



Friends of the Milford Library Newsletter Fall 2015

57 New Haven Avenue, Milford, Connecticut

A Huge Success ... The Friends of the Milford Library's First Oyster Festival Book Sale

After several years' absence, book lovers flocked to enthusiastically support the popular Oyster Festival Book Sale, reinstated this year by The Friends of the Milford Library. The big white tent, sitting in the Broad Street parking lot of the Milford Bank facing the historic Milford Green, was jammed with buyers from the minute it opened at 9:00 a.m.

Kudos for all those who helped ...

Milford Bank, for being such a loyal, helpful, accommodating partner (with special shout-outs to Jorge Santiago, Nancy Parker, and Karuna Kasbawala);

The Oyster Festival Committee who went above and beyond to assist us;

Jay Sullivan of Rick's Plumbing Service, Inc. in Milford, who donated his time and his truck to move over 250 heavy cases of books from the Library to the Bank;

Randy Rajaniemi of Canon Solutions America for our banners;

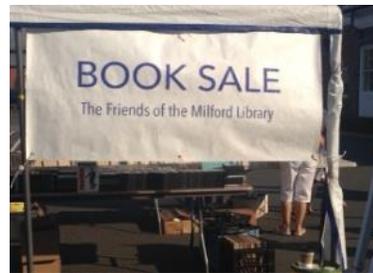
The energetic sales volunteers, including not only members of the Friends and their teen-aged offspring, but nearly 20 students from Foran and Jonathan Law high schools, who tirelessly and cheerfully helped throughout the day;

The generous book donors, who throughout the year contributed the terrific, gift-quality, almost new hard cover and paperback books for adults and children, CDs, DVDs and records that the buyers loved; and

The broad and enthusiastic support of the lovely crowd who showed up ready to buy.

As a result of the extraordinary efforts of all of these individuals and organizations, the Friends' support for library programs for the coming year will be better than ever.

Thank you Milford!



We are excited to announce that the Friends of the Library group will be holding a holiday book sale at the library on the evening of Friday, December 4, during the Lamplight Stroll!

Mark These Dates and Join Us:

Friday, **9/18** 10-11:30 a.m. Friday with Friends Coffee Hour, Program Room, Milford Library

Friday, **10/16** 11:30 a.m. Tour of Yale's Sterling Library

Friday, **11/20** Visit the New York City Public Library and Grolier Club

Friday, **12/4** evening Book Sale during the Milford Lamplight Stroll, Program Room, Milford Library

Sunday, **12/13**, 2-4 p.m. Friends Holiday Reception, Program Room, Milford Library

Many Thanks...

For their generous contributions to the Friends:

Patrons Walter Dolde, Karuna Kasbawala

Sponsor Patricia Brennan

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Friends of the Milford Library page on the Library website

*Purchase via Amazon Smile and the Friends earn \$. See our webpage.

Five Milford Students Win Friends' Book Award



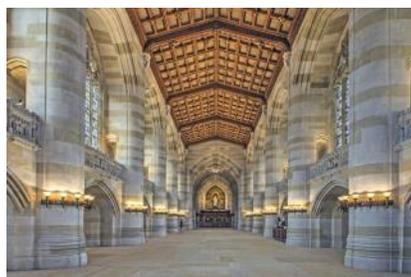
Left to right: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Elizabeth Feser; Milford Library Director Christine Angeli; Sara Beck, Jonathan Law High School; Emily Johnson The Academy; Milford Author Deforest W. Smith; Galilea Yanza, Platt Tech; Colleen Bradley, Lawalton Hall; Kaleigh Paskiewicz, Joseph A. Foran High School, and President of Friends of the Milford Library Dr. Anne Bolin.

Five Milford students were honored on June 8 with the Friends of Milford Library Book Award at a ceremony held at the Library. Presented by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Elizabeth Feser and Friends President Dr. Anne Bolin, the students, who were selected by the faculty at each school, were honored for their demonstrated strong and consistent love of reading, outstanding personal character, and the positive impact they have made on their school and community. The awardees received a signed copy of *Only in Milford* by Deforest W. Smith. A copy was also given to each student's school library with a bookplate commemorating the achievement. Friends' Committee members Peggy Bolger, Carrie Bryant, and Judy Salemme worked with school personnel in all five of Milford's high schools to institute the new Awards Program. Noted Friends President Anne Bolin, "We are delighted to honor these students for the important role that reading has played in their lives, as well as for their integrity and their commitment to the City of Milford."

Friday with Friends Event

Friday, October 16 at Yale's Library

Join Ken Crilly, Associate University Librarian for Program Development & Research in the Yale University Library, on Friday October 16, at 11:30 AM, as he leads the Friends of the Milford Library on a tour of Yale's Sterling Memorial Library. The gothic-style entrance nave of Sterling underwent an extensive restoration from July 2013 through August 2014. In the nave, we'll see the cleaned and repaired stained glass windows, new lighting which showcases the restored ceilings, upper-level architectural details, the patterning that emerged from cleaning the sandstone and limestone walls, and the repaired mural of Eugene Savage's *Alma Mater*. We'll also learn about the repurposing of several spaces within the nave (such as the old card catalog



areas), so that the space now better supports the activities of a twenty-first century research library. Beyond the nave, Ken will show us several other reading rooms and collections on the first floor of Sterling, which serves as the principal library of one of the great academic research libraries in the world. Total tour time: approximately 1 hour.

Board of Directors News

The Board is pleased to announce the recent appointments of Janice Pellegrino as Treasurer of The Friends and Karuna Kasbawala as Assistant Treasurer.

Currently the librarian at Joseph A. Foran High School, Janice has had expertise in the legal field and environmental consulting areas prior to her role as librarian in the education and public sectors. She brings strong computer technology

Little Libraries Launched



Three launch parties were held in May to open the Friends Little Libraries at the Milford YMCA, the Firehouse Gallery and Gulf Beach. Constructed by interested Little Libraries Committee members, each Little Library has stewards responsible for overseeing and checking on its stock of books. With its tagline, 'take a book, return a book', the newly built boxes of free books are open 24/7.



skills and website management experience to the Board. Formerly Assistant Treasurer, she fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Wilbert Laza.

Karuna has been employed by the Milford Bank for 16 years and is currently Assistant Manager of the Woodmont Office. She offers her skills and experience in retail banking and customer service to the Board. She fills the role vacated by Ms. Pellegrino.