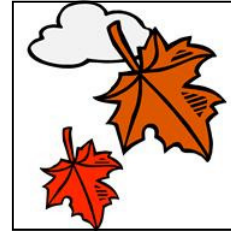
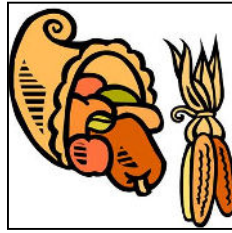


Fall



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Save the Date!

The Friends Board Meeting is usually the third **TUESDAY** of each month.

Next Meeting:
November 29 at 7:30PM

Footnotes

FRIENDS of the
Livingston Public Library

Dear Friends,

It is said that “Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.” At Friends, we are pleased that this fall we will reflect that mosaic with a wide assortment of activities. Admittedly, though, we had not anticipated a winter storm before Halloween!

Through our continuing partnership with the Library Programming Department, patrons will be able to enjoy offerings from our three signature series, *Music Matters*, *Literary Liaisons* and *Think Theatre* (see article on page 5 for more detail).

Autumn would not be complete without *BookFest!*, our book extravaganza. Thanks to the generous donations of Livingston residents and culling from the Library stacks, Friends had more inventory than ever before and we were able to offer great bargains. As a member of Friends, we hope you were pleased by the pre-public access given Friends. Quite a number of members turned out for the pre-public access and indeed, a number of Library patrons joined Friends on the spot just to gain this access. Although the storm shortened the hours of *BookFEST!*, we have once again set up our on-going sale in the common area near the Children’s Department....so please visit.

Our membership drive for 2011-2012 is underway. Thus far, renewals and new memberships have been strong. We hope you will be among our renewing Friends. In addition to mailing in your application and dues, you can also renew online or via telephone. This year, thanks to the generosity of a Board member, we are also offering incentives to encourage you to persuade others to join Friends. For more info, see Page 4 or stop by the Library. Despite rising production costs, we kept membership dues unchanged since last year. But we hope that you will consider an upgrade in your membership category—if the economy hasn’t taken its toll on you.

On a more personal note, I will be leaving the Presidency of Friends when my two-year term ends this November. It has been an exciting time for me as I have worked with a wonderful team to continue to invigorate our organization. I will remain an active member of the Friends Board and rest assured that you will see a terrific slate of candidates presented at our Annual general Meeting (AGM). We hope you can join us at the AGM on Tuesday November 29, 2011 at 8:00 at the Library.

In Friendship,
Sheree Link, **President**

Meet Jan Aji

Jan Aji is a long time Livingston resident who came to work at the library after leaving a professional career. She began by working part-time at the Help Desk and eight years ago became a full-time para-professional in the Technical Services Department. As a member of the library staff, Jan participates in the **collection development** process. Jan's love of quilting, knitting, and other crafts led to her being responsible for the selection of books and media for the cookbook and crafts section in the library.

In the Technical Services Department, the acquisitions specialist places the **orders**, and when the books and media arrive at the library, Jan assists with the **check-in process**. She helps to sort the items by type (Juvenile, Young Adult, Adult fiction & non-fiction, etc.) and then distributes these items to librarians for **classification** (assigning call numbers). Jan herself is responsible for classifying Adult fiction and Young Adult fiction.



Once an item is classified, it must be **linked** – the bar code number of the item is attached to the appropriate catalog record in the BCCLS (Bergen County Consortium) database. Jan is responsible for linking all Adult, Reference and Young Adult titles. The items are then **processed**; they are physically prepared for circulation (covers, spine labels, book pockets are attached, etc.)

In addition to these daily tasks, Jan shares her needlework knowledge and skills with the Livingston Library community. She has done presentations to the Knitting Circle (a group that meets monthly at the Library) and the NCJW (National Council of Jewish Women) about the Library resources available to knitters – including “how-to” books, instructional DVDs and fiction offerings.

