



# THE MANSFIELD MINUTE JUNE 2016

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- *Get your papers shredded at the Transfer Station, Saturday, June 4, 9AM to Noon. \$3 per box, 2nd box free.*
- *Library One Day Book Sale is Saturday, June 4, 9AM-4PM*
- *E.O. Smith High School New Facility Study Workshop, Thursday, June 9, 7 PM, Library Media Center, E.O. Smith High School*
- *Mansfield Schools will close for the summer on June 16.*
- *Rabies Clinic, June 18, 10–Noon, Eagleville Fire Station, \$10 per vaccine. Cats must be in carriers.*
- *Storrs Farmers Market is open Saturdays, 3 – 6 PM. On the front lawn of Town Hall. Open rain or shine!*
- *Town Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4 in celebration of Independence Day.*



## Make Your Own Space

*Have you heard the news?*



*Connecticut's first tool lending library has opened up here in Mansfield!*

The makerspace movement is very popular lately. They are DIY spaces where people can gather to create, invent, and learn. Not having any room to create a workshop, library staff decided to create a collection of tools for you to take home to be creative in your own space.

What's a tool lending library? A tool library works just like traditional book library but instead of books, they loan tools to community members so they can perform simple home maintenance, tend their yards and gardens, build furniture, start projects, and learn new skills in a safe and affordable manner. They serve as a great foundation for the sharing economy and a community gathering place.

*Why create a Tool Library?*

Sustainability is a guiding principle of the town's [Mansfield Tomorrow Plan](#). Tool Libraries contribute to strong, sustainable communities by:

- Encouraging neighborhood development by lowering the cost of tools and home maintenance.
- Fostering local innovation by acting as a social hub where neighbors can meet to share project ideas and advice, and form lasting friendships.
- Supporting a clean energy economy by providing the community with shared access to the tools they need and a place to store them. The community uses fewer resources, as the need to purchase one-time-use tools is reduced. This results in less waste and a smaller ecological footprint.

What tools do we have? The tool library has some basic carpentry, plumbing, and hand tools. Our collection is small and growing. *Turn to page 2...*



**John E. Jackman  
Tour de Mansfield**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016**

(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 19)

- 7:00 AM - Check-in Begins
- 8:00 AM - 40-Mile Expert Ride Begins
- 9:30 AM - 20-Mile Challenge Ride Begins
- 10:00 AM - 7-Mile Campus Cruise Begins
- 10:00 AM - Bike Rodeo Opens
- 11:00 - 1:00 PM - Lunch

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THE PAGE OR CALL:  
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Tool Library, cont. from pg. 1...

We aim to develop our collection to include garden tools, as well as specialty tools which are useful, but which may not be frequently needed. So you don't have to go out and buy that \$30 tool that you will only use once!

How does it work?

- Any adult with a valid public library card may borrow tools.
- Sign the Borrower's Agreement (in which you promise to use the tools in a safe fashion)
- Browse the collection, take some tools home and make something awesome.
- Return the tools within 7 days (Make sure they are clean and in the same condition as when you borrowed them.)

Our tool library is more than just tools, it's a community space for people to share resources, collaborate on projects, and save a little cash. We have a selection of DIY books and plan to host skills-based workshops so more people can DIY.

Most of the tools were part of a generous donation by Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. The remainder were purchased by the Friends of the Library. Don't forget to support the Friends—their next book sale is Saturday, June 4!

### Town Hall Hours:

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| Monday    | 8:15-4:30 |
| Tuesday   | 8:15-4:30 |
| Wednesday | 8:15-4:30 |
| Thursday  | 8:15-6:30 |
| Friday    | 8—12      |

How can you support the tool library?

- Check out some tools, fix something, and send us a picture or two.
- We are accepting donations of gently used specialty tools (call first to make sure it's something we need).
- If you have a trade or skill you are willing to share with the community, consider volunteering to lead one of our workshops.
- For any of the above, contact [Adam](#) at the library, 423-2501.

### The Art of Chinese Water Painting

Presented by Weibin Chu  
 Thursday, June 23, 6:30 PM  
 Buchanan Auditorium  
 Mansfield Public Library

World renowned Chinese Artist Weibin Chu, Secretary-General and the Director of the public affairs department at the International Chinese Painting Institute, (one of the top national art research centers in China) will give a presentation to our community before he begins his schedule of art seminars at various colleges and schools in this country.

