



Save the Date!

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

Next Meeting: 8/28 at 7:30PM (4th Tuesday)

Footnotes



Dear Friends,

It has been said that summer often seems too short—not enough ice cream and barbeques, never enough pool parties or friends or summer nights. We hope, however, that you have had enough time to catch up on summer reading.—perhaps you’ve picked up a book from the Friends on-going book sale to take to the beach or on vacation or just read in your backyard. Hundreds of youngsters have participated in the **Library’s Children’s and Teens Summer Reading Program**—proudly sponsored by Friends. We also hope that you’ve been able to enjoy some of the Library’s recent programming. (See page 4.)

We at Friends are using summer to prepare for autumn. Friends volunteers have been preparing thousands of donated books and other items for **BookFEST!**—our book sale extravaganza in October . (See page 2.)

Further, we are very excited that Friends is sponsoring the **Museum Pass Pilot Program** which is being finalized as we go to print. Livingston residents will be able to check out passes to visit local museums free of charge. Details of this program will be available from the Library shortly.

Many of you are familiar with our “fun-raisers”— our Wine Tasting & Auction/Raffle in the spring and BookFEST! in the fall. This year we have added a summer event as well. We are pleased to announce that we are participating in Macy’s **Shop for a Cause** on Saturday, August 25. For those of you who like to shop—or have something on your “must get” list—*Shop for a Cause* is an opportunity to help Friends and help your wallet. (See page 3.)

Friends is also pleased to be able to support the Library’s Program Department upcoming offerings under our three signature series—**Music Makers, Think Theatre,** and **Literary Liaisons.**—as well as the **Adult Reading Program** In addition, Friends has become a sponsor of some of the **Tech Savvy** courses.

Last but not least, summer is the time we get ready for our 2012-13 Membership mailing. We are pleased to announce that we will be upgrading benefits across all membership levels while keeping membership fees unchanged.

We hope you enjoy your remaining days of summer.

In Friendship, *Bernie Stephan,* President

Meet Friends BookFEST2012! Volunteers

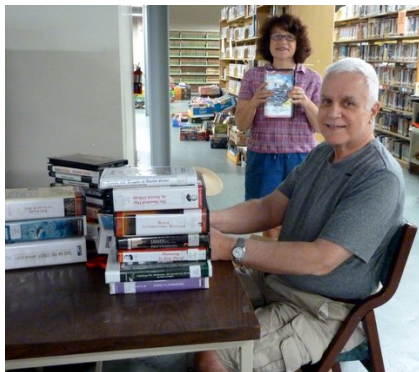
While many of us have been enjoying ourselves at the pool, beach, or shore, a handful of dedicated volunteers have been laboring in the Library basement to prepare for October's BookFEST!—our fall book sale extravaganza which will run from Friday October 26 – Sunday October 28 (with pre-public access offered to members of Friends on Thursday October 25).

Each summer, we are grateful to the many Livingston residents who donate thousands of books and non-print media items that make their way to BookFEST! Our volunteers carefully go through each and every item received in order to sort it into the correct genre so that BookFEST! patrons can find the selections of their choice—children, teens, history, religion, romance, and dozens of other categories. With an estimated 7,000 items in our stock, that is a lot of organizing! Our volunteers also cull out those items that do not meet the standards our patrons expect.



Sue Cone (center), Friends Board member and “Organizer-in-Chief” works with Sue Keisman (left) and Doreen Mollenhauer as they review and classify books. Sue Cone (profiled in *Footnotes*, Winter 2010-11) is enthusiastic about sorting; she explains that “it is a treasure hunt where some hidden gem of a book can be found.” Sue Keisman who is also an active volunteer in the Livingston Public Schools’ “Listening” Program which pairs an adult

one-on-one with a youngster joined the Friends volunteer corps during our recent Spring Wine Tasting. She has stayed on in order to continue to contribute to the Livingston community. Doreen Mollenhauer is also a veteran Friends volunteer from the Wine Tasting. A heavy library user, she calls it a “very enjoyable and comfortable environment and has great resources.”



Jill Kravis and Allen Mollenhauer are preparing our non-print media including DVDs, Audio Books, CDs, Books on Tape, and VHS tapes. Jill has been volunteering with Friends for several years; indeed Jill has been instrumental in obtaining many

of the wonderful raffle and silent auction items available at our spring fun-raisers. Jill says the Library is great and “loves helping out and meeting people.”

Angela Wang and Jill take a moment to look at the trays of books already sorted. Over the years, Angela Wang (profiled in *Footnotes* Winter 2011-12) discovered wonderful books at bargain prices via BookFEST! She says, “It's a great idea to give books new life & new owners. BookFEST! is like a matchmaker for readers and books and I'm very happy to be part of the effort. It's also very green!”

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FRIENDS PARTICIPATES IN MACY'S *SHOP FOR A CAUSE*

Looking for a special gift for a friend? Perhaps there is something on your "need to get" list. Maybe you are looking for Back to School bargains. Or perhaps you just like to shop.

This is your opportunity for a great buy while helping Friends. Friends is participating with Macy's in *Shop for a Cause* on Saturday, August 25. Purchasing a *Shop for a Cause* ticket from Friends for just \$5.00 allows you to shop at any Macy's store on August 25th and

- ◆ **Receive exclusive savings** on regular, clearance, and sale merchandise including many designer brands ***PLUS***
- ◆ **Enter a drawing to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card.****

Friends keeps 100% of the proceeds of the ticket sales....And remember, contributions to Friends are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We also hope you'll stop by the Friends table at the Macy's Livingston Mall, for a free gift from Friends.

