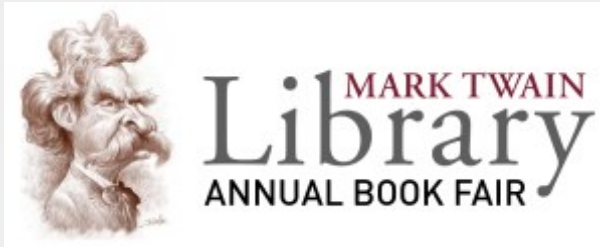


# 60th Annual Mark Twain Library Book Fair Over Labor Day Weekend

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We are thrilled to bring back one of the oldest and largest book fairs in all of New England, to take place, as it traditionally does, over the four days of Labor Day Weekend in Redding, Conn. Once again, this small town will welcome book lovers from across the region and beyond to browse and purchase among some 65,000 selections of gently used items for all ages.

“We’ve now been busy organizing for two years since last year’s Book Fair was put on hold due to the pandemic,” said Mark Twain Library Book Fair Co-Chair Catherine Riordan, “so you can imagine how many great selections we have to offer this year.”

Recognized as one of the most organized events of its kind The Mark Twain Library Book Fair offers bargain priced books and other items — such as CDs, DVDs, vinyl albums, sheet music, games and puzzles — sorted into 75 categories for convenient shopping. Located at the Redding Community Center, nestled in the rolling hills of this charming New England town, items are offered on display both inside the sprawling gymnasium and outside under a large tent, rain or shine.

This year’s sale features an assortment of books authored by the famous humorist, and the library’s founder, Mark Twain, to commemorate the 60th year of this historic event. In addition, this year our distinctive Collector’s Corner offers many price points. Other highlights of this year’s sale include: an extensive collection of classical LPs from a radio host’s personal library; many classic novels translated into Dutch including Oscar Wilde,

James Joyce, Donna Tartt, Peter Mayle, Iris Murdoch, Roald Dahl and more; and a special leatherette bound collection of Louis L'Amour novels (100+volumes); a wide-ranging collection of plays, poetry and literature translated into Hungarian; an incredible selection of geography books from river navigation charts to U.S. geological maps.

For children, our 17 categories of books has enlarged to include LEGOS, biography and gift ideas! Additional children's highlights include: A large collection of beautifully illustrated Bible stories — perfect for Bible school programs or religious education libraries; an extensive collection of foreign language books for children in many different languages; and the following childhood treasures published mainly before 1985: *The White Deer* — James Thurber (1945), *Bobbsey Twins at Pilgrim Rock* — Laura Lee Hope (Rare 1959 edition), *The Wind in the Willows* — Kenneth Grahame, Illustrated by Arthur Rackham (1940), *The Black Opal* — Dorothy Bird (Rare 1949 edition with pristine dust jacket), *Aesop's Fables* — translated by VS Vernon Jones, illustrated by Arthur Rackham (1924 edition), *The Baker, the Beggar and the Judge* — Greg Anthony (1979).

“We know many folks have had time for some serious housecleaning since our last Book Fair,” said Riordan. “We offer the perfect place to recycle someone's old book and make it another person's new one while supporting the library at the same time.”

The Book Fair is a mainstay for the town of Redding and one of the library's most celebrated fundraisers. All proceeds from the Book Fair go directly toward the operating costs of the library. The event is free of charge (except for one initial hour where noted.) Regarding Covid safety measures: social distancing is recommended, sanitizer will be provided and masks will be available. We have reconfigured the layout to improve distancing. Per current health guidelines, ALL attendees are required to wear masks.

A pizza truck from Bailey's Backyard will be on site for food purchases between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the four days of the Book Fair..

Book Fair hours:

Friday, September 3: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. \*

Saturday, September 4: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, September 5: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Half-price Day)

Monday, September 6: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (\$10 per box, we will provide box)

\*During the first hour on Friday, (9-10 a.m.) there is a \$20 admission charge for those who want first dibs. Tickets for that hour will be available starting at 8 a.m. on site...book dealers usually start lining up the night before!

Free parking.

Credit cards accepted.

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The Mark Twain Library is owned by the Mark Twain Library Association. It was founded in 1908 by Samuel Clemens - Mark Twain himself - one of Redding's most celebrated residents. Visit [www.marktwainlibrary.org](http://www.marktwainlibrary.org), for more information.