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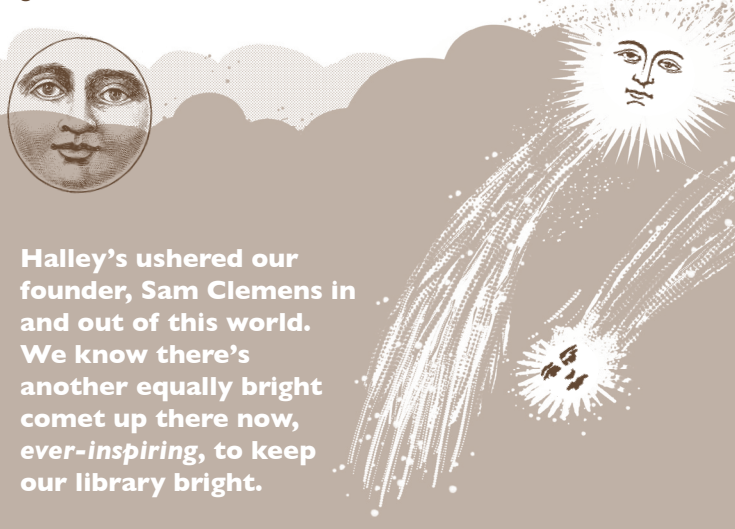
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Fall/Winter
2023

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

FAREWELL TO A FORCE

On October 1, the Mark Twain Library lost a visionary: Lisa Reese. Lisa's service to the library is impossible to quantify: as Art Show Chair; President of the Board of Trustees, Chair of the \$3.9 Million Capital Campaign in 2000 that updated/ expanded our handsome library, ringleader of the very first Development committee, and crafter of our jewel-in-the-crown Hermes Art Series. Lisa continued to CHEER ON the library well beyond her official roles, all while bravely enduring a series of health hurdles. Lisa Reese showed a legion of library staff and volunteers what hard work, a rewarding goal, and heartfelt dedication can do.



Halley's ushered our founder, Sam Clemens in and out of this world. We know there's another equally bright comet up there now, ever-inspiring, to keep our library bright.

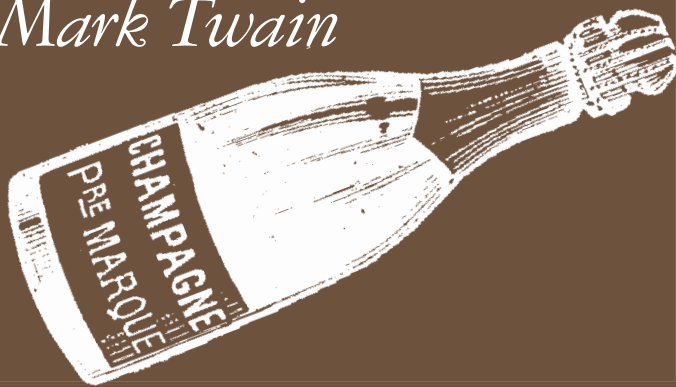
51ST ANNUAL ART SHOW & SALE: THE TOAST OF THE TOWN!

For 51 weeks a year, our library is a warm and welcoming book-lined haven and hub. But for one week, it is transformed into a glorious gallery, displaying over 150 area artists from throughout New England. This year, the **51st Annual Art Show**, will be juried by David Dunlop, a modern-day old master whose luminous paintings draw from both Renaissance techniques and contemporary science. An Emmy-award winner for the PBS TV series, "Landscapes Through Time," he has an international audience for his online classes at www.daviddunlop.com. **We can't wait to see what he selects for this year's Art Show, Redding's Toast of the Town. Don't miss it!**



"TOO MUCH
OF ANYTHING
IS BAD, BUT TOO
MUCH CHAMPAGNE
IS JUST RIGHT."

Mark Twain



Whether you're sipping bubbly with your pumpkin pie, toasting to the holidays, or raising a glass on New Year's Eve...

CHEERS TO YOU

from your friends at the Mark Twain Library!

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday & Thursday, 10 to 8
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
10 to 5
Sunday, 1 to 5

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51ST ANNUAL MARK TWAIN LIBRARY ART SHOW & SALE

ART EXHIBITION & SALE

Browse and/or buy
Saturday, 12/2 – Sunday, 12/10 | during library hours

HANDS-ON CRAFT WORKSHOP

Creative Corner Bookmark:
the perfect holiday gift for book lovers
Tuesday, 12/5 | 10:30 – 12:30

MEADOW RIDGE GALLERY VISIT

Featuring Juror David Dunlop
Wednesday, 12/6 | 3 pm – 4 pm

GALLERY WALK WITH JUROR

Chat with David Dunlop,
Discover his secrets
to judging art
Thursday, 12/7 | 7:pm -8pm

ART SHOW CLOSING RECEPTION

with Joel Barlow High School Chorus
Sunday 12/ 11 | 3 pm – 5 pm



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A LITERARY NEW YEAR RESOLUTION...?

The staff of the library put these 10 suggested titles together for your “Out With The Old, In With The New” Reading List for 2024:

FOR THE ADULTS

[Sorry I'm Late, I Didn't Want to Come](#)
by Jessica Pan

[Maybe You Should Talk to Someone](#)
by Lori Gottlieb

[Hope in the Dark](#)
by Rebecca Solnit

[The Four Tendencies](#)
by Gretchen Rubin

[Buy Yourself the F*cking Lilies](#)
by Tara Schuster

FOR THE KIDS

[Bodies Are Cool](#)
by Tyler Feder

[Freedom Soup](#)
by Tami Charles

[Feliz New Year, Ava, Gabriela!](#)
by Alexandra Alessandri

[Shanté Keys and the New Year's Peas](#)
by Gail Piernas-Davenport

[My Body Is a Rainbow: The Color of My Feelings](#)
by Malika Chopra

DIRECTOR’S CORNER:

A few Fridays ago, I was working at our circulation desk when a young man came in, looking to be about three years old. He stepped inside our front doors...looked left, looked right. Loudly, with big bright eyes he exclaimed, “Wooooooowwww!” The grown-up he was with made eye contact with me, smiling, and said, “It’s his first time.” This is a fundamental goal of the Mark Twain Library: to perennially inspire awe in the eyes of a child. It made my day.

Erin Dummeyer, Library Director

Grab a pen and wiggle your way through this book-lined maze, but don't worry - there is no such thing as a dead end at the MTL!

CHEERS TO A HEALTHY, HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON, and THANK YOU for keeping the library HEALTHY AND HAPPY, too - with an END OF THE YEAR GIFT!

☐ \$50

☐ \$75

☐ \$100

☐ \$200

☐ \$500

☐ \$1,000

\$ _____ (your choice)

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☐ In memory of

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www.MarkTwainLibrary.org

THANK YOU...for keeping your library – in our dreamy expanse of woody hill and valley* - SPARKLING!

*Twain's description of Redding in a holiday card to a friend