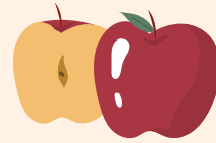
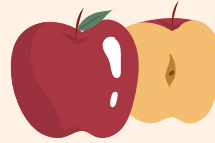
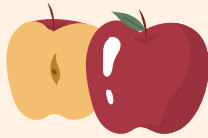
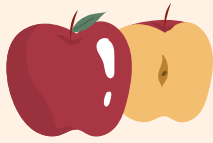




**MERIDEN  
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LIBRARY**

# September 2024

**Official Newsletter of Meriden Public Library**



## REGULAR HOURS:

Monday: 9:30am to 5:00pm

Tuesday: 9:30am to 8:30pm

Wednesday: 9:30am to 8:30pm

Thursday: 9:30am to 8:30pm

Friday: 9:30am to 5:00pm

Saturday: 9:30am to 5:00pm



**LIBRARY CLOSED:  
Monday, Sept 2nd**

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# The Friends of the Library NEWS

*Making Possibilities Happen*

## Volunteers Needed!



We have volunteer opportunities available Wednesday evenings from 4-7pm and Saturday from 10am to 2pm. If you wish to join our expanding staff of fabulous volunteers please contact Alexis Burgess at rrburgess16@gmail.com We also have space available for people who wish to become an occasional substitute.

## How to Donate:



Now that the renovation/expansion is complete we are refocusing to raise funds for Library programming. It is still possible to be listed on the "Donor Plaque" for a donation of \$1,000 and we still have several rooms that can be named. Please contact Frank Ridley at Fridley@cox.net if you are interested in this opportunity. In addition, donations in any amount can be made to the Library through the Friends by either visiting our website or by sending your donation (payable to the Friends) to the Library. As you make your estate planning please consider remembering us. We are able to answer any questions you may have.

## Events

The Friends of the Meriden Public Library will be at the Midstate Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase at the Farmers Market on the Meriden Green on September 14, 2024 from 8am to 12:30pm. Stop by and say hello!

## Bookstore Hours:

Monday: 10am to 4pm  
Tuesday: 10am to 4pm  
Wednesday: 10am to 7pm  
Thursday: 10am to 4pm  
Friday: 10am to 4pm  
Saturday: 10am to 2pm

# Save the date

Our ever popular  
**\$5.00 a "bag of  
books" sale**

**will take place  
October 21-26, 2024**



# The Friends of the Library NEWS

*Making Possibilities Happen*

The Meriden Public Library's programs and services are generously funded by the following organizations:



The Meriden Foundation



Meriden Health  
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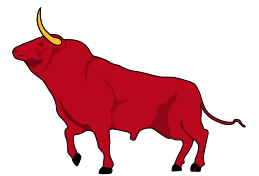
*Thank you!*



## September Event Spotlight



**Images of Spain**



Experience the soul of 19th century Spain in the evocative concert, Images of Spain.

This program showcases iconic works by Isaac Albeniz, Enrique Granados and Joaquin Turina, alongside guitar transcriptions of compositions by Chopin, Saint-Saens, Meyerbeer and others, highlighting their profound impact on Spanish music.

Enhancing the audio journey, the concert will feature a curated selection of photographs and paintings that resonate with the music's themes on the large screen projector. You won't want to miss this multisensory experience that transports audience members to the heart of Spain.

**Saturday, September 28th at 2pm**  
**Location: Meeting Rooms 1+2+3**



# ADULTS | September Programs

## Classics Clique Movie

In this meeting, we will be watching the movie **The Grapes of Wrath (1940)** based on August's book pick **The Grapes of Wrath** by John Steinbeck.

**Tuesday, September 3rd at 5:30pm**  
**Location: Meeting Rooms 1+2+3**



## Knit & Crochet Club

Join us at the Meriden Public Library for the Knit & Crochet Club! Bring your project (supplies not provided by the Meriden Public Library) and join with others who also love to knit and crochet and craft together!

**Wednesdays**  
**September 4th & 18th at 10am**  
**Location: Adult Reading Area**



## Practice English Conversation

Join us to practice speaking English in a fun and comfortable environment! Some knowledge of English is recommended.

¡Únete a nosotros para practicar inglés en un ambiente divertido y cómodo! Se recomienda algún conocimiento de inglés.

