

**Save the Date!**

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

Next Meeting:  
4/16 at 7:30PM

Please join us!

# Footnotes



Dear Friends,

It is said that if you want to get something done, ask a busy person. Over the last months, Friends volunteers have been very busy and have gotten much done. We participated in the Township's Volunteer Fair and followed up with our own Volunteer Orientation Program (article on page 7). Our larger cadre of volunteers has allowed us to undertake many initiatives.

Our volunteers are sorting the many book we have received since we began accepting donations all year round. This supply has enabled us to enhance our ongoing book sale (article on page 5). In addition, we will conduct our first "Poolside Prose" Summer Book Sale (article on page 4).

Plans are afoot for our spring fundraiser—the 4th Wine Tasting/ Buffet & Auction/Raffle. Volunteers are contacting local merchants for gifts and the response has been very strong (article on page 7). As one volunteer told me, "It's wonderful how supportive and generous our Livingston merchants have been." Many thanks to our business supporters.

On the programming side, Friends continues to work closely with the Library's Programming Department to sponsor quality programs (article on page 6). Friends is also pleased to be partnering with the Library on its ESL Program, along with the Huaxia Chinese School and the Livingston Police Department. The Library was one of only 50 libraries to receive the American Library Association's (ALA) American Dream Starts @ Your Library Grant. In making its award, the ALA noted that the library demonstrated "capacity, creativity, and commitment to providing literacy services for adult English language learners and their families."

Friends also continues to show leadership in funding innovative Library programs. With the grant Friends received from Macy's we are sponsoring the Library's E-Reader Experience Program scheduled to launch soon (article on page 7). Given the tremendous success of the Museum Pass Pilot Program, Friends is expanding its support for a permanent program with additional museums and more passes for existing museums.

In summary, we at Friends are very excited by our robust agenda and by the enthusiasm of our volunteers. Moreover, we realize that we cannot do it without the ongoing support of all of our members. So we express our hearty thanks to one and all.

In Friendship, *Bernie Stephan*, President

## Meet Ariel Zeitlin Cooke

As Ariel Zeitlin Cooke approached her one year anniversary with the Library, she sat down with Friends to bring us up to date on her activities. This article comes with a WARNING: Ariel's enthusiasm and love of the Library is infectious. And she readily admits to loving her job and the people she works with.

Born and raised in Manhattan, Ariel has a tremendously varied background. While working at a career in writing, Ariel held many positions and wrote for many forms of media. She began as a research editor for *Mirabella* magazine. After that, she was producing a weekly segment about life in New York for Japanese television. While free-lancing in New York, Ariel became associate producer of an Academy award nominated documentary entitled, *A Little Vicious*.



Ariel also worked as a travel writer, capitalizing on her extensive globe-trotting that took her to Thailand, Greece, and the Middle East, just to name a few places. As a result of her travels, she developed a keen interest in weaving and textiles and began collecting them. From this she curated a traveling exhibit on the Weavings of War, ethnic textiles picturing war made in Central Asia, Southeast Asia, Latin America and South Africa. She co-edited a catalog for the show distributed by Michigan State University Press.

When Ariel decided she wanted a more settled lifestyle, she concluded that her literary love would make for a great career in librarianship. She earned her Masters in Library Science at Rutgers. Having been trained as a Children's Librarian, Ariel worked in the Newark public schools, establishing a library program that had been absent from the school system for some twenty years. After leaving Newark, she decided to combine part-time library work with writing. This decision was a boon for Livingston because Ariel brings all her talents to bear.

Her primary mission at the Library is developing reading clubs. Her first foray was the Coffee & Crime Mystery Book Club which meets monthly on Thursday nights. Ariel likes to encourage out-of-the-box activities at the club meetings; so, in addition to discussion she introduces other elements. For instance, when studying *The Maltese Falcon*, she invited a noted speaker to talk about the golden age of crime fiction, she screened the film, and presented a slide show on San Francisco. The participants also got into the forties film-noir mode by smoking" (bubble gum) cigarettes!

A great fan of young adult fiction, Ariel co-hosts and co-developed the Parent-Teen Book Club in conjunction with Teen Librarian Karen DeWilde. Ariel's daughter Eve, aged 13, is an avid fan of this Club. Ariel is also proud that Eve serves on the Library's Teen Advisory Board.

Other clubs under consideration include a Memoir Club. In developing thematic clubs, the interest of our residents is paramount; for instance, a club focused on science fiction was shelved as audience interest was not sufficient.

