

Plan to Attend the Friends' Barnes and Noble Event on September 23

Join us at Barnes and Noble on September 23 where we will be celebrating B-Fest while earning money for the Friends. When using the voucher (pictured here and available in the library) to make a purchase, a percentage of the sale will be contributed to the Friends. Vouchers will also be honored for online purchases September 23-27.

The event celebrates young adult literature with a series of events. Fans can meet with authors, hear readings, get their books signed and grab an excerpt of a new and upcoming release. There'll be plenty of games, trivia and even writing workshops for any aspiring authors.

Are You a Fan of Puzzles or Mysteries?

You have a treat in store at the *Party in the Stacks! 2017*. Renowned puzzle maker Eric Berlin is creating a special puzzle event for the *Party*. He will be hiding several objects throughout the Library for party goers to find and use to solve a number of puzzles.

"As soon as I heard the theme, the Enchanted Forest," said Berlin, "I knew what I wanted to do: Create a scenario where people will go on a series of quests – some easy, some a little harder.

"I've created group events for other organizations before," continued Berlin, "but nothing like this one. People can solve the puzzles as a team. Or one person can do it alone. If you wish, you can play only the easy quests. Or you can do the entire set of puzzles. It will be fun for everybody. And I'll be there to help if people are having difficulty... I may even give a hint or two."

Watch the Enchanted Forest Grow in the Library's Side Windows

Keep your eyes peeled on the side windows of the Library. Thanks to the creative artistry of Library Technical Assistant Ronda Zalenski, and the craftsmanship of Friends' volunteers, the Party in the Stacks! Enchanted Forest keeps expanding with new and different trees.

The Intrigue of a Mystery Book

In addition to the nighttime sleuthing with Eric Berlin's puzzles, guests at the *Party in the Stacks!* can take part in another fun activity -- taking a chance on a mystery book. For five dollars, you will be able to purchase a gorgeous coffee table book. The catch: the only information about the book is an intriguing blurb on the wrapping that hints at the subject matter. As a further incentive, each wrapped book will have a gift card or coupon tucked inside. This intrigue awaits you on October 21.

Take a chance! Friends' Amy Bringardner and Linda Sheehan have wrapped coffee table books. Buy one ... you will also find a gift card or coupon inside!



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Special *Party in the Stacks 2017* Edition

Facts about *Party in the Stacks! 2017—The Enchanted Forest*

- Date:** Saturday, October 21, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Place:** Milford Public Library, 57 New Haven Avenue
- Tickets:** \$35 for members of the Friends, \$40 for non-members. After October 1, all tickets will be \$50. Attendees must be 21 or older.
- Sponsors:** The Crushed Grape, The Milford Bank and ShopRite of Milford
- Buy Tickets** At the Library Circulation Desk or on the Library's website (Friends' page)
- More info** email partyinstacks.milfordlib@gmail.com, call 203.783.3291 or check the library's website: milfordlibrary.org

"This year's gala event," said Friends' president Anne Bolin, "will feature a whimsical woodland scene. For this night only, you can step into a world of fantasy and delight at the Library. Last year, more than 150 people enjoyed this event.

"The festivities will be emceed by longtime radio personality Brian Smith and will feature a custom-designed puzzle treasure hunt by Eric Berlin, author of the Winston Breen mystery series and New York Times crossword contributor. We will have music and dancing, wonderful hors d'oeuvres, a photo booth and silent auction. Wear a costume inspired by the enchanted forest theme or dress as your favorite book character and vie to win the Costume Contest. Costumes are encouraged, but are optional. Plan to join us. You don't want to miss out on all the excitement."



Milford's star Brian Smith will be the MC for the party.



Christopher Martins' restaurant will again be providing the food for the Party.



Dancing in the Stacks at last year's Party!

Take a Sneak Peak...Be the First to Plan and Make a Bid on the Auction Items for the *Party in the Stacks! 2017 - The Enchanted Forest*

"We are listing below a selection of items that will be available for bidding," said Lois Barr, chair of the Silent Auction Committee. There are two ways that you will be able to bid on silent auction items:

- ◆ You can bid online. Online bidding will open in late September. You can access the list through this link: <http://www.ci.milford.ct.us/milford-public-library/pages/party-in-the-stacks-silent-auction>
- ◆ Or you can bid in person the night of the *Party in the Stacks! 2017—The Enchanted Forest*

And there will be many more wonderful silent auction items to come."

South African Safari Adventure for Two (or Four)

Go on a fabulous six-day, six-night South African safari. Includes: Six nights room accommodations in either the Heritage Safari Lodge, Tented Safari Camp, or the Safari Game Lodge AND three meals per day AND two game rides per day on the Zulu Nyala Game Reserve in open Land Rovers with an experienced ranger who will also assist you in planning your activities during your stay. Winners will have the option to purchase a second trip for two at the winning bid price. Not included: Airfare, transfers, phone calls, laundry, drinks, extra activities and tours. Trip must be used within two years of date of purchase. Three current Friends members have recently gone on this trip and shared rave reviews! Learn more at: www.zulunyalagroup.com/ Provided by *Zulu Nyala Group*

Wine Tasting in the Privacy of Your Own Home

Invite your best friends (up to 20 people) to enjoy a wine tasting in your own home. You can try five different wines. Find a date that's good for both you and *The Crushed Grape*. Donated by *The Crushed Grape*.