**Wednesdays**  
**September 5th & 19th at 3pm**  
**Location: Meeting Room 5**



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## The Mark Twain House & Museum Presents: "How to Reform a Conscience"

Come to an interactive discussion, led by Erin Bartram, Ph.D. of the Mark Twain House & Museum, on Twain's struggle - as shown in his novel "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" - with racism and white supremacy, hot topics that unfortunately still exist today. You do not need to have read the book to participate in the discussion and learn from this program!

**Thursday, September 5th at 6pm**  
**Location: Meeting Rooms 1+2+3**



## Intro to Tai Chi

In this class, you will begin with loosening up exercises to physically relax the joint areas to allow for better energy flow. This is followed with a meridian cleansing Chi Kung routine to begin cultivating the chi. The rest of the class is Tai Chi form instruction in Cheng Man Ch'ings Yang Style, 37-Posture form.

**Saturday, September 7th at 1pm**  
**Location: Meeting Rooms 1+2+3**



## Classics Clique Discussion

In this meeting, we will be discussing the August book **The Grapes of Wrath** by John Steinbeck as well as its 1940 movie adaptation.

**Monday, September 9th at 3pm**  
**Location: Meeting Room 5**



# ADULTS | September Programs

## What's Next? Book Club

**The Lioness of Boston** by Emily Franklin  
A deeply evocative novel of the life of Isabella Stewart Gardner, a daring visionary who created an inimitable legacy in American art and transformed the city of Boston itself.

**Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30pm**  
**Location: Meeting Room 5**



## Cinema Classics

The movie will begin promptly at 5:30 pm in the Community Room.

**Rear Window: 1954** · Thriller/Mystery · 1h 52m  
A New York magazine photographer is confined to his apartment after breaking his leg. He passes the time by spying on his neighbors from his window, and suspicious goings-on in one of the apartments lead him to believe that someone has been murdered.

**Thursday, September 12th at 5:30pm**  
**Location: Meeting Rooms 1+2+3**



## Tech Topics: File Types and Saving Files

In this session, you will understand file formats and what they are used for, how to save a document as a PDF, and how to name and save a document in a specific place.

**Monday, September 16th at 3pm**  
**Location: Meeting Room 5**



## Lotería: Pura Belpre



Like Bingo? You'll love Lotería!  
Join us for a special version of the popular Mexican card game as we celebrate the work of pioneer Children's Librarian Pura Belpré.

**Wednesday, September 18th at 4pm**  
**Location: Meeting Room 6**

## Feria del Libro Book Fair



Join us for our first-ever Feria del Libro (Book Fair): Must-read classics and the latest work from Latin American and Latino authors. Books for all ages. Scavenger Hunt, StoryWalk®, Photo Booth, and other activities. Learn about library services and register for the Hispanic Heritage Month reading challenge.

**Saturday, September 21st, 11am-3pm**  
**Location: Meeting Rooms 1+2+3**

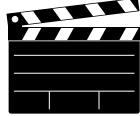
## Monday Matinee: Dead Poets Society (1988)

A staid but well-respected prep school is enlivened by a newly-arrived, charismatic English teacher, who inspires his students with unconventional methods and philosophies.

**Monday, September 23rd at 1pm**  
**Location: Meeting Rooms 1+2+3**

# ADULTS | September Programs

## Classics Clique Movie



In this meeting, we will be watching the movie **Tender is the Night (1962)** based on September's book pick **Tender is the Night** by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

**Tuesday, September 24th at 5:30pm**

**Location: Meeting Rooms 1+2+3**

## Booktok Bookclub



Join us for BookTok Book Club, where we discuss books that have trended on social media platforms including TikTok and Instagram. Share thoughts on your latest read or gather ideas for the next one! September Book: **We Used to Live Here** by Marcus Kliever. *Limited copies are available at Visitor Services.*

**Wednesday, September 25th at 6:30pm**

**Location: Meeting Room 5**

All events with a marigold  are part of our Hispanic Heritage Month programs.

Please see pages 13-14 for a complete list of Hispanic Heritage Month programs.

## Monthly Adult Craft Night: Papel Picado



National Hispanic Heritage Month is annually celebrated from September 15th to October 15th in the United States.

Papel Picado is a traditional craft from Mexico, which usually involves tissue paper and many detailed cut paper designs. This craft night project is a representative of Mexican folk art.

