



## **Weekly Library News, 2017**

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### **Fiona Raleigh Artist for August**

The artwork of Milford High School graduate Fiona Raleigh will be on exhibit during the month of August behind the Information Desk. In high school Fiona had the opportunity to take AP Studio Art classes, which she thanks for the amount of work she has to display here.

Her interests lie mostly in the human form – mainly faces. A wonderful example is her self-portrait, a pensive study in a blue baseball cap. Color also plays an extremely important part in her art as well. She uses watercolors or even markers to get the most control over the colors.

The round table near the Circulation Desk shows Fiona's evolution of her drawing for the cover of the 2017 Milford High School Year Book. It is a beautiful cover and the progress from pencil drawing to the full color painting is most intriguing.

Take some time this August to view Fiona's art which you can see all around the Information Desk. It is varied and insightful and shows so much promise. Fiona will be attending the University of Vermont to study Neuroscience this fall. She plans to continue to pursue art not only throughout college but through the rest of her life. It is a part of who she is.

### **Programs for Kids and Youth**

Drop-In Story and Craft for Children ages three and up at 3pm on August 17

Lego Building in the Children's Room for ages five and up from 7-8:30pm on August 14.

Tween Movie Night August 15, in the YA Room for grades 4 -8 from 6 – 8:45pm

Teen and Tween Crafts feature Day of the Dead Planters, August 8: 2:30 – 4pm grades 4-12

### **Glasses for Eclipse Viewing**

While supplies last, the Milford Town Library has free glasses suitable for viewing the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Stop by the Children's or Reference Departments to get a pair(s).

### **End of Summer Ice Cream Party – All Ages!**

Join us for an ice cream party to bring the summer reading program to a cold and delicious close on Friday, August 18 from 3-4pm in the Granite & Quarry Rooms on the lower level.

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Bring in your completed summer reading logs to get a certificate and to be entered into a raffle for a number of prizes and to enjoy games.

## Center Book Group

The Center Book Group will meet on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Milford Senior Center to discuss ***Station Eleven*** by Emily St. John Mandel.

***Station Eleven***, winner of the Arthur C. Clarke award for science fiction in 2015, offers a nuanced take on the dystopian theme after a swine flu wipes out much of the world's population.

In this universe, time is measured in "post-pandemic" years and the novel spans Year Zero to Year Twenty. When the flu strikes, the novel's heroine Kirsten is a child attending a performance of King Lear in Toronto. While on stage the lead actor Arthur Leander suffers a heart attack. Before he dies, he leaves Kirsten a graphic novel written by his wife. Titled ***Station Eleven***, the book intrigues her and she is always looking for traces of Arthur as she grows up and joins a Traveling Symphony.

Writing in *The Guardian*, David Barnett wrote, "this tale of the end of a civilisation shows how even in the ruins, humanity can preserve its virtues."

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 ***Station Eleven***, call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145, ext. 2

## Contemporary Book Group

The Contemporary Book group will meet on Wednesday, August 23, at 7pm in the Children's Program Room to discuss ***I Liked My Life*** by Abby Fabiaschi.

This debut novel tells the story of Maddy, perfect wife and mother, who committed suicide and is now trying to find a new wife and mother for her husband and daughter. She examines a variety of possible women before settling on Rory, who she thinks might work out.

While Maddy floats in the afterlife, her husband and teenaged daughter struggle with grief and their own private guilt, trying to understand why their wife and mother left them as she did without a note or explanation.

The novel has been reviewed as "an emotional journey of love, loss, healing and redemption;" "a rich, multi-layered story about family and the enormous power of love;" "as absorbing as it is illuminating, and as witty as it is heartbreaking. A truly un-put-down-able-read."

To reserve a copy of ***I Liked My Life***, or for more information about the Contemporary Book Group, please call Shelley at 508-473-2145, ext. 2 or email, [ssgammat@cwmar.org](mailto:ssgammat@cwmar.org).

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## **Early Personal Computers – Charlie Abrahamson**

Charlie Abrahamson, our artist for July, shares his early personal computers in the Adult Display Case during the month of August. These small but still workable machines have belonged to Charlie since the early 1980s when he got into the computer world.

He bought a small computer, the Timex Sinclair 1000, which you can see in the Display Case. It was really small, with 2 k of memory. An 80 work text is 80 k of memory. The Timex computer cost under \$100.00. It plugged into a normal TV and used a tape cassette recorder for long term memory.

Charlie progressed from there to larger Timex and on to Commodore 64 and 128 systems. His fascinations with computers has never flagged, but time and space at home keep him from setting them up and getting them working again.

His first two computers are here with cassettes (even one for voice chess), printouts, and all the other necessary equipment they need to perform their functions. It's a fascinating display and a look back to a world gone by.

## **Fun Free Fridays**

Once again Highland Street Foundation and others bring us Fun Free Fridays: 85 museums and cultural events for 10 Fridays this summer, 100% Free.

On: August 18<sup>th</sup> visit:

- The Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston
- Old Sturbridge Village
- Freedom Trail Foundation
- Buttonwoods Park Zoo
- Cape Cod Children's Museum
- Berkshire Museum
- Emily Dickinson Museum

Enjoy a Free day at one of these museums or other venues on August 18, and look for more Fun Free Fridays the rest of the summer.

## **Sweet Remedies**

Honey, especially the raw, unprocessed variety found in health food stores, farmers' markets, and from beekeepers can be used as an antibacterial salve in place of expensive ointments, according to Dr. Low Dog, MD, a physician and expert in the field of integrative medicine.

Honey is so effective in wound management because it lowers inflammation, soothes pain, and produces enzymes that stop bacteria from growing.

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For minor cuts, scrapes, simply wash the area with water, remove any debris, and then apply a few dabs of honey directly to the wound. Cover with a bandage and repeat daily until the wound is completely healed.

## 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. Start preparing now for the scarves and mittens or hats you'll be needing come winter.

## ESL Classes

Regular Drop-In ESL classes are on hold until the fall. There are Wednesday classes for all levels that meet at 1pm on August 16 & 23. A Reading and Vocabulary Group meets on Wednesdays at 6pm on the same dates. You may stop by either the Circulation or Reference Desks for a copy of the schedule or a printable copy can be found on the library's website, [www.milfordtownlibrary.org/english-as-a-second-language/](http://www.milfordtownlibrary.org/english-as-a-second-language/). For more information, call the Reference Desk at 508-473-2145, ext 2.

## Health Outreach

Patrons needing help with Mass Health information or forms may be assisted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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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