

Pam, Kathy, Arlene, Paula

LITTLE LIBRARIES

The Gulf Beach “Little Library” is now open!

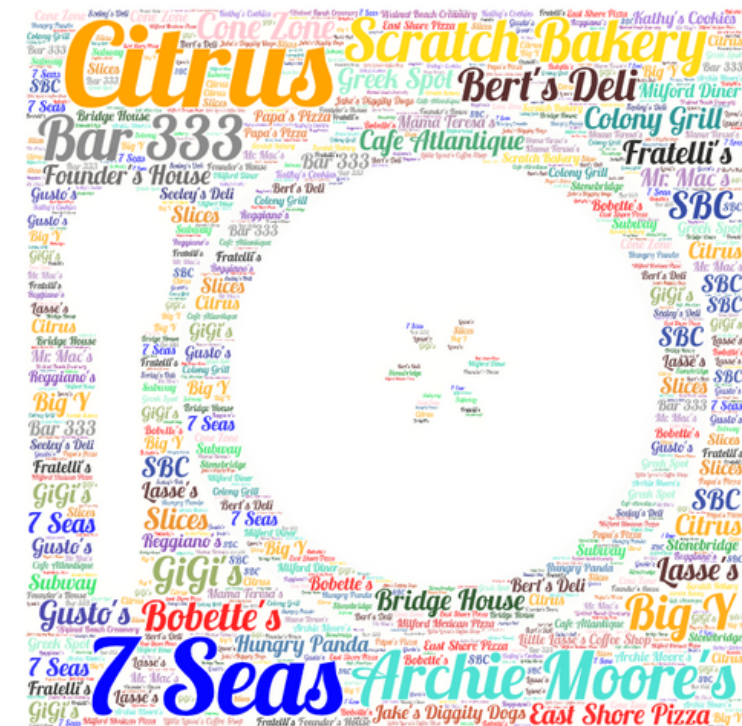
- Readers are welcome 24/7 to borrow or leave books
- Be sure to visit our other Little Libraries at the **Firehouse Art Gallery** and the **Milford YMCA**



Gulf Beach Little Library

MONTHLY QUESTIONS

See word clouds for each month's results!



What is your favorite Milford eatery?



What are you reading?

AWARENESS

PIRATE DAY!

ARRRGH!

Young pirates enjoy stories read by Miss Suzanne.



JUNETEENTH ON THE GREEN

The Friends joined the Milford Public Library in supporting Milford's Juneteenth Celebration on June 19th. The Library recommended a selection of adult and children's books on race and racial justice.



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AWARENESS

COMING SOON! MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021
STOP BY OUR FRIENDS TABLE TO
SAY HELLO!



CONGRATULATIONS

HIGH SCHOOL BOOK AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Friends of the Milford Library is proud to announce our annual High School Book Award and Scholarship recipients. Book Awards are given to a member of the junior class at each of the five high schools in Milford. Scholarships are awarded to two high school seniors with plans for furthering their education. All of the award winners have exhibited outstanding personal character, made a positive impact on their school or community, and demonstrated a strong and consistent love of reading. Recipients were recognized and chosen by their teachers.

Scholarship Recipients:

Joseph A. Foran: Kayleigh Hackett
Jonathan Law: Rachna Vipparla

Book Award Recipients:

The Academy: Evelyn Cardoso
Jonathan Law: Mackenzie Powers
Joseph A. Foran: Melissa Connelly
Platt Tech: Paola Luna-Castro
Lauralton Hall: Kevinah Wright

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GARDEN GRAMS!

Following the enthusiastic response for Cocoa & Kisses, we welcomed Spring and Mother's Day with our Garden Gram deliveries to much success! Thank you for participating in our Spring fundraiser and thank you to our Friends who crafted the flowers, packaged and designed the seed packets, donated supplies, and delivered the grams! Stay tuned for our next seasonal gram!



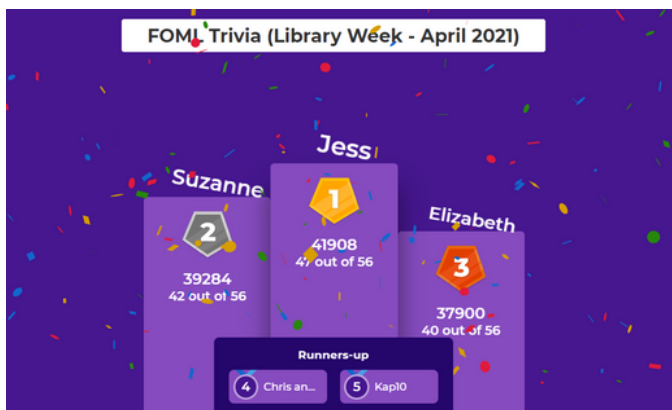
Special thanks to **Cheryl Cappiali**, UCONN Master Gardener & FOML Member, for her expertise and contribution to the Garden Grams!



