

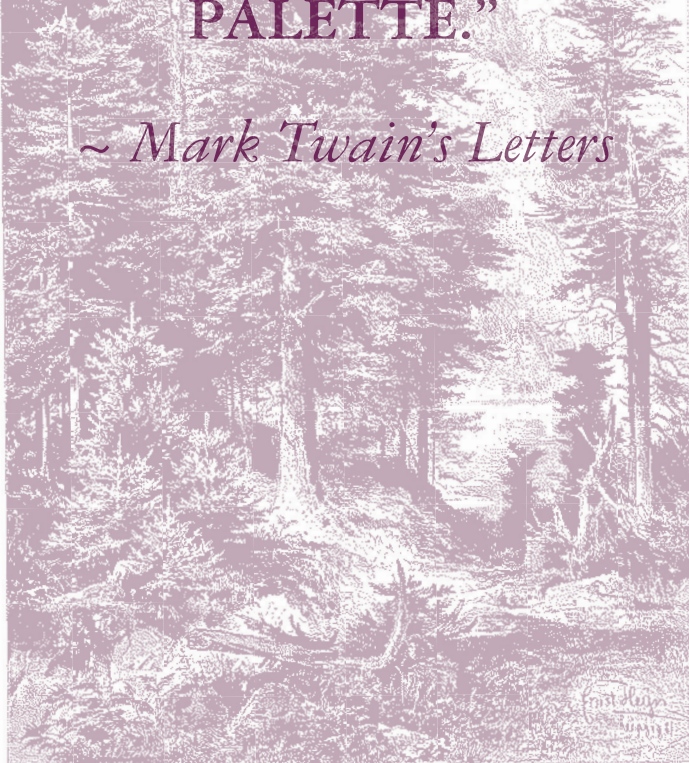
# Tattler

End of Year  
2024



“REDDING,  
CONNECTICUT:  
IT SEEMED ITS BEST  
WHEN ALL WAS  
SUMMER GREEN;  
LATER IT SEEMED  
AT ITS BEST WHEN  
ALL AROUND WAS  
BURNING WITH THE  
AUTUMN SPLENDORS;  
AND NOW ONCE  
MORE IT SEEMS AT ITS  
BEST, WITH THE TREES  
NAKED AND THE  
GROUND A PAINTER’S  
PALETTE.”

~ Mark Twain's Letters



It's been 116 years since Mark Twain gave our idyllic town a library – and 52 years since we have kept that invaluable resource humming by raising funds at the annual ART SHOW. Here's to Redding's splendiferous palette of color and creativity and the bounteous impact that it has on Mark Twain's library.

## 52nd ANNUAL ART SHOW AND SALE: AN ART COLLECTOR'S PARADISE (EVEN IF YOU'RE A ROOKIE!)

The perception that art collectors are uber-wealthy, live in mansions with endless wall space, and buy their art at auction is common, but UNTRUE. **EVERYONE** with a motivation to turn their personal space into just that: personal, is a collector. And there is no better place to hone that desire than at an Art Show like the MTL's. Long considered one of the most respected, the Art Show attracts both noteworthy career artists as well as under-the-radar masters.

The key to collecting is discovering what excites you, what stirs emotion. The library show, which opens with the very festive **Preview Party on December 6, and hangs through Sunday, December 15th**, will feature over 200 original works of art in a variety of mediums and price points. Library hours are extended, with a potpourri of programs intended to educate, expand and excite collectors both new and seasoned. Don't miss the chance to stroll the stacks-turned-gallery to find your own original masterpiece(s).

A bonus? The library receives a portion of the proceeds from the sales of the art. **WHAT A WIN WIN – FOR YOUR WALLS, AND OUR COFFERS!**

### Preview Reception

Friday, 12/6 | 7 pm – 10 pm  
(invitations sent to all MTL donors; space is limited)

### Art Exhibition & Sale

Saturday, 12/7 – Sunday, 12/15  
Browse and/or buy during library hours

### Java With The Juror

Monday, 12/9 | 8:30 am – 10 am  
Come for coffee and advice from world class artist, MET Museum lecturer + MTL Show Juror  
**DAVID DUNLOP**

### Art in Bloom: Floral Design Demonstration with “Botanicals by Jessica”

Tuesday, 12/10 | 7 pm – 8 pm  
Jessica Bowen of Botanicals by Jessica will bring still life paintings from the Art Show to real life floral masterpieces

### Meadow Ridge Gallery Visit

Wednesday, 12/11 | 3 pm – 4 pm

### Prosecco & Portfolios

(private event for Redding Neighbors & Newcomers)

### Art By Design

Thursday, 12/12 | 7 pm - 9 pm  
2 Top NYC designers/ Redding residents Victoria Cole and Bennett Leifer sharing fashionable advice on buying, framing and hanging

### Art Show Closing Reception

Sunday 12/ 15 | 3 pm – 5 pm  
Joel Barlow Choir sings while you sip and stroll!

