Mark Twain Library Association

110th Annual Meeting

June 15th, 2018

“The Redding Mark Twain”

by Susan Boone Durkee; original 20in x 16in oil on linen
110th Annual Meeting
of the
Mark Twain Library Association

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting

Report of the President of the Board of Trustees

Report of the Treasurer

Report of the Library Director

Report of the Nominating Committee

Election of Trustees

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

Mark Twain’s Library: An Oral History
Read By
Heather Whaley and Michael Ian Black
Mark Twain Library Association
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Wyatt Hoover
Lia O'Connor
Emily Nolan
Jake Rose
Jack Stone
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Dolly Zurzuski
Remarks from the President

“A meeting of the townspeople of Redding was held at the home of Mr. Harry A. Lounsbury, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting any business pertaining to the library presented to the town of Redding by Mr. Samuel L. Clemens, otherwise generally known as Mark Twain. Quite a number of people attended the meeting and the following officers were appointed: Mr. Samuel L. Clemens, President; Dr. Ernest H. Smith – 1st Vice President; Mr. Dan Beard – 2nd Vice President; Miss Isabel Lyon – 3rd Vice President; Mrs. Zalmon Read – Secretary & Treasurer; Mr. W. E. Grumman – Librarian & Treasurer.”

—The Official Minutes from the First Meeting of the Mark Twain Library, May 26, 1908

Today we, the townspeople of Redding, gather for the 110th time to transact the business of Redding’s public library. A century + a decade later, our founder still presides. His books are read and loved by a new generation, his wit, his generosity, his penchant for merriment, his intellectual curiosity and his kindness for fellow man are attributes all alive and well on the corner of Route 53 and Diamond Hill Road. A few examples – a sketch of June 2017 to June 2018 – are indexed below:

6: The Mark Twain Library’s ranking - IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT! - for per capita usage
21,348: free downloads (books, music, movies, magazines) library users of all ages enjoyed this year
825: copies of My Brother Sam Is Dead distributed for the 2017 Town-Wide Read
30: average number of attendees at the Tech Open House events held regularly in the Makerspace
329: days one patron has sat at a library computer terminal enjoying his passion for online chess
263,647: $$ raised by the 4 big event fundraisers in 2017/18, revenue that is critical to the library’s Operating Budget
30,000+: volunteer hours it took to raise that $263,647
45: years the Art Show has colorfully and successfully generated essential funds and community conviviality
153: books - donated posthumously by Mary Anne Guitar - sold at a special book sale in her honor in December
18: pounds of popcorn kernels popped at the 2018 Frog Frolic - and we still ran out!
1,288: boxes of books that had been priced and packed as of April 30 for the 2018 Book Fair
1: late night talk show host – Seth Meyers! - accepted the library’s coveted Pudd’nhead Prize for Humor

Immeasurable: the pride and gratitude this President holds for all of the above (except those pertaining to the furnace).

Yours Respectfully,
Jen Wastrom
Library Director’s Report

On the occasion of the 110th anniversary of the library, it seemed just the right time to take a stroll through our archives and get lost in the inspiring history of the library. I learned a lot.

Musing over all the past minutes, newsletters and reports was great fun and comparisons quickly came to mind. Fifty years ago our fuel consumption was $450 a year as we relied on electric heat for most of the building. This year we put in a new highly efficient state-of-the-art propane boiler. I bet Twain would be excited about this new-fangled and inventive technology. It can even text us if there is a concern.

Fifty years ago it was noted that the library had a robust collection enhancement program. Over 100 items were purchased each month. And that included the best in vinyl records. Last month, we purchased over 700 items, ranging from audio books to music CDs to hardcovers.

1979 saw the first year of a full-time children’s librarian and several years later then-children’s librarian Miss Donna started a program for two year olds – quite a revolutionary idea at the time. Now our children’s and teen staff design and offer programs for infants and teens and every age in between.

Thirty-five years ago, ten high quality adult programs were reviewed in the annual report, with notes about local experts and wonderful attendance. This year’s report lists 67! Three thousand one hundred and twenty people attended these programs, including several programs to celebrate the Redding Reads choice - My Brother Sam is Dead. There were walks through Putnam Park, historical graveyard tours and insightful talks about the town’s role in the Revolutionary War.

