



Save the Date!
The Friends Board Meeting is usually the third MONDAY of each month.
Our Next Meeting is April 19 at 7:30PM at the Library.

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You can now Donate Books for our 2010 Fall BookFEST! Leave books at the Friends Desk in the Library Lobby



Footnotes



Dear Friends,

What an exciting start to the new year and a new decade! Friends initiated its 2010 Guest Writers/Speakers program with an accent on Youth. *NY Times* best selling authors Nancy Krulik and Lisa Greenwald kicked off our series (article on page 3).

With the advent of a new beginning, came an ending as well. After 24 years, Judith Nudelman retired as President of the Library Trustee Board. Fortunately for the community Judi will remain on the Board continuing to bring her insights and passion (article on page 3). Those of us who love the Library are also lucky that Judi's shoes will be filled by two Co-Presidents, Larry Bergmann and Peggy Slatkin, who are long-time Trustees and bring their expertise and commitment to the Library. Both Larry and Peggy are "Extraordinary Friends"—in all meanings of the term. Friends looks forward to continuing to grow and strengthen our relationship with the Library Board under their leadership. In our next issue, look for an interview with Larry and Peggy.

Under the category of the gift that keeps on giving, I am pleased to report that many of the books that went unsold at our recent *BookFEST!* found their way to local nursing homes, elementary schools, and to the Kessler Rehabilitation Center in January. Our thanks go out to Phyllis Weiss and her daughters, Kara Maser and Melissa Simon, for this successful endeavor.

We are making strides to expand our Internet presence. In concert with **LivingstonNavigator.com** our Friends site has a brand new look and feel. Please visit and "friend us." In addition, we have our own website at <http://livingston.bccls.org/friends.html>.

We have also been busy planning our Wine Tasting and Raffle/Auction on April 22. Wine, Food, Music, Art, and Gifts! This highly anticipated evening combines an opportunity to mingle with wine enthusiasts and wine distributors. To add to the spirit of the night, the work of local artists will be on exhibition. Furthermore, thanks to Marina Goldin of the Do-Re-Mi School attendees will also have the opportunity to hear wonderful piano music. Numerous raffles will also be held during the festivities—gifts donated by our local merchants and restaurateurs. **To help organize all of our gifts, we are seeking donations of baskets. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please call us.**

Friends has now achieved 94% of our Capital Campaign pledge. The Library Trustees were presented with another installment of our pledge at their February Board meeting (see picture below). We will move closer to 100% fulfillment with the success of our Wine Tasting. You can help make it happen with your attendance at this highly-anticipated event.

On the heels of our Wine Tasting, we will continue the Friends Guest Series with two exciting authors. **Author and lecturer Rea Nolan Martin will be speaking on Wednesday, May 19. On Wednesday, June 16 you can see writer and teacher Barbara Davey. Mark your calendars!**

As ever, we invite one and all to our monthly Board meetings.

In Friendship,
 Sheree Link
 President



Meet Arlene Boland

Any patron of our Library who has ever done research in our Reference Department, called the Library with a question, sought out information about Livingston's history, or used a periodical, has experienced the professional expertise of Arlene Boland, Principal Librarian and Department Head of Reference.

In the thirty years that Arlene has been in library science, information technology has changed dramatically and she has been responsible for steering our Reference Department through these changes, ensuring that it remains responsive to the needs of our community. Arlene has seen the role of the reference librarian change from that of researcher of questions/subjects to that of guide/mentor in using services—be it assisting a patron to utilize the extensive databases of the Library, teaching computer classes, or directing an individual to a community resource. At the same time, Arlene's work and that of the staff in some ways remains unchanged—bringing an unwavering commitment to meeting the information needs of Livingston residents. Indeed Arlene's mantra is “life-long learning” and the diversity of ideas and topics that she encounters daily is one of the reasons that Arlene is so ardent about her work.



As Head of Reference, Arlene has come full circle, having begun her professional career at the Library as a reference librarian in April of 1979, following her graduation from library science school. She then headed Adult Services with responsibility for Collection Development and Reserves, before returning to Reference as the Head of the Department in 1985. As Department Head, Arlene supervises two full-time librarians and one part-time employee in Reference and four staff in Periodicals.

An initiative that Arlene is particularly enthusiastic about is the digitalization of Local History materials and the West Essex Tribune. Under Arlene's skillful direction, this effort—scheduled for completion in time for Livingston's bicentennial in 2013—will assure Livingston residents that the Town's history will be preserved and that they will have

access to items ranging from high school year books to historical notebooks to remarkable photographs.

