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MARK TWAIN
Library
Books Are Just the Beginning...



SALUTING 6 DECADES: MTL BOOKFAIR BONANZA!



Only a pandemic could come between Redding and its time-honored, highly anticipated, uber-popular, signature event: The Mark Twain Library Book Fair...and, sadly, it did. We skipped a year – but are thrilled to be prepping for the **60th Annual Book Fair!** COVID slowed things down, but the behind-the-scenes team hardly skipped a beat processing the thousands of books that arrived at the library – even during the height of the shutdown. The real estate boom has generated heaps of gently used treasures, on top of what had already been donated since the last fair in 2019. So, suffice it to say – this will be a **BLOCKBUSTER BOOK FAIR!** Mark your calendars to browse and buy – to volunteer visit: marktwainlibrary.org/fundraising/book-fair **WE NEED YOU!** A 2-hour shift promises community spirit, and what's more fun than that?!

GLORIOUS GREEN GROUP EFFORT

Last summer, the library received several memorial gifts in honor of a beloved Professor of forestry and his passion for trees and books. Pooling those resources and with the help of Sean McNamara and Redding Nursery + the Redding Garden Club + the Boy Scouts, the library's little riverside seating area was beautifully reborn. This charming sanctuary is now the perfect shady spot to savor a book and the nurture of nature...we imagine the Professor would give it an A+.



60TH ANNUAL MARK TWAIN LIBRARY BOOK FAIR

Labor Day Weekend: 9/3-9/6

Over 65,000 books for sale organized in 75 categories!

FREE ADMISSION: except \$20 Early Buying charge from 9 – 10 am on Friday, 9/3. Free parking and Bailey's Backyard Pizza Truck providing yummy fare

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 (we supply the box!)

Where: The Redding Community Center, 37 Lonetown Road

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

“SUMMER IS THE TIME
WHEN IT IS TOO HOT
TO DO THE JOB THAT
IT WAS TOO COLD TO
DO LAST WINTER.”

– MARK TWAIN

MAGICAL TALE TRAILS

Combining the magic of reading + Redding's uniquely scenic natural backdrop, the Mark Twain Library has created Storywalks: enchanting pathways around town, each featuring a different picture book. The **STORYWALK®** phenomenon was created by Anne Ferguson and Rachel Senechal from the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Vermont, to initiate an activity that would keep families moving. The result is a worldwide literary movement: **STORYWALKS®** have sprouted up by the hundreds across the globe.

5 colorfully charismatic titles can be found at: the library, the Town Green, Putnam Park, Redding Land Trust McCormack Preserve, and Saugatuck Universal Access Trail.

For more information about the **STORYWALK®** program, visit www.marktwainlibrary.org/storywalk/

FUN FACTS TO KNOW ABOUT OUR NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR ERIN DUMMEYER

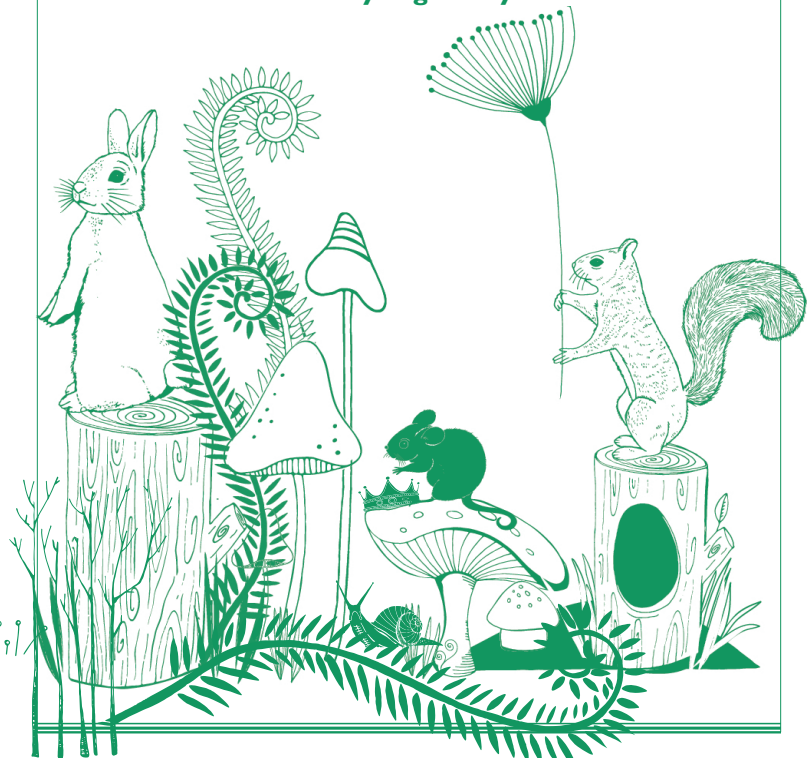
1. "Halloween is my favorite holiday and I love all things spooky- horror novels, scary movies, and haunted houses."
2. "I have run two marathons, although I've done so at my own pace which is...very slow."
3. "My favorite television show is Law and Order SVU."
4. "I have been bungee jumping off Victoria Falls."
5. "One of my life goals is to see a moose in the wild."