Breakfast and Ride on a Fire Truck

What every child (or adult) wants for a present! Have breakfast at the Milford Fire Station of your choice and take a ride with the firemen. Six people; children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Provided by *Milford Fire Department*

Mayor for the Day

Last year's day with the Mayor was a real favorite. While this year's event is still in the planning, you will want to think about your bid...watch for more details. Provided by *Mayor Ben Blake*

Bring Beauty Into Your Home with a Handmade Quilt

You will love this colorful, handmade red, white, and blue nautical print quilt, 49" x 52", 100% cotton, machine quilted. Donated by *Mary Beth Stockman, Member, Friends of Milford Library*

Enjoy a Basket of Handpicked Wines

Carefully chosen from a small family-owned farm winery located in beautiful historic Woodbury, Connecticut

Donated by *Walker Road Vineyard*

Dine in Style at a Favorite Milford Restaurant

Invest in gift cards for restaurants of your choice. Donated by:

<i>Archie Moore's Bar & Restaurant</i>	<i>Flames Mediterranean & American Grille</i>	<i>Rainbow Gardens</i>
<i>Bridge House Restaurant</i>	<i>Gusto Trattoria</i>	<i>SBC Restaurant</i>
<i>Colony Grill</i>	<i>Joey C's Roadhouse</i>	<i>Seven Seas Restaurant</i>
<i>Fonda la Paloma</i>	<i>Michael Anthony's Tuscan Grill</i>	<i>Stonebridge Restaurant</i>

Relish a Night at a Connecticut Theater of your Choice

Immerse yourself in the theater...two tickets to "Kansas" (12/15), Palace Theater, Waterbury; two tickets to "Tuesdays with Morrie" (11/5), Ridgefield Playhouse, two tickets to Square One Theater, and two tickets to Long Wharf Theater. Donated by *Palace Theater, Ridgefield Playhouse, Square One, Long Wharf Theater*

For Vintage Book Lovers

Choose from several selections of historical and children's books. Provided by *Friends of the Milford Library*

Love Your Pet?

Bid on a Dog Gift Basket and a Cat Gift Basket from Pond Point Animal Hospital. For 40 years, this special Milford facility has provided wellness care and emergency veterinary services for dogs and cats of all shapes and sizes. Donated by *Pond Point Animal Hospital*

Choose Your Own Basket of Books

You can pick out the authors that you crave most with this Barnes & Noble gift card and carry them home in your new Barnes & Noble tote. Donated by *Mary Lee Clayton, Member, Friends of the Milford Library*

Be-Nice-To-Yourself Beauty Basket

Luxuriate with a Swedish Massage, enjoy three spa manicures, get an elegant haircut and styling.

Donated by *Tranquility Mind and Body Wellness Spa, Sun Nails, Andre Phillips Salon*

Unique Yoga Experience in the Milford Outdoors

Combine a yoga adventure, led by an expert WalkAboutYoga instructor, with an outdoor yoga hike.

Donated by *Traci Weber*

Enchanted Forest Themed Basket

A basketful of Enchanted Forest themed books and gifts can be yours, selected by the knowledgeable staff at Barnes and Noble. Donated by *Barnes and Noble*.

Art and History Lovers, Young and Old

Visit Connecticut's Museums—guest passes, behind the scene tours, memberships to Connecticut museums including Florence Griswold Museum, Peabody Museum, New England Air Museum, New Britain Museum of American Art, The Wadsworth Atheneum, Discovery Museum. Donated by *Individual Museums*

Indulge Yourself with an Overnight Stay

Treat yourself or a guest to an overnight stay at Marriot's newly renovated Springhill Suites in Milford

Donated by *Springhill Suites, Milford*

Unique Jewelry Package

A beautiful Pandora bracelet with unique charms, a stunning wooden jewelry box handcrafted by artisan Blake Humphreys, an SV Decker gift card and a gift card from Gilded Lily Gallery—a great gift for someone special. Donated by *Valentine's Diamond Center Jewelers, Blake Humphreys, SV Decker, Gilded Lily Gallery*

Treat Yourself or Your Friends to Gift Cards

You can choose from several sources, such as Subway, Stop & Shop, Sweet Cupcations.

Donated by *Individual Businesses*

Happy Trails

Join Steve Johnson, Milford's Open Space and Natural Resource Manager, for a two-hour tour nature walk, enjoying the natural beauty of Milford and learning about conservation efforts. Provided by *Steve Johnson*

Run Like You've Never Run Before

Hoka One One are those crazy looking shoes, with the amazing soles with extra cushioning that make you light and surefooted. Donated by *Jack Pilla*.

Like Arts and Crafts?

You will adore this basket with assorted craft supplies that will keep you happily busy for days on end.

Donated by *Deanna Jacobs, Member, Friends of the Milford Library*

Take Yourself and a Guest on a Tour on the Elm City Party Bike

You and a guest will have a ball as you try the newest vehicle of its kind in New England. Pedal on the bike, a traveling bar that seats ten people. Enjoy a drink while taking a tour. Donated by *Elm City Party Bike*