



**Save the Date!**

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

Next Meeting:  
April 11 at  
7:30PM

# Footnotes



Dear Friends

We finally seem to be emerging from the cold of winter. Spring is awakening. Friends will be welcoming in the season with our fun-raiser—The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting and Raffle/Auction on April 28**. Last year's event won rave reviews and we are expecting this year's Tasting to be even more exciting. Both wine novices and aficionados can learn more about the art of the grape and sample a wide assortment of wines and micro-brews. To add to the spirit of the festivities, the work of local artist Margaret Fanning will be on exhibition and musical entertainment will be provided with a classical pianist from the Do Re Mi School of Music. Numerous raffles will also be held—gifts donated by our generous local merchants and restaurateurs. In addition, you have the opportunity to bid on items at silent auction as well as a chance to win one of several door prizes. See the enclosed invitation for details. **If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please call us at 973-992-4600 X505 or email us at [Liv\\_bookfest@yahoo.com](mailto:Liv_bookfest@yahoo.com) Volunteers are fervently needed.**

The wintry freeze did not put a damper on our activities. Friends has been coordinating with Library Programming. See the article on page 3 about Irish Delights. In addition, on March 15, Friends funding made possible the wonderful program of America's Greatest Musicals of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Some 100 attendees watched and listened as Rick Busciglio showed excerpts and discussed the back story of some of the best of Broadway's and Hollywood's shows. The audience also participated in Rick's quiz about performers, directors, and composers.

As we go to print, the Library's "American Veda" on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:30 PM will be sponsored as part of the Friends' Literary Liaisons series. Author Philip Goldberg discusses Indian spirituality and traces its flowering in the U.S. with its traditions encompassing Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism, and involving meditation and yoga.

In the weeks and months ahead Friends will be expanding our partnering with the Programming Department, continuing our funding of literary, dramatic, and musical programs under our respective series banners—*Literary Liaisons*, *Think Theatre*, and *Music Matters*. We hope you will stay with us as we continue this superb programming journey.

In Friendship,  
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## Meet Galina Natenzon

For many Library patrons, the Circulation Department is the most visible face of the Library—whether it is obtaining general information about our Library, getting or renewing a library card, checking out or renewing an item, reserving an item, borrowing an item from another BCCLS\* library, or requesting a hard-to-find item through Inter-Library Loan. Thanks to the fine efforts of Galina Natenzon and her staff, that experience for patrons is a rewarding and informative one.

A restructuring was recently undertaken to bring together all the functions associated with patron services and the movement of materials and to elevate these functions to a Department level with the dual goals of streamlining resources and enhancing customer service. Galina is now the “new kid on the block” having joined the Library this past autumn to assume the newly created position of Head of Circulation.

With more than 450,000 items a year checked out, Galina’s days are taken up with the myriad activities associated with the smooth operation of services. This includes scheduling 22 full and part-time staff to ensure that the Help and Circulation Desks are always staffed and supervising the Reserve function. In addition, Galina takes her turn at the Help and Circulation Desks; as she says, it is important to be on the front line. Equally important, as Head of Circulation, Galina devotes time to addressing the questions, issues, and in some cases, the concerns of patrons.



Galina’s wonderful efforts to improve Circulation are driven by her belief that a library—particularly a public one—should be a happy place and that coming to the library should be an enjoyable experience. She is thrilled that our Library is a destination spot for our high school students. An initiative that Galina believes is extremely important is the cross-training of staff. As she explains, the benefits are two-fold. Cross-training improves the efficiency of the department. And more importantly, gives staff a better understanding of the workings of the Library which in turn translates to better customer service.

Library and information science is a third career for Galina. Born in St. Petersburg, Russia, she worked as a translator and taught English as a foreign language before emigrating to the United States in 1990. In the US, she continued work as a translator. While attending the Graduate School of Business at Baruch College in NYC, she also worked in the family business with husband Leon who runs a custom furniture business in New York. Galina and her family moved from New York to Basking Ridge in 1993 and continued to raise their family there. Daughter Anna is now in her last year at NYU Medical School and son Leo is a junior in high school.

A career in the *public* library arena was something that Galina gravitated to. She spent 6 ½ years at the Bridgewater Public Library as Circulation Supervisor. As she received her Masters Degree in Library and Information Science at Rutgers, the newly created position of head of Circulation at Livingston was opening up. It was right up Galina’s alley and luckily for Livingston, Galina accepted the position.

Galina’s early education left her with a passion for the Russian classics, but she recognizes that the preferences of readers is highly individual and that the Library is the place to indulge all manner of

\*BCCL is the 75-library consortium where books, resources, and information technology are shared.

## Meet Galina Natenzon (cont'd)

literary tastes. Besides reading as a hobby, Galina is an avid skier. Raised in Russia, her preferred sport is cross-country skiing but she has recently taken up downhill as well. She is particularly thrilled by the cross-country trails available at New Jersey's High Point State Park. Her sports activity keeps her fit which is fortunate since she is constantly on the go at the Library.

Galina's enthusiasm for her work, her strong managerial skills, and vast knowledge of circulation all combine to make her the ideal person to take our Library to the next level of achievement. She hopes all Livingston residents will come in and enjoy the many pleasures that is our Library.

## Irish Delights

On March 10 an audience delighted in an evening of music, poetry, and stories celebrating both Saint Patrick's Day and Women's History Month. Some 60 attendees clapped in time to the music as Dr. L.E. McCullough performed traditional and original Irish music on the tin whistle. Dr. McCullough who has been performing and teaching traditional Irish music on tin whistle and flute since 1972 has won several music competitions in Ireland and America and recorded 45 albums. As one reviewer said, "To call L.E. McCullough a tin whistle player is like saying Shakespeare could scribble a bit."

Lisa Bansavages's rich, fascinating, and emotion-filled voice brought to life several women in Irish and Irish-American history. She transported the audience to nineteenth century Providence, RI as a determined group of Irish nuns faced down an anti-immigrant mob and to seventeenth century Ireland as a bereft widow lamented the murder of her husband. Ms. Bansavage's one-women plays range from the drama of the mothers of several US presidents to the life of a Jewish American educator and philanthropist, Rebecca Gratz.

Stay tuned as Friends works with Library Programming to support programs from these talented artists in the future as part of the Friends-funded series, *Think Theatre* and *Music Matters*.



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Note: Tickets will not be mailed in advance of the event. Under IRS guidelines, that portion of the ticket price covering the fair market value of refreshments is not tax-deductible.

\*\* Members of Friends receive a discount on advance purchase tickets. Discount is not available for "at door" sales.



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Friends is now accepting donations of books and non-print media (CDs, DVD, VHS tapes, cassettes) for its on-going book sale.



Drop-off at the Friends Desk in the Lobby.  
Tax receipts are available at the Help Desk

Friends is seeking volunteers for our 2nd Annual Wine Tasting to be held on **Thursday April 28, 6-9PM.**



Please contact us at [973-992-4600X505](tel:973-992-4600X505) or [liv\\_bookfest@yahoo.com](mailto:liv_bookfest@yahoo.com) to assist with either pre-event preparations or event night help.

**Thank you!**