LIBRARY WEEK AND FAMILY TRIVIA



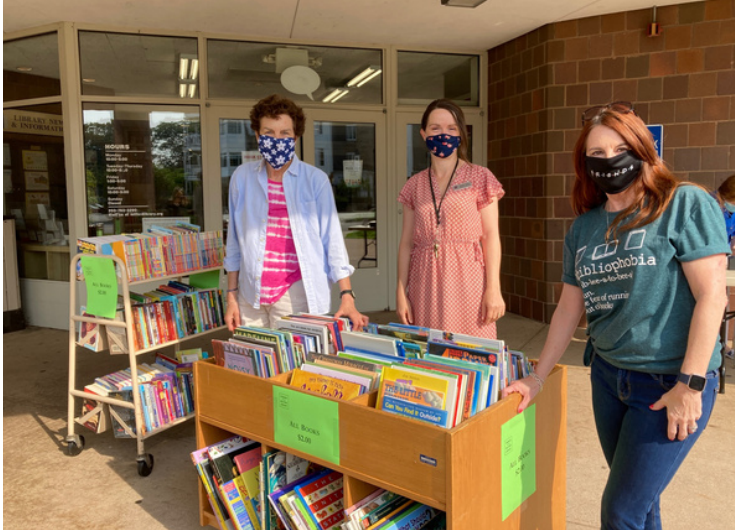
In celebration of National Library Week, the Friends hosted a virtual Trivia Night fundraiser with Library Director Chris Angeli (*top left*), Young Adult Librarian Danielle Valenzano (*bottom left*), FOML President Ashley Volkens (*top right*), and Children's Librarian Suzanne Harrison-Thomas (*bottom right*).



Thank you to all who participated and **Congratulations** to Jess, Suzanne, and Elizabeth!

FUNDRAISE

CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE



Thank you to our volunteers!

Amy, Kathy, Ashley, Shelly, Lisa, and Pat.

Did you miss the Event? Don't worry!

Come visit the **ongoing book sale** held inside the library on the second floor.

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A NOTE FROM PAM

Welcome 2021! Happy New Year!

2020 was very challenging for so many families, libraries, businesses, workers, houses of worship, and charitable organizations due to COVID-19. And when we add COVID-19 to the normal everyday stresses of life, it was quite overwhelming. The Friends of the Milford Library strove to do our small part to benefit and enrich the Milford community during these trying times. In 2020, the Friends of the Milford Library continued to support the Milford Public Library as it pivoted to online and remote services.

The library provided 262 programs for children, young adults, and adults, including: programs via Zoom, Take and Make Bags for families and adults and Summer Reading programs.

FOML volunteers continued with some of our popular programs:

- Our Little Libraries were stocked and maintained by our dedicated stewards.
- We awarded four High School Book Awards and two High School Scholarships.
- Welcome to Milford bags have been available to new library card holders.

Although we were unable to hold our major fundraising events in 2020, Party in the Stacks, our Spring and Holiday Book Sales, our members stepped up and renewed their memberships and we have many new members! Patrons of the library can purchase used books at our limited lobby book sale. And we are selling Milford Library branded merchandise including, new for 2020, window clings, and face masks. For 2021, we will be looking into creative ways to adapt our fundraising efforts.

I personally would like to thank the FOML Board and committee chairs: Ashley Volkens, Margaret Downey, Kathy Goldbach, Arlene Painter, Paula Goncalves, Peggy Bolger, Amy Bringardner, Carm DeVito, Judy Kennedy, and Judy Salemme, for their advice, counsel and support whenever called upon by me, the library staff, or our membership.

In closing, FOML remains dedicated to the library, our community, and to our members, and we will continue to do our very best. Happy New Year and Good Health for all in 2021 and beyond.

All the Best,

Pam Pilla
President

EVENTS

SAVE
THE
DATE!



The Friends of the Milford Library Annual Meeting

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2020

Time: 2:00 PM EST

Zoom Details: Watch for an email with invite information!

Join us for our virtual meeting with special guest speaker:

Nancy Abbey, Assistant Director – Milford Public Library

"10 Best Books of 2020 & Up and Coming New Books for 2021"

FRIENDS MONTH RECAP



Thank you everyone who participated in our Friends of the Milford Library Month Celebration!

- **Over 175+** names were signed on hearts and displayed on the library windows for all of Milford to see!
- **100** Party in a Bags were distributed to library patrons!
- We **Shopped 'til you dropped** at Boscov's while raising funds for the Friends!
- We devoured **Literary themed treats** created by four community partners!

