



Weekly Library News, 2017

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Library Hours

The Milford Town Library will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day. The library will reopen on Tuesday, February 21 at regular hours.

Black History Month Continues

February continues to be Black History Month. There is a display of books and a DVD or two on the round table near the front desk, and a selection of bookmarks with a variety of famous Black Americans and quotes from their lives to take home.

Besides the books displayed, here is a small list of other titles that might be of interest. Some are fiction, some biography, some other stuff. Take a look. You are sure to find a book to enjoy.

The Known World, by Edward P. Jones, a novel about the household of a former slave, who became a slave owner, and how his household fell apart once he died during a slave rebellion.

The Color Purple, Alice Walker's famous and award winning novel that takes place in the south and in Africa. A disturbing and beautiful book.

Lady Sings the Blues, is the fiercely honest, no-holds-barred autobiography of Billie Holiday, the legendary jazz, swing, and standards singing sensation of the 50s, who first sang "Strange Fruit."

Killing Rage: ending racism, by bell hooks, who maintains that ending racism and eradicating sexism must be achieved hand in hand.

Pepperfish Keys, one of the Detective Barrett Raines mysteries by Darryl Wimberley that take place along the Florida coast.

I Shall Not Be Moved, new poems by Maya Angelou, the author of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.

The Taste of Country Cooking, by Edna Lewis is a celebration of the unique American country cooking the author grew up with years ago in a small Virginia Piedmont farming community that had been settled by freed slaves.

Roots: the saga of an American family, by Alex Haley. This winner of the Pulitzer Prize started the genealogy craze that continues to this day. It tell of an African captured and enslaved, shipped to America and of his life and the lives of the six generations that followed him. A history series movie made from the book was watched by millions of viewers and the DVD is still popular.

Once more we hope you will find something here you'll want to read. We also have DVDs and lots of music. One can only begin to scratch the surface. Want more books on Black History? Ask a librarian

Tax Assistance

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The AARP Tax Assistance program at the library is completely booked and already has a waiting list for cancellations.

Tax Forms Available

The Milford Town Library now has Massachusetts Resident and non-Resident 2016 Tax Forms available on a cart near the front entrance. We have also received 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ Federal Tax Forms at this time, as well as 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ Instruction Booklets. The large binder of Reproducible Forms is now available as well. You may ask for it at the Information Desk.

Contemporary Book Group

The Contemporary Book group will meet on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7pm in the Children's Program Room to discuss ***The Nest*** by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney.

The Nest is a warm and funny and acutely perceptive debut novel about four adult siblings and the fate of the shared inheritance that has shaped their choices and their lives. Among dysfunctional families, the Plumb family stands out as spectacular. After years of simmering tensions, three of the four, Melody, Jack and Beatrice meet in New York City to confront their reckless brother Leo just released from rehab. Months earlier Leo, while drunk and with a teenaged waitress, wrecked his car. The accident has endangered the Plumb's joint trust fund, "***The Nest***," which they are months away from receiving.

Meant by their deceased father to be a modest mid-life supplement, the Plumbs have watched ***The Nest***'s value soar along with the stock market and have been counting the money to solve a number of self-inflicted problems.

This is a story about the power of family, the possibilities of friendship, the ways we depend on each other and the ways we let each other down. It is a tender, entertaining and deftly written first novel, and Sweeney brings a remarkable cast of characters to life to illuminate what money does to relationships.

To reserve a copy of ***The Nest***, or for more information about the Contemporary Book Group, please call Shelley at 508-473-2145, ext. 2 or email, ssgamat@cwmares.org.

Brian Morrison - Featured Artist

During February, the artwork of Brian Morrison will be exhibited at the Milford Town Library near the Reference Desk. Brian creates utterly unique portraits of human beings combining line drawings and computer-aided painting.

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A Massachusetts native, Brian earned his BFA at the Mass College of Art along with an Honorary Art Associate Award. He has also apprenticed with a print maker and a professor at a Vermont college. He began and maintains a union iron working company.

Brian practices his art daily and the 11 pieces exhibited are just a fraction of his output. He strives to create images that are both beautiful and uninhibited. He writes that "I create art for the purpose of learning, for the witnessing of happiness in myself, as it is created during the process for the creation of balance. The simple act of creating a balance between line, form, color and content, a balance expressed through the symbol of a human form."

In his work, Brian shows men and women in various states of being and thinking. They appear to be contained within the lines, while the colors seem fluid, in motion. The artist notes that he is often "overwhelmed by the speed with which times passes." His pictures seem to be a shout, a retort against this speed. Stop, look at this man or woman at this particular moment.

While vivid and inviting, the portraits, some close-up, some from a distance defy easy description. Come see for yourself throughout the month. In addition, more of Brian's work can be viewed at <http://lightcolortime.com>

Pat Fahey – Beatles Picture Disks

Pat started collecting these pictures disks in the early 80s. The disks were always produced in limited editions, and were hard to find. They are all playable in a 33 1/3 format, in either mono or stereo, and mainly contain interviews with the Beatles talking about their movies and songs beginning in 1964 up until **Let It Be**. One of the disks has rare takes of unreleased songs.