Arlene is very much a “Jersey girl.” Born and raised in Clarke, she has called Livingston home for 24 years. Arlene attended Kean University as an undergraduate where she earned double majors in Library Science and History and minors in Education and Social Science. Arlene then went on to Rutgers' School of Library Science to earn her Masters. Upon graduation, the Livingston Library offered the perfect career path for Arlene, enabling her to work with and learn from other reference librarians. And now Arlene is able to impart her knowledge and experience.

In addition to career development, Arlene credits the Library with providing her personal life with a romantic boost. Jack, her husband of twenty-four years, asked Arlene out for a first date at the Library! While Arlene is busy at the Library, Jack, a former programmer who is retired from Prudential Life Insurance, is now an active volunteer in our community—driving the senior van and assisting residents with their taxes through AARP. Both, however, find time to travel together. Their journeys have taken them around the globe from Australia and New Zealand to England and Scotland. They have also extensively explored the National Parks of the American West. When not traveling, Arlene enjoys puzzles, word games and cross-words. She is an avid reader with a particular interest in Scottish and U.S. history and time travel. She enthusiastically recommends the *Outlander* series by Diana Gabaldon and *Time and Again* by Jack Finney. Arlene is also a firm believer that the classics provide a young reader with a solid foundation for life.

As our Library embarks upon a new decade, we will undoubtedly see change. Livingston residents can be confident that with Arlene's dynamism and talent our Reference Department will remain responsive to the times.

Bookplates honoring all Extraordinary Friends have been placed in the Library. To identify the book recognizing your contribution, contact: Barbara Bye at Liv_bookfest@yahoo.com or 973-992-4600 X505.

THE FRIENDS GUEST WRITERS/SPEAKERS SERIES LAUNCHED WITH YOUTH PROGRAMS: NANCY KRULIK AND LISA GREENWALD

A rapt audience of over 100 youngsters and their parents listened as Nancy Krulik told of the marvelous adventures of **Katie Kazoo**. The 2010 Friends Guest Writers/Speakers Series was launched on March 7 with Nancy's visit. The author of nearly 200 books for children and young adults, including three *New York Times* bestsellers, Nancy performed a skit with children from the audience who were winners of a contest designed by Children's Librarian Linda Simfendorfer.



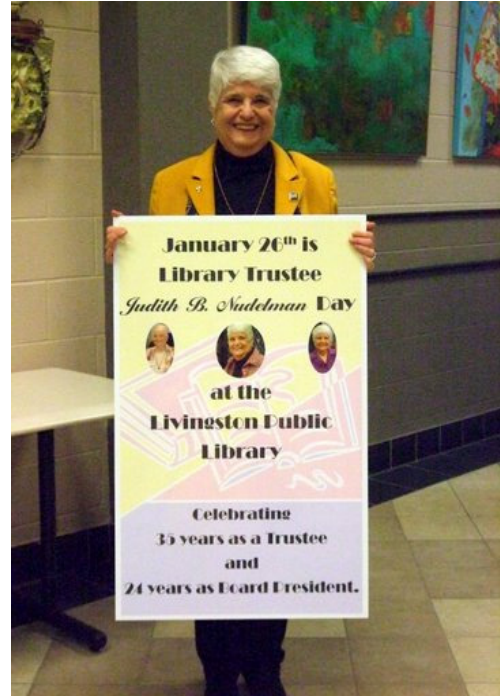
The audience was also treated to the first-ever reading from Nancy's new series, **George Brown, Class Clown**, due in the summer of 2010. Nancy then took questions from the audience and signed books for her young readers.

The event was enjoyed by children and adults alike. As one happy grandparent said, "My grandchildren do not usually come to visit me in Livingston. But when they heard Nancy Krulik would be here, they were in Livingston in a flash!"

The following week, on March 14, nearly two dozen teens braved rain and power outages to hear youth author Lisa Greenwald discuss her background, education, and development as a writer. Lisa then took thoughtful and probing questions from Livingston's enthusiastic aspiring writers.



Judith Nudelman Honored



On January 25 the Livingston Town Council honored Judith Nudelman for her dedicated service to Livingston and our Library. Having served as President of the Library Trustees for 24 years Judi has recently stepped down from that position, but remains on the Board, continuing her 35 years of service. Mayor Arlene Johnson issued a proclamation declaring January 26th as "Judith B. Nudelman Day". On hand for the Council celebration were current and former Library Trustees, Essex County Chosen Freeholder Pat Sebold, Library Director Judy Kron, Assistant Director Amy Hyfler and Friends Board members Sheree Link and Barbara Bye.

