

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

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting February 16 8:00PM

Footnotes



Dear Friends,

A Happy New Year to all and a Happy Birthday to our wonderful Library. 2016 marks the centennial of our Library's incorporation. Throughout the year the Library will be celebrating with special programming. As it has for more than half of those 100 years, Friends is delighted to be able to lend its support. As the Library puts together an outstanding year of programs including the Sunday afternoon Centennial series, Friends will be providing much of the funding for these endeavors.

Friends, of course, could not provide this support without your commitment, our terrific member/donors; so we say a big THANK YOU to all of you. We hope you are able to join us at some of the programs in the year ahead (see article on pages 4-5).

Our fund-raising has also been bolstered by an Essex County Local Arts Program (ECLAP) grant of nearly \$5,000. This funding will be put toward a great year of Senior Happening programs. For those of you who gave us feedback about the Program which we used in our grant request, we are deeply appreciative.

Friends support of the Library is, of course, not confined to programming. During 2015, the 13 passes funded under the Museum Pass Program were loaned out 500+ times. With an average admission of a family of four, that's over 2000 free visits to museums for Livingston residents! We have also been responsible for the purchase of hundreds of books, the Little PIM database, e-books and e-readers, and much more. Indeed, over the last decade, Friends has provided the Library with about \$200,000 of support. In addition, our volunteers contribute an estimated 3,000 hours annually from sorting books to staffing events. In short, we are a vibrant part of the Library community and will continue to be so for the Library's next century!

Writing as the January 23 blizzard is upon us, I wish you all a warm, cozy place to finish reading Footnotes. As ever, we welcome your feedback.

In Friendship,
Mary Jane Dough
President

Meet Joseph Emery

In moving with the times, our Library has hired Joseph Emery to fill the new position of Technology Librarian. Joseph has been on board for about 5 months and has already had an impact.

Joseph is spearheading or participating in many technology initiatives. Under a pilot program, patrons who are seeking one-to-one help with electronic devices can reach out to Joseph. This pilot program will, in turn, inform Joseph's efforts to develop a curriculum for a class in computer fundamentals. For those patrons who have been asking for charging stations in the Library, thanks to Joseph's efforts they are now available. Joseph was also involved in the recent upgrading of our public copiers to color copier/scanning machines. In addition, Joseph explains that the Library's recent acquisition of 10 laptop computers allows us to have a remote technology lab. As a result of his professional networking to identify a volunteer teacher, the Library is hosting a 10-week course in which LHS students—belonging to the “Code Club”—learn programming on these laptops and get exposure in the field from guest speakers. Joseph will also be coordinating our Library's participation in the inaugural statewide NJ Makers Day on March 19 to celebrate and share maker culture. This family-oriented fair will offer diverse stations at the Library highlighting crafts, technology, and art.

Library personnel are also delighted that Joseph is on board as he has worked on projects to help staff do their jobs. For example, he has implemented an internal staff website to help with internal scheduling and communication. He is also great at trouble-shooting!

Besides his technology duties, Joseph handles more “traditional” librarian duties. He takes a turn at the Adult Reference Desk, helping patrons with a host of inquiries including research, book reserves, printing, etc. He is also responsible for ordering materials for science fiction/fantasy, graphic novels, and tech non-fiction.

These book categories for which Joseph has ordering authority are consistent with his personal reading interests. His favorite author is sci-fi writer Philip K. Dick. Other interests include puzzles, especially geometric ones, juggling, table-top and card games, guitar playing, and writing, particularly poetry. Add to these wide-ranging interests, his love of making and fixing things. He has a passion for working with tools and understanding how things are put together which perhaps helps explain his success as a Technology Librarian.

