

What's happening?

at the
New Fairfield
Library



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Newsletter from The Friends of the New Fairfield Free Public Library

We're back!

We are proud to publish the 2nd edition of "What's Happening" at the New Fairfield Public Library. For a long time The Friends have felt that we needed a newsletter that let people in our area know-- what's happened, what's happening and what's about to happen at the NF Library... and now it's a reality. We are excited about this project and look forward to working with the Librarians, our members and volunteers and our readers to produce a meaningful and informational vehicle.

As well as being available at the Library we will be inserting this into the Citizen News and having copies at several key locations throughout New Fairfield, (e.g. Senior Center). You can request copies via our website www.newfairfieldlibrary.org and click on *Friends* or by e-mailing us friends@newfairfieldlibrary.org.

Our intent is to publish this newsletter twice a year (September and March) and fill you in on events, programs, ideas and even concerns. We will also be producing a single page color flyer so you will be hearing from us 4 times a year: September, December, March and June. We need your input and would love to hear from you.

Linda Decker and Jennifer Okupski

Co-Presidents, The Friends of the New Fairfield Free Public Library

FALL Book Sale A great success!



Our best Book Sale ever! Inundated with quality donations, hundreds of you came to purchase them. The Friends spent many hours sorting and displaying, but it was a Labor of Love (of books).

Join Us!

The Friends are always looking for new members, volunteers and suggestions.

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00am in the Library Community Room. We'd love to see you there. Your membership allows us to promote the library and enhance its resources and services. We provide funding for many events and programs, as well as donating equipment and supplementing the book budget.



Did you know that you don't have to wait for our bi-annual Book Sale?

The New Fairfield Free Public Library has used books for sale all year round. They are on racks in the Adult Library. Paperbacks are only 50¢ each and hardcover \$1. Perfect for keeping in the car so you have something to read while waiting at the doctor or dentists' office, or for use on the commute back and forth to work...only if you are not the designated driver! New books are added regularly. Check them out!

The Friends of New Fairfield Free Public Library Officers

Co-President: Linda Decker
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Vice President: Beryl Whitney
Secretary: Elizabeth Thomson
Treasurer: Carol Cunningham

Our mission is to stimulate the use of the facilities of the library and encourage the reading of books; to further the cultural life of New Fairfield in literature, the arts, sciences, and public affairs by means of exhibits, public meetings, discussion groups and similar activities.

Who are the Friends of the New Fairfield Free Public Library and what do they do? We are a group, members of the state organization- Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL), who donate time and individual expertise because we believe that libraries are an essential resource for the residents of our town. We are instrumental in funding all the following and always adding more.

Purchase needed library furniture and fixtures (laptop, projector, and even vacuum cleaners!)

Freegal

Audio Books

Universal Class

Book Page

Microfilm all Citizen News editions

Assist with technical updating

Supplement the book budget

Citizen News on microfiche

Annual New Fairfield HS Scholarship award

Children's Summer Reading, and Adult Programs

Books for Babies

Museum Passes

Bookmarks

Provide promotional materials (plastic book bags, pencils, dog tags etc)

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Museums ... & More!

The Friends of the New Fairfield Free Public Library are proud to announce our current roster of discounted or **FREE** Admission Museum Passes. An ideal way to spend a Fall day with the family.

The Museum Passes are located at the Circulation Desk in the Adult Library

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT Free Admission
American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY (www.amnh.org) Pass admits 2 adults and 4 children for general admission and admission to special exhibits. *Does not include iMax or "live" exhibits like the Butterfly Showcase*
Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport, CT (www.beardsleyzoo.org) Pass admits 2 adults and up to 4 children The zoo is situated on 52 lush acres of Beardsley Park with more than 300 animals representing 125 primarily North and South American species.

Children's Museum, West Hartford and Roaring Brook Nature Center, Canton, CT (www.sciencecenterct.org) Buy 1 Get 1 free The Science Center includes interactive children's exhibits, wildlife sanctuary, Gengras Planetarium, and laser light shows. Roaring Brook has a replica of Eastern Woodland Indians' long house, displays on local flora and fauna and six miles of trails.

Danbury Railway Museum (www.danbury.org/dm) General Admission admits 2 adults and 4 children. The museum offers railroad history, tours and train ride.

Dinosaur State Park (www.dinosaurstatepark.org) Free Admission with the No Child Left Inside Pass

Discovery Museum, Bridgeport, CT (www.discoverymuseum.org) Pass admits 2 adults, 4 children. The museum includes many interactive, hands-on displays and a planetarium. The Challenger learning Center simulates missions to Mars. Also features a science and art gallery with exhibits on electricity, computers, sound, light, magnetism and energy. For preschoolers, there are puppets and a life-size school bus.

Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk, CT (www.maritimeaquarium.org) Discounted admission pass is good for \$2 off a combination ticket to the aquarium and IMAX Theater for up to 6 people. Aquarium includes many hands-on activities.

Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, CT (www.mysticaquarium.org) Discounted admission pass for 2 adults and 2 children. Come view the mysteries of the deep blue sea.

