→ What is a Friend?

Did you know that you might already be a member of the Friends?

Have you made a donation to the Library?

Have you volunteered your time to the Library?

You are already a Friend! Thank you. Here's more about us.

Please check out our poster of Volunteer opportunities and let us know how you can help with one event or many, working with a group or alone. There are many opportunities.



We've been here awhile!

The Friends of the Mystic & Noank Library was organized in 1978. We wanted to develop ways to support our Library.

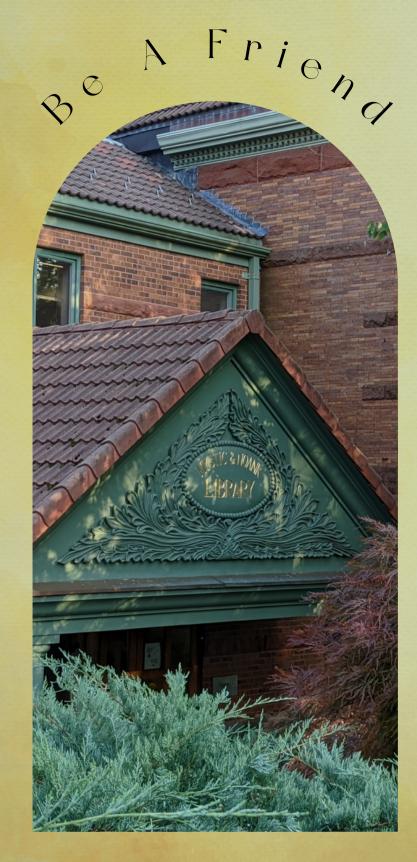
Fundraising is an important part of our purpose. It enables us to support numerous library programs which would not be possible in the Library budget. We are best known for our annual Library Fair, the first Saturday of June.

We are joined by the Mystic Garden Club in making this a very successful event. It is a great opportunity to come and see old friends and neighbors; make new friends and find Treasures.

You can read more about us on the Library webpage, get notice of our events on Facebook and the Library monthly e-blast.



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From the Director's Desk

Chris Bradley, MNL Director

I will never forget Friday the thirteenth, 2020, the day the libraries closed.

The public library is a uniquely American institution. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses" may be inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, but it could just as well be written over the doors of public libraries across our country. Tales abound of people young and old, accomplished and down-on-their-luck, who have found refuge behind those doors.

Mystic & Noank Library quickly set to work to find a way to open those doors that we had to close in March and again in October. We welcomed people to browse through our catalog online, order a book, and pick it up contact-free. We welcomed adults and children to attend library programs online, and offered tech help to those who would download eBooks, audiobooks, and movies from our website. In January, we opened our doors by appointment only so people could use the computers, copiers, and WiFi.

This April 5th, the start of National Library Week, is another day I will never forget, the day we unlocked the Library doors. We are still reopening slowly but safely, and we will continue contact-free pickup and online programs. but the doors are open!

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Photo: Architectural detail of Minerva on the south-facing side of the MNL.

Bookends is our quarterly publication noting upcoming Friends events, introducing you to interesting things about the Library and the people who enjoy it. Look for reports on the cats, Board activities, Library history, and interviews with library people. Its offerings vary with the issue, but always full of news. Become a donor and receive the newsletter.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Setting up chairs for programs and sorting books and white elephants
- Working a two hour shift at one of the sales
- Setting up tables for sales
- Helping behind the scenes and beforehand
- Saving your left-over craft materials for the swap
- Checking out the Bulletin Board
- Keeping the grounds in good order







How can I find out more about the Friends?

There is a monthly meeting (except July and December) on the third Monday. Dessert is provided at 12:30 and then the meeting starts at 1:00. Feel free to stop by.

You can tell a staff member that you are interested and they will take your name and contact information.

Come to an event. There are Friends at all Library events helping out in one way or another.

Email us at Friends@mysticnoanklibrary.org