Chinese paintings feature some of the world's longest held artistic disciplines and traditions. These paintings with an array of distinctive oriental styles record China's long history and reflect its beautiful landscapes. Free, no registration required.

### Tween Space at the Library

This summer, we have created a special space in the program room especially for kids entering middle school or higher. Come play on our Xbox one, join in the trivia, raffles, crafts and more! Meet a friend, bring your device and use our wifi, or just come to relax and cool off this summer! Parents may drop their children off at the Tween Space if they sign in with contact information and a pick up time. The Tween Space will be open Tuesdays 3-6, Wednesdays 1-4, and Thursdays 3-6.

### Mansfield Historical Society Museum Opens In June

The museum and library are open on Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., June through September. Please call the museum at (860) 429-6575 for more information. Admission: \$2.00/person. Free to members and children ages 12 and under.

Did you know that UCONN's digitization of the Connecticut Soldiers' Orphans' Home daily record book can be viewed [online](#)?

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**Mansfield Community Center**  
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**John E. Jackman**

**11th Annual Tour de Mansfield**

Saturday, June 18, 7 AM—1 PM.

Group start times for each distance.

Enjoy Mansfield’s scenic historic villages, Storrs Center and the UConn campus with residents and friends of all riding abilities! Participants can choose from three rides: the 40-Mile Expert Ride; a 20-Mile Challenge Ride; and a 7-Mile Campus Cruise. Don’t miss the Bike Rodeo for Kids! Try out the obstacle course, bike safety tips, helmet check and more! The Bike Rodeo is recommended for children age 10 and under at the Community Center.

All rides will start and end at the Community Center and will conclude with lunch. Join us and experience Mansfield by bicycle! Anyone interested in volunteering please contact the Downtown Partnership (860.429.2740 or [mdp@mansfieldct.org](mailto:mdp@mansfieldct.org)).

- Under age 18 –FREE!
- Register on or before June 15: \$30
- Register after June 15: \$35

**Bicentennial Pond 2016 Summer Season**

Saturday, June 18—Sunday, August 21

Monday-Friday, Noon—7 PM.

Saturdays & Sundays, Noon—6 PM.

Saturday, July 4, Noon—6 PM.

Located off Clover Hill Rd., by the Animal Shelter

*Season Passes:*

Resident Up to 4 Person Pass: \$20

Resident 5 or More Person Pass: \$25

Non-Resident Pass: \$40

Passes are sold at the Community Center as well as at the park gate. There is a \$5 fee for a lost season pass.

*Daily Fee:*

Resident: \$1 weekday/ \$2 weekend

Non-Resident: \$2 weekday/ \$3 weekend

*Fishing is Free:* Individuals age 16 and over need a valid CT Fishing License which can be obtained at the Town Clerk’s office OR at [ct.gov/DEEP/sportsmanlicensing](http://ct.gov/DEEP/sportsmanlicensing).)

*Pavilion Rental:* In season only, \$20 for a 4 hour block of time plus daily fee for all persons, group rates are available. Please call the CC for more information.

*Kayaks:* Free use on site after 3PM weekdays, 12-6 PM. Sat. & Sun. with the purchase of a season or day pass.



**Summer Concerts on the Square**

Thursdays, June & July 6:30—8 PM  
on the Town Square



- June 2: Black Rock Social
- June 9: The Meadows Brothers
- June 16: Earl McDonald’s Red Rhodes Trio
- June 23: The Professors of Sweet, Sweet Music
- June 30: West End Blend
- July 7: Jan Jungden Trio
- July 14: Amy & The Engine, *presented by UConn First Summer*
- July 21: Ghost of Paul Revere
- July 28: Wise Old Moon

*All shows free & open to the public!  
Rain dates are the following Tuesday.*

Hosted by the Mansfield Downtown Partnership.  
Presented by Connecticut Water.  
More info: [mansfieldmusic.org](http://mansfieldmusic.org)

**Moonlight Movies**

*The Downtown Partnership will offer 3 free family-friendly movies on the Town Square over the summer.*

*More info: [mansfieldct.gov/movies](http://mansfieldct.gov/movies)*

Friday, June 24: *Muppet Treasure Island*

Friday, July 29: *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

Friday, August 19: *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*

*Activities begin at 7 PM and are open to the public!*



**Joshua’s Trust Summer Fun**

*Join Joshua’s Trust on some fun, free,  
and educational summer adventures!*

Elementary school kids can join Dr. Brian Jones, Connecticut’s state archaeologist, on June 25 at 10AM at Mason’s Mill preserve to learn about how archaeologists uncover the past.