Using technology to enhance the library’s services has always been a hallmark of this library. Spring 1995 saw 37,000 items entered into the library’s first online catalog. It took a number of dedicated volunteers to do the inputting. Today we have 69,427 cataloged items and share a united catalog with 70 other libraries through our consortium membership. And that doesn’t count the many millions of movies, songs, and audio books you can download through our 24/7 services like Hoopla and Freegal.

In September 2001, we unveiled our first website. It was a major step toward communicating information and used the most current website technologies on the market. In the Fall of 2017, we launched our Connecticut Library Association award-winning new website using the latest methods, with many bells and whistles to boot.

Most importantly, reading the slightly dusty archival material made one thing crystal clear. The library has always relied on the hard work of our volunteers, staff and Board members to make it the true heart of the community. You are at the center of all that makes the Mark Twain Library so special. Your friendship and can-do spirit is greatly appreciated. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Respectfully,
Beth Dominianni
## Library Use & Collection Statistics

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Financial Summary
(unaudited)

Operating Revenues 2017-18

- Town Appropriation: 54.3%
- Fundraising / Contributions: 37.5%
- Restricted Income: 4.2%
- Library Services: 3.5%
- State Grant: 0.1%
- Investment Income: 0.4%

Operating Expenses 2017-18

- Compensation: 58.9%
- Books, Media, Serials and Online Services: 12.0%
- Program Supplies: 1.4%
- Maintenance: 9.5%
- Utilities: 4.4%
- Computer Services / Technology: 3.6%
- Insurance: 3.0%
- Association Expense: 3.2%
- Development: 4.0%

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Programs & Events

250th Town Anniversary Celebration @MTL – My Brother Sam Town Wide Read
Fact vs. Fiction in My Brother Sam is Dead (co-hosted by the Redding Historical Society)
Rediscover Revolutionary Redding (co-hosted by the Friends and Neighbors of Putnam Memorial State Park)
Revolution, Patriotism and Liberty with Dr. L. Lindenauer, WCSU
Twilight Colonial Graveyard Tour (co-hosted by the Redding Historical Society)
Loyalists & Patriots: Religion and the Revolution (co-hosted by the Redding Historical Society)
Finale: Are You Smarter than a Middle Schooler? (co-hosted by John Read Middle School)

Art & Photography @MTL
Art Show Gala and Week Long Art Show
Art Show Closing Reception with Barlow Chamber Singers
Book Art with Alice Walsh and Chris Perry
Art Journaling Workshop with Cathy Coe
Daryl Hawk - International Documentary Photographer on his trip to Cuba

Authors, Poets & Dramatists @MTL
Orson Bean & Alley Mills - Premiere of “Alright Then”
Ghost Hunter Barry Pirro

Books @MTL
Elissa Altman - *Treyf: My Life as an Unorthodox Outlaw*
Mary Lou Weisman - *Playing House in Provence*
Cullen Murphy - *Cartoon County*
Charles Monagan - *Connecticut Icons*
Book Buzz Annual Summer Reading Kick Off Event
History Book Club monthly meetings
Classics Book Club monthly meeting

Special Book Reception Events @MTL
Philip Stead and Mark Twain - *The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine* - a newly released, bestselling fairytale.
Robert Mars - *Futurelics: Past is Present*
Book Sale to honor the late Redding visionary Mary Ann Guitar

Business @MTL
Small Business Circle: Behind the Business Card Monthly Meetings
Small Business Circle Holiday Party
Small Business Circle Spring Fling
Speaking Fearlessly - Ira Joe Fisher
Ins and Outs of Linkedin - Mark Halpert
*The Purpose is Profit* - Ed McLaughlin
Forums & Talks @MTL
Great Decisions - an ongoing moderated discussion on current events
Fake News I: Veteran Journalist Mark Weinberg on the history of fake news
Fake News II: Janine Johnson and Jackie Whiting on media literacy.

