



Save the Date!

The Friends Board Meeting is now the third MONDAY of each month.

Our Next Meeting is October 19th at 7:30PM at the Library.

Please join us!

Dear Friends,

As Summer fades, Friends can look back on a busy schedule and, as Autumn begins, we look forward to many exciting upcoming events.

Our annual membership drive, kicked-off in August, is still underway. Thus far, nearly 400 residents have either joined or rejoined Friends. One quarter are new members; so the word of our efforts is spreading. However, we would appreciate your help in getting the message out even further by telling everyone about the value of being a member of our organization. The Friends of the Livingston Public Library plays an important role in the enhancement of library services by sponsoring programs and contributing to the Capital Campaign.

This Summer I am pleased to report that the Friends honored our continuing commitment to our young people by sponsoring the Summer Reading Programs. The Children and Teen Reading Programs service many of our youth with innovative educational incentives when school is out. As we move into Fall, please mark your calendars for BOOKFEST, our annual book sale. This year BOOKFEST will be held on Thursday, October 22nd through Sunday, October 25th. The sale attracts many book dealers and residents alike. Thousands of current and classic selections are offered at below bargain basement prices!

In other news, on September 13th several members of the Board of Friends represented the membership at a reception honoring Major Donors to the Library Capital Campaign. With our recent installment payment of \$5,000 in September, I am happy to report that to date we have fulfilled 85% of our \$100,000 pledge. Recognition of our efforts can be seen in the new "Friends of the Livingston Library Children's Room" sign, as well as, the Major Donor Board located opposite the Friends Desk. In fact, while you are in the vicinity of our desk please pick up a free copy of *Book Pages*. This informative monthly publication discussing the latest developments in books and authors is sponsored by Friends. *Book Pages* is a "hot item" so get there early in the month before they're all gone!

In closing, the Friends hope that you will plan to attend our Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Monday, November 16th. We meet in the Local History Room at 7:30PM. The order of business will include the election of officers, as well as, an organizational update. New faces and fresh ideas are warmly welcomed! We look forward to seeing you there.

In Friendship,
Sheree Link, President
Friends of the Livingston Public Library

Meet Judy Kron

“Innovative,” “Resourceful,” “Committed.” These are the adjectives that come to mind when talking and working with Judy Kron. As Livingston residents know, Judy was named Director of the Library in August, having served as Acting Director since the retirement of Barbara Jean Sikora ten months ago. Judy is, of course, no stranger to our Library, having served as Assistant Director since August 2004.

Indeed, it was a fortunate day for Livingston when Judy joined the Library. Judy brings her considerable managerial and administrative skills to bear in ways that effectively provide our community with an outstanding library experience; all while remaining fiscally prudent.

Judy envisions the Library at the forefront of utilizing the most current technologies, substantially expanding the media collection, presenting more music programs, and offering instruction in software and computer usage. In addition, she encourages local not-for-profit organizations to make use of the Library’s beautiful Program Room.



As Acting Director, Judy cultivated a relationship with the Executive Director of the Bergen County Cooperative Library System (BCCLS) consortium that enabled our Library to receive pro bono consultant services. These services enabled the Library to streamline processes, such as the task of reserving materials. In the future she expects to further leverage her relationship with BCCLS to improve more of the Library’s technology. Supported by a wonderful staff, Judy also functions as the Library’s grant writer and outreach specialist to the businesses community. A recent example of her efforts is a partnership with TD Bank and the Library’s participation in the TD Bank Affinity Program.

To achieve her ambitious goals, Judy is a big proponent of ongoing education of both the staff and the Board of Trustees. Judy believes that running the Library is like leading a large corporation—there are numerous constituencies, multiple divisions, and limited resources. Therefore, it is important for everyone to be knowledgeable and valued so that they are able to perform at their best. Keeping all of this on track and in motion is the role of the Director.

A native of New Bedford, MA, Judy has called New Jersey home for most of her adult life. She resides in Randolph with her husband of forty years, Larry, an attorney in Morris County.

Library Science is Judy’s second career, having first trained as a chemist at the University of Massachusetts and having worked at Allied Chemical. She has, however, always had a love of books and libraries. When she decided to return to work, after having successfully raised two wonderful daughters—Jordana and Jennifer—Judy chose to turn an avocation into a vocation. She earned her Masters in Library Science at Rutgers and began working at the Pequannock Library where she ultimately became Head of Reference. She followed this with five years at the Parsippany Public Library where she became Branch Head of that system’s Main Branch. Judy then came to Livingston as Assistant Director, taking advantage of the opportunity to move into administration.

When not involved with the Library, Judy loves to spend time with her family, including her 2 ½ year old grandson, Alex, and looks forward to the arrival of another grandchild in February. In addition, Judy loves to hike and travel—combining both of these passions in trips to such diverse places as the Canadian Rockies and Tanzania.

Judy’s professional and personal background make her a unique contributor to the Livingston community. With Judy at the helm, Livingston can look forward to our Library fulfilling its promise as the heart of our community.

Prof. Elliot Engel to Lecture:

Monday November 2, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. on the subject of

“Eleanor of Aquitaine: Queen of England, Queen of France, Queen Mother of Two Kings.”

Eleanor of Aquitaine (1122 –1204), whose life helped inspire the play “Lion in Winter”, was one of the wealthiest and most powerful women in Western Europe during the High Middle Ages. At age 15 she married Louis VII. As Queen of the Franks, she participated in the unsuccessful Second Crusade. Soon after the Crusade and with her marriage to Louis VII annulled, Eleanor married Henry II, eleven years her junior.

This is just the beginning of the life of one of history’s most fascinating women. Come and Listen to Prof. Engel tell the riveting story of Eleanor’s life as few people can.

Coffee and cookies will be served at 7:00 p.m.

BOOKFEST: SAVE THE DATES—THURSDAY OCTOBER 22 – SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

**THURSDAY, 11AM—8PM, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 10:30 AM—5PM,
SUNDAY, 1PM—4:30PM**

Friends will be sponsoring its Annual Fall BOOKFEST in the Main Program Room. Thousands of books and videos are being offered for pennies on the dollar. You won’t want to miss this sale!



NOTE: Members of Friends will receive a free paperback with any purchase.

Stop By and See the Children’s Room, Endowed by the Friends as our contribution to the Capital Campaign

Sheree Link (right), President of Friends, and Barbara Bye, Corporate Secretary, stand in front of the newly endowed Friends of the Livingston Library Children’s Room.



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Don't Delay: *If you have not already renewed your Friends Membership, this will be your last Newsletter!*

Friends is looking for Volunteers to:

- 📖 **Furnish Book Sale Support**
 - 📖 Sort Books
 - 📖 Staff Sale
- 📖 **Provide selected Professional Services (e.g., legal, publicity)**
- 📖 **Serve on Events Committee**
- 📖 **Identify Networking Opportunities**
 - 📖 Other Community Organizations
 - 📖 Business Partners
- 📖 **Participate in Governance**



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