



Weekly Library News

October 3, 2019

Library Hours

The Milford Town Library will be closed on Monday, October 14, in observance of Columbus Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 15 at 9am.

Cookbook Club

The Cookbook Club meets on October 9th in the Children's Program Room to enjoy food from *The Pollan Family Table* written by three women members of Michael Pollan's family. Michael, as many know is the author of bestselling books that have changed our culture and the way we think about food. The cookbook is wonderful, and copies for Club members may be picked up and checked out at the Circulation Desk.

We request Cookbook Club members to select a recipe from the chosen cookbook and email their choice to mfbest@cwmars.org. We want to avoid duplication of food.

New members are joining monthly, and we look forward to seeing a few more. Water, plates and flatware will be provided. Interested? Call or email Mary Frances at the library at 508-473-2145 X219 or mfbest@cwmars.org

Oil Painting Exhibit 2019

The Milford Town Library Atelier Artists invite the public to view their 2019 Oil Painting Exhibit showing at the Milford Town Library throughout October. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, October 12th from 2pm-4pm in the Children's Program Room. This **FREE** reception includes refreshments and door prizes donated by local businesses and eateries.

Under the direction of Sal Ferreira, the Atelier Artists are a community of artists who paint together and offer support, encouragement and inspiration to each other. Exhibiting artists include Angelo Falcone, Anne Berard, Arlene Person, Carolyn Waters, Charles Abrahamson, Claudia Iacobbo, Don Rose, Glen Peterson, Irene Pagnini, Janice Rodriguez, Karen Leblanc, Kathleen Aghajanian, Lori Lamont, Maggie Budd, Patricia Peterson, Sal Ferreira, Sara Wheeler, Vas Ferreira, Verne Thayer, and Walda Vasile.

This exhibit is sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Town Library and includes individual artistic interpretations of the moon, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Moon paintings will be shown behind the Reference Desk.

Apollo Moon Flight

In conjunction with the Moon paintings, Milford Public School teacher Kurt Shady is sharing some of his collection of Apollo Space Flight materials focusing on the Moon Shot. Kurt is a lifelong fan of space flight and collector of Apollo and NASA space flight items. He's picked up lots of memorabilia during his travels across the country.

Center Book Group

The Center Book Group will discuss *The Mother-in-Law* by Sally Hepworth on Tuesday, October 15 at 10am at the Milford Senior Center.

Hepworth's emotionally astute novel will appeal to fans of Liane Moriarty, Ruth Ware and A.J. Finn. The titular mother-in-law Diana is dead, ostensibly by suicide to save her family from cancer that isn't found in the autopsy. Poison is, however.

Diana's son Ollie and her daughter Nettie and their respective spouses Lucy and Patrick, her widower Tom, and many in the community come under scrutiny. Hepworth, author of *The Family Next Door* and *The Things We Keep*, keeps the pages turning and the suspense mounting in *The Mother-in-Law*.

Newcomers are always welcome to join The Center Book Group. To reserve a copy, call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145, ext 2.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Milford Town Library will be hold the Fall Book Sale on Friday, October 25, (for members of the Friends only) from 4 to 7pm. The general public is welcome to attend the sale on Saturday, October 26, from 10am to 3pm.

Help is needed to set up for the sale on Wednesday, October 23 & 24, and to clean up after the sale on October 26. Please call Sale Coordinator Lynda Heller at 508-473-7841 if you can give even an hour or two to assist the Friends.

Donations of new or gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games and other items will be gratefully accepted until early in the week of the sale. Please bring donations to the library during open hours and place on the cart near the stairs. Thank you.

All kinds of books for adults and children will be available at the sale: fiction, hobby books, cookbooks, history, biography and more. All at very reasonable prices.

Contemporary Book Group

Join the Contemporary Book Group on Wednesday, October 23 at 6pm when they meet in the Curran Historical Room to discuss *Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger.

The first novel in ten years from award-winning, million-copy bestselling author Leif Enger, *Virgil Wander* follows the inhabitants of a Midwestern town in their quest to revive its flagging heart. This enchanting and timeless American story is fast-paced, humorous and mystical, it's so easy and so powerful all at once and the characters are instantly real.

For more information about the Contemporary Book Group or to reserve a copy of *Virgil Wander*, please call Shelley at 508-473-2145 X 247 or email: ssgammat@cwmar.org.

An Enticing Mix

The theme this week is a familiar one: “Ooh! That looks interesting.” As is often the case, the books we have for you along this theme have little else in common.

The first title is the one that seems truly enticing in the most traditional sense. ***French Pastry 101*** by Betty Hung is lovely. And useful! This isn’t an oversized, densely packed volume. This is a choice selection of desserts, organized by type, which a home cook could reasonably expect to produce. The focus is on high-quality ingredients and high-quality staple recipes, with delectable photographs and clear instructions. French pastry seems so daunting, in general, but with Hung’s new book? Earl Grey Crème Caramel, almond frangipani, and croissants and gateaus of various types are within your reach.

If you have kids in school (or did at one point), it’s fascinating to see how that works, from the administrative side. In ***Go See the Principal: True Tales From the School Trenches*** by Gerry Brooks, you’ll read about some truths about working in this environment. Brooks’ authorial voice is realistic and funny, and if you’ve seen any of his YouTube videos, you’ll probably hear him as you read. There are some great practical tips in here from which we may have learned something, as we flipped through preparing to write this little recommendation. Lunchables, for example. Great treat for your kid. Just make sure your kid can open it by themselves, because the lunchroom is busy.