Jan is also an integral part of ***Livingston Reads: A Fiber-Text Collage***. This is a quilt project, funded by the Library Endowment Fund that is the brainchild of Young Adult Librarian Karen de Wilde and Artist/Illustrator/Fabric Designer Adrienne Yorinks. The project began with two workshops, where Livingston residents of all ages illustrated fabric squares depicting a favorite book or author. It will culminate with the quilt being on permanent display in the Library's Youth Department. Jan's responsibility was to assist volunteer teens with the machine stitching and quilting of several of the panels. In an article for Livingston Patch, Adrienne Yorinks commented, “It really was Jan who taught kids who have never quilted before, how to do it.”

So, if you are like this writer, the next time you are in the Library and take out a book, you will have a far greater appreciation of what went into its preparation and realize that the myriad of procedures that go into making our Library “special” owe much to the unique talents of our dedicated staff.

BOOKFEST! 2011

Library patrons flocked to BookFEST!—our fall extravaganza book sale. Despite early closing on Saturday due to the storm, BookFEST! had a terrific turnout as book lovers of all genres, music aficionados, and movie fans found delights. Thousands of current and classic books, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, and books on tape were offered at fabulous prices.

The sale was open to the public from October 27-29. Members of Friends had pre-public access on Wednesday evening October 26. This is just one example of how Friends is seeking to enhance the benefits of membership.

All proceeds from the sale support the Library. As Assistant Library Director Amy Hyfler told a Patch reporter, BookFEST! is very important because it sponsors the library's adult, teen and children's summer reading programs and three ongoing series on music, theater and literature.



The children's section attracts much attention.

Friends thanks **all** the generous people in our community who donated books and/or their time to making the event such a success. We cannot do it without you!

Note: The on-going book sale is again running for those of you who missed BookFEST!



Thanks to Our 2011-2012 Extraordinary Friends

Presidential Level:

Ira & Joan Berkowitz Barbara & Pete Bye Laurence & Deborah Bergmann Thomas Waldron

Sponsors:

Member's Circle:

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Membership Incentives

For a Chance to Win a \$50.00 Gift Check:

Refer a Friend

Gift the Gift of Friendship

Upgrade Your Membership

Call, Stop by the Library, or Visit our Website for details

Contests End November 28, 2011

Annual General Meeting:

Tuesday, November 29, 2011 8:00 PM

All members are invited!

Selection of Membership Contest Winners

Election of Officers Ratification of Budget

Program Discussion

Volunteers who are keen to help with:

- **Website**—coordinate content with our web designer; technical savvy *not* required.
- **Social networking**—help us develop a strategy and deepen our presence. Volunteers are needed who can help with either the content component or the actual technical implementation.
 - 📖 Facebook
 - 📖 Twitter
 - 📖 LivingstonNavigator
 - 📖 Other



Bookplates honoring all Extraordinary Friends are placed in the Library. To identify the book recognizing your donation, contact us at Liv_bookfest@yahoo.com or 973-992-4600 X505.

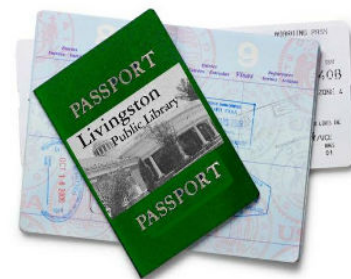
FRIENDS SPONSORS ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

The Children's/Teens program was quite a success this year with some 900 children and teens reading over 12,000 books. Children read to dogs, learned how to juggle, rocked to the music of the Kaleidoscope Band, and some even pet a 100-lb python. Pictured at left is grand prize winner Lilly Berman with her grand prize bookcase and books.



Friends also sponsored the Library's first-ever adult program. Designed to remind adults that a library card is a passport to the world, the premise of the program was *Novel Destinations*. Over 250 sets of suggested reading lists and



literary puzzles were distributed based on a travel theme. Some 2 ½ dozen participants read a book of their choice and wrote a brief review. Friday Films—each set in a foreign country—were attended by over 300.



MUSIC MATTERS: CONCERT FOR PEACE

Our Library's 10th Anniversary Commemoration of September 11, held on September 22, was a call for peace and a celebration of life. The Concert took place one day after The International Day of Peace which was established by a United Nations resolution. The Concert was inspired by Louis Landon's personal mission to “create a more peaceful and loving world by writing, recording and performing music from the heart.”