**Thursday, September 26th at 6:30pm**

**Location: Meeting Room 6**



## Classics Clique Discussion

In this meeting, we will be discussing the September book **Tender is the Night** by F. Scott Fitzgerald as well as its 1962 movie adaptation.

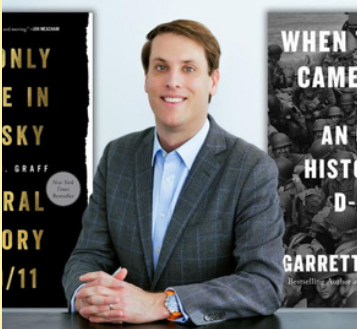
**Monday, September 30th at 3pm**

**Location: Meeting Room 5**



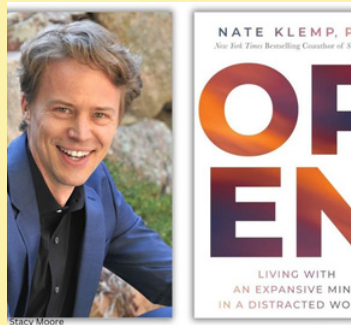
# ADULTS | Virtual Author Talks & Meet the Staff

## September Authors



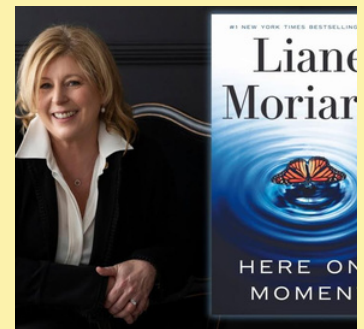
**Capturing the Human Drama Through History  
w/Garrett Graff**

Tuesday, September 10th  
2pm



**Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World-w/Nate Klemp, PhD**

Wednesday, September 18th  
2pm



**A Deep Dive in Character Development  
w/Global Sensation  
Liane Moriarty**

Saturday, September 21st  
7pm

## Meet the Staff



**Melissa Murphy is a Children's and Bookmobile Librarian** and has been working at the Meriden Public Library for **16 years**.

**If she couldn't be a librarian she would** open up a tea shop/used bookstore and basically live her best cozy life.

**Her favorite TV shows are** *Schitt's Creek*, *Dr. Who* and *The Good Place*.

**The two movies she could watch over and over are** Jurassic Park and Spirited Away.

**A fun fact about her is** that she has done karaoke in Japan.

**Her favorite authors are** TJ Klune, Stephen King and Martha Wells.

# CHILDREN | September Programs

## Weekly Classes

Weekly registration is required

### Wiggle Worms

**Mondays at 10:30am for Ages 0-3**

September 16th–October 21st  
(No Class Monday, October 14th)

**Wednesdays at 10:30am for Ages 0-3**

September 18th–October 23rd

Join Miss Holly for a special storytime for ages 0-3. This storytime will be filled with songs, puppets, dancing, and more. Stay after storytime is over for playtime.

**Location: Children's Storytime Room**

### Family Storytime

**Wednesdays at 6pm for Ages 2-5**

September 18th–October 23rd

Join Miss Melissa for a fun evening of stories, songs, dancing, and more. This program is geared towards 2-5 year-olds, but siblings are always welcome to join in. A craft will follow after the end of storytime.

**Location: Children's Storytime Room**

### Bebés Activos

**Fridays from 10am to 12 noon for Ages 0-5**

Runs Weekly Beginning September 6th

Join us for a weekly bilingual playgroup hosted by the Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW)! Children ages 0-5 years, their parents, grandparents, and caregivers get together to participate in activities designed to teach early literacy skills and enhance school readiness and success. Please bring a snack and juice or water for your child and please attend to your child at all times. *This program is generously funded through a grant provided by Liberty Bank.*

**Location: Children's Storytime Room**

## Monthly Meet-Ups

### Sensory Playtime

**1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month**

**September 3rd & September 17th from 5pm to 6:30pm**

**Ages 0-11 | Registration Required**



Join us for a sensory-friendly playtime where children and caregivers can interact with several stations of fun activities while socializing. Registration closes one week before an event. *Proudly partnered with Social Sabby.*

**Location: Children's Project Room & Community Room 1+2+3**

### STEAM Stories

**1st Thursday of every month**

**September 5th at 6pm**

**Ages 6-11 | Registration Required**



Join us monthly for science and art based stories and a fun STEAM related activity. Older siblings are welcome to join in.