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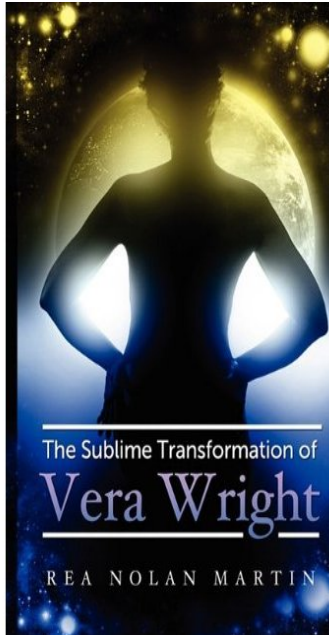
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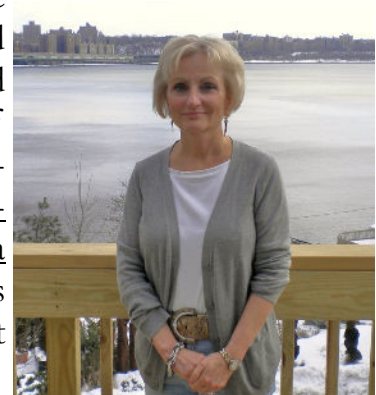
THE FRIENDS GUEST WRITERS/SPEAKERS SERIES: UPCOMING EVENTS DURING THE SECOND QUARTER



The Importance of Myth



Our upcoming authors/speakers include Rea Nolan Martin on May 19. Rea spent twenty-years as a writer, creative director, and creative consultant to advertising and PR agencies in New York and Chicago. She is the author of numerous short stories and several works of poetry. The Sublime Transformation of Vera Wright is her first novel, and is based on her short story, "Saint Edna".



Rea will be speaking on *TRUTH vs. FICTION: The Importance of Myth*. She will talk about the role that story plays in human evolution and how a story is built. Rea discusses how the author of fiction or

myth, unburdened by facts, can often create a more genuine, complete experience for the reader.

Wellness and Healing Through Journaling



On June 16, plan on spending the evening with Friends as we explore the world of journaling. Barbara Davey, an avid journaler, writer and published author of seventeen short stories and essays, will lead the group by examining the journaling process. Participants will practice the art of writing one's hopes, dreams and fears to experience holistic healing, good health, and positive self-esteem (and possibly produce a published memoir) in the process. Take time to feed your soul, nourish your spirit, and listen to your inner wisdom. Learn to work through problems, explore your creativity, and have fun!

Bring a notebook, your favorite writing instrument, and leave your smart phone at home!



ANNOUNCING NEW BENEFITS FOR FRIENDS MEMBERS¹

CHEERING SECTION/SENIOR BENEFITS (\$20/\$12)

- 📖 Satisfaction of knowing you are supporting Library Programs and Services
- 📖 Home delivery of the quarterly newsletter, *Footnotes*
- 📖 Pre-Public Access to the Friends Fall *BookFest!*
- 📖 One complimentary paperback book² with any purchase at *BookFest!*
- 📖 Discounts on advance purchase tickets for Friends fund-raising Social Events (e.g. Spring Wine tasting)
- 📖 Tax-deductibility to the extent allowed by law

📖 EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDS³ (\$35 Level and Above)

- 📖 All of the above *plus*
- 📖 Pre-Event Access with Friends Guest Writers and Speakers at selected venues
 - 📖 Have an opportunity to meet and mingle⁴
- 📖 One complimentary Trade book⁵ with any purchase at the Friends Fall *BookFest!*
- 📖 Recognition with a Bookplate in the genre of your choice⁶
 - 📖 Choose from among a Children's, Adult Fiction, or Adult Non-Fiction book

📖 EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDS³ AT MEMBER'S CIRCLE LEVEL AND ABOVE

📖 (\$150 Level and Above)

- 📖 All of the above *plus*
- 📖 Recognition in *Footnotes* for the Membership Year
- 📖 An additional Book plate in the genre of your choice (a total of two book plates)
- 📖 Five complimentary tickets for the Merchandise Raffle for attendees at the Friends Wine Tasting event
- 📖 One complimentary Hard Cover book⁷ with any purchase at the Friends Fall *BookFest!*

¹ These benefits will apply to the full year 2010-2011 Membership Year which begins in July. In addition, where available, they will apply to the remaining months of the current 2009-2010 Membership Year.

² Paperback does not include Trade books. A Trade book is a large-size soft-cover book.

³ For purposes of establishing Extraordinary Friends membership level, matching gift amounts are included once the Supporter level (\$35) is established by the member.

⁴ Extraordinary Friends should reserve in advance (up until noon of event day) by calling Friends at 973-992-4600 X505

⁵ A Trade book is a large-size soft-cover book.

⁶ A bookplate is a decorative label inside the front of the book acknowledging your donation.

⁷ Hard Cover does not include oversize, "coffee-table" books or specially marked "collectors" books.

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THE FRIENDS WINE TASTING AND RAFFLE/AUCTION

THURSDAY APRIL 22, 2010 6PM – 9PM



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