No Child left Inside State Parks Pass (www.nochildleftinside.org) Pass waives vehicle entrance fees (up to 12 passengers) for Connecticut State Park & Forest Recreation areas. Pass admits 2 adults and 4 children at Dinosaur, Fort Trumbull and Gillette Castle State Parks.

Peabody Museum of Natural History, New Haven, CT (www.peabody.yale.edu) \$5 off up to 4 admissions. From Egyptian mummies to saber-toothed cats to the once mighty dinosaurs - you can find it all at the Peabody Museum of Natural History!

Stepping Stones Museum for Children, Norwalk, CT (www.steppingstonesmuseum.org) Discount Pass. Buy one get one free, maximum 3 free admissions per pass, per day. Pass limited to use by one family per day. All of the museum exhibits designed for children ages ten and under encourage hands-on exploration and discovery, incorporating the themes of Science, the arts, culture and heritage.

Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT (www.wadsworthatheneum.org) Pass admits two adults and two children America's oldest public arts museum

Note: This list is constantly being updated, please check on-line or with our staff at the desk.

There's more than books at the New Fairfield Free Public Library! The Friends of the Library have provided funding for a variety of programs.

UniversalTM CLASS

Over 500 Online Continuing Education Courses are now available FREE with your Library Card. Click "Online Classes" at www.newfairfieldlibrary.org and select from a variety of subjects including:

Computer Training, Personal Finance, How-To, GED Training, Business, Pet and Animal Care, Professional Development, Health Services Training, Music and Painting and many more!

These courses are available 24/7 via the internet with real instructors. You can connect with other students and will be eligible for CE units on selected courses.

Freegal is another program funded by the Friends. It offers free music downloads to Library patrons. Sign up can be done at the Library with your card but downloads can be done at home to your computer and then to a CD or compatible device.

And look for information on another program coming soon to the Library: Downloadable Books.

Have you ever wondered about your roots? The Library has a genealogy class starting in September.

The Friends wondered if a subscription to Ancestry.com would be a valuable adjunct to this class or to other Library patrons. Please e-mail the Friends at friends@newfairfieldlibrary.org and let us know how you feel.

Friend's 2011 Scholarship Award

At the recent NF High School Scholarship Awards, the Friends of the NF Free Public Library awarded \$500 to Loren Schmidt. She wrote an amazing thank you to the Friends that we'd like to share.

To the Friends of Library, I wanted to personally thank you for the \$500 Friends of the Library Scholarship I was awarded from you during the New Fairfield High School Scholars' Night. It's extremely appreciated and I will continue to think of this gracious gift as I continue with my future endeavors at school.

I will be attending Valparaiso University in the fall, in Indiana with a double major in Political Science and Asian Studies with any emphasis on Chinese. I plan on studying in a five-year masters degree program. Also, being friends of the library, I thought you would be tickled to know that I have recently written a novel, and now that I have, I am even closer to the dream of publication.

By awarding me the Friends of Library Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus on not only learning, but also on achieving my long term goals. Your generosity has further inspired me to help others and give back to the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Loren Schmidt



In Honor of....



You can honor a friend or relative in a meaningful way by making a gift to the Friends of New Fairfield Free Public Library Memorial Fund. You may want to remember an anniversary or birthday, offer special congratulations for a new baby, to express appreciation for a special kindness or service, or to remember someone who has died. This fund is a thoughtful way of conveying your sentiments and helping a cause worthy of your support. An acknowledgement of your gift will be sent promptly, and the amount of the gift will not be revealed. For more information you can e-mail the Friends: friends@newfairfieldlibrary.org or call the library at 203-312-5679.

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Where There's A Will, There's A Way!

By planning a bequest to the New Fairfield Free Public Library you can make a significant gift that will arrive when you no longer need your assets. Ask at the Library for more details.

What's Happening?

October

Saturday, 10/1: FeederWatch for Families. 11:00am – noon

Wednesday, 10/12: Food for Thought 12 noon - 1pm: Barbara Traynor will discuss her book, *Second Career-Volunteer*.

November

Saturday, 11/5: Friends Tea, 2:00-4:00pm.

Just Desserts: A Thank You tea for all our volunteers, by invitation.

Wednesday, 11/16: Food for Thought: Kevin Moore and Don Morrow discuss their book about a World War II veteran.

December

Saturday, 12/10: The 2nd Annual Cookie Walk 10:30 - 2:00. Fill a container (available for \$5 at the entrance), with a vast variety of home-made cookies. Recipes and ingredients available on request.

Sunday, 12/11: Our 2nd Holiday Music Program. A talented group of musicians will play live music while guests enjoy punch and cookies for a brief respite during this busy Holiday Season.

January, February, March 2012

Food for Thought will cover Calligraphy...or maybe Chinese Cooking. Also planning a program about chocolate, just in time for Valentine's Day. Another work in progress is a discussion about those old radio shows we all remember. Watch for details!

Check the website, Citizen News, poster at the Library, or ask the Librarians about these and other programs offered by your Adult and Children's Libraries.

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