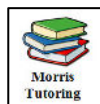
Joseph came to be our Tech Librarian after working at the Hoboken Public Library, first as a Library Assistant and then as Teen Librarian. Working with teens at Hoboken's maker space and on other important technology initiatives gave him a great appreciation of the power of technology. So when the job position opened here to define this new slot, he jumped at the chance. Having earned a Masters in Library Information Science at Rutgers and an undergraduate degree in philosophy from the University of Georgia—his birth state—his academic knowledge completed the picture of a terrific candidate. Joseph is delighted to be working at the Livingston Library and hopes to continue to meet and help our patrons.



It Pays to be A Member of Friends of the Library

Under the **Merchants & Members Program**, as a member of Friends, you are eligible for discounts from the following merchants by showing your valid Friends membership card. It pays for you to carry your card!

- **18/8 Fine Men’s Salon**, 4145 Town Center Way, 973-241-8188: Benefits vary by membership category:
Director’s and President’s Circle: 1 free Executive Shave Package (executive haircut & classic shave) + 15%-off discount on haircuts
Sponsors Circle: 1 free executive hair cut (cut, scalp cleansing, conditioner, hot towel treatment, 5 minute neck & shoulder massage), + 15%-off discount on haircuts
Members Circle: 1 free classic haircut (cut, scalp cleansing, conditioner, hot towel treatment) + 15% discount on haircuts
Patron: 1 free manicure + 15%-off discount on haircuts
Booster/Supporter/Cheering Section/Lifetime: 10%-off discount on haircuts
Senior: \$29.00 Classic haircuts
 All discounts must be used Monday – Thursday, 10AM-4PM. Non-transferrable. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **ACL Art Gallery**, 2010 Town Center Way, 201-247-8787: 15%-off discount. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey**, Performances at College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown and Grace Episcopal Church, Madison, 973-538-7562: \$5.00 off adult and senior tickets for the cardholder and guest(s) for at door sales for any regular season or Summer Festival concert. Valid for up to 4 tickets.
- **Chocolate Works**, 1170 Town Center Way, 973-740-9090: 10%-off discount on products. Cannot be used on parties or workshops.
- **Dunkin Donuts**, 464 W. Mt Pleasant Ave (Route 10), 973-207-0302: 10%-off discount. Not valid on pound coffee, K-cups, and items already on sale or discounted.
- **Eye Level Learning Center**, 184 South Livingston Avenue (CVS Plaza), 973-992-8008: 50% off first month’s tuition for new customers. Valid only at the Livingston location. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Grooves Unlimited**, 355 Eisenhower Parkway # 214, 973-878-2836: 25% discount towards first month’s tuition. Valid for new dancers only. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Ike’s Bagel Café**, 277 Eisenhower Parkway, 973-369-7526: 10%-off discount on purchases. Not valid for catering. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Jay’s Shoe Box**, 20 East Mount Pleasant Ave, 973-992-0338: \$5.00 off on purchases of \$50.00 or more. Excludes sale items and Uggs. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Morris Tutoring**, 38 Park Terrace, East Hanover, 213-709-4085: 50% off first month's tuition for new customers. Valid only at the East Hanover location. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Philly Pretzel Factory of Livingston**, 21 West Mt. Pleasant Avenue, 973-994-1004: Buy 3 pretzels and get 3 pretzels free. Available on equal or greater value purchases.
- **Skybox Sports Collectibles**, 517 S. Livingston Ave, 973-740-0060: 15%-off discount on products. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **West Essex YMCA**, 321 S Livingston Ave, 973-992-7500: Two sets of benefits as follows:
 Receive a one week free trial as a guest of the Y; one-time use only.
 Become a member of the Y and pay no joiners fee for your Y membership (a \$50 savings for families, a \$25 savings for individuals); valid for first-time members of the Y only