Sustainability@MTL
The Mission of Highstead (co-hosted with Highstead and the Garden Club)
Climate Change: The Latest - with Dr. Stephen “Mitch” Wagener, WCSU
Norwalk River Valley Trail Expansion Update - with executive director Charlie Taney
Family Frog Walk at Topstone Park (co-hosted with Redding Parks and Recreation, Conservation Commission, the Land Trust, and the Connecticut Botanical Society)

Film @MTL
Friday Flicks Series
Big Picture Series: Let the People Decide - (co-hosted by the Redding League of Women Voters)
Cracked, Not Broken: Kevin Hines in His Own Words – (co-hosted with Joel Barlow High, The League of Women Voters, JBHS PTSA, the PTAs, the Easton Redding Community Care Coalition, Silver Hill Hospital and the Mountainside Treatment Center.)

Get Creative @MTL
Hook-in - local rug hooking group workshop-
Behind the Red Pen - Poetry presented by local educators
Secrets of Great Home Bread Baking

Technology @MTL
Weekly 3D Printing Training Sessions
Quarterly MakerSpace Open Houses
Downloadable Days

Healthy U @MTL
5 Reasons You Are Not Losing Weight with Esther Blum
Yoga Instructor Barbara Templeton on Yoga, breathing and meditation

MTL @ As a Community Partner
Georgetown Day
Earth Day
Memorial Day Parade
Concert on the Green Supporter
Wit & Wisdom Award - Joel Barlow High School
RES, JRMS and JBHS visits
Meadow Ridge - weekly visits by librarian and special events
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Teen Programs

JRMS Summer Reading  
Family Downloadable Day  
Flashlight Hike at Topstone  

Biographical Bracelets  
Earthquake Engineering  
DIY Bouncy Balls  
Heat Sensitive Slime  
Henna Art  
Celebrate the Boy Who Lived  

Flashlight Hike at Topstone  

Franken Sundaes  
Ghost Hunter: Barry Pirro  
Fall Gaming  

Flashlight Walk at Topstone  
Poetry Workshop: Introduction to Haiku  
Drop-In Jenga & Munchies  

Henna Art  
Vacation Breakfast Games  

Extended Hours – High School Midterms  
Board Game Bonanza  
Make-and-Take Magnet Craft  

Take Your Child to the Library Day Tech Open House  
Wii Game and Gab  
Slime Time  

Make-and-Take Bouncy Balls  
SAT/ACT Information Session  
Games Galore  

Spring Break Tech Open House  
Family Frog Walk at Topstone Park  
Teen Movie Night  

May the Fourth Be With You (Star Wars)  
Teen Movie Night
### Allen and Helen Hermes Art Series

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<td>April 2018</td>
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### Displays

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($100,000 and above)
Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Fine
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hermes
Mr. Michael Kluger and Ms. Heidi Greene
Jane T. Muhlethaler Foundation
Ms. June Myles

JEAN CLEMENS CIRCLE
($50,000 to $100,000)
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Colby
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart H. Green
Marie Keese LeLash Foundation, Inc.
Meadow Ridge Retirement Community
Mrs. Ritta Rosenberg
Mrs. Elizabeth Ruml
Mrs. Ruth Todd

HUCKLEBERRY FINN’S CLUB
($25,000 to $50,000) - cont’d
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mudge
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Natkin
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Olshan
Redding Land Trust
Mrs. Lisa Reese
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Robey
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenman
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Witte

THE CONNECTICUT YANKEE COURT
($10,000 to $25,000)
Anonymous (2)
Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Ancona
AXA Foundation*
Mr. James Bacon
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Barberie
Mr. and Mrs. Neal Barton
Dr. and Mrs. Ramon Batson
Robert J. Bauer Family Foundation
Ms. Ginny Beasley
Mr. and Mrs. David P. Benedetto
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benn
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Berry
Mr. and Mrs. William W. Bishop
Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon A. Brooks
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carman
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Coleman
Mr. and Mrs. David Corr
Ms. Marianne Crew
Mr. and Mrs. John Davey*
Dr. and Mrs. Edward Davies
Mr. Frank Doelger and Mr. Bruce Harmon
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Mr. Michael B. DuPont and Mrs. Connie Deans
The Fishkin Family

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Ms. Diane Hack

Hollinghurst Estate
Katherine Huyber Estate
Mr. Grady Jensen
Mary Ellen Klein Estate
Beatrice Mangin Estate*
Ms. Diane Daniels Manning

*New Leadership Society members this year
109th Annual Meeting Minutes

President Jen Wastrom called the 109th Annual Meeting of the Mark Twain Library Association to order at 5:05 pm on June 11, 2017.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved.