In keeping with the theme of education, here’s one for you: ***Help Your Kids With Computer Coding***, a new DK book that walks parents through learning and working with both Scratch and Python, and teaching them how to help their children learn. In an easy-to-use format and with plentiful illustrations, this is an excellent resource for parents who know their kids would love to get into coding, but aren’t sure how to jumpstart that process. Clear instructions and projects are included.

Finally, ***Wonderland: An Anthology*** edited by Marie O’Regan and Paul Kane is a new Titan Books title with broad appeal. New takes on old tales are enjoying a renaissance, and ***Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland***, and ***Through the Looking Glass***, have inspired some of the most interesting fictional riffs around. This anthology contains work from the likes of M.R. Carey, Genevieve Cogman, and Catriona Ward, just to name a few.

Historical Milford: In Memoriam: Marie Parente

Milford lost another prominent citizen recently. Former State Representative Marie Parente died on September 20 following a lifetime in public service. Her spouse for more than 7 decades, Francis “Babe” Parente, passed away mere days later.

Along with raising two children with Babe, Marie was elected as Milford’s first female selectman. She served nine years and was instrumental in drawing top national companies to Milford through tax incentives. Later, Marie was elected to the State Legislature and served nearly 30 years there, always advocating for Milford, a town she loved. She sponsored over 200 bills during her tenure. Having been a foster child, she was a fierce advocate for foster children, serving as the Chairman of the Committee on Foster Care.

Marie used the library frequently and upon her retirement donated a number of tapes with speeches and addresses before the Massachusetts State Legislature which are housed in the Paul E. Curran Historical Collection. Post retirement, she also served on numerous boards and committees. We send condolences to the Parente and Brucato families on the loss of this truly, trailblazing woman.

Halloween is Approaching

October is Halloween month. Forget about leaf peeping, or raking, and just get ready for the most exciting holiday of the year. To celebrate this special time, the Round Table near the Circulation Desk will display a selection of Halloween themed DVDs. Stop by and pick up something to make Halloween even more fun.

A special treat for children is the Halloween Parade held by the Children's Department on Tuesday, October 29, at 10am. All children and their caregivers are invited to come in costume and parade through the library. Snacks and a story will follow the parade.

The 1619 Story

In mid-August the *New York Times* published a special addition to its Sunday, August 18th edition of the paper. Entitled "The 1619 Project," this special section has the goal of reframing American history, making explicit how slavery is the foundation on which this country is built.

Four hundred years after enslaved Africans were first brought to Virginia, most Americans still don't know the full story. The *Times* states their hope is to paint a fuller picture of the institution that shaped our nation.

A copy of this special section of the Sunday, August 18, issue of the *New York Times* is available at the Reference Desk of the Milford Town Library for anyone who would like to read it. It cannot be checked out, but read in the library. If interested in looking at this historical document, just ask a Reference Librarian.

Hopkinton Arts Center – Free Passes!

Beginning in September, the Hopkinton Center for the Arts is offering Milford Town Library patrons free passes to its Children's Entertainment Series, Classical Music Series, monthly Open Mic Series, and monthly Jazz Jam.

The Center's mission is to cultivate an inclusive and vibrant community committed to the exploration and enjoyment of the visual and performing arts. They created their new **Art Pass Program**.

Library patrons can pick up free passes at the Reference Desk and bring them to Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA) for the Open Mic and Jazz Jam or use the code provided online for the classical or Children's series. For more information, call 508-473-2145, ext 2.

ESL Classes

The fall semester of free drop-in classes for adults who want to improve their English listening and speaking skills continue to be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the ESL Room. A new addition to the schedule is the Monday 4:30 to 5:30 Grammar Group.

Calendars are available at the Circulation and Information Desks at the library as well as online at the library's website, www.milfordtownlibrary.org.

Childcare is not provided and children may not be left unattended at the library, so please make arrangements for childcare. Los niños NO pueden asistir a clases o quedarse solos (sin un padre) en la biblioteca. Por favor, hacer otros planes para el cuidado.

Citizenship Classes

Citizenship Classes, offered by Catholic Charities, will continue on Thursdays, from 5 to 8 pm. Enrollment is open and rolling. Classes are free, but the text costs \$30.00.

Volunteers Needed for Tax Preparation

Tax-Aide, a partnership between the IRS and the AARP Foundation, needs volunteer counselors to help low- and moderate-income persons in our community prepare their Federal and Massachusetts income taxes. Additional positions for site greeters are also available.

Last year over 4,700 returns were prepared at 41 sites around Worcester County. Nationally almost 3 million taxpayers avail themselves of Tax-Aide services. At the Milford Town Library AARP Tax Assistants helped 177 senior citizens and low to moderate income persons with their state and Federal tax returns. This is a very important service provided to communities.

Volunteers work 4-6 hours per week for the eleven weeks during tax preparation season – Feb 1st to Apr 15th. Training for volunteer preparers will be on three Saturdays in December. Internet access and basic computer skills are necessary. For an application and/or further information, go to < <https://aarp.org/taxaide> >.

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 needle and hook experts.

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 see.

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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