**Location: Children's Story Room & Children's Project Room**

### Family Craft Night

**Once a month on Thursday at 6pm**

**September 12th at 6pm**

**All Ages | Registration Required**

Join us for a monthly family craft night that is sure to be a grand time. Each month is a different theme. Several craft stations will be available as well as fun themed music. All families are welcome though some crafts may need parental assistance. **This month's theme is Disney.**



**Location: Meeting Room 6**

### Messy Makers: Splatter Paintings

**Once a month on Tuesday at 10:30am**

**September 24th**

**Ages 2-5 | Registration Required**



Come get messy with us! Each month we will try a new art technique! We'll provide aprons but please come in clothes you don't mind getting messy! This month we will be making splatter paintings.

**Location: Children's Storytime Room**

### Nutmeg Newts

**4th Tuesday of every month from 6pm to 6:45pm**

**September 24th**

**All Ages | Registration Required**



Join us for our monthly book club the Nutmeg Newts! This book club is for children with a 4th through 6th grade reading level. Read the book on your own and then join us at the library for a fun discussion and related activity. Stop by the children's department to borrow a copy of this month's pick, **A Rover's Story.**

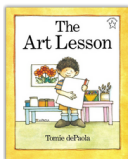
**Location: Children's Storytime Room**



# CHILDREN | September Programs

## Tomie dePaola Storytime & Mosaic Dedication

Saturday, September 14th at 11am  
All Ages | Registration Requested



Celebrate Tomie dePaola's 90th birthday with the Tomie dePaola Children's Library! Join us for the dedication of our new mosaic of the book cover *The Art Lesson* created by Meriden's Gallery 53. Stay for a special Tomie dePaola storytime, craft, and light refreshments.

**Location: Tomie dePaola Children's Library**

## Joy Blooms: Boogie in the Barnyard

Monday, September 9th at 10:30am  
Ages 0-5 | Registration Required



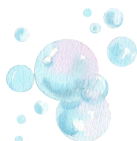
It's time to Boogie in the Barnyard with Joy Blooms! Perfect for the harvest season, children can experience the wonders of the barnyard as Joy shares music and stories about life on the farm. *Generously funded by the Napier Foundation.*



**Location: Community Room 1+2+3**

## Preschool Pirate Party

Thursday, September 19th at 4pm  
Ages 2-5 | Registration Required



Arghhh matey! It is National Speak Like a Pirate Day! What better way to celebrate than a party at the library. We will have a pirate themed storytime with fun music and craft after.

**Location: Children's Storytime Room & Children's Project Room**

## Family Pirate Party

Thursday, September 19th at 6pm  
All Ages | Registration Required



Ahoy families! Join us at the library to celebrate National Speak Like a Pirate Day with fun music, crafts and games. Younger and older siblings are welcome.

**Location: Community Room 1+2+3**

## Drop-In Book Bracelets

Saturday, September 21st from 10am to 12 noon  
Ages 5-11 | Registration Required



Stop by to make your very own book bracelet featuring picture book covers from Pura Belpre Award winning books.

**Location: Children's Project Room**

## Together We Rock

Thursday, September 26th at 3:30pm  
All Ages | Registration Required



Join us for Together We Rock!! Paint your own rock to add into our brand new Meriden Public Library Courtyard. This programming is open to people of all ages and abilities. *This program is sponsored by For All Ages and the Girl Scout Gold Award.*

**Location: Meeting Room 6**

## Sensory Family Flick: IF (Rated PG)

Thursday, September 26th at 6pm  
All Ages | Registration Required



Come as you are to our sensory friendly showing of IF (rated PG). We will lower the sound, have the subtitles on and keep the lights on. Fidget toys will be available and everyone is welcome to walk, dance, and sing. Registration is required to best accommodate sensory requests.

**Location: Meeting Room 6**

# TEENS | September Programs

## Rainbow Roundtable

Tuesday, September 3rd at 6pm

The Rainbow Roundtable is a LGBTQIA+ oriented club where we talk about what we are reading, watching and listening to that's LGBTQIA+ related. Hang out in a welcoming environment with like-minded folks.

