

# BOOKMARK



**WE WON THE \$1,000 PRIZE!**

**Thank You...**to everyone who voted for MTL in Fairfield County Bank's favorite charity contest!

## POP-UP MARKET AT MTL

**Thursday, December 18, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

The Collective @ MTL: A Community Pop-up Market is an opportunity to meet and shop small independent vendors and artisans from our community in the intimate setting of the Library.

Items for sale will include boutique and handcrafted jewelry, one-of-a-kind home decor items, personalized gifts, gourmet treats, unique clothing, accessories and more!



## RAISING THE ROOF ON READING!

We are excited to announce that our roof project is officially done! The circular or "drum" section was in need of repair and replacement and thanks to our Building and Grounds Committee our collections are now safe from the elements. Integral to the project was the removal and reinstallation of the existing solar panels. Special thanks to the team who got it done: **Eric Rubury, Duncan Leslie, Jen Wastrom, Mike Rigby, Terry Flagg, Sheila Corr, Dave Corr, Betsy Higgins** and **Erin Dummeyer**.



One of our Buildings & Grounds supervisors overseeing the new roof installation.

# MARK TWAIN LIBRARY ART SHOW

REDDING, CT | DECEMBER 6-14, 2025

## CELEBRATING JAMES GRASHOW

When you walk into the Mark Twain Library, you're greeted by a cheerful cardboard monkey created years ago by beloved Redding artist James Grashow – our unofficial mascot and a joyful reminder of his spirit.

This past September, we lost Jimmy, whose imaginative work delighted the world for more than six decades. Beyond his artistic legacy, he was a mentor, friend, and devoted supporter of the Library for over 50 years, sharing his infectious enthusiasm and creativity with everyone he met.

As we celebrate the 53rd Annual Mark Twain Library Art Show, we dedicate this year's event to Jimmy Grashow– for his boundless creativity, and love for our community. May his light continue to shine on every visitor greeted by our swinging monkey.

## GALLERY HOURS

<b>Sat. Dec. 6th:</b>	10am - 5pm	<b>Thur. Dec. 11th:</b>	10am - 8pm
<b>Sun. Dec. 7th:</b>	1pm - 5pm	<b>Fri. Dec. 12th:</b>	10am - 8pm
<b>Mon. Dec. 8th:</b>	10am - 8pm	<b>Sat. Dec. 13th:</b>	10am - 5pm
<b>Tues. Dec. 9th:</b>	10am - 5pm	<b>Sun. Dec. 14th:</b>	1pm - 5pm
<b>Wed. Dec. 10th:</b>	10am - 5pm		

# DID YOU know?



Over **300 dedicated volunteers** and over **60,000 donated books** helped to make our 64th Annual Book Fair the most successful ever!

**We LOVE our volunteers!**

Solar panels on our roof provide about 30% of the Library's power-saving both cash and the planet. Smart!

**48%**



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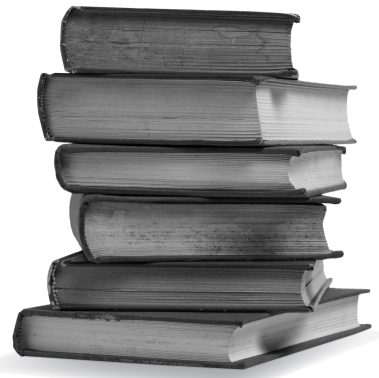
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## BANNED BOOKS



A banned book is one deliberately removed from library shelves to restrict access. Some argue, "It's not banned—you can still buy it online." But if a book is pulled from a library to stop others from reading it, that is a book ban.

A book challenge occurs when a concerned citizen questions a book's place in a library, often asking for its removal. Today, many of these challenges come not from individual citizens but from organized movements or government officials. In fact, 72% of book censorship attempts last year originated from elected or administrative bodies. Even more concerning, challenges are increasingly under-reported as library workers fear retaliation or legal restrictions, especially in states like Texas, Tennessee, and Florida.

Books have been banned throughout history, and to commemorate our journey to keep this issue top of mind, I invite readers to pick up a frequently banned book, read it with an open mind, and reflect on how fantastic it is to be able to read freely.

Erin Dummeyer  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Scan QR code  
to see banned  
book list for 2025.  
[pen.org/book-bans](http://pen.org/book-bans)



## VOLUNTEER GARDENER MAKES OUR LIBRARY SHINE



Shout out to **Dave Corr** for his ongoing volunteer work to spruce up our library campus! He's been busy pruning, weeding, ripping out vines, spreading mulch, washing windows and lots more. Our grounds have never looked better. **Thank you, Dave!**

## EXCITING PROGRAMS AHEAD — REGISTER NOW!

### Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 pm, Virtual

The Mark Twain House and Museum will present A Clemens Family Christmas at Home

### Tuesday, January 6, 7:00 pm, Virtual

The Golden Age of Hollywood

### Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 pm, In-Person

Seasonal Ayurveda & Yoga Therapy Workshop

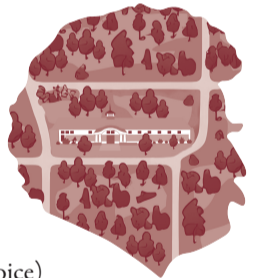
**Please Register Here:**

[MarkTwainLibrary.org/programs](http://MarkTwainLibrary.org/programs)

## IN MEMORORIUM

The Mark Twain Library extends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our beloved former colleagues, **Jean Taylor** and **Maureen Jones**. Both were devoted members of our team for many years, contributing their time, talent, and warmth to everything they did. Above all, they were cherished friends. They will be deeply missed.

## Please Support Redding's Cultural Crossroads with an End of the Year Gift!



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- \$200     \$500     \$1,000
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### HONOR SOMEONE WITH A TRIBUTE GIFT

- In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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