Your Help is Essential for the Holiday Basket Sale

Calling All JBML Friends
HELP!
Your help and support is needed

The outstanding success of our wonderful book sale has inspired us to resurrect our fun and festive

HOLIDAY BASKET SALE
December 9 - 11

Because time is short we are really scrambling to bring back this popular fundraiser. Time is critical, and we’re depending on help from the membership. How can you help? By donating your time or items for the baskets.

Let’s start with your time: we will need people to sell baskets for 2 - 3 hour shifts in the library during library hours, while supplies last. And what to donate? Let’s start with baskets! Baskets of varied shapes and sizes will be needed.

Many items will be needed to fill the baskets; donate as much or as little as you can. Use your imagination and creativity, or use these suggestions...think theme!

For example:

- Holiday Baskets: Chanukah, Christmas, and New Year’s
- Food Baskets - NON perishable items only! Consider tools, serving pieces, or table linens.
- Oils and Vinegars
- Pastas and Sauces
- Soup, Stew, Chili
- Baking Supplies and Implements
- Gourmet Spices
- Jams, Jellies, Preserves
- Chocolates, Candies
- Beverage Baskets: wine, cocktails, champagne, teas, coffees, cocoa, and glasses, mugs, napkins, etc.
- Kitchen Supplies
- Table Top
- Décor, Candles, Ornaments
- Kits\DIY\Crafts
- Toiletries, Spa Items
- Children’s Items: Toys, Puzzles, Art Supplies, Winter Gear\Clothing
- Pet Baskets
- Bird Fancier Baskets
- Entertainment Items: Music, Films
- Gift Wrap
- Gardeners’ Supplies\Flowering Bulbs

The list goes on and on! Please bring your items to the circulation desk at the library, labeled with your name and approximate value. With membership participation, this project will surely be a success!

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Book Sale 2016: Thank You!

As you know, we had some doubts going into this year’s sale. Would e-books finally spell doom for hard copy? Would the move to mid-October be too chilly for comfortable browsing? We’re so pleased to report that all of our worries were unfounded. This year’s sale, blessed with bright Indian Summer weather, was a smashing success. Sales exceed last year’s numbers. As we go to press the totals aren’t quite finalized, but we took in over $58,000. We can look forward to another year of funding lectures, concerts, museum passes, children’s programs, and so many other ‘wish list extras,’ and we couldn’t have done it without you.

THANK YOU
To the extraordinary Children’s Section team.

THANK YOU
To the Hally family and the Hally’s Cleaning Service crew.

THANK YOU
To Jon Clark’s “sherpas,” the sorters and couriers who work all year long to make sure our sale is recognized as one of the best sources for high quality used books.

THANK YOU
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THANK YOU
To Shoreline Café & Catering, K and G Printers, Curt Wendler, Branford Fire Department, and the Thimble Island Ferry.

We are so fortunate to live in such a generous community.

THANK YOU
To the Branford Police Department, for graciously allowing us to take over their community room as a safe place to count the proceeds.

And as always,

THANK YOU
To all the Friends who volunteered their time and energy to bring the sale to life. Words aren’t enough to express our appreciation for your hard work.

Book Sale 2017

What, already? Yup. The best time to start thinking about next year is while this year’s positives and negatives are fresh in our minds. We’re mulling over some possible changes to keep improving the sale, and we’d welcome your input.

Many Friends groups are capitalizing on on-line sales. We’ve been researching this, but would love to hear from anyone with experience in this area. Even if your experience is just as an on-line buyer, tell us what you look for in a used-book website.

You may not know that the Friends regularly supply books to the Community Dining Room and a few other locations in town. We are actively seeking your thoughts on where these donations are most needed, and what categories of books would be the best fit. We know you have good ideas, so please tell us!

We start each sale with 70,000 books, and as hard as we try, there are always too many left over on Sunday afternoon. Experience has led us to eliminate certain books we just can’t sell, such as older hardcover fiction and mysteries, out-of-date travel guides, and obsolete health/self-help. We had a lot of older Trade Paperbacks left on the tables after this year’s sale, and are considering limiting our inventory to the newer titles. Please keep this in mind as you pack up your books for donation, and please do share your opinions. We want to know what you looked for but couldn’t find, what could have been better organized, and even what struck you as a waste of tent space.

After we lost the use of the old Branford Hills school last year, we had to rent space to sort and store the books as they came in throughout the year. Money spent on rent is money we can’t use to support Library programs. If you, or any of your friends, know of some empty space that might be coming available, free or at a reduced rent, please let us know. We’re not fussy about our quarters, and your gift would be fully tax deductible. We know there’s empty commercial space around town, so please spread the word!

