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Summer
2024

 **MARK TWAIN
Library**
Books Are Just the Beginning...

INTRODUCING: THE LOGGIA!

“A porch is a good thing, but a loggia is worth many dozens of it. These arches are glazed for winter and the loggia is warmed by one of those stately German stoves. So the loggia will still remain the common sitting and breakfast room and card-room and reading-room and writing-room, just as now; and when there is a snowstorm, it will bluster around all sides of us but one - the side that opens into the library.”

~ Mark Twain

Our founder loved the home built for him here in Redding at the end of his life, and his favorite perch was the loggia, a grand porch - **OFF OF HIS LIBRARY** - from where the marvels of the Redding landscape dazzled him for four seasons. We are thrilled to finally have an outdoor space at our library to enhance and expand the handsomely homey hub Twain seeded. It's almost finished; and when it is - we invite you to settle on in on the patio, which we're proud to call The Loggia. (Unlike Twain's tho', ours isn't seasonal... as lovely as he made that sound).

LABOR DAY IN REDDING = BOOK FAIR!

Ahhhh, summertime. Relaxing longer days, perhaps a book and a chaise, the sun's warm rays...but get ready, Redding. While Labor Day Weekend does put a period on summer, it also kicks off the biggest event of the year in our lovely little hamlet! The 63rd Annual Mark Twain Library Book Fair - the oldest and one of the largest in New England - opens on Friday, August 30th at the Redding Community Center.

Book dealers know it's a hallmark. Reddingites know it as a signature 06896 milestone. Coffee table book devotees, interior designers, parents, kids, teachers, collectors, gift buyers, enthusiasts of all kinds anticipate and appreciate the bargain-priced treasures they find. Come one, come all. Mark your calendars to browse and buy. It's a Walmart-sized, finely curated, neighborly spirited EXTRAVAGANZA.

And why not visit www.marktwainlibrary.org/book-fair/ to volunteer?!

WE NEED YOU! It takes MANY hands; a 3-hour shift promises gratifying community spirit + fun!

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*Mark Twain,
Redding, 1909*



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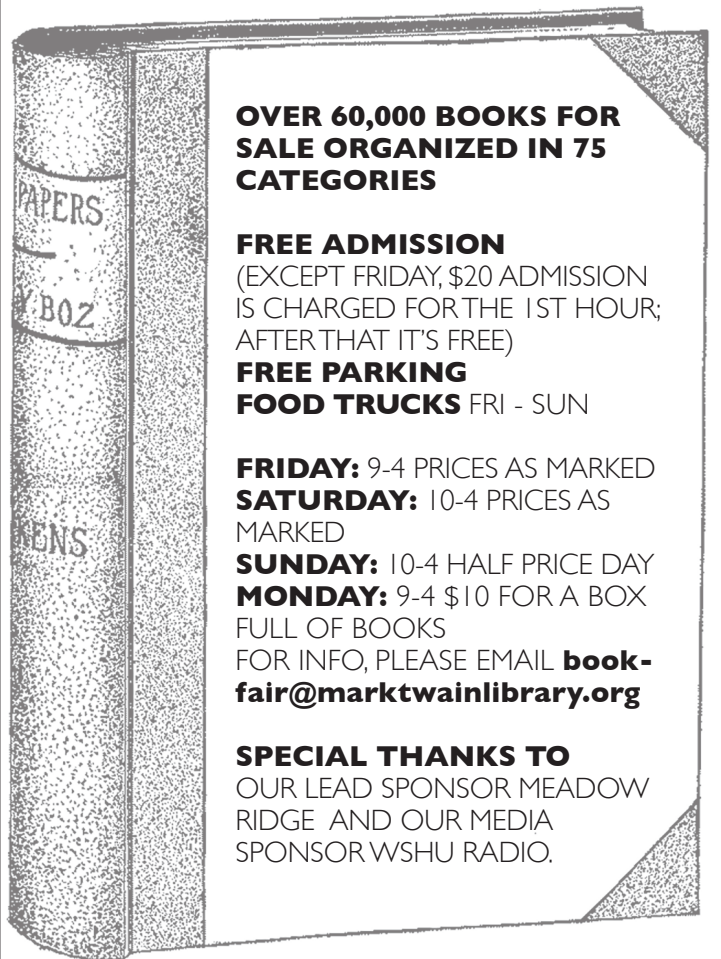
Mon. & Thurs.: 10 am - 8 pm
Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 10 am - 5 pm
Sat.: 10 am - 5 pm
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FOR INFO, PLEASE EMAIL book-fair@marktwainlibrary.org

