Save Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9 for our Holiday Book Sale

Put a big circle around these dates on your calendars... Friday, December 8 (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, December 9 (10 a.m.- 3 p.m.) for the Holiday Book Sale in the Library’s Program Room.

You will be able to spend time browsing the wonderful supply of nearly new books for sale, and buy what you need for holiday presents and for yourself to read on those cold winter nights. If you’d like to sign up to work on the sale, email milfordlib.friends@gmail.com.

Save the Date for our Thank You Party

We have had a very successful year and will have lots to celebrate at our annual meeting and thank you party on Sunday, January 28 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 2018, visit, eat, and have some fun (Anne and Chris are 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!

Friday with Friends

Linda Sheehan, Chair of Friday with Friends (holding the book purchased for the Library by the Friends in honor of Square One Theatre Company) with actors Frank Smith and Alice McMahon. The actors presented the audience with an intimate theatrical performance, discussed the new season and answered questions from the audience.

Linda was also responsible for the successful September Friday with Friends that featured Hedda Kopf, who spoke about her favorite subject, Virginia Woolf, literary genius, feminist, modernist and inspiration to countless readers.

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Friends of the Milford Library Newsletter

57 New Haven Avenue, Milford, Connecticut

Noted Milford Historian Richard Platt to Speak at Friday with Friends
Friday, November 3, 10:00 a.m.

Come join us for the November 3 Friday with Friends featuring Richard Platt, retired Town Historian, who served in this post from 1998 -2012. His topic: Milford during the American Revolution. A Milford native, Platt comes from a family of farmers with apple orchards, who made cider vinegar. If you look at the stones on the Memorial Bridge, you will find most of Platt’s ancestors. Platt, who graduated from Milford public schools and Yale, received his Master’s from Wesleyan and spent 35 years teaching history and, later, computers, at East Haven High School. He served on the Board of Education from 1961 to 1971, was president of the Milford Historical Society in the early 70s, chaired the Milford Bicentennial Observance Commission and has been active with the Milford Preservation Trust. An expert in family genealogy, Platt has served as president of the Platt Family Association since 1982 and is active in the Botsford Family Historical Association. The meeting will be held in the Program Room at the Library.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 3, 10 a.m. Richard Platt, speaking on American Revolution, Program Room, Friday with Friends
December 8, 1-5 p.m. December 9, 10-3 p.m. Holiday Book Sale, Program Room
January 28, 2:00 p.m. Friends Annual Meeting and Thank You Party, Program Room
Carefree Crowd Parties in the Stacks!

An enchanted forest filled with sprites and lights and greenery greeted the overflow crowd attending the Friends of the Milford Library’s second gala event on Saturday, October 21.

Chair and President Anne Bolin and Library Director Christine Angeli welcomed the revelers, many of whom were in literary costumes. Legendary DJ and Milford’s own Brian Smith guided the festivities in the Library where for this one night only, rules were suspended as guests enjoyed dancing on both the dance floor and among the books to the music of The DJ Company and enjoyed wine, beer, cider, and the event’s signature drink, *Lime and Punishment*.

The food was a highlight of the night, with guests enjoying an antipasti table and literary-themed hors d’oeuvres prepared by Christopher Martins Restaurant and passed by committee volunteers. Many of the partygoers played the treasure hunt, specially designed for the Party in the Stacks! by renowned author and *New York Times* puzzler Eric Berlin. Some played the entire game. Others chose to find a few of the objects that were hidden throughout the Library.

Bidding on the silent auction items, urged on by emcee Smith, started early and lasted all night long. Auction chair Lois Barr-Button noted, “We had more than 40 lots this year. Happy winners brought home unique prizes such as unusual running shoes as well as an awesome six-day South African Safari Trip.”

Guests were treated to a ‘red carpet’ as they entered the Library with photos taken on the landing, especially of those in costume. This year’s costume categories were “Most Original,” “Funniest,” “Most In Character,” and in keeping with the evening’s theme, “Most Authentic Denizen of the Enchanted Forest.” Joining Library Director Angeli in the judging efforts were Liz Davies, The Crushed Grape; Lorenzo Gaudioso, The Milford Bank; and James De-Stefano, ShopRite of Milford.

Many thanks to our sponsors, The Milford Bank, The Crushed Grape and ShopRite of Milford along with the over 80 donors to our Silent Auction. Thanks also to Slainte, Milford Inc. and the Irish Heritage Society of Milford.

Many members of the Friends of the Library as well as library staff have played a huge role in making the event a success, including mural artist: Marc-Anthony Massaro, Branford Art Studio; window designer Ronda Zalski; graphic designer Danielle Valenzano, The Milford Historical Society and Foran High School Key Club.

Friends Volunteers: Peggy Bolger, Jack Button, Barbara Cairney, Judy and Rick Condit, Carm DeVito, KarenFortunati, Judy Kennedy, Judy Salemme, Linda Sheehan, Kristen Trombley, Louise Uchaczky, Virginia Vanini

Silent Auction Committee: Lois Barr-Button, Chair; Nancy Abbey, Mina Becker, Amy Bringardner, Carrie Bryant, Cheryl Cappiali, Mina Decker, Pam Pilla,

Friends Board Members: Anne Bolin, Amy Bringardner, Kathy Goldbach, Karuna Kasbawala, Marion Morra, and Arlene Painter

Thank you and see you next year!