



**Save the Date!**

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

Next Meeting: July 18 at 7:30PM

# Footnotes



Dear Friends

May 31<sup>st</sup> is the close of the reporting year for Friends. And what a year it was! Friends worked with the Library Programming Department to develop our three “signature” series. These are sets of thematic programs developed by the Library Programming department and funded by Friends: *Think Theatre*, *Music Matters*, and *Literary Liaisons*. We are busy having discussions with Chris Demidowich, Thea White, and John Sitnik for upcoming events. (Article on page 5.) As part of Friends own programming under the Guest Writers/ Speakers series, we are talking about a follow-up engagement with Barbara Davey who introduced attendees to the joys and benefits of “journaling” in her program last June.

Board member Barbara Bye and I were judges in the Library’s Essay Contest in honor of National Library Week during April. Friends funded the prizes awarded to the winners. (Article on page 2.) Also in April, Friends hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting and Raffle/Auction. The event was a wonderful occasion for wine enthusiasts, lovers of the Library, and raffle aficionados to mix and mingle. (Article on page 4.)

I am pleased to report that financially we surpassed last year, with gross revenues of over \$29,000. THANK YOU to all of our members and to the participants in our fundraising events for this wonderful achievement.

Friends has a variety of activities on tap for the summer. Planning for our annual membership drive is underway with a target for mailing in September. We are pleased that for the second year in a row Friends is the sponsor of the Children’s and Teens Summer Reading Program. Run by the Library’s Youth Department its theme this year, is *One World, Many Stories*. In addition, the Library will be introducing an exciting Adult Summer Reading Program, funded by Friends. A brochure about this event will be available shortly.

Our On-Going Book Sale will continue throughout the summer. In addition, we are already preparing for October’s **BookFest**, our annual book extravaganza. Mark your calendars—**Thursday October 27 through Saturday October 29**— for this huge event. If you are interested in volunteering this summer to help with book sorting please call us at 973-992-4600 X505.

Finally, we wish you a most enjoyable summer and hope that you include stopping by our On-Going Book Sale in your summer reading plans.

In Friendship,  
Sheree Link, President

## Friends Supports Library Contest Endeavors

### “Create Your Own Story”

The Library’s “Create Your Own Story” contest, in celebration of National Library Week, proved to be popular with library users. Contestants were asked to write how the library impacted their lives. Winners received a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble courtesy of the Friends of the Livingston Public Library.

Aditi Desai won in the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade category “...I find the Livingston Public Library to be a very important place and has helped me gain lots of knowledge, acquire good social skills and learn while having fun!!!!!!”



Left to right: Grace Kennedy and son Will, Kanchan Misra, Sheree Link Front: Aditi Desai

Kanchan Misra took first place in the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade category “Our library is an example of wonderful architecture with its dome and giant windows. I have spent many hours here reading my days away. I want to share this beautiful place with my friend because it is special to me and always will be.”

“Bubbles, Books and Babies” is the title of the winning essay in the adult category. written by Grace Kennedy. “I will always be grateful to the Livingston Public Library,” she wrote, “for providing Story Time, where I learned to appreciate those fleeting magical moments that float like bubbles around a mother and her baby.”

### Book Mark Design

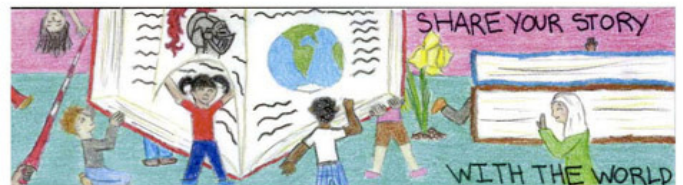
The Library’s Book Mark Design Contest around the theme of the Summer Reading Program of One World, Many Stories generated wonderful responses by all. To encourage their creative talents, Friends sponsored gift certificates to a crafts store for the four winners.



