SPRING INTO ACTION @ THE FROG FROLIC FESTIVAL!

Mark Your Calendars, Redding…Saturday, May 6 (rain or shine) from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm you will want to find your way to the Redding Community Center to savor spring at the 26th Annual Frog Frolic Festival!

For a quarter century, this town-wide post winter “coming out” party is a day to celebrate with family, friends, fun, our funny founder Mark Twain – and his favorite frog - while raising foundational funds for our library.

There is something for everyone - from strollers to seniors – at the Frolic. The Bubble Garden for tots, crafts, games and bouncy attractions for kids, an alluring Silent Auction; food trucks, live music, live frogs (courtesy of New Pond Farm); a beer tent; gently thumbed books for sale. For more information visit the Frog Frolic page on the Mark Twain Library website https://www.mtlfrogfrolic.org/sponsor-the-frog-frolic/.

To give the event a BOOST – please become a Frolic Sponsor!

(WE ARE JUMPING FOR JOY ABOUT OUR 2 LEAD BACKERS: THE GRANITE CHURCH AND MEADOW RIDGE).

HIGHLIGHTS:

Food Trucks:
- All Belgium Waffles
- Paella Party
- Artisan Food
- 900 Degrees Pizza Truck
- Colossal Kielbasas

Beverages:
- Quartertone coffee
- Nod Hill beer
- Libations from Ancona’s

Entertainment:
- Hitch and The Giddup, bluegrass/honky tonk country
- North County Band, New England Music Award nominated
- Sensei June and Kempo Karate demonstration
- Voodoo Dream, from David Morgan’s Music Shed
- Joel Barlow High School Theater, Musical selections

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS:
Mon. & Thurs.: 10 am – 8 pm
Tues., Wed., & Fri.: 10 am – 5 pm
Sat., 10 am – 3 pm
Sun.: Starting Memorial Day: Closed

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BANKING ON BEING BETTER AND BETTER!

“I SHAN’T LEAVE REDDING ANYMORE. WINTER OR SUMMER. I LIKE IT BETTER AND BETTER ALL THE TIME.” ~Mark Twain, 1908

When Mark Twain moved from New York City to Redding, it was because he was inspired by the stunning landscape, the peace and quiet, and the wonderful people he met here. He quickly decided to make his final hometown even better – by starting a library. Soon, the Mark Twain Library was a reality; in the form of a one room, book-lined hub, sharing pages, ideas, and amusements.

From those illustrious yet humble beginnings, the Mark Twain Library has grown in space and by leaps and bounds in services. Still embracing Redding’s neighbors and needs, always working to make it better.

But to do this, we need you. Because Town funding pays roughly 60% of the library’s operating costs.

For the rest, we cross our fingers and roll up our sleeves and hope that the volunteer-generated events and our Annual Appeal will raise the necessary $400,000 - just to make ends meet.

It’s difficult, and it’s scary sometimes, but we know we can count on you to help your library. You take pride in what started as a room…and is now a welcoming, unique experience for all ages, all ways, always. You help us make Mark Twain’s library better and better; please support our Annual Appeal.

https://marktwainlibrary.org/donate/
DIRECTOR’S CORNER

Recently I picked up Katherine May’s book *Enchantment*, which is a meditation on reclaiming wonder and awe by experiencing nature and sitting quietly with ourselves. It’s accidentally the perfect book to read during spring when the outside world is waking back up. This work of nonfiction moves through the elements of earth, water, fire, and air, describing the experience of going “back to normal” after living through a global pandemic. Combining elements of memoir, storytelling, and narrative nonfiction, May describes things like the feeling of learning to move her body again after perfecting her swim stroke just as pools and beaches closed down for quarantine. Her previous work *Wintering*, which explores the power of rest during difficult times was a boon to me during the pandemic. This book is another one to treasure.

Erin Dummeyer, Library Director

SPRING INTO ACTION!

With a contribution of:
- $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.

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THANK YOU for bringing a SPRING to your library’s STEP!