A typical day for Ariel includes spending time at the Reference Desk where she works with the public. She answers questions on the telephone and in person, (continued on page 5)

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO:**  
***THE FRIENDS WINE TASTING AND RAFFLE/AUCTION***

**THURSDAY APRIL 25, 2013 6PM – 9PM**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Tickets**

Single Advance Purchase Tickets: Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$38.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Couple Advance Purchase Tickets: Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friends Single Advance Purchase Tickets: Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$33.00\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friends Couple Advance Purchase Tickets: Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60.00\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

“At Door” Sales: Single Tickets: \$45.00; Couple Tickets \$85.00

I cannot attend but I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**50/50 Cash Raffle Tickets**

50/50 Cash Raffle Tickets: Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Bird Special:**

Purchase your Event or 50/50 Raffle Tickets by the end of the day of April 21<sup>st</sup> and you'll receive a voucher for a complimentary book or non-print item from the Friends On-Going Book Sale.

You'll receive one complimentary item for each ticket purchased.

Enclosed is my check (payable to Friends of the Library) in amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my Credit Card: Type of Card (Amex, Visa, MasterCard, Discover) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV(3 or 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Event Tickets will not be mailed in advance of the event. Advance Purchasers sign in at the Advance Purchase table  
 50/50 Cash Raffle Tickets will be mailed in advance only to those not purchasing event tickets. Winner need **NOT** be present to win.

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

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**Wine Tasting coordinated by Kings Fine Wines & Spirits of Short Hills**



## *Ellie Cohen*

When visitors first see the Livingston Public Library, their impression combines awe at its magnificence with the sense of welcome that it exudes. Much credit for this goes to Ellie Cohen. As a three-term mayor, Ellie was a major player in the process that resulted in Livingston winning one of the largest grants from the state for library renovation. The Library did this by having a comprehensive and well thought out plan that impressed state authorities.

Ellie then served as chair of the Library's Capital Campaign to address the interior design needs that were not covered by state funding. Ellie was able to draw upon her vast knowledge of the Township and her strong network to ensure that the resources needed for the campaign were harnessed.

What Ellie loves most about the Library these days is the wonderful collections—both print and non-print media—as well as the tremendous community resource that the Library is. As co-chair of the Township's Bicentennial Committee, Ellie is thrilled with the cooperation and collaboration that the Library is providing. Each month the Library focuses on presentations that align with the particular theme of the Bicentennial. When interviewed by *Footnotes*, the only time Ellie was at a loss for words was when she was asked what improvements she would like to see made at the Library.

Ellie says she is proud to continue her support of the Library as a member of Friends. In these times when public funding does not provide for the full resources needed to cover all library services, such as programming, Friends fills a gap. She hopes all who use the Library will join Friends and those who do not use the Library will visit to gain an appreciation of the wonderful institution that it is.



## **Poolside Prose Summer Book Sale**

Summer is the time for poolside reading. Friends will be selling some 2000 books and games for leisure enjoyment. The sale will offer children's, young readers, and teens books, mysteries, thrillers, romance, and general adult fiction. A selection of travel books and board games rounds out the selection.

We will also offer "Dime Novels and Other Reads"

**Hours are Saturday, June 1 from 10AM-4PM and Sunday, June 2 from 1PM to 4PM.**



## Meet Areil Zeitlin Cooke (cont'd)

helps customers with their own research, assists computer users, discusses patrons' interests in order to make appropriate book recommendations, etcetera.

When not at the Reference Desk, Ariel develops book lists, designs displays to encourage circulation, and creates book marks. A typical book list, is often developed around a holiday and offers suggestions for books and films. When designing displays, Ariel likes to do something a bit off-beat in order to catch the customer's attention. For example, during the summer, she developed a "Kool Reads" display to take readers minds off the hot weather with books about snow and winter. Her Martin Luther King display highlighted the writings by and about Nobel Peace Prize winners.

A voracious reader herself, Ariel's recommendations include *Cimarron Rose* by James Lee Burke, *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, and *Unwind* by Nail Schusterman. And she remains true to her calling of writing. A resident of Montclair, she travels to Madison to attend a writers group monthly. She is currently working on an action-adventure fantasy for young adults based on Jewish folklore; Ariel explains, "Think a Jewish Narnia."