Location: Teen Room

## National Cheese Pizza Day

Thursday, September 6th from 3:30-4pm  
Registration Required

Celebrate cheese pizza day with...cheese pizza! Come have a slice or two and check out the teen room! Please inform our librarian of any allergies when registering.

Location: Meeting Room 6

## Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, September 10th at 5pm

Join the monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting to make sure your voice is heard! Share your ideas and opinions on how to improve your section of the library. Attendees will receive one hour of community service.

Location: Teen Room

## Money 101: What the Heck is Credit?

Tuesday, September 10th at 6pm

What the heck is credit? A FICO score? Join Teen Librarian, Paige, to learn the difference along with the importance of keeping both in good standing.

Location: Teen Room

## Teen Art Club: Color and Value Wheel

Thursday, September 12th at 3pm  
Registration Required

Join librarian Paige to learn how to apply color in your art. This session focuses on understanding color and value.

Location: Meeting Room 6

## YA Yabbies

Friday, September 13th at 3:30pm

Join our discussion of sci-fi horror, **Bloom**, by Kenneth Oppel. The rain brings seeds. The seeds bring thorny vines. The thorny vines bloom toxic.

Location: Teen Room



## NBA 2k22 Tournie

Saturday, September 14th from 1-3pm

Is ball life? Come prove you're the best at 2K22 on the big screen! The winning teams gains teen room bragging rights and a prize.

Location: Community Room 1+2+3

## Graphic Godzilla

Tuesday, September 17th at 6pm

Join our discussion of **Invisible** by Christina Diaz Gonzalez. Follow the story of five students, who believe they have nothing in common, and are forced to complete community service.

Location: Teen Room

## Queer Quetzals

Thursday, September 19th at 3:30pm

Join our discussion of Mexican-inspired fantasy, **The Sunbearer Trials**, by Aiden Thomas. At the start of each decade the Sunbearer trials are hosted. One will be crowned winner and one will be sacrificed.

Location: Teen Room

## Manga Club

Tuesday, September 24th at 6pm

Do you love manga? Join the manga club to talk about your favorites, watch anime, meet fellow enthusiasts and work on fun projects!

Location: Teen Room

## Repurpose: Book Hedgehog

Wednesday, September 25th at 3:30pm

Use simple folding techniques to make a decorative hedgehog out of damaged books.

Location: Teen Room

## Teen Vent Session

Friday, September 27th at 3:30pm

Let your frustrations out over snacks and soda so you can start your weekend fresh!

Location: Teen Room

# Featured News

## September is Library Card Sign-up Month and WE HAVE PRIZES! For your chance to win, sign-up, renew, or replace your old card.

Why? Because you can experience so many possibilities with your FREE Meriden Public Library card. Stream movies or music, listen to an audiobook, learn a new language, visit a museum, and much more. Open to all current Meriden residents and teachers.

For further information on library cards, including a list of required identification, visit our website or scan the QR code below.



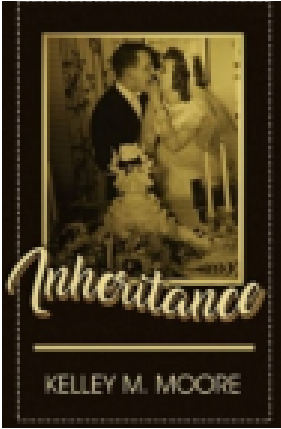
## Attention Local Authors!



### READ LOCAL @ THE MERIDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY!

The Meriden Public Library is planning a book fair to highlight the work of local authors on Saturday, November 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. (Shop Local Saturday!) This is a great chance to promote your work and trade ideas with fellow writers. Authors will have their own table for book signing and sales. They can come in to set up starting at noon. They will be responsible for providing their own payment mechanism. Applications are available on the library website and at the Visitors Service Desk at the Library. Applications will be accepted through September 15. Prospective participants will be notified the week of September 30. For more information, check the library website or call: (203) 630-4734.

