

# Beyond the Bookends

February 2016

## Open Mansfield Demo

February 4, 6:30– 7:30 PM

### How are my tax dollars spent?

Join us for a brief demo of Mansfield's new financial transparency portal, Open Mansfield, and learn how to find the answer to this question and more!

Access Open Mansfield here: [open.mansfieldct.gov](http://open.mansfieldct.gov)



**We have great learning and research resources just waiting for you.**

### Ancestry.com

Discover your family history and start your family tree. Search billions of genealogy records including Census, SSDI & Military records.

*Please note: This is ONLY accessible on the library computers.*

### Legal Information Reference Center

Providing exclusive online full text for many of the top consumer legal reference books, Legal Information Reference Center contains hundreds of full-text publications and thousands of legal forms, with more content being added on a regular basis.

### Science Reference Center

A comprehensive research database that provides easy access to a multitude of full-text, science-oriented content. Designed to meet every student researcher's needs, Science Reference Center contains full text for hundreds of science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals and other sources.

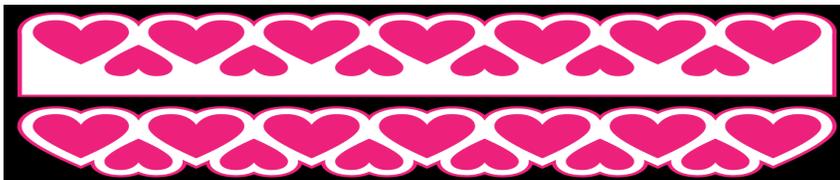
### ConnecticutHistory.org

A project of the Connecticut Humanities Council, ConnecticutHistory.org is your home for stories about the people, traditions, innovations, and events that make up the rich history of the Nutmeg State. New content is added each week.

### Mansfield Public Library Book Discussion Group

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. No registration needed.

*Potluck supper and choose new books in March!*



## Beat the Winter Blues

**Lift your mood and lighten up your life — even on the grayest days.**

February 8, 1 – 2 PM

**Presented by Jo Anne Harrison-Becker**

Winter means shorter and grayer days, longer nights, and in Connecticut, cold and snowy weather. According to a recent survey, up to 90 percent of people reported changes in their energy level, mood, appetite and sleep patterns during the winter months. Even if we are not always inspired or at our best during winter, there is a lot we can do to stay creative, bright, active and cheerful. Planning how we spend our winter is an essential step to making things happen to stay positive and healthy in mind, body and spirit.

## Your Green Oasis:

**The Forests of The Last Green Valley**

**Presented by Bill Reid**

**Chief Ranger, The Last Green Valley**

February 18, 6:30 PM

Explore the forest and woodlands of The Last Green Valley on this visual tour. Forests and woodlands make up 67% of the total land within the National Heritage Corridor. Join us as we learn about the most common trees of in the region and efforts to conserve the forests of The Last Green Valley. The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor is the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. The Last Green Valley, Inc. works for you in The National Heritage Corridor. We help you care for it, enjoy it and pass it on.



## Children's Storytimes and Play Groups

All Story Time programs begin at 10:30 AM. *All activities are free and open to the public.*



**Wonderful Wednesdays:** Wednesdays 10:30-11:30

Stories and activities for Preschool children.

The dates for this month are Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24.

**Toddler Time:** Fridays 10:30-Noon

The dates for this month are Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26.

**Family Story Time:** Our weekly all-ages story time— Saturdays 10:30-11:30.

The dates for this month are Feb. 13, 20, 27.

### Children's Programs

#### Phoenix Performing Arts Chinese Dance

**Saturday, Feb. 6, 10:30 – 11:30AM Buchanan Auditorium**

Get ready for the Year of the Monkey with this Hartford-based troupe as they perform a variety of Chinese classical and traditional dances, and teach about Chinese arts and culture. Phoenix Performing Arts has been entertaining and educating audiences for many years, and its members strive to present a diverse program of dance and music that opens an exciting window onto Chinese culture.

*This program will be in the Buchanan Auditorium and takes the place of our Saturday Family Storytime.*

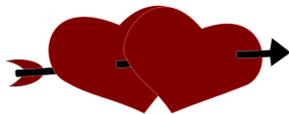
#### Valentine Crafts

**Thursday, Feb. 11, 4 – 5:30 PM**

**Buchanan Auditorium**

Drop in after school and make a valentine for someone you love.

We'll have plenty of gluey, sparkly fun for all ages, so don't miss the opportunity to be creative!



#### UConn Opera Outreach presents

**The Bremen Town Musicians**

**Tues. February 16, 2 – 3 PM**

*Join us on this school vacation day for a musical and dramatic treat!*

Talented performers from UConn's Opera Outreach program presents a one-act opera for kids by John Davies, based on the beloved German folktale about 4 misfit animals looking for a place to fit in. Maestro Davies has taken some of opera's greatest masterpieces and combined them into a fun-filled frolic through the German countryside, that happens to deliver a message of acceptance along the way.



### Museum Passes

Did you know that you can borrow museum passes from the Library?

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- The lending period varies according to type of pass.
- Please check individual passes for due date information.
- There is a \$1.00 per day charge for overdue passes.
- Passes are available on a first come-first served basis and may not be put on reserve except on the morning of the day they are to be picked up. Pass will be held until closing of that day.
- Replacement costs for lost passes varies according to each museum's policy.

### Don't know what to read next?

#### Ask a Librarian!

We are happy to provide you with personalized reading suggestions.

Look on our web site under

**Borrow - Our Services/Reader's Advisory** and fill in a reader profile. The more information you provide, the better we can suggest books you will like.

Questions?

Call the library and ask for Peggy.

**Mansfield Public Library**

54 Warrenville Rd. , Mansfield, CT 06250

Monday: 10-5 Tuesday: 10-8 Wednesday: 10-5 Thursday: 10-8 Friday: 9-5 Saturday: 9-5 Sunday: Closed



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