What's next for Ariel? She says that someday she may return to her wandering ways and work to establish libraries in the third world. In the meantime, Ariel is thrilled to be at our Library. She hopes Livingston residents will view the Library as a haven and consider every book an adventure. In turn, we hope that Ariel is not again bitten by the travel bug any time soon!

## Ongoing Book Sale: New & Improved

As Patch recently noted, the Friends Ongoing Book Sale is the place to go when you are looking to purchase a good book or a few good books.

We've expanded shelf space and now offer patrons some 800 books in all genres including an enlarged children's section. Books for children, young readers, and teens now occupy one entire book case.

In addition, Friends will change the **entire** stock every 4-6 weeks so that customers have a continuous flow of new materials to review. Friends will continue its policy of replenishing the stock one to two times a week during the periods between full re-stocks.

The sale is open during Library hours and is located in the area across from the Children's Department. Prices are:

Adult Hard Cover:	\$1.00
Adult Soft Cover:	\$.50
Youth Hard Cover:	\$.50
Youth Soft Cover:	\$.25
DVDs:	\$ 2.00
Other Non-Print:	\$.25





## Applause, Applause, Applause!

Library patrons did not find relief from the cold winds of January 20<sup>th</sup> as they were “blown away” by the wonderful performance of soprano Annamaria Steffanelli and



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tenor Rory Angelicola. Accompanied by Andrew Macirowski on piano, the husband and wife team performed operatic and classical favorites. The first half of the program focused on beautiful opera arias including those from *Tosca* and *La Traviata* and the extremely popular *O mio babbino caro* from Gianni Schicchi by Puccini. After the break, the couple performed traditional and theatrical favorites including selections from *Kismet* and *West Side Story*.

On February 24<sup>th</sup> *Music Matters* met *Think Theatre* as pianist Eric Clarke was joined by

Thea White. Fresh from this performance in the Van Cliburn competition, Mr. Clark performed works by Schumann and Rameau, ending with an absolutely thrilling performance of Prokofiev’s *Sonata No. 8*. Thea White complimented the presentation with readings from Shakespeare and Edna St. Vincent Millay. The audience was bedazzled.

The Library’s terrific programming duo of Chris Demidovich and Thea White are now planning programs that will continue to thrill and entertain us. Under consideration are performances by Dreamcatchers Rep who performed musical cabaret and *Astonishment* last year. And look for 1960s band music. The New Jersey Ghosts Program by Gordon Ward—cancelled due to Superstorm Sandy—is rescheduled for this October.

For children, Friends is sponsoring popular author Dan Gutman in June. Mark your calendars for another great year of programming.



### Thanks to Our 2012-2013 Extraordinary Friends\*

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## The E-Reader Experience

Thanks to a generous grant by Macy's that Friends received, the Library will be able to launch The E-Reader Experience. This program allows patrons to borrow an e-reader device with pre-loaded books. E-readers will be differentiated between adult and children's devices. Library staff is busy preparing the devices for use.

An introductory class will be held end-April or early-May. In subsequent months, customers will be able to come in for one-on-one training. Bobby Dillon, a Friends volunteers and graduate student in Library Science at Rutgers, will be teaching the classes and is currently working with Library administration on this. Stay-tuned for more details.



## Preparations for 4th Annual Wine Tasting/ Buffet & Auction/Raffle Underway

Friends volunteer Jill Kravis met with Sara Jashinsky, co-owner of Jerusalem Restaurant, to discuss an in-kind food donation that the restaurant will be making to the Friends' up-coming Wine Tasting/ Buffet & Auction/Raffle. The event is the fourth annual spring fund-raiser.. Friends volunteers are busy contacting local merchants for donations to the event.



## Friends Participates in Volunteer Programs

Friends Board member Teresa Allard, and daughter Claire, joined teen librarian Karen DeWilde for the Livingston Township Volunteer Fair on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Teresa and Karen spoke with residents interested in the Library and in volunteering.

Following the Fair, Friends held a Volunteer Orientation Program on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Library. Many volunteer newcomers attended as several Board members and "old-time" volunteers shared their experiences. The group then discussed many new ideas. One of the ideas to emerge from the dialogue was new policies and procedures to expand and re-arrange the ongoing book sale (see article on page 5).





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**4th Annual Spring  
Wine Tasting/  
Buffet and Auction/Raffle:  
Thursday, April 25th 2013  
See inside for detail**

**Mark Your Calendar:  
Poolside Prose  
Book Sale:  
June 1-2  
Library Program Room**



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