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## **Literacy Blooms! Mill Neck Manor Welcomes Back Spring Book Fair**

On Sunday, May 18, historic Mill Neck Manor House will once again be the storybook setting for a wonderful family-friendly book fair, “Literacy Blooms.” This is the second year for the community event hosted by the Mill Neck Family of Organizations and the Long Island Authors Group (LIAG). The book fair is open to all and is free! From 12 to 4 pm, a wide variety of children’s, young adult and adult authors will be on hand, featuring genres ranging from memoir to mystery, poetry to picture books.

Founded in 2008, LIAG encourages and supports local writers through promotional efforts and workshops. In addition, the not-for-profit organization frequently hosts events like the upcoming book fair at Mill Neck. To date, 14 LIAG authors will be participating at “Literacy Blooms,” including LIAG founder John P. Cardone, children’s authors Sandy Lanton and Natasha Guruleva, adult fiction writer Ron Scott and nonfiction author Russell Moran, among them.

A number of additional authors are scheduled to appear as well. Author Edward Mirabella will share his experience as a hearing child born to a Deaf mother, recounted in his memoir, *L’Only Child*. Trisha Malfitano will be joining us, offering a different experience with deafness. Malfitano, a children’s author, will be accompanied by her dog Kiefer, who is deaf. She and Kiefer recently visited the library at Mill Neck’s Deaf Education Center, where she read her books to the students.

Rounding the out the afternoon will be a craft session for children, storytime, special character appearances and a selection of raffles. And maybe a surprise or two!

The Mill Neck Family welcomes this cultural and creative event, which supports The Literacy Collaborative, one of the academic programs at the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf. The Literacy Collaborative helps students acquire the literacy skills crucial to their schooling and futures. As a result of the program’s collaboration between intensive in-class instruction and consistent parental involvement, Mill Neck students have shown remarkable progress toward achieving the same level of literacy as their hearing peers.

Book lovers of all ages are encouraged to attend this delightful event! Experience the beauty of the Manor and find some great reads, knowing your support is benefitting the next generation of readers and writers.

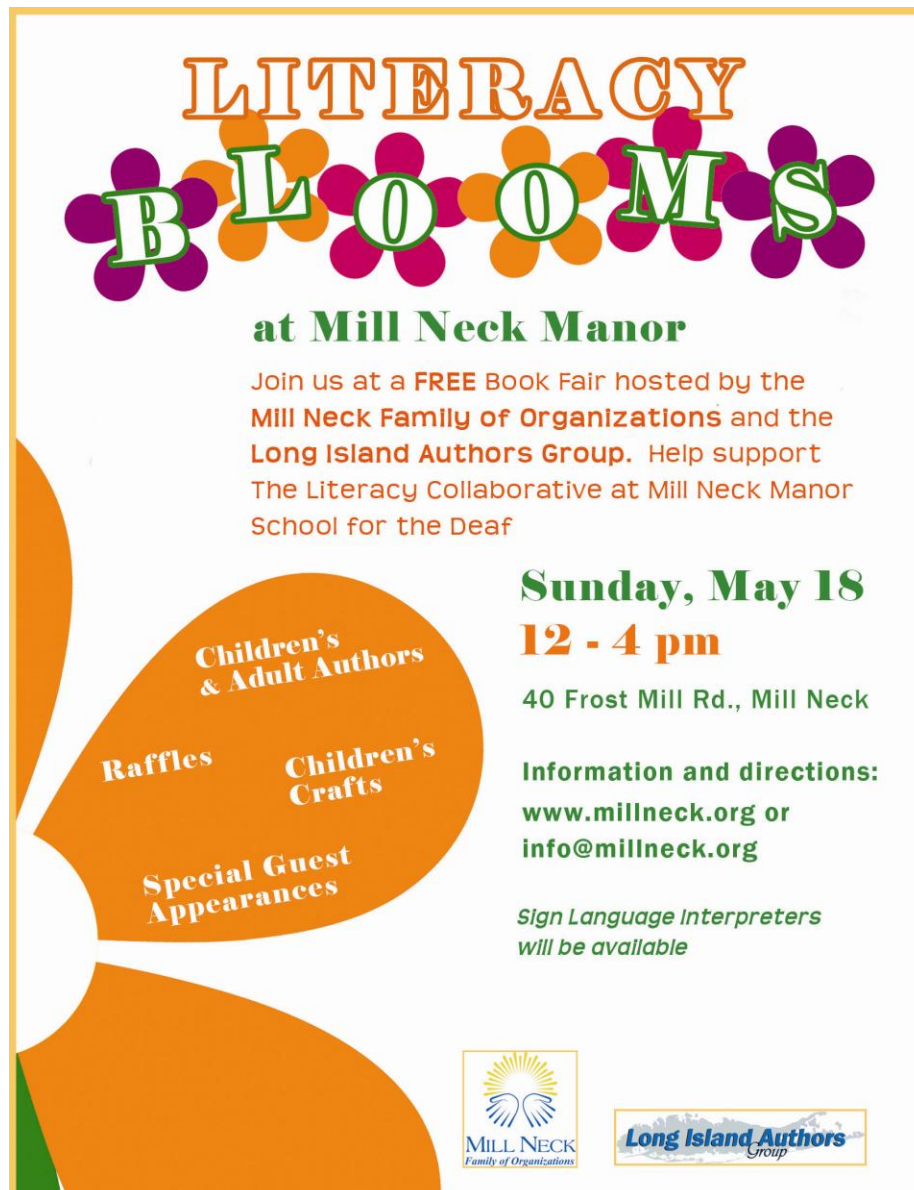
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For more information, including directions to Mill Neck Manor, please visit [www.millneckmanorhouse.org](http://www.millneckmanorhouse.org).

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are Deaf, or who have other special needs, through excellence in individually-designed educational, vocational or spiritual programs and services. In addition to Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, founded in 1947 by Lutheran Friends of the Deaf, the Mill Neck Family of Organizations also includes the Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center, Mill Neck Services, Mill Neck Audiology, Mill Neck Interpreter Service and Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry. For more information about our programs and services, please call 516-922-4100 or visit [www.millneck.org](http://www.millneck.org).

*Photo Caption:*

“Literacy Blooms” at Mill Neck Manor’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Book Fair on Sunday, May 18.



The poster features a large orange flower graphic on the left side. The text is arranged in a clean, organized layout. At the top, the title 'LITERACY BLOOMS' is displayed in a playful, colorful font. Below the title, the event location 'at Mill Neck Manor' is written in a green font. The main body of text describes the event as a free book fair hosted by the Mill Neck Family of Organizations and the Long Island Authors Group, aimed at supporting the Literacy Collaborative at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf. The date and time, 'Sunday, May 18 12 - 4 pm', are prominently displayed in green and orange. The location, '40 Frost Mill Rd., Mill Neck', is listed below. Contact information, including the website 'www.millneck.org' and email 'info@millneck.org', is provided. A note states that sign language interpreters will be available. At the bottom, logos for the Mill Neck Family of Organizations and the Long Island Authors Group are included.

**LITERACY  
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**at Mill Neck Manor**

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