Report of the President
Jen Wastrom gave a brief retrospective on how the library had changed since she first joined the Board in 1998. The most significant differences are the advent of downloadable materials and the increase in programming. This year, 103 adult programs were offered for a total of 5,300 attendees; there were 279 children’s programs with close to 6,300 little attendees. She noted that because of the increase in programs and services, the library’s operating costs have grown, but unfortunately the grant from the Town has not. And so it is up to volunteers to fill that gap. Last year, it was a $300,000 gap; this year it’s going to be closer to $400,000. She concluded by reminding those gathered that the Mark Twain Library is the only library in the country founded by a literary figure with his own books and his own money. The Mark Twain Library is unique: unique in the legacy that started it - and unique in the way it has been beautifully, carefully, lovingly, energetically, industriously, and tirelessly maintained.

Report of the Treasurer
Treasurer Betsy Higgins reported that 56.5% of our operating expenses were received in a grant from the Town of Redding. This continues a downward trend in the percentage of budget covered by the Town grant, but we are incredibly grateful to the Town of Redding for its continued support. The remaining 43.5% of the funds needed to meet the budget were raised primarily by our fundraisers. In spending, we exceeded our budget by $40,000 or less than 5% of budget due in part to legal fees related to the parking lot and unexpected maintenance on buildings and grounds. As of July 1st, we will proudly be providing medical insurance to all eligible employees for the first time in the library’s history. The Mark Twain Library has no debt. She thanked staff, volunteers and friends for all their support, time and passion.

Report of the Library Director
Library Director Beth Dominianni stated that the library had an exciting and remarkable year. Highlights included 300 children participating in the summer reading program from which 2 were selected to receive the first ever Fishkin Family Book Buff Award. We also hosted Buddhist monks who created a world peace madala in the center of the library while hundreds of visitors watched. The Library’s Great Decisions series met with enthusiastic response from its participants as they discussed foreign affairs. The Small Business Circle unveiled its bizbook, a directory of members and their services. She closed in giving thanks to the library’s friends, volunteers, board and staff. Their efforts have resulted in a remarkable legacy, a library that connects and enriches the community.
Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Trustees
Vice President/Nominating Chair Terry Flagg gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The following slate of Trustees was proposed:

Term Ending 2018: Terry Flagg, Angela Matsuoka, Mike Rigby, and Jen Wastrom
Term Ending 2019: Katharine Dusenbury, Richard Emerson, Tom Hauser, Betsy Higgins, Midge Loery, Eric Rubury and Rochelle Wiliston.
Term Ending 2020: Elaine Sanders
Three new trustees for their first term ending 2020: Joey Davey, Grady Jensen and Pam Robey

There being no nominations from the floor, Secretary Elaine Sanders, moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. (Joan Beutler)

New Business
President Jen Wastrom announced the slate of officers to be elected by the Board:
President - Jen Wastrom; Vice President - Elaine Sanders; Treasurer - Betsy Higgins; Secretary - Katharine Dusenbury.
The Annual Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Sanders
Secretary, Mark Twain Library Board of Trustees
Fundraiser Honor Roll

We are especially grateful to the following $1000+ sponsors who so generously supported our events this fiscal year:

2018 Frog Frolic
Blue Buffalo
The DeMelis Family
Housatonic Valley Waldorf School
Meadow Ridge Retirement Community
Melissa & Doug
Schooner Defiance
TruBlu Management
Workspace Education

2017 Art Show
The Hixon Family
Brian and Florence Mahony
Manhattan Beer Distributors, LLC
Meadow Ridge Retirement Community
Charles and Ann Nemetz
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Troeger

2017 Pudd’nhead Festival
Mitch Ancona, Ancona’s Wines and Liquor
Anonymous
BeFoundation
Babette Bloch and Marc Mellon
Mary Ann and Andrew Carman
Sheila and David Corr
Becca Davies and Jeremy Kramer
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