



## **Weekly Library News, 2017**

**October 5, 2017**

### **Library Hours**

The Milford Town Library is closed Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 10 at 9am.

### **Oil Painting 2017**

The Milford Town Library Atelier Artists, under the direction of Sal Ferreira, invite you to their exhibit of Oil Painting 2017 in the library's Children's Program Room.

Now in its tenth year, the Atelier meets at Trinity Episcopal Church for open studio time where artists work together, to encourage and inspire one another.

New work by more than a dozen artists will be exhibited throughout October and may be viewed anytime a program is not being held in the room. You can check our website to view the upcoming events calendar, [www.milfordtownlibrary.org](http://www.milfordtownlibrary.org).

### **The Atelier Group: Trees**

In addition to the exhibit of new work, the Milford Library Atelier Artists will also exhibit their oil paintings of trees behind the Information Desk for the month of October. Trees of all kinds and shapes will be portrayed in these portraits.

Each year, the artists select a theme and interpret it in any way they choose. Past themes have included Monet's Bridge, Interiors, Autumn, and Doors. It's always amazing to see how each painter creates something unique from the same subject.

Please stop by to see them and let the artists know what you think.

### **Inktober: Melanie Christopher**

It's clear from Melanie's ink drawings of skeletons, pumpkins, ghosts, and monsters that she loves Halloween. However, another holiday word comes to mind when viewing her charming creations: Merry!

In one, a masked treat or treater carries a pumpkin for her haul while candy corn dances around. In another, a ghost holds a lantern with a word bubble over his head, "Yup, still dead." Frankenstein and his bride appear as a duo, their freaky love binding them together. A pumpkin-

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headed scarecrow sheepishly holds a balloon. All of the drawings have small, individual details that add to their originality.

Christopher is an illustrator and designer in Milford. She works in a few different mediums including ink, watercolor and acrylic. Her Inktober drawings are fun and endearing, even when depicting skeletons, Frankenstein and other scary characters.

She's newcomer to Milford and thankful for the opportunity to display her art in her new home town. Stop by and enjoy the art from a neighbor. You may see them in the Adult Display Case all month.

## Center Book Group

The Center Book Group will meet on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Milford Senior Center to discuss ***The Secret Place*** by Tana French.

In this police procedural mystery, Detective Stephan Moran gets his chance to break into Dublin's Murder Squad when a young woman from a boarding school brings him a clue about a murdered classmate: a note on an anonymous board at the school says "I Know Who Killed Him."

French is the author of several books in the Murder Squad series set in Dublin including ***In the Woods, The Likeness, The Faithful Place*** and ***Broken Harbour***. *The Independent* has referred to her as the "The First Lady of Irish Crime." A trained theater actress, French began writing her first book while between acting jobs.

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 Secret Place***, call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145, ext. 2

## .Swing Fever Trio – The Best of American Popular Music

Join us on Tuesday evening, October 17, at 7pm when the Friends of the Milford Town Library present Steve Rudolph's **Swing Fever Trio** and get your toes tapping as they apply their distinctive jazz styling to the music of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Frank Sinatra and much more . . . and don't forget Elvis!

It's a joyous sampling of the best of American popular music of the 30s, 40s, and 50s. Steve Rudolph is a former public school music teacher, who has performed for over 45 years both in the United States and in Europe. Steve will be accompanied by Ralph Pepe on bass and Alan Trebat on drums, both well known in the New England music scene for many years.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Town Library and is free and open to the public.

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## Contemporary Book Group

The Contemporary Book group will meet on Wednesday, October 25, at 7pm in the Children's Program Room to discuss ***The Dry*** by Jane Harper. This page-turner of a mystery set in a parched Australian farming community is Harper's debut thriller.

The novel's main character Aaron Falk has returned to town for the funeral of his onetime best friend, Luke, who has died in rather ghoulish circumstances. Aaron was forced to leave town many years ago for reasons that are not initially shared with the reader.

***The Dry*** is a breathless nail-biter, driven by the many revelations Harper dreams up for Falk during his visit. She throws out so many teasing possibilities that it's hard to believe this is her first novel. A chilling story set under a blistering sun this will keep readers awake long after bedtime.

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

## Non-invasive Pain Relievers

Too frequent use of over the counter painkillers can cause stomach upset or even interfere with other essential prescription medications. *Harvard Healthbeat* shares some non-invasive ways to ease pain:

- Ice and Heat
- Exercise
- Physical & Occupational Therapy
- Tai Chi & Yoga
- Biofeedback
- Mind-Body Techniques
- Music therapy
- Therapeutic Massage

## Volunteers Needed

The Milford Town Library is seeking a few adult volunteers to help deliver books on an on-call basis to patrons who cannot come to the library themselves. The ideal volunteer is compassionate, reliable, and flexible. Please call Anne at [508-473-2145, ext 219](tel:508-473-2145) or email [aberard@cw mars.org](mailto:aberard@cw mars.org).

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

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The Friends of the Milford Town Library will hold their Fall Book Sale on Friday, October 27 from 4 to 7pm (for Friends members only), and on Saturday, October, 28 from 10am to 3pm for the general public.

All kinds of books: hard cover, paperback, children's, fiction, non-fiction, as well as CDs, DVDs, puzzles, and various other materials will be available for sale at very reasonable prices.

Funds generated at the Friends two annual Book Sales go toward providing the museum passes the library makes available to its patrons, and the programming enjoyed in the library by citizens each year.

Volunteers are very welcome to help set up for the sale on Thursday, October 26, and on the day of the sale. Please call Sale Coordinator Lynda Heller at 508-473-7841 if you can spare an hour or two of your time. It would be greatly appreciated.

## **Metrowest College Planning Center**

Open office hours for the Metrowest College Planning Center return on Wednesdays from 4 to 7pm in the ESL Classroom at the Milford Town Library.

An advisor is available for consultations and questions about any part of the college process from applications, financial aid, transferring and more. An appointment is not required.

The Metrowest College Planning Center is a project of Framingham State University and Mass Bay Community College.

## **Young Adult Programs**

**Teen Activities** for grades 8-12 6-8:30pm

Teen Creativity: Monday nights –: Come in and draw, color, bring an instrument, hang out and play

Teen/Tween Movie Night: Tuesday nights

Teen Drive: Wednesday Nights – Come play video games and try the new fidget and sensory toys

Teen Uprising: Thursday nights – Come as you are to this Teen Pride Event. Talk about life as a LGBTQIA teen. Make a connection, and have fun. All are welcome.

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

## ESL Classes

Regular Drop-In ESL classes will resume on September 11. You may stop by either the Circulation or Reference Desks for a copy of the Fall 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.

Citizenship Classes have resumed on Thursdays from 6 to 8pm in the ESL Room sponsored by Catholic Charities. Materials, including books, etc., cost \$30.00. No prior registration required

## 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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