# OCTOBER AUTHOR TALK



## **INHERITANCE**

### **A Portrait of One Family's Inheritance of Addiction and Recovery**

#### **A new book by Kelley M. Moore**

When Kelley's daughter was seventeen and a senior in high school, her entire world changed with the discovery of her daughter's alcohol and drug addiction. In her inspiring memoir, Moore shares the road to recovery through the eyes of a mother, the intense emotional and physical turmoil it takes on not only the person afflicted with the disease, but to the entire family unit. She learns through her daughter's journey to sobriety of the generational effects, the inheritance of the disease from one generation to the next. The steps families can take to provide a positive and honest atmosphere for a family member's healing can heal everyone. Moore's own journey is a testament to the enormous role family can play in recovery. While her daughter fought, and still fights, to maintain sobriety, mother, father, sister, and daughter find themselves absorbed into new roles that the disease of addiction assigns to everyone. Moore discovers new lifelong passions for aiding others on their road to recovery.



#### **About the Author ~ [KelleyMoore.com](http://KelleyMoore.com)**

Kelley M. Moore is an advocate for those individuals struggling with addiction and their families. She has dedicated her life to assisting others in finding their sobriety and has worked professionally in the addiction field for almost twenty years. She has helped to change laws, led support groups for families, and was available 24/7 for anyone who needed help in taking the right direction. She never felt she worked a day in her life.

**Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 1pm to 3pm**  
**Meeting Rooms 1+2+3**

# HISPANIC HERITAGE EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER 3 – OCTOBER 24\***

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 6PM\***

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 4PM**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 11AM-3PM\***

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 6:30PM\***

**SEPTEMBER 21 – OCTOBER 15\***

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 6PM**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 FROM 4-6PM\***

Reading challenge for all ages with chances to win prizes!

Disney movie *Encanto* in Spanish with popcorn available.

Special edition of Lotería, the Mexican card game, featuring books that have won the Pura Belpré award. Prizes and refreshments provided. All ages!

Feria del Libro/Book Fair: Books in Spanish and English for all ages. Information on library services and programs; scavenger hunt and other family-friendly activities.

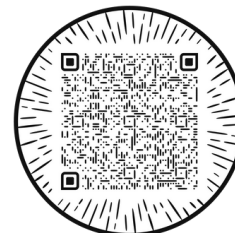
Monthly Adult Craft Night featuring Papel Picado craft.

Spanish StoryWalk featuring Thank you, Omu! by Oge Mora.

Read Around the World: The Great Divide Book Discussion.

Día de Muertos celebration with an altar, crafts, face painting, and more.

**\* Programa bilingüe o en español**





# HISPANIC HERITAGE EVENTS

# FERIA DEL LIBRO

Join the Meriden Public Library for our first Feria Del Libro on  
**Saturday, September 21st from 11am to 3pm**

A variety of books for all ages will be available for checkout in Spanish and English, highlighting Hispanic authors.

Activities include information booths on library services, including language learning platforms, a scavenger hunt, bookmark decorating, photo booth, and much more!

Make sure to check out our Spanish StoryWalk throughout the library and sign up for the Hispanic Heritage Month Reading Challenge. Patrons will have chances to win prizes throughout the reading challenge.



# NEWSWORTHY EVENTS



We would like to thank the Gallery 53 Mosaic Magic Team of Chris Webster, Kathy G., Denise B., Theresa D., Melissa G., Kathy M., Estelle T., and Tricia S.



## SAVE THE DATE

The Friends of The Meriden Public Library Presents

### LITERARY LIBATIONS

Sipping for a Cause

Friday, February 28th, 2025

6pm to 9pm

at the Meriden Public Library

Tickets will be on sale December 2nd, 2024, in the Friends Bookstore at the MPL

Wine, craft beer, and spirits tasting.  
Refreshments, music, and raffles.





# Friends of the Meriden Public Library

## Membership / Renewal Application

NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names (list others in household covered by this membership):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$100.00 (or more) - CORPORATE

\$100.00 (or more) - BENEFACTOR

\$40.00 - PATRON

\$10.00 - BASIC

I WISH TO DONATE TO THE WORLD WAR II HOLOCAUST FUND:

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AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Indicate areas of interest - Check as many areas as you desire

\_\_\_\_\_ Library Advocacy

\_\_\_\_\_ Book Sorting

\_\_\_\_\_ Internet Sales

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Bookstore

\_\_\_\_\_ Any Area Where Needed

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Library (FOTL)

Return to: Friends of the Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller Street, Meriden, CT 06450

In order to maximize the effect of your membership funds, we will not be providing membership cards; your cancelled check will be your proof of membership.

Thank you!