To purchase tickets or find out more:

- 📖 Come into the Library: If a Friends volunteer is on site you can get your ticket immediately. If Friends is not on site, fill out the order form.*
- 📖 Mail in the order form below.*
- 📖 To purchase by phone using a credit card call **973-992-4600 X505.***
- 📖 Visit the website at: livingston.bccls.org/friends-shopforcause.html to buy a ticket using a credit card.*



*Tickets not received immediately on site will be mailed.

**No purchase at Macy's is necessary to enter the drawing; winner need not be present

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK OR GO ONLINE OR CALL US

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Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Number of Shop for a Cause Tickets Requested @ 5.00 per ticket: _____ Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Enclosed is my check

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Card Number _____ CVV _____ Expiration Date _____

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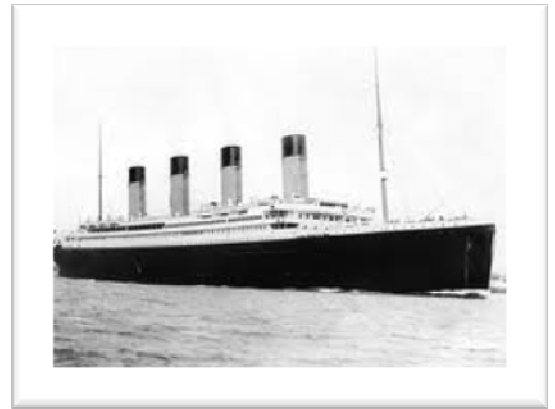
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Programming: The Excitement Continues

On May 23, the sounds of Liszt, Mozart, Ravel, Scarlatti, and Corigliano filled the Library as some 130+ patrons thrilled to the playing of pianist Eric Clark and violinist John Clark. The two young performers dazzled attendees with their sensitive interpretations and superb skill. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the program as evidenced by the standing ovation and once again demonstrated that “***Music Matters.***”



May’s ***Literary Liaisons*** had a non-fiction focus. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Titanic, renowned Titanic scholar and author Charles Haas presented a fascinating portrait of shipboard life and some history of the aftermath. Attendees learned that the Titanic was the first luxury liner to offer the previously unheard concept of steward service for third class passengers. We further learned that Halifax is the final resting place of many victims and that one of the cemeteries is open to the public. Titanic enthusiasts also had the privilege of seeing a sample of the décor adorning the vessel, as Mr. Haas displayed a portion of staircase railing from the Titanic’s sister ship.



In June, Friends was privileged to become involved with the Library’s ***Tech Savvy*** series. While many of these programs are offered by Library staff, oft times, experts are brought in to lecture on specific topics. For some of these programs, funding sources must be identified. Friends is pleased to be able to support this component of the Library’s educational programming. On June 4, Carole Lotitio lectured on Social Media including Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Pinterest (a photo sharing website.) On June 25, Walter Chroszewski returned to the Library, bringing his know-how and humor for a lesson on the “next steps” after you have taken the photograph. Each of the programs attracted nearly 100 patrons.



Chris Demidowich and Thea White are lining up new programs for our three signature series—*Think Theatre*, *Music Matters*, and *Literary Liaisons*. We are looking forward to the return of some wonderful speakers and performers as well as a host of new faces—under consideration are Dennis Kobray portraying another musical master, Rita Parisi as Zelda Fitzgerald, an evening of Improv from Dreamcatchers Repertory, Dorothy Leeds giving us *Good Lessons from Bad Women*, and Gordon Ward bringing us spirits and ghosts of New Jersey. Thea and Chris along with Adult Services’ Head John Sitnik will also continue to ensure that we can all be “*tech savvy*” and can enjoy the *Adult Reading Program*, scheduled for autumn.

Friends Volunteers (cont'd)

Mildred Silverberg is reviewing a sample of our non-print media. Mildred supports the book sale because it encourages “children and adults to start reading and to enjoy it.” She adds that “the sales bring in revenue that enables our Library to offer services such as movies and classes.”



Teresa Allard, shown organizing our adult fiction literature, noted that ever since she was a young child the library has held a special place in her heart. “The librarians, the books and the atmosphere have always created a solace that is beyond words for me. Our Livingston Library and all the staff and volunteers and events that go on are such a wonderful aspect of our township. My family and I are fortunate to have the opportunity to be involved and to be able to walk through the doors of our Livingston Library.”



Jill Alpert (not pictured here) found herself making more and more use of the library after her children finished Livingston High School. She began volunteering with Friends several years ago as a way to give back, adding, “It's fun! And the people are great!”

Also not shown are Lorraine Tomcyck who worked on the Wine Tasting as well as the Book Sale, new recruit Judith Krafchick, and our stalwart volunteer Victor Yee (profiled in *Footnotes* Winter 2010-11) who works during BookFEST!

We hope you'll mark your calendar to join us during BookFEST2012! In the meantime, please visit our ongoing book sale in the common area outside the Program Room.

Thanks to Our 2011-2012 Extraordinary Friends

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Mark Your Calendar: Saturday August 25th

Shop for a Cause

Purchase Tickets Now

Visit our table at

Macy's Livingston Mall on the 25th

In order to keep up-to-date with the latest program offerings, we suggest subscribing to the Library's electronic news service; instructions can be found at <http://livingston.bccls.org/electronicnews.html>.