

# Bookends

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## Book Sale November 17 & 18

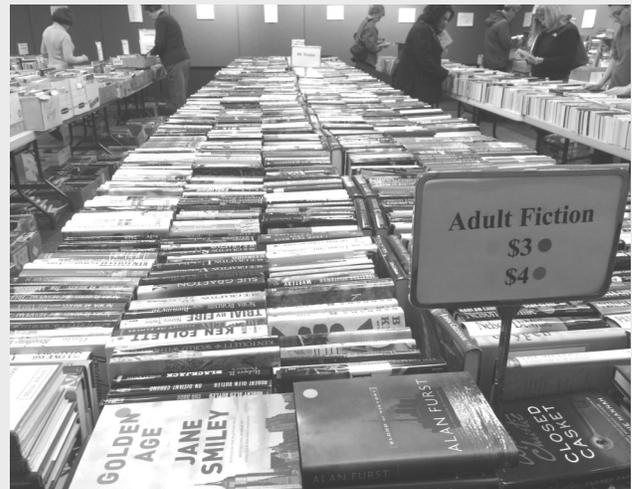
The Friends are excited to announce their upcoming Fall Book Sale! It is one big event over two days that will include both 'Nearly New' adult books and a children's sale.

The sale will begin **Friday, November 17** with an exclusive preview from 9:15am-10am for \$10 admission. Admission is free Friday from 10am to 5pm and **Saturday, November 18** from 9am to 3pm. There will be a special clearance sale from 2-3pm on Saturday. This sale features an amazing collection of like-new books suitable for holiday gift-giving or your personal library. Included will be books on history, politics, biographies, science and nature, gourmet cookbooks, sports, art, as well as contemporary and classic fiction, holiday books, gift books, CDs, DVDs & puzzles and framed art. The sale will also include thousands of children's books for all ages, infant to teen, fiction and non-fiction.

Stock up with great 'winter reads' and holiday gifts. We especially welcome teachers to resupply and update their school libraries! Teachers will receive a 20% discount on books & materials for their classrooms with their school ID.

Purchases may be paid by cash, check, or credit card.

Donations of books may be left at the circulation counters at either the Barney or Main libraries during regular library hours. Please, **no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, dated materials such as travel guides before 2012, or musty, tattered books.** A full description of donation 'guidelines' may be viewed on the library website: [www.farmingtonlibraries.org](http://www.farmingtonlibraries.org). Tax-exempt letters for these donations are available upon request.



**Don't forget to shop the Book Nook in December for books suitable for holiday gifts!**

Become a Friend of the Farmington Libraries to help support the many fund-raising activities for the library. The working group meets the first Thursday of the month at the main branch. More information about the organization can also be found at the library website.

## Children's Department

### Tribute to Nancy DeSalvo (1927-2017)

Nancy DeSalvo, retired head of the Children's Dept. of the Farmington Libraries, passed away on August 13 in Florida at the age of 90. She was a remarkable woman, and we will always remember her for her thirty years of leadership in the early education of children.



An innovator in many areas, she:

- was way ahead of her time in presenting programs for infants, toddlers, and young children, starting in the 1970s;
- developed a circulating toy collection long before anyone else thought of it;
- made the children's collection here one of the best in the nation and served on both the Newberry and Caldecott award committees for the American Library Association;
- initiated the TV turn-off program for Farmington in 1981 and even debated David Letterman about the need to watch less of the "boob tube";
- supported parents and wrote a book about early childhood development and library programs for preschoolers; the book was given to many new parents here in town along with our baby kits for years and years;
- managed spaces in the department based upon children's developmental needs and was always interested in providing the latest materials and newest media to patrons.

Nancy had a gift for storytelling and an infectious laugh that put everyone at ease. She was a far cry from many children's librarians of the early 1900s, who would shush any child speaking in more than a whisper. She would always allow children to be children, whenever they visited the library, thus making it a welcome place for the young people of this community. We owe her a great debt for her long and devoted service, for giving our kids a good start; and we wish that she may rest in peace .