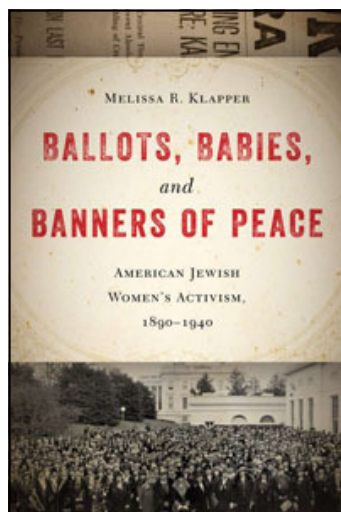
Programming

As 2015 came to a close, Friends continued its support of quality programming through two of our signature series. In October *Music Matters* gave our patrons Ballet Enchanté's *Ballet Edutainment*—a dramatically narrated demonstration of ballet class work followed by performances which featured excerpts from classical ballet and original choreography. 2015 marks different centennial—the anniversary of the birth of Frank Sinatra. To celebrate that occasion, the *Music Matters* series funded *A Touch of Sinatra*, a musical show about the life and music of the famed Hoboken-born performer. Narrated and written by Joe Gilligan, the show told the story of Sinatra's life and songs, along with funny stories and jokes. It was performed by Donnie Farraro, one of the most authentic-sounding Sinatra lookalikes in the industry today.



The Friends-funded *Literary Liaisons* series sponsored *Ballots, Babies, and Banners of Peace: American Jewish Women's Activism, 1890-1940*, presented by author Melissa Klapper in October. December saw the return of ever-popular author Elliot Engel speaking on James Michener.

In 2016, Friends is thrilled to sponsor a host of programs during the Library's Centennial. The Program Room was filled to capacity on January 17 as the Sunday afternoon Centennial Concert series kicked-off with the *Three Pianists*—Pavel Gintov, Luba Vasilyeva and Eric Clark. These amazingly talented young artists performed works of Rachmaninoff, Chopin, and Serge Bortkiewicz before an enraptured audience of 150. The Sunday Centennial Concerts will see The Stirling Duo with the very accomplished Joseph Gluck and Friends in February. March will witness the return of Annamaria Stefanelli and Rory Angelicola performing opera and more. The Centennial Concerts will continue throughout the spring and then resume in the fall after a summer hiatus.



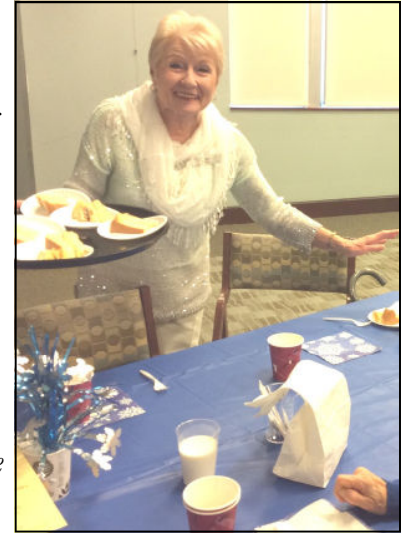
Programming (cont'd)

The Senior Happening series will provide a wonderful array of musical programs and lectures throughout the year. The January program was dedicated to the memory of Andy White. Husband of Program Specialist Thea White, Mr. White performed (pro bono) many times at Senior Happening. He brought cheers from the audience when he and a musical colleague performed on the pipes and drums and regaled the audience with his stories. As part of the tribute, Friends whose volunteers serve coffee and dessert during the social hour, arranged for an “extra special dessert because Andy was such an extra special man,” said Teresa Allard, Friends Treasurer. The January program was *GOTCHA! Snapshots That Made History*, presented by photographer and lecturer Jim DelGiudice. Friends volunteer Margaret Luke said, “Jim DelGiudice’s presentation was delightfully entertaining. Fun insights into the world of photography were revealed through photos we’ve all seen in history books and popular publications such as *Look and Life*.”

The Library has also coordinated with the Township’s Senior, Youth, and Leisure Services Department (SYLS) under whose auspices students from Livingston High School’s Techie Teen Tutor Club work one-on-one with seniors following the Senior Happening programs. Tech savvy students help seniors with an array of technology issues including using smart phones, laptops, and tablets. At the January Senior Happening many seniors stayed on for this valuable session and were joined by others who came only for the tech help. The February 19 Senior Happening program will feature The Florian Schantz Jazz Combo. On March 18, Jan & Jeff Ausfash will entertain with traditional Irish instruments.