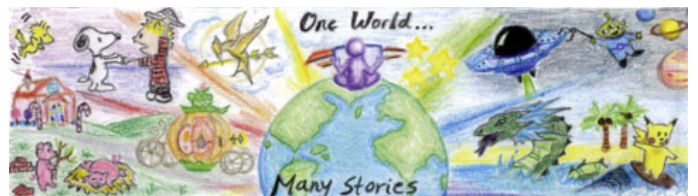
Grades 3-5 by Helen Yang



Grades 6-8 by Iris Peng



Grades 9-12 by Karen Xu



Kindergarten-Grade 2 by Gabriella Izversky

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## The Success Continues: Friends' 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting and Raffle/Auction!

On April 28 more than 120 guests enjoyed wine, food, music, and art and had an opportunity to win gifts at the Friends' 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting. Friends approached the event with three goals in mind. We wanted to hold an ENJOYABLE event, build on the momentum from last year's event, and generate increased funds for contribution to the Library.

Friends is pleased to report that all three aims were achieved. We once again turned to Dan Pastore of Kings Wine Wines & Spirits to arrange the wine tasting portion of the event. Dan brought in professional representatives from eight different distributors who poured samples of



some fifty wines and beers and shared their knowledge with interested guests. As one attendee noted, "the selection of wines was excellent and the wine reps exceedingly knowledgeable." Patrons also enjoyed an assortment of *hors d'oeuvres* including shrimp, smoked salmon cucumber cups, and a variety of kosher offerings donated by Jerusalem Restaurant.

While mingling, guests were treated to the piano music played by a teacher from the Do Re Mi School of Music. Artist Margaret Fanning demonstrated her unique technique of pen and ink drawing.

Completing the evening, was our Raffle and Silent Auction. This year, all attendees received five complimentary raffle tickets and had an opportunity to pick up some "real bargains" in the silent auction where gifts included a Nook e-reader, a "spa" special, antique wine glasses, and a wine cooler. In addition, all attendees received a complimentary "goodie bag" of a book and a gadget. As one guest told Patch Reporter Bob Krasner, the event "provided a great opportunity for networking. It was a good showcase for the library. And, as a bonus, everyone had a great time."

Thanks to the generosity of some seventy local retailers and residents who contributed cash and merchandise and the support of attendees, the event grossed over \$7,000.

Friends sincerely thanks all those who helped make our event the success it was—donors, volunteers, and guests. We also hope our members will pay particular attention to those merchants who supported us by patronizing our sponsors. (See page 3).



## Programs Galore...and...Glorious Programs



The Friends-sponsored *Literary Liaisons* Program was initiated in April with a program by Philip Goldberg, scholar, spiritual counselor, meditation teacher, and author of *American Veda*. Introduced by Adult Program Coordinator Chris Demidowich, Mr. Goldberg discussed the threads of Indian spiritual traditions in American life going back to Emerson and continuing today.

In May, Thea White brought in acclaimed actress Ellen Barry as part of the *Think Theatre* series. Ms. Barry riveted the audience with her haunting portrayal of Lizzie Borden.



Thea and Chris have been hard at work developing programming for the fall. On **September 22**, as part of the Friends-funded *Music Matters* series, they will bring us pianist and composer, Louis Landon who, along with a flutist, will present **“A Concert for Peace.”** This will be the Library's commemoration of the 10th anniversary of 9/11. They are also in discussions with the Capital Heights Lyric Opera Company for a operatic offering.

*Think Theatre* will continue in **late October** with **“O Speak Again, Bright Angel!”** Featuring Thea and other cast members, this piece includes works from Shakespeare, Marlowe, Dylan Thomas, Dorothy Parker, and others.

Those who attended Irish Delights in March (see the spring edition of *Footnotes*) know what a treat is in store when Lisa Bansavage and L.E. McCullough bring us their new program about the **Mothers of Presidents** starring Ms. Bansavage and several other actresses portraying these influential women. (To be scheduled during February.)

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