### Tots and Tunes



The Children's Dept. has many age-related programs, including "Me and My Baby", "Onederful Ones", "Terrific Twos", and "Thrilling Threes". There are also preschool literacy programs like "Alphabet Soup", "Bite-Size Science", and "Positively Preschool". However, for some time, the most popular program in the department has been "Tots and Tunes", or formerly "Tunes for Tots".

It is offered on a regular basis to caregivers or parents with children birth to 3 years. It is currently held on Tuesday evenings and twice on Friday mornings. Parents are encouraged to bring their young children here and sing along, stomp along, or even imitate the "Itsy,

Bitsy Spider". The program encourages socialization at a young age and tempts children with the natural fun of singing and beating out rhythms. If you have ever seen one of these groups in the community room, you would enjoy watching the carefree toddlers dancing around and singing or humming along to the music. It's pure fun!

## The Giving Tree Program

The Giving Tree Program, winner of the Help and Hope Award, has been sponsored by the Friends of the Farmington Libraries for several years, and this year we will once again collect books. We are asking for new children's books (pre-school through middle school) to help children in literacy and school-readiness programs in the Hartford area.



What better way to support a child in need than by placing into their hands a brand new book to call their own? Donations of new books will be accepted from **November 13, 2017 to December 15, 2017** at the Main Library, 6 Monteith Drive, and the Barney Branch Library, 71 Main Street, Farmington. Suggestions include soft cloth baby books, multicultural picture books, story books, chapter books, fiction and non-fiction books. In past years, you as a group have donated over 200 books annually, and we thank you for your generosity to our area community.

## User Groups — the ESL Classes

Many groups use the library repeatedly, and one of our longest-standing groups is the ESL (English as a Second Language) program, which has been operated here for about 15 years by the Farmington Continuing Education division of the Farmington Schools. Over the years, new local residents who have come from many countries meet here to improve their skills in English, in order to cope with American society better and to be integrated linguistically. Currently, students come mainly from Asia, the Indian sub-continent, and eastern Europe. There are beginner and intermediate classes of about 30 people, plus an advanced class of another 30 students.



This group has made the Farmington Library a small melting pot, and their cultural diversity enriches our town. The program is administered by Lori Wyrebek; the classes are taught by Michele Foertsch, Rita Johnson, and others. The schedule of classes is included on the list of library programs that is shown on our website.

## Help! Workers Needed

Help! We need some new workers in the back room, for sorting, stacking, and boxing up donated books in preparation for book sales. If you have a couple of hours to give either weekly or every two weeks, and you would like to help with this effort, please contact Linda Chapron at 860-677-2332 or [dchapron@aol.com](mailto:dchapron@aol.com). We can always use more workers for the fall and spring book sales as well, so watch for sign-up sheets in the lobby for those events.

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### Upcoming Special Programs

Oct. 19 — Centennial Celebration High Tea & Luncheon, at the Barney Library; with Dr. Charles Leach, speaker, “Development of Libraries in Farmington”; \$20/person

Oct. 25 — “Clean Food”, with Terry Walters; nutritious foodie gifts for the holidays

Oct. 26 — “The Lennon/McCarthy Dynamic”, with Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz

Oct. 26 — Children’s: Tots and Tunes Halloween parade—come in costume!

Nov. 1 — “Using A to Z Databases for Your Business”

Nov 1 — “Britain’s Empire in the Age of Horace Walpole”, the Lewis-Walpole lecture, to be held at their library, 154 Main St., Farmington, as part of a celebration of the 300th anniversary of Horace Walpole’s birth.

Nov. 4 — the 100th Anniversary concert and reception, with the Eric Bascom Trio

Nov. 8—Kristallnacht Lecture: by Endre Sarkany, Holocaust survivor

Nov. 8—Director’s College: “It Really Did Happen in Connecticut”, with Diana McCain

Most programs require pre-registration, which can be done either on the library’s website, [www.farmingtonlibraries.org](http://www.farmingtonlibraries.org), or by phone at 860-673-6791.