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2022

MARK TWAIN
Library
Books Are Just the Beginning...

WELCOME TO REDDING!

This summer we launched an exciting new resource: the **WELCOME TO REDDING** portal on our website. The Mark Twain Library is the center of Redding, literally and in all other ways. We are Redding's living room, family room, playroom, study. Poke around this site and you'll see what we mean.

The centerpiece of the WELCOME PAGE is a list of 32 things we love about Redding's 32 sq. miles. Celebrated artist Robert Mars generously collaborated with the library for this inviting initiative, creating this one-of-a-kind online landscape which splendidly captures the character of our extraordinary town.

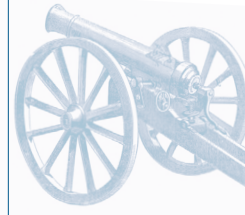
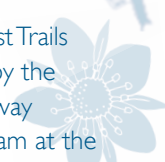
THANKYOU, ROB MARS www.robertmars.com.



32 THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT OUR 32 SQUARE MILES



1. Beating the heat in Topstone Pond
2. Walking the dog at Huntington State Park
3. Wandering the Parade Path, a botanical walk through the past
4. **Finding treasures at the Mark Twain Library Annual Book Fair Labor Day weekend**
5. Pumpkin picking at Warrup's Farm
6. Exploring the 60 miles of Redding Land Trust Trails
7. Being always awestruck by the daffodil field on Cross Highway
8. Rooting for the home team at the Redding Boys and Girls Club
9. Celebrating spring at the Mark Twain Library's Frog Frolic Festival
10. Devouring a fresh donut from Uncle Leo's
11. Picnicking at Concerts on the Green
12. Honoring our heroes at the Memorial Day Parade
13. Learning about America's greatest humorist at the Mark Twain Library
14. Hearing the chirp of the peeper frogs heralding the end of winter
15. Sipping the homemade soup at the Congregational Church's Annual Artisanal Fair
16. Gazing at the majestic view of the Saugatuck Reservoir from Route 53
17. Making new friends at the playground at the Redding Community Center
18. Savoring the fresh milk, eggs, and maple syrup from New Pond Farm
19. Trying to capture a Lonetown Farm magnificent sunset in a photograph
20. Meeting a friend at the Lobster Bake hosted by Redding Neighbors and Newcomers
21. Standing ovations at the Joel Barlow High School plays
22. Enjoying steak under the pines at the West Redding Firehouse Steak Dinner
23. Slurping a Mocha Joe milkshake at The Ridge Market
24. Dancing to live bands at The Redding Roadhouse
25. Wandering the library- turned-gallery at the Mark Twain Library Art Show
26. Buying local at Redding Nursery
27. Playing pickleball with the seniors at the Heritage Center
28. Reliving Revolutionary history at Putnam Park
29. Attending the International Festival at Redding Elementary School
30. Being inspired by the Be Kind mural at the John Read Middle School
31. Picking up trash on Earth Day and bringing it to Mt. Trashmore on the Town Green
32. **Appreciating how lucky we are to call these beautiful 32 wooded square miles our home**



“GOOD FRIENDS,
GOOD BOOKS
AND A SLEEPY
CONSCIENCE:
THIS IS THE
IDEAL LIFE.”

-Mark Twain

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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POSTAL PATRON



INTRODUCING A VERY SPECIAL PATRON!

On Thursday, July 28, our library director Erin, her husband, Michael, and their 3-year-old daughter Jane welcomed baby Christine Erin Dummeyer to the family! Erin will be off-duty from the library and on-duty as a mommy until November. Please join us in congratulating the Dummeyers!



Big Sisters by Nikki Giovanni

Big Sisters:
have dimples
can sing
play the piano
tap-dance
read books
talk on the phone
paint their toenails
overnight with friends

while

Little sisters
look on
and
love

Poet Nikki Giovanni is a New York Times bestselling author; has been awarded an unprecedented 7 NAACP Image Awards, is a National Book Award finalist and was named one of Oprah Winfrey's top 25 Living Legends.

MTL BLOCKBUSTER BOOKFAIR!

Our library was founded by Mark Twain in 1908. He moved here from New York City and brought with him more books than would fit in his new home. So, he donated over a thousand volumes to start a library in Redding. Upon his death in 1910, his daughter Clara donated hundreds more to help raise funds to build a permanent library building.

A century plus later, the Book Fair -- the oldest and one of the largest in New England -- continues to be a principal fundraiser. Mark your calendars to browse and buy -- visit <https://marktwainlibrary.org/fundraising/book-fair/> to volunteer--WE NEED YOU! A 2-hour shift promises gratifying community spirit + fun!

61ST ANNUAL MARK TWAIN LIBRARY BOOK FAIR

Labor Day weekend: Friday, Sept. 2 - Monday, Sept. 5

At the Redding Community Center, 37 Lonetown Road, Redding CT
Over 65,000 books for sale organized in 75 categories!

Free admission (except Friday, admission is charged for the 1st hour; after that it's free)

Free parking and refreshments are available for purchase.

BOOK FAIR HOURS

FRI 9/2: 9 am to 6 pm

Prices as marked

SAT 9/3: 10 am to 4 pm

Prices as marked

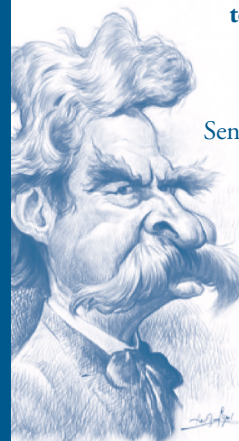
SUN 9/4: 10 am to 4 pm

Half price day

MON 9/5: 9 am to 4 pm

\$10 for each box full of books,

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



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