### LIBRARY HOURS:

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

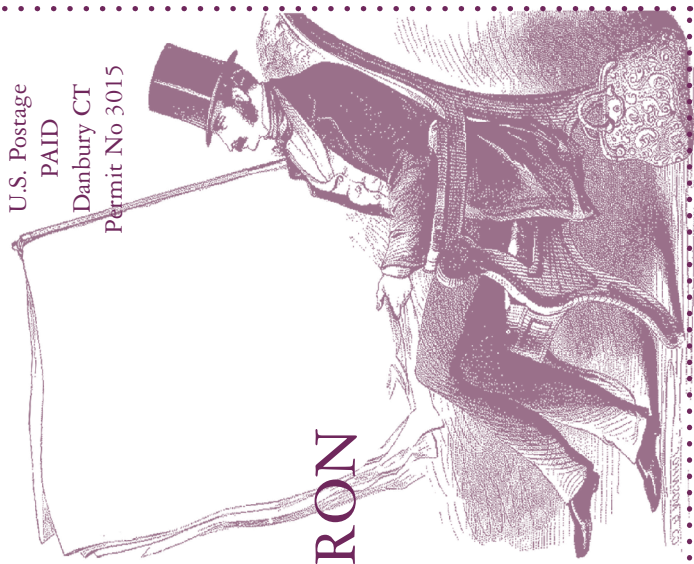
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**FARM FRESH FUNDS!**

The bountiful Fairfield Farmers Market is closed for the season, but thanks to a generous Mark Twain Library fan – we are still harvesting the fruits of her labors. This thoughtful vendor dedicated all of the proceeds from her wares each week to the library. Such a kindhearted and creative way to help our library grow – we are very grateful.

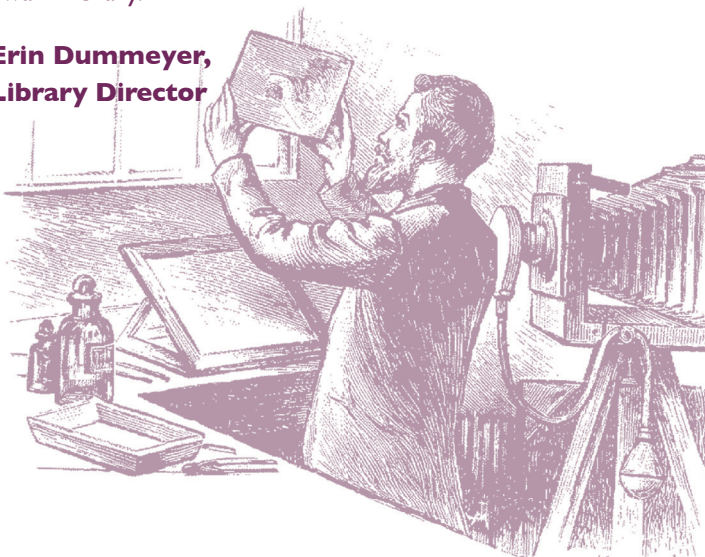


**DIRECTOR'S CORNER:**

Thanks to a grant from the American Library Association, our library now lends out custom Memory Care Kits, small containers full of books and other materials specifically designed for people experiencing cognitive impairment. Each kit was designed around a theme: birds, dogs, cats, gardening, sports, etc. The response in our community has been tremendous! We recently had a patron come in who volunteers at a nursing home and was looking for books or games to bring with her to use with residents. She was delighted to find our Memory Care collection that has books specifically produced for this population as well as fidget toys, conversation starting games, and other materials handpicked to generate memory and conversation. The nursing home where she volunteers was so impressed by our kits that they ended up buying some of the materials so they can keep them in-house.

These Activity Kits are one of the countless examples of how **BOOKS ARE JUST THE BEGINNING** at the Mark Twain Library.

**Erin Dummeyer,**  
**Library Director**



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BE THE PICTURE OF A HAPPY, HEALTHY LIBRARY WITH AN END OF THE YEAR GIFT!**

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- \$1,000    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (your choice)

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**OR MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION AT**  
[www.marktwainlibrary.org](http://www.marktwainlibrary.org)

**THANK YOU!**

**The writing is on the wall – literally, at the library! It's plain to see, your support is how and why we can be the colorful, cozy, cultural center in Redding.**

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