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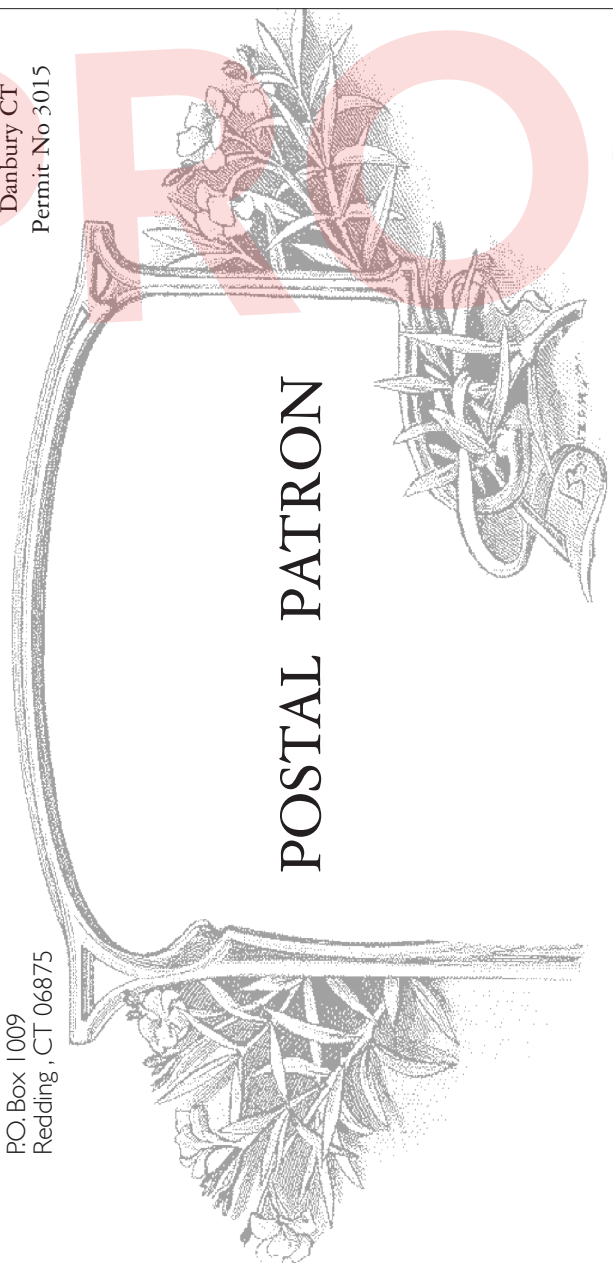
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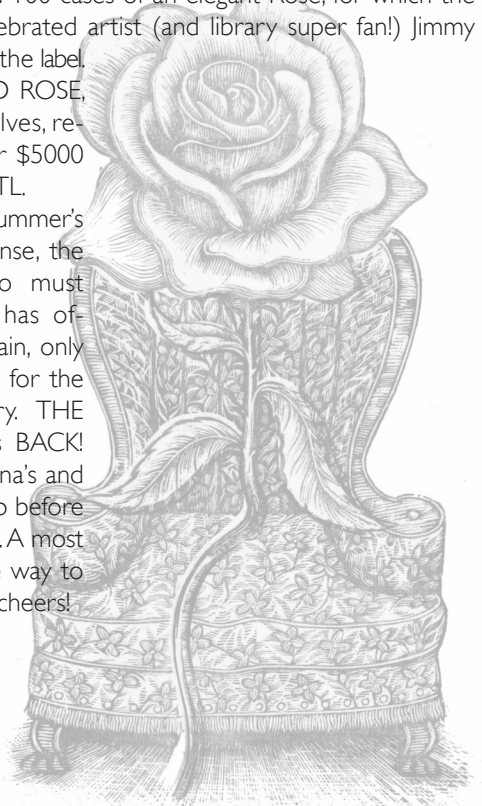


BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

For the third time, our amazing friend Mitch Ancona and Ancona's Wines & Liquors has waved his very creative, generous and delicious wand on behalf of our library.

In 2019, he spearheaded a collaboration with a small vineyard to produce a Mark Twain inspired wine called THE CALIFORNIAN, which resulted in a \$5000 gift to the library (for every case sold, the library received \$50). Then last year, he + a small winery specially produced 100 cases of an elegant Rose, for which the incomparable, celebrated artist (and library super fan!) Jimmy Grashow created the label. Called THE SEATED ROSE, it flew off the shelves, resulting in another \$5000 windfall for the MTL.

Thrilled with last summer's enthusiastic response, the wine seller (who must be a Twain fan) has offered to do it again, only for Ancona's, only for the Mark Twain Library. THE SEATED ROSE is BACK! So, hurry to Ancona's and grab a bottle to sip before summertime ends. A most refreshingly festive way to help the library – cheers!



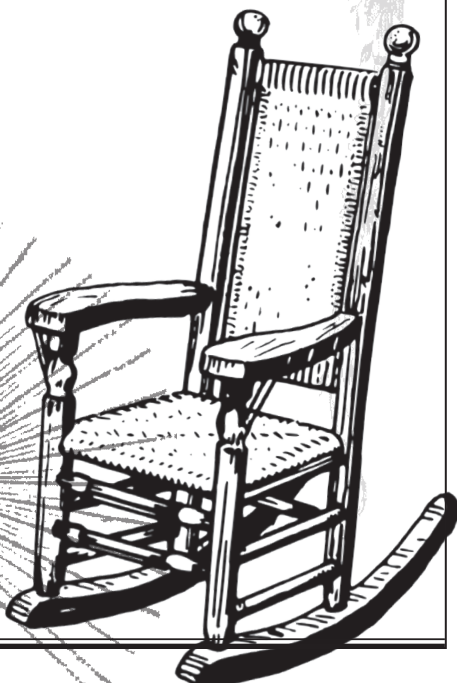
(Ancona's Wines & Liquors | 720 Branchville Road | Ridgefield | CT | 06877 | (203) 544-8958 | www.anconaswine.com).

DIRECTOR'S CORNER:

The Wit & Wisdom Award was created twenty years ago by then library trustee, Norm Tanen, in partnership with the high school. It's intended to honor a student who shows insight, humor, and a unique perspective, a nod to Mark Twain. This year Efi Schahar won the prize for his short story entitled, "Something Like That." Norman's widow, Ilene Tanen, was on hand at Joel Barlow's Award night to present this, the 20th Annual Mark Twain Library Wit and Wisdom Award. Norm would love that the legacy he hatched has stood the test of time. For a list of past winners and their submissions, check out our website.

www.marktwainlibrary.org/about-us/wit-and-wisdom/

Erin Dummeyer,
Library Director



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THE SUN'S WARM RAYS...
(AND, AT YOUR LIBRARY, MUCH
MONEY TO RAISE). PLEASE
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