As some ninety music enthusiasts listened, pianist Landon was joined by Gottfried Stoger who played the flute and soprano saxophone. One attendee noted, “It was a beautiful concert. Two splendid musicians sounded as if they had been playing together all their lives. It was absolutely haunting.” With almost entirely original compositions by Louis, they performed a concert that was evocative, stirring, and transformative. It truly showed that “music matters.”

PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Music Matters: Immortal Love Songs

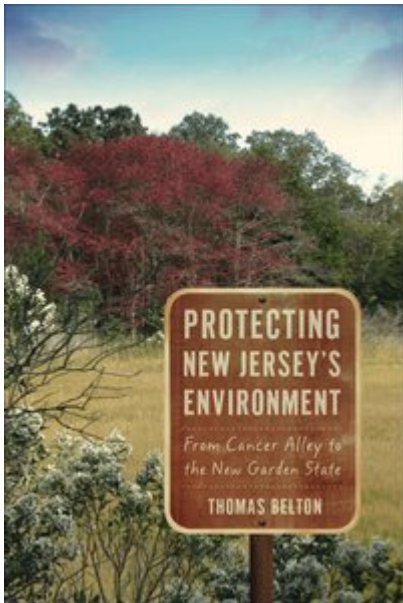


The talented performers of Capitol Heights Lyric Opera delighted scores of patrons with their staged opera excerpts and theater duets and arias in October. Maestro Martin Yazdzik literally just got off the plane from Panama in shorts and sandals, with his tuxedo in a travel bag, to accompany Richard Cassell and Frances Devine. Mr. Yazdzik is Principal Conductor for Opera of Panama.

Photo: Shana Braff

Literary Liaisons: Thomas Belton's Protecting New Jersey's Environment

Thomas Belton, a marine biologist with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for twenty-five years, may not seem the most likely of speakers for the "Literary Liaisons" series. However, from his opening readings it was clear that he is an author who weaves a personal journey into a clear and understandable presentation of environmental science and public policy.



When he spoke here in October, he took the audience on his journey growing up in Jersey City in the 1950s through his graduation with a degree in classical languages, to his first job as a telephone lineman, and finally, through his transition to environmental defender. He explained how he and his brother thought nothing of swimming under the coal towers by the Hudson River where Liberty State Park now lies. They would go out with their father and catch fish from the river, big striped bass, and later eat them. They were blissfully unaware of carcinogens being dumped into their favorite swimming spot.

While describing the personal anecdotes that led him to his career in environmental protection, including losing his brother and father to cancer, he made clear how scientific research on the environment translates to government policy.

As one attendee noted, "He put a face to the issue of environmental justice. ... He made me think about the issues we face as a society."

With this program, our Library has once again given us a thought-provoking and relevant event.

Mark Your Calendar



Think Theatre:

O Speak Again, Bright Angel—Nov-16-2011 @ 7:30 PM

Thea White, Rick Delaney, and J.C. Hoyt, in a staged reading of works from Shakespeare to Dylan Thomas, Dorothy Parker to Elizabeth Barrett Browning...and others.

As Time Goes By—Jan-17-2012 @ 7:30 PM

Elaine Bromka who appeared as Lady Bird, Pat Nixon & Betty Ford in *Tea for Three* joins with Reathel Bean to ponder the age-old question – “What does it all mean?” They weave together readings of two-person scenes from notable plays, short poems, songs and essays.

First Mothers—Feb 15, 2012 @ 7:30 PM

L E McCullough’s play about the women who raised America’s presidents is a perfect way to celebrate President’s Day. Lisa Bansavage who enthralled us in *Irish Delights* is joined by several other actresses in portraying these remarkable women.

Music Matters:

A Concert By Families & Friends for Families & Friends— Feb 11, 201 on Saturday afternoon

The title tells it all—enjoy a beautiful musical celebration

Jewish-American Broadway Composers—Mar-22-2012 @ 7:30 PM

The musical team of Francine Evans and Joel Zelnik bring us a delightful evening of Broadway highlights



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Save the Date:
The Friends' Spring "Fun"-Raiser:
The 3rd Annual Wine Tasting and
Auction/Raffle
Thursday April 19, 2012

If you are interested in volunteering to help
plan for this event
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