The Library’s dynamic programming team of Thea and Christine Demidowich will continue to give us great programs under our three signature series—*Music Matters*, *Think Theater*, and *Literary Liaisons* including the possible return of Elliot Engel.

Friends has not overlooked the youth. Once again, Friends will be funding Yoga for Kids each quarter, and, of course, the Summer Reading Program. 2016 is shaping up to be a great year and Friends hopes you will be able to join in the festivities.



In Other News

Friends of Livingston Library Wins Grant to Fund Senior Happening:

Friends is very excited to have won an Essex County Local Arts Program (ECLAP) grant of nearly \$5,000. This funding will be put toward a great year of Senior Happening programs. As Friends Board President Mary Jane Dough said, “We had a winning combination. Through the efforts of Program Specialist Thea White we were able to boast of the extraordinary quality of the artists presented in this series. The energy of our volunteers help make the social hour an integral part of the series. Attendees gave us fabulous testimonials which we used in the grant writing. Add to that the fact that Assistant Director (and Friends Board member) Amy Hyfler did a terrific in-person presentation to the grant committee and you have the story of a successful endeavor.”



Book Sales: BookFEST!, held October 28 through November 1, was a great success. Friends offered the largest amount of stock in the sale’s history—over 20,000 items. We owe a debt of gratitude to Livingston’s Department of Public Works for lending us extra tables! It was our best sale financially in recent history. This year we added some additional bag sale days beyond November 1. Also, thanks to the efforts of Friends volunteer and extraordinary Friend, Sam Bickel, we added a Collectors Corner to BookFEST!. After the sale we arranged for further donation of unsold inventory. Among the organizations benefitting were Goodwill, Essex Corrections, the Salvation Army, the East Orange VA Hospital (arranged through the American Legion and the efforts of Dr. Fred Friedman), Englemoor Nursing Home, Lutheran social ministries of New Jersey in Camden, and an educational initiative of the UN’s Millennium Project in Africa.

BookFEST! also featured two lovely gift baskets in a free drawing. The lucky winners took home a basket filled with wonderful books and a “Macy’s Money” gift certificate. Macy’s graciously donated \$100 worth of certificates in recognition of our efforts in Shop for A Cause. Our thanks goes to Macy’s.

Since BookFEST!, Friends has been busy with a host of other sales. We held our third Black Friday fiction sale on the day after Thanksgiving. This very successful day brought in nearly 6 times the proceeds we earn on a typical day and shoppers got some wonderful books. We then held our January White Sale which offered the remaining stock at bargain prices. Friends is again “flipping” the Ongoing Book Sale shelves—on a monthly basis we take down all unsold stock and replace it with new stock. We continue to replenish gaps in the stock on a semi-weekly basis. Our online eBay sales and our offline sales continued to grow as well.

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 3 through Sunday June 5 for our annual Pool Prose and Beach Books Sale in the Program Book. We have added an extra day to the sale, beginning it on Friday. Sunday will be a bag sale day. Thousands of light summer reading books will be offered.



In Other News (cont'd)

Take A Chance: Friends will again run its *Take A Chance on the Library* fundraiser this spring. This activity features a 50/50 Cash Raffle and Silent Auction. Last year's winner of our 50/50 won nearly \$2,500. Even though that is less than a \$1 billion, the odds are a lot better than Powerball. And your ticket purchase helps our Library, going to support programs and services not covered by the Library's budget from the Township. The auction will offer 1½ to 2 dozen items on silent auction during the month of April. Items will include tickets to performing arts venues, gift certificates to restaurants, and other exciting items. Participants will be able to bid online, in the Library, via phone, and email. Winners of the Auction and Raffle will be announced to the public in the Library Program Room at noon on Thursday, April 21. Stay tuned for more details!



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