

SUMMER 2020

# OFF THE SHELF

FRIENDS OF THE MILFORD LIBRARY  
NEWSLETTER

## A NOTE FROM PAM

When I reflect on the past several months, it's hard to fathom the changes we've had to make in our daily lives. Our vocabulary (flatten the curve), our wardrobe (face masks, PPE), the way we interact (Zoom, social distancing), our shopping (toilet paper, hand sanitizer) are all part of our new normal. Nobody told me there'd be days like these, strange days indeed, (John Lennon, "Nobody Told Me").

There are rays of hope, at least in Connecticut and Milford, including the thoughtful re-opening of the Milford Public Library. Health and safety are the motivation for the limited hours and new rules. Be sure to stay up-to-date on the changes by visiting the MPL website.

The FOML has continued to support the library, even when it was closed. We have funded and will continue to fund Zoom programming for children, teens, and adults. We are funding the summer reading programs, again for children, teens, and adults. And we have purchased museum passes. Our Little Libraries are stocked and our stewards are checking them frequently. It's our pleasure to do our small part to benefit and enrich the Milford community.

For our other programs and initiatives, the FOML board and committee chairs will be consulting with the library staff to see what we can do. The decision has already been made to cancel The Party in the Stacks for 2020. Other fundraising activities, for example our book sales, are up in the air. The FOML membership renewals, that were put on hold in March, will begin again soon. Your membership dues will be our main source of income in 2020. As always, it will be used to support the library programs we continue to fund.

We are looking at new and creative ideas to engage our membership and raise funds. If you have an idea or would like to help, please email me at [milfordlib.friends@gmail.com](mailto:milfordlib.friends@gmail.com). There are ways you can help right now including our MPL Window Clings and enrolling in Amazon Smile. We've had a wonderful response to the Window Clings and I thank you! If you'd still like a window cling or want to know more about Amazon Smile, find additional information later in the newsletter.

I sincerely hope all our Friends and families are staying safe and healthy. And I thank you all for your continued support in these trying times.

All the Best,

Pam Pilla  
*President*

### NEW LOGO!

Be on the lookout for our new & improved modern logo as we phase it into our everyday work.



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# QUOTES OF HOPE

During these unsettling times, it can be hard to find the light. The Friends of the Milford Library Board and Committee Chairs have gathered some of their favorite uplifting quotes to remind us of the hope that lies ahead.

*"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think"*  
- Winnie the Pooh, A.A. Milne

*"Remember we are apart now, so that when we get back together, no one is missing."*  
- Unknown

*"Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise."*  
—Les Misérables, Victor Hugo

*"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."*  
- Theodore Roosevelt

*"Read for joy"*  
- Katherine Center

*"What you're supposed to do when you don't like a thing is to change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it. Don't complain."*  
- Maya Angelou

*"I don't know what lies around the bend, but I'm going to believe that the best does."*  
- Anne of Green Gables,  
L.M. Montgomery



# HIGH SCHOOL BOOK AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS



The Friends of the Milford Library's annual High School Book Award and Scholarship recipients have been chosen. 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.

## Book Award Recipients:

The Academy: Rosalia Navarra  
Jonathan Law: Joseph Merly  
Joseph Foran: Isabella Ribera  
Platt Tech: Megan Campbell  
Lauralton Hall: Jiline Cole

## Scholarship Recipients:

Anna Jani, Joseph Foran  
Tasbita Ahmed, Jonathan Law

## RENOVATED LITTLE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Milford Library's Gulf Beach Little Library has recently been renovated by its original builders, Pat Simon and his three grandsons.

"We had a great time bonding in my workshop using new and recycled products to make it strong enough to withstand the weather on the beach." Simon says. "Setting the Little Library in place gave us that 'feel good feeling' that we did something positive for the people of Milford."

The Friends of the Milford Library have four Little Libraries. The Firehouse Art Gallery Little Library (81 Naugatuck Avenue, Walnut Beach) Gulf Beach Little Library (Gulf Street) and Milford YMCA Little Library (631 Orange Avenue, located off the parking lot, near the ball fields) are open and stocked. The Milford Train Station Little Library is currently closed until further notice.



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# LIBRARY PRIDE

Though the past few months have been filled with uncertainty, The Milford Public Library hasn't skipped a beat - adapting existing programs and services to best serve YOU!

Below are just some of the things they've been up to!

## **CURBSIDE PICKUP**

Allowed patrons to place items on hold and schedule a time to pick them up curbside.

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## **NEW BOOKS!**

Continued ordering new books and movies - including more e-content.

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## **BOOK GROUPS**

Held Popular Fiction, Classic, and Romance book groups virtually!

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## **3D PRINTER**

Utilized the 3D Printer to print N95 masks and surgical mask straps.

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## **SUMMER READING**

Created and launched Children, Young Adult, and Adult Summer Reading programs.

## **DIGITAL ACCESS CARDS**

Offered digital access cards to Milford residents without a library card.

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## **RESOURCE CENTER**

Created a Resource Center to discover new and interesting links to activities and sites you can enjoy at home.

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## **RENOVATIONS**

Continued renovations on the Children's Dept. (Did you catch the FB Live video that takes you behind the scenes?)

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## **POET LAUREATE**

Continued to accept and review applications for Milford's Poet Laureate program.

## **Children's Programs**

- ★ Digital Storytimes
  - ★ Virtual Scavenger hunts
  - ★ Virtual Book Chats
  - ★ "Turtle Dance Music!"
  - ★ "Sciencetellers!"
  - ★ New Spring Storywalk AND MORE!!
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## **Young Adult Programs**

- ▶ Virtual TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Meet-up!
  - ▶ Quaren-TWEEN LEGO Challenge
  - ▶ Q&A w/ Milford Health Dept.
  - ▶ College Searches in the time of COVID-19 AND MORE!!
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## **Adult Programs**

- Magician Matias Leterlier
- Chat with a Space Historian
- Meditating with Amy
- Chat with a Scientist
- The Library Zoom Room: Chats with Library Staff AND MORE!!

# SUPPORT

## \$5 WINDOW CLINGS!



Receive an exclusive 'I ♥ Milford Public Library' window cling by donating \$5 to the Friends of the Milford Library. Visit [milfordlibrary.org](http://milfordlibrary.org) for the link to donate.

A very limited number of window clings will also be available at curbside pickup for a \$5 cash donation (exact change only).

## SHOP! AMAZON SMILE



Shop & Support! By signing into [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate 0.5% of every eligible purchase to the charity of your choice. Sign in today and choose the *Friends of the Milford Public Library*.



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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](http://milfordlibrary.org)



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