There’s fun for preschoolers too- at 3 PM on June 23, July 21, and August 25 Maggie Ferron will lead 45 minute nature walks through Joshua’s Trust Whetten Woods preserve (park at Hope Lutheran Church on Dog Lane).

*2016 Letterbox Challenge!* The whole family can participate! Find the eight letterboxes at preserves in and around Mansfield on your own time this summer and have outdoor fun as a family. More information at [www.joshuastrust.org](http://www.joshuastrust.org).



# June Events and Activities in Mansfield



## Parks and Recreation

### **Camp Mansfield**

Registration for youth summer camps are now taking place. Camp Mansfield runs June 20—August 12 for children 5-15yrs. Visit [www.mansfieldcc.com](http://www.mansfieldcc.com) for more information.

Questions? Call 429-3015.

### **Summer Family Fun Nights**

Friday, Jun. 3, 5:30-8:30 PM

Saturday, Jun. 25, 4:30-7:30 PM

Try the inflatable slide or use the Tot Toys in the gym, try a game of poolside basketball, stop in the Community Room to do a puzzle or play some board games.

No pre-registration required.

### **Free Day at the Community Center**

Sunday, Jun. 5, 12—3 PM

Whether you're new to the community center or have been here often, if you're a Mansfield Resident you can visit for FREE.

### **E.O. Smith High School New Facility Study Workshop**

Thursday, Jun. 9, 7 PM

Library Media Center

E.O. Smith High School

This is a special event to both share and gather information from residents in the three member towns regarding the Region's consideration of building a new high school.

For more information, go to [www.eosmithproject.org](http://www.eosmithproject.org) or call the Superintendent's Office at 860-487-1862.

## Mansfield Public Library

### **Worms, Worms, Worms... Vermicomposting Basics**

Tuesday, Jun. 7, 6:30–7:30 PM

Interested in composting year-round? Worms are a great solution! Learn how to build a worm habitat, how to feed and care for worms, how to harvest the compost, and more. At the [Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center](#) in Storrs Center.



### **Quiet Corner Reads 2016:**

#### **Anita Diamant**

Tuesday, Jun. 14, 7-9 PM

Join other Quiet Corner readers for an evening with Anita Diamant!

Presentation and Q & A with light refreshments and cash bar. The event is at the Pomfret School.



Tickets are \$15.

### **Summer Reading Kickoff Party**

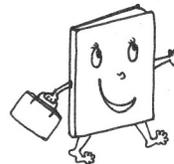
Friday, Jun. 17, 6 -7:30 PM

Fun for the whole family!

No matter where you travel this summer, be sure that books are part of the journey.

Kids, teens and adults are all

invited to join our summer reading program, with plenty of special events, incentives and reading for all ages. Read (or listen!) to any book you like. We'll be handing out prizes all summer long!



### **Magician Ed Popielarczyk**

Saturday, Jun. 25, 10:30-11:30 AM

A family magic show full of great tricks, funny jokes and amazing balloon animals. All ages.

## Mansfield Senior Center

### **FoodShare**

Thursdays, Jun. 9 & 23

11:30 –12:15 PM

Wrights Way back parking lot.

No registration necessary.

Please bring your shopping bags.

### **Special Bistro Luncheon**

Wednesday, Jun. 15, 12 PM

Chicken Piccata and carrot cake for dessert. Entertainment to follow the meal. Purchase tickets by June 8 for \$5.00.

No tickets sold at the door.

### **Free Assertiveness Training**

Wednesday, Jun. 22, 1PM

Join Jo Anne Harrison-Becker and learn to develop assertive skills in sample situations. Call 860-487-9870 to sign up. Class is limited.

Sorry no walk ins.

### **Intergenerational Event**

Friday, Jun. 24,

4:30 PM Performance.

5:30 PM Dinner

Sally Matson performs as Margaret Bourke-White; the ground-breaking photographer of the 1930's-50's. In this presentation, you will hear about her adventures climbing on skyscrapers, leaning out of airplanes, going into war zones and see memorabilia displayed. Cost: \$7.

### **Crafty Creations**

Tuesday, Jun. 28 1 PM

You will create a Bird Sun Catcher to hang in your window.

All materials included, cost is \$3.00. Sign up by June 22nd.

Sorry no walk ins.



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