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Friends Book Sale This Weekend

The Friends of the Milford Town Library Spring Book Sale will be held Friday April 28 (preview for Friends members only) and Saturday April 29 for the general public. This is one of two Book Sales held by the Friends each year and is a major fund raiser for the Library's museum passes and programming. Donations of books, DVDS, games and CDs are always welcome.

The Friends are particularly looking for volunteers to help with the Book Sale: Set-up on Thursday, April 27, and working during the sale on April 28 and 29; Take-down after the sale on April 29. Helping with the sale is work, but it is also fun and enjoys a lot of camaraderie. If you can spare an hour or two, call Lynda Heller, Sale Coordinator, at 508-473-4178.

This year there are some special items available at the Spring Book Sale. The Library has discarded no longer needed copies of *Mitchells* and *Chiltons Auto Manuals*. These large auto repair manuals may be just the thing an older car hobbyist would be thrilled to have on hand. Check out the sale and see if one or more of these manuals would be helpful.

May Drop-In Storytimes

During May a number of drop-in style storytimes will be held for children from birth up to third grade. Registration is not required to participate—just stop at the Children's Room desk to make a name tag for each child who is participating. Siblings do not attend Toddler Time for Mother Goose unless they fall in into the program's age category.

Mother Goose on the Loose (for birth-age 2 with an adult)

Fridays @ 10am: 5/5, 5/12 & 5/19

Terrific Toddlers (for ages 2-3 with an adult)

Thursdays @ 10am: 5/4 & 5/18

Storytime Stars (for ages 3-5)

Tuesdays @ 10am: 5/2, 5/16, & 5/30

Art with Heart (for grades K-3)

Wednesdays @ 4pm: 5/10 & 5/24

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Tsum-Tsum Collection in Children's Room

Don't miss the adorable Tsum-Tsum collection of Joshua and Heidi Gagnon on display in the children's room display case this month. For those not in the know, Tsum-Tsums are little stackable toys based on Disney and other characters from movies.

Joshua and Heidi's collection includes some plushies, mini and medium plastic Tsum-Tsums and even a few glittery ones.

The craze started in Japan and its name comes from the Japanese verb tsumu meaning to stack. Worldwide, millions of Tsum-Tsums have been sold.

Contemporary Book Group

The Contemporary Book group will meet on Wednesday, April 26, at 7pm in the Children's Program Room to discuss ***Imagine Me Gone*** by Adam Haslett.

Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award finalist Haslett has written a fiercely intimate story of a family facing the ultimate question of how far will we go to save the people we love the most? In ***Imagine Me Gone*** Haslett deals with mental illness, and in particular focuses on a family tormented by father-and-son battles with chronic depression and anxiety and their attempt, through it all, to determine what constitutes a good, meaningful life.

With his striking emotional precision and lively, inventive language, Adam Haslett has given us something rare: a novel with the power to change how you see the most important people in your life.

To reserve a copy of ***Imagine Me Gone***, or for more information about the Contemporary Book Group, please call Shelley at 508-473-2145, ext. 2 or email, ssgammat@cwmars.org

Center Book Group

The Center Book Group will meet on Tuesday, May 16th at 10am at the Milford Senior Center to discuss ***The Nightingale*** by Kristin Hannah.

In this exquisite novel, bestselling author Kristin Hannah has created what may be her most compelling novel to date. ***The Nightingale*** tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France during WWII.

The story of Vianne who lives a quiet life in the French countryside and Isabelle, a Parisian shows the ways war forces choices you might otherwise never be made to make. Resilience and strength aren't just words but palpable qualities in ***The Nightingale***.

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 ***The Nightingale***, call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145, ext. 2.

Deborah Bottomley – Artist for April

Deborah is a Milford resident who works full time as an Estimator for a Drapery Fabricator in the hospitality industry. As a “weekend artist” she paints primarily in watercolor, but also works in oil, pastel, acrylic and charcoal. Much of her work is created using photographs she’s taken as reference and inspiration.

On exhibit throughout the month of April, are a number of pieces showing Deborah’s skill and versatility with media and subject matter. Her portraits include a watercolor of a pair of girls marching in a parade with a flag unfurled and floating behind them. A simple yet striking pastel titled **Earl** depicts a man playing a trumpet. A monochromatic watercolor, **Visit from Heaven** shows a couple holding and tenderly kissing the cheek of a young child.

In addition, a number of finely rendered landscapes and other subjects are also on exhibit. An oil titled **Snowscape** has a stream rippling through the snowy banks of a winter woods.

Deborah also does commission work from people’s original photos of special people, places and pets. You can see example of some of these results on her website. She is a member of various local guilds: Framingham Artist Guild, Franklin Art Association, Blackstone Valley Art Association, and most recently became a member with New England Watercolor Society. You can visit her website to see additional work and learn more of her art journey: www.dbottomley.com.

Many of the pieces seen on display are available for purchase as the original, an archival quality Giclee print or a photo art card.

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month

During May, a special consumer health display will be set-up on the round table near the staff picks and new biographies. There will be many resources for individuals and families to take home including brochures, info-sheets, and handy wallet sized tick identification cards that are great to refer to before going on outings or camping.

Prevention really is the best way to combat Lyme disease which can cause serious, long-term health problems affecting the brain and nervous system, joints, and muscles, and skin.

Vintage Magazines on Display

It’s pretty common to see copies of *LIFE*, *Look* and the *Saturday Evening Post* from the 1950s at flea markets, antique shops, and family attics or basements. These publications were full size, glossy, and written for a general audience.

Less ubiquitous but also interesting are smaller, thinner pulp-style publications that were sold for cents at the general stores and markets throughout the 1940s and 1950s. With names like *Beauty*

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Parade, Bold, Focus, Flirt, Pulse and Quick they were full of photos, gossip, and other light-hearted fare.

During April, a local collector will be exhibiting a number of these magazines in the adult display case across from the Reference Desk. Some of the cover boys and girls featured are Arlene Dahl, Alan Ladd, Rita Moreno, Don Newcombe, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis and the one and only Judy Garland. The headlines are often amusing too: "Women Give Men Ulcers" and "What's Happening to the Plunging Neckline?" Come see these relics of an earlier time in publishing.

Susan Kapatoes—A Spiritual Journey

The Friends of the Milford Town Library welcome local author Susan Kapatoes on Wednesday, May 24th at 7pm for a reading of her book ***A Spiritual Journey***.

Embrace the infinite power of love, the beauty of everyday friendships, and the magnificence of this journey that we call life. ***A Spiritual Journey*** is about unexplainable events and unforgettable memories. But most of all, it is about moments – those important flashes of time that give purposeful meaning to our lives.

Kapatoes has shared some of these moments because she wants you to know that we are all powerful beings with the ability to use our inner wisdom for the benefit of humankind. ***A Spiritual Journey*** empowers readers to take positive action by using the tools we have inside: Sincerity, Joy, Awareness and Knowledge

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.

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.

ESL Classes

Free drop-in English classes for adults are held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. A full schedule of classes for April is available at the Circulation or Reference Desks and on our website.

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Citizenship Classes

Citizenship Classes meet on Thursdays from 6 - 8pm in the ESL Classroom on the lower level. Registration will be ongoing. 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 2nd and 4th 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 Program

Kim Larkin -- A Pleasant Pairing: Tea, Cheese and Chocolate Tasting: Thurs. June 15, 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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