In the collection are two disks that were released as regular records as well as picture disks. The first record to be released as a picture disk in 1982, is the small disk that looks like a 45 rpm. This was the first official release of its kind to feature the Beatles. The disk used the same pictures as those on the sleeve of the normal black vinyl record. The second picture disk, also released as an album, is John and Ono's Milk and Honey. This was released in 1984.

The Silver Beatles disk was released in 1982, with the first Beatles drummer Pete Best, and contains interviews and unreleased songs.

Most of the other disks contain interviews, some of them on American concert tours. These are unusual record disks, very worth a good look. Pat Fahey says some can still be found on E-Bay.

Dry Eye Relief without Drops

People experience dry eyes for a couple of reasons: aging and blocked oil gland pores on the eyelid being the most common culprits.

While commercially available eye drops can provide relief, they can also contain preservatives that can irritate eyes further.

The Mayo Clinic Health Center suggests using warm compresses to the eyes. You can use a warm washcloth or a heated, beaded mask. Apply the compress to the eye for 10 minutes and follow

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up by washing the eyelashes and eyelid with a watered down mild shampoo. By unblocking the pores on the eyelid, the gland can naturally lubricate and glide over the surface of your eye.

If the dryness persists or you notice any swelling or redness, speak with your doctor. You may have other conditions or infections that need to be cleared up.

Boston Bruins PJ Drive

The Milford Town Library has teamed up with the Boston Bruins to participate in their annual pajama drive to benefit DCF Kids and Cradles to Crayons. The PJ Drive's goal is to collect 10,000 pairs of new pajamas for children and teens in need. The Boston Bruins PJ Drive runs from February 1 through March 15, 2017. The library will be collecting new pairs of pajamas for babies, children and teens. Watch for special events to be announced soon!

Center Book Group

The Center Book Group will meet on Tuesday, March 21st at 10am at the Milford Senior Center to discuss Noah Hawley's new novel ***Before the Fall***.

Hawley is a prolific author of four other novels, ***A Conspiracy of Tall Men*** (1998), ***Other People's Weddings*** (2004), ***The Punch*** (2008), ***The Good Father*** (2012) and most recently, a television writer for the shows *Fargo* and *Legion*. He also wrote the screenplay for the film ***Alibi*** (2006).

Hawley brings his dark and suspenseful skills to ***Before the Fall*** which begins with a private plane crash where the only survivors are a young boy and a struggling middle aged artist. Who were the other wealthy and influential people on board? Was the crash an accident? What happened during the last 18 minutes, before the fall into the Atlantic Ocean?

Besides peeling back the layers of the individual stories and keeping his readers wondering and turning the pages of this thriller, Hawley explores the nature of fate, heroism, notoriety, privacy and much more.

Newcomers are always welcome to come to these informal, but informative discussions. For more information about the Center Book Group or to reserve a copy of ***Before the Fall***, call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145, ext. 2.

Drop-In Knitting and Crocheting

The Drop-In Knitting and Crocheting Classes continue on Monday evenings at 6pm in the Children's Program Room. Informal instruction is provided as needed by a variety of well-seasoned knitters and crocheters.

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Should you be a novice knitter or one who just prefers to knit in the company of others and pick up a tip or two, this may be the group for you. Drop in and check it out. Winter is the perfect time for knitting another hat, scarf or pair of mittens.

Puzzle Anyone or Color?

Puzzling has really taken off here. We have been through several 500 piece puzzles on our Puzzle Table, but the 1000 piece Van Gogh has been a bit more of a challenge. Come in and try your hand if you feel so inclined.

The sign, “**Puzzle if You Wish!**” announces that this is the puzzle table. Puzzles are left in an incomplete condition so anyone can add a piece or two or ten, if they wish.

There is now another table “**Color Your World**” with photocopied sheets from coloring books and colored pencils and crayons nearby to use by those interested in this relaxing pastime. Patrons are welcome to take home the sheets they color, but we appreciate them leaving the crayons and pencils for others to use.

ESL Classes

Free drop-in English classes for adults are held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Watch for copies of the February calendar for a full schedule of classes at the Circulation or Reference Desks.

Citizenship Classes

Citizenship Classes meet on Thursdays from 6 - 8pm in the ESL Classroom on the lower level. Registration will be ongoing. Classes began February 2nd. Call Maddy Hennessy: 508-860-2261 for more information.

Health Outreach

Patrons needing help with Mass Health information or forms may be assisted on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 2 to 6pm in the ESL Room on the Lower Level. Assistance is also available at the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center (near CVS and Papa Gino's, on Route 140) every Monday morning. While drop-ins may be accommodated if time allows, *an appointment is strongly recommended*--please call 800-853-2288 to set one up.

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming Friends Programs

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Karen Antonowicz: The Fashions of Downton Abbey: Saturday, March 11th, 1pm
The Moonlighters: An Evening of Celtic Music: Thursday, March 23rd, 7pm

Ongoing Programs

- **Food Pantry** donations from the library have been greatly appreciated. Donations are delivered weekly by a staff member.
- **Museum Passes** are available to many area museums, zoos and attractions thanks to the **Friends of the Library**.
- **Membership to the Friends of the MTL** continues to be only \$10 a year.
- **Book Sale Table** has items for all ages replenished weekly.

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