NEWS



LITTLE LIBRARIES

The Gulf Beach little library has been closed for the winter season and will open in the spring. Meanwhile, both the Walnut Beach little Library by the Firehouse Art Gallery and the little library at the YMCA will continue to be open year-round.

**THANK
YOU, JACK!**

"We are grateful for Jack Button's ongoing work in providing the upkeep & repairs to both the YMCA and Walnut Beach Little Libraries. He continues to keep them in Tip-Top shape for us!"

-Judy Salemmme, Little Library Committee Chair

WELCOME TO MILFORD BAGS



Our 'Welcome to Milford Bags' got a facelift thanks to volunteer Judy Kennedy who manages the bag program. I ♥ Milford Library keychains were added to outgoing Welcome to Milford bags this past month. Welcome to Milford Bags are given out to new members of the library who are new to Milford.



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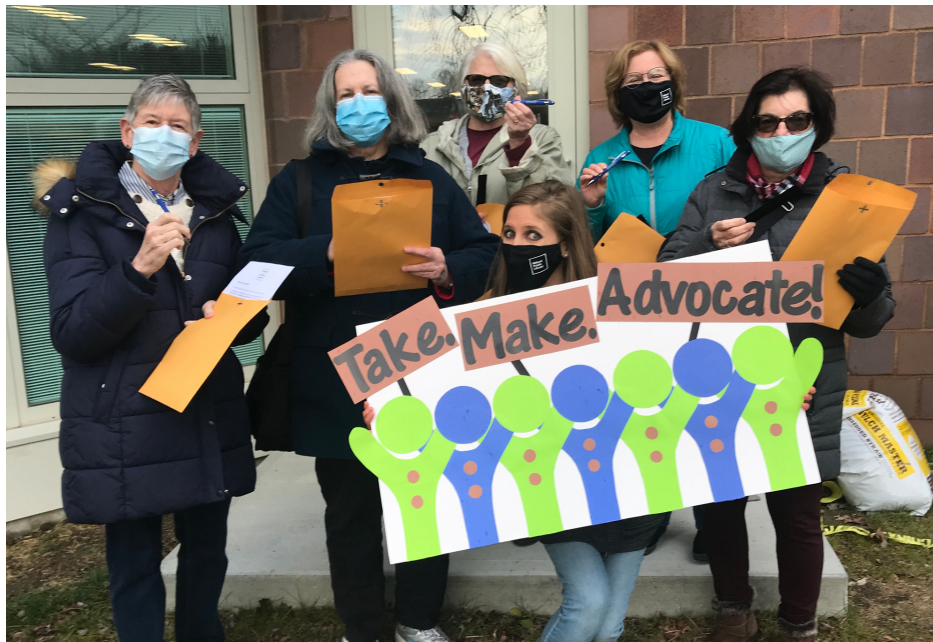
ADVOCATE

TAKE. MAKE. & ADVOCATE! KITS



The Friends of the Milford Library (FOML) Advocacy Team is calling on the help of all library patrons and supporters in their newest initiative. In an effort to increase advocacy efforts for the Milford Library during the city's budget season, the Friends have created "Take. Make. & Advocate!" kits.

All kits include a checklist of advocacy actions for library supporters to take part in. Actions include contacting your aldermen, posting to social media, and spreading the word amongst your network. The kits also include an official Friends of the Milford Library engraved pen.



Library supporters are asked to return their completed advocacy logs to the FOML advocacy display at the library. All completed logs will be entered to win an FOML Prize Pack.

The kits are free and will be available starting the first week of January on the upper floor of the library. A digital version of the kit can also be found on the Friends webpage at milfordlibrary.org.

SUPPORT

NEW! MPL FACE MASKS



Adult and Child size face masks are available at the circulation desk for a \$10 cash donation (exact change or check only).



Looking for a gift for a library lover? FOML are selling book bags, mugs, window clings and facemasks! All merchandise can be purchased at the Library Circulation Desk. Exact change or check only. Checks made payable to the Friends of the Milford Library.

- Canvas Book Bag: \$10.00
- Coffee Mug: \$5.00
- Window Cling: \$5.00

SHOP! AMAZON SMILE



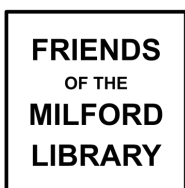
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- 2) Download and open the Amazon app.
- 3) Find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

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 foster relations between the Milford Library and the community, to focus attention on library services, and to encourage and support fund raising activities. To join the fun and learn more visit: milfordlibrary.org or contact us at milfordlib.friends@gmail.com.

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