

MARK TWAIN LIBRARY

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MTL BLOCKBUSTER BOOKFAIR!

On September 3, 1982, The New York Times featured the then 21st Annual Mark Twain Library Book Fair: *"From estate sales and divorce settlements, corporate transfers and rediscovered closets, and a network of patrons developed over two decades, the committee this year gleaned everything from "Brooks New Cases," a law book from 1651, to a 26-volume collection of William Makepeace Thackeray, a photo album of geishas and several original disks by the jazz saxophonist Charlie Parker."*

4 decades later, our world is a vastly different place. But the Mark Twain Library Book Fair continues to be a newsworthy treasure trove AND a principal annual fundraiser. Book dealers consider it a hallmark, Reddingites know it as a signature 06896 extravaganza, teachers, students, collectors, enthusiasts of all kinds, decorators looking to beautify built-ins, children seeking storybook treasures. Come one, come all - mark your calendars to browse and buy. And do visit <https://marktwainlibrary.org/fundraising/book-fair/> to volunteer- **WE NEED YOU!** A 2-hour shift promises gratifying community spirit + fun! **Special Thanks to our Lead Sponsor: Meadow Ridge and our media sponsor WSHU Radio.**



Summer 2023



THE SEATED ROSE

In 2019, a delicious collaboration with our friend Mitch Ancona and Ancona's Wines & Liquors resulted in a wine called THE CALIFORNIAN, and a \$5000 gift to the library (for every case sold, the library received \$50).

Once again Mitch has waved his very creative and generous wand on behalf of the library. A vineyard in California specially produced 100 cases of an elegant Rose, for which the incomparable, celebrated artist (and library super fan!) Jimmy Grashow created the label. The wine producer describes it as "a happy blend of old vine grenache and syrah: electric lemon curd layered over fresh cut peach jumps from the glass, followed by layers of white floral, melon rind, and salty ocean air:" YUM!

So, hurry to Ancona's and grab a bottle of THE SEATED ROSE to sip before summertime ends.

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BOOK FAIR
LABOR DAY WEEKEND:
FRIDAY, SEPT. 1
TO MONDAY, SEPT. 4

**AT THE REDDING COMMUNITY CENTER,
37 LONETOWN ROAD, REDDING CT**

Over 65,000 books for sale organized in 75 categories!
Free admission (except Friday, \$20 admission is charged for the 1st hour; after that it's free)
Free parking and refreshments are available for purchase.

FRIDAY: 9-6 PRICES AS MARKED
SATURDAY: 10-4 PRICES AS MARKED
SUNDAY: 10-4 HALF PRICE DAY
MONDAY: 9-4 \$10 FOR A BOX FULL OF BOOKS

For info or to volunteer, please email bookfair@marktwainlibrary.org



LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS:

Mon. & Thurs.: 10 am – 8 pm
Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 10 am – 5 pm
Sat.: 10 am – 5 pm
Sun.: Closed;
after Labor Day, 1 pm – 5 pm

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PUDD'NHEAD PAUSE

A decade ago, in the spring of 2014, a fourth library fundraiser – The Pudd'nhead Prize – was hatched. The spirited inspiration of Michael Ian Black set against the glorious backdrop of Michael Marocco's InSitu has resulted in 9 years of marvelous money-making merriment to support Mark Twain's library.

Roz Chast. Ben Stiller. Jim Gaffigan. Seth Meyers. Paul Rudd. Jon Hamm. Laura Linney. Amy Schumer (with Chris Meloni standing in). Samantha Bee. This incredibly illustrious roster came to our tiny town (for free!) and left with their Pudd'nhead Prize for Humor (a gigantic engraved spoon) ... all because of Michael Ian Black's devotion to our library.

This year, Michael is taking a lengthy sojourn in Europe, and is unable to be in Redding in September. And so – we are Pudd'nhead Pausing. We are enthusiastically hopeful that the 10th Annual Pudd'nhead Prize Gala will take place September 2024 – mark your calendars! And in the meantime, we humbly invite you to support the library through the Book Fair, the Art Show, and the Annual Appeal. (Pudd'nhead is leaving a hole in our hearts this year, and in the library's piggybank as well).



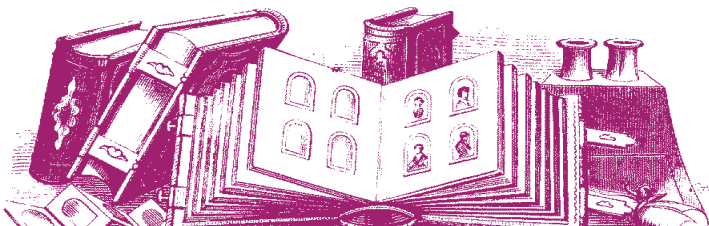
DIRECTOR'S CORNER.

From
Erin Dummeyer



A few months ago, a generous library supporter/letterbox enthusiast approached the library wanting to place some "letterboxes" inside our building. What is a letterbox, you ask? It's a box hidden with a rubber stamp and log book inside. Participants follow clues from websites like atlasquest.com to find them and once they do, they leave their own stamp in the log book. It's similar to geocache-ing but has been around a lot longer and doesn't require the use of GPS coordinates. An especially wonderful part of letterboxing culture is the unique rubber stamps found inside each letterbox that people can use to log their finds inside their own notebook.

I'm really excited about the 3 letterboxes that now reside/hide at the Mark Twain Library. Check out atlasquest.com and search in Redding to read the clues that will lead you to our letterboxes. It's a fun challenge for all ages and adds a dash of whimsy to the library experience!



WANT TO MAKE OUR LAZY, HAZY SUMMER DAYS A BIT BRIGHTER?

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