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 $15 Million Capital Campaign in 2000 that updated and 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

203-938-2545
marktwainlibrary.org

WWW.MARKTWAINLIBRARY.ORG
CENSUS OF 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)

The Mark Twain Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit which qualifies for corporate matching funds. All contributions are tax deductible as permitted by law.

HONOR SOMEONE WITH A TRIBUTE GIFT
❑ In honor of
❑ In memory of
Name:

CHECK: please make check payable to Mark Twain Library
Amount enclosed: 

CREDIT CARD: ❑ Visa ❑ MasterCard ❑ Amex
Account No: 
Expiration Date: 
Signature (required): 
Name: 
Address: 
City: State: ZIP
Phone: Email: 

OR MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION AT
www.MarkTwainLibrary.org

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

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

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!