SUMMER HOURS:
Monday-Friday 10 am – 5 pm
Saturday 10 am – 4 pm
Closed Sunday

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PUDD'NHEAD PINNACLE:

**"HUMOR IS MANKIND'S
GREATEST BLESSING."**

-MARK TWAIN

8 years ago, the incomparable actor/comedian/author Michael Ian Black hatched **Pudd'nhead**, a new and needed fundraiser for the library. The lively **Pudd'nhead Parade** for kids hosts a bestselling children's author as its Grand Marshall. And the **Pudd'nhead Prize** – appropriately a gigantic spoon – is awarded to one who channels Twain's legendary wit. Michael has rallied a remarkable roster of Spoon winners to Redding: Roz Chast, Ben Stiller, Jim Gaffigan, Seth Meyers, Paul Rudd, John Hamm and – virtually last year – Laura Linney. This year, on September 25, the coveted spoon will be awarded to the incomparable **Amy Schumer**. **The Pudd'nhead Festival** is both essential to the library's bottom line, and a fitting nod to our illustrious founder's funny bone.

We are enormously grateful to Michael Ian Black, the man behind it all, for dishing up the revelry year after year.



THE 8th PUDD'NHEAD FESTIVAL

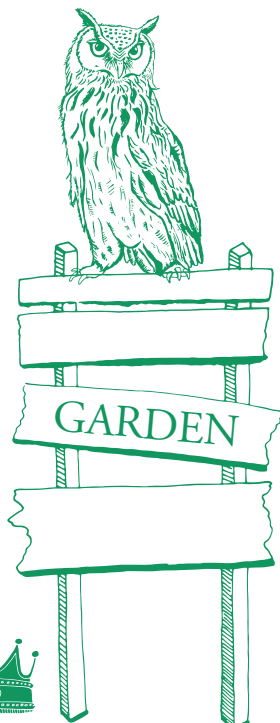
**Saturday, September 25:
THE PUDD'NHEAD PARADE!**

Funny, free fun for the young!

**PREMIERING Saturday,
October 2:
THE PUDD'NHEAD GALA**

The event, held at a private garden, has limited capacity. But everyone can have a front row seat - the Pudd'nhead Prize Presentation will be available for streaming for a minimum donation of \$25; registration will begin in early September.

Our little library fared adequately during COVID, but it was empty for a year and can really use the humor-filled \$hot in the arm that is Pudd'nhead. So pop the popcorn, pour a drink and prepare to laugh out loud with Amy Schumer, Michael Ian Black + a giant spoon...coming to your screen, from right here in Redding!



SUPPORT THE MARK TWAIN LIBRARY THIS SUMMER!

I WILL LEND A HAND

With a contribution of:

- \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 \$500
 \$1,000 \$ _____ (your choice)

The MarkTwainLibrary 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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- In honor of
 In memory of

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www.MarkTwainLibrary.org



THANK YOU for SUSTAINING the library as we come back **STRONG** this SUMMER!