Did you see the Blackstone Bookworm on the Town Green? Thanks to Polly Fitz and Terry Twigg for creating him. Photo courtesy of Truman Sherk.
Program Highlights Winter 2016-2017

Programs with an ** require registration. Call us at 203.488.1441 ext 318, or visit our website: www.blackstonelibrary.org

Hatha Yoga
Mondays @ 5:15 - 6:30 pm
Yoga teacher Helen Lespier leads an ongoing hatha yoga class every Monday evening. Free and open to all ages.

Tilde Cafe: The What, Why, and How of Proteins
December 3 @ 3 pm
Presented by Dr. Lynne Regan, Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry and of Chemistry.

The Nutcracker
Lecture & Ballet Demo
December 3 @10 - 10:30 am
Come enjoy this holiday classic with us and then meet and interact with some of the story’s main characters!

CT Accordion Orchestra
Holiday Concert**
December 10 @ 2 pm
Get in the holiday spirit with CT accordion orchestra! The orchestra consists of over 20 performers, including the finest in the accordion world.

Music Makers
Holiday Concert
December 11 @ 2 - 3:15 pm
Join the Music Makers for a celebration of the holiday season with a short sing-along to follow! The Music Makers are considered the “musical ambassadors” of Branford High School and the Town of Branford as well. Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

Lincoln Center Screening:
Show Boat**
January 10 @ 1 - 3 pm
Join us for a screening of Show Boat performed at Lincoln Center on Nov. 15, 2014. Show Boat was the first musical ever performed by an opera company — by New York City Opera in 1954.

Fresh Start:
An Intro to Tea**
January 7 @ 1 - 2:15 pm
Phil Parda of Savvy Tea will discuss the pleasures and benefits of tea. The “Fresh Start” tea program is about taking steps to make the new year a healthier and more enjoyable one by enhancing your life with tea. Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

Scents & Sensibility:
Herbal Reed Diffusers**
January 14 @ 2 - 3:30 pm
Sniff through our stinky past and make your own herbal reed diffusers! Join us for a whiff of the past with historical tidbits about King Henry VIII’s leg wound, smelly baldness “cures”, & much more. You’ll also create your own 8-oz Herbal Reed Diffuser based on your needs or preferences. Presented by Velya & Ehris Urban. Space is very limited.

The Road Ahead: Stories of the Forever War**
January 21 @ 2 - 3 pm
Join Adrian Bonenberger, author of The Afghan Post and editor of the new book The Road Ahead, for a discussion of his latest book. The Road Ahead is a collection of fictional works written by 25 veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan war, reflecting the evolving nature of what has become America’s “Forever War.”

Argyle Sax Concert
January 22 @ 2 - 3 pm
The Argyle Sax Quartet performs in a wide range of musical genres. This versatile ensemble entertains audiences with selections in classical styles, jazz styles, pop and novelty themes. Enjoy works by Rimsky Korsakov, Glenn Miller, The Beatles and more; an eclectic mix with something for everyone!

Oenology 101: A Little Wine Science with Tilde Cafe
January 28 @ 3:30 pm
Join us to learn all about the science behind making wine!

RAVE ON! Concert
February 12 @ 2 - 3:15 pm
RAVE ON! is a band that features the music of Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, and other legends of early rock-n-roll. This is the music that paved the way for rock-n-roll and influenced The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and countless other artists. Sponsored by the Friends of the Blackstone Library.

Rusalka: Opera Preview & Performance
February 21 @ 6:30 - 8 pm
A Metropolitan Opera Preview of Dvorak’s Rusalka, with Marc Verzatt, recently retired from the faculty of the Yale School of Music. Followed by three live musicians—a pianist plus a female and male vocalist. Sponsored by Shoreline Village Connecticut.

For a full program listing, visit our website at www.blackstonelibrary.org

Actor and author Ted Zalewski brought Teddy Roosevelt to life at the annual John Loeb Lecture in September.
Volunteers Needed!

Thanks to all who helped make this year’s book sale one of the best ever! If you are interested in helping throughout the year, we can use volunteers to make phone calls, solicit donations and provide creative input. As much or as little time as you can spare would be helpful and greatly appreciated! Please help us support our wonderful library. If interested in volunteering with the Friends of JBML, please contact Hatsie Mahoney at: 203-481-4100 / hatsiemahoney@yahoo.com