



The Friends Board Meeting is usually the third Thursday of each month.
Next Meeting: TDB—Contact us for info

Footnotes



Dear Friends,

This has certainly been both an unpredictable and turbulent year. As part of the Library community, Friends upholds the LPL mission to be where reading, learning, and ideas converge to transform lives, but, we do this in a way that the safety of our members, patrons, and volunteers is up-permost in our thinking.

With the onset of fall, many look forward to our annual BookFEST! which sadly could not be conducted safely this year and many regret that we are not able to currently accept book donations. As Thanksgiving approaches many may feel the loss of family traditions...and the Friends family misses the opportunities to meet and greet volunteers, members, and patrons at live events. Nonetheless, during these difficult times, we at Friends are truly thankful for our steadfast members. We have been touched by your support—those of you who renewed and in some cases renewed early, those of you who added expressions of support & encouragement for our efforts, those of you who have become new members, and those of you who were able who raised your membership level. We thank you all for being so considerate, benevolent, and patient.

We look forward to the time when our volunteers can return and patrons can again attend in-person programming and visit our Book Store. It is with this hope that we wish you the best in the days ahead and that you enjoy the holidays in a way that is meaningful and right for you. Be well and take of each other.

In Friendship,
Mary Jane Dough
President



Programming in the Time of Covid-19

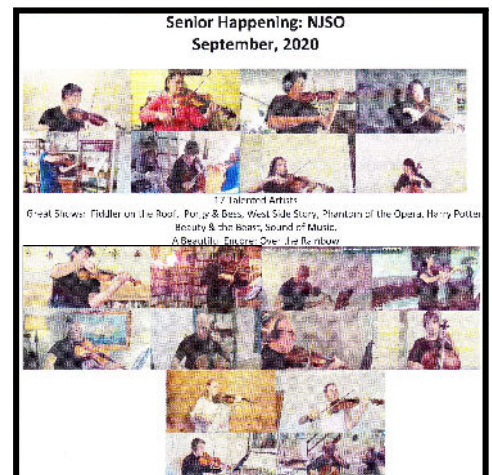
Adult Programming

Friends supported life-long learning with virtual lectures on a variety of topics. This fall, Livingston patrons enjoyed lectures inspired by American culture from a discussion on New Jersey State Parks, to a history talk on *Alexander Hamilton: the Musical and the Duel* to a lecture on *American Icons*, as well as lectures on *U.S. Presidential Elections* and *The Films of Alfred Hitchcock*. For those looking to unwind during the whirlwind of 2020, Livingston patrons enjoyed a lecture on *What is Meditation?* and listened to spooky *Mysteries of the Paranormal*. Lectures in November include *Millionaire's Row on the Palisades: A Glimpse of the Gilded Edge* (11/5), *Interior Design Basics for Your Home* (11/12), and *Dishing Up New Jersey* (11/18).

Livingston patrons were also able to explore their creative side with wonderful Creative Arts programs. During the months of September and October, participants of Pinterest Inspired Adult Crafting were able to pick up supplies and paint dainty glass trinket jars and make festive fall beaded creations while following along to YouTube video tutorials. Registered participants of the Chakra Beaded Workshop and Zentangle Workshop were also able to enjoy a structured crafting experience. Attendees of these structured Creative Arts workshops picked up supplies the week prior to the program and then joined us through Zoom for step by step instruction. We are looking forward to November and December crafting programs with winter themed Pinterest Inspired Adult Crafting the week of November 30th through December 5th and an Adult Paint Night on December 17.

Seniors enjoyed wonderful virtual Senior Happening* performances this fall, with a beautiful performance of Broadway show music by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra in September as well as a toe-tapping show by Rhonda Denet in October. The next Senior Happening is scheduled for Friday, November 20 at 1pm, where registered participants will be enjoying *They Wrote the Words: Part 2*, performed by Fred Miller. Dreamcatcher Repertory Theater will return for a play reading in December.

*Sponsored by Friends, Senior Happening is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/ Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and administered by the Essex County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.




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 establishments by showing your valid Friends membership card. It pays for you to carry your card!

- **ACL Art Gallery**, 2030 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), 973-422-0007 and Livingston Mall (Lower Level, Sears Wing) 973-992-1925: 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 # 100, 973-878-2836: Waiver of all registration fees. 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.
- **Mezza Mediterranean**, 277 Eisenhower Parkway, 973-992-9300; 10%-off discount on dine-in lunch/dinner and take-out. Cannot be combined with other offers.
- **Morris Tutoring**, 38 Park Terrace, East Hanover (by Castle Ridge Plaza), 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: Access all 3 potential 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.
 - Become part of the Y 20/20 Rewards Program. Join with a friend and you can both save 20% on your membership fees each month, for as long as you both remain members of our full facility.

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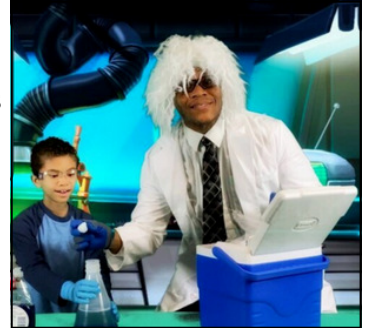
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*Reflects memberships processed from 6/1/2020—10/31/2020 List shows Circle Member and Patron level members. Our thanks to supporters who wished to remain Anonymous. A full list of members will appear in our Summer issue.

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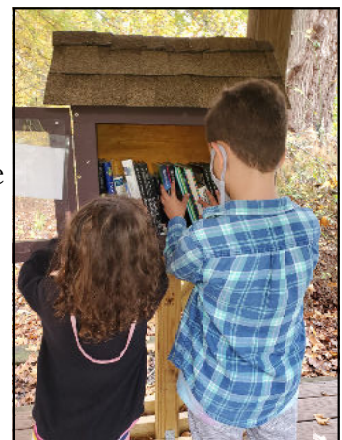
Youth Programming

Friends is pleased to be able to provide the Youth Services Department with funding to meet the many needs of our community. This fall, back-to-school for children and teens is different, so the Youth Services Department is providing programs to meet the varying needs of youth and parents in this new world. For children and teens who enjoy live interaction, Youth Services has provided live virtual programming such as *Mindfulness for Kids*, a *Who Stole the Halloween Candy?* puppet show, a *Return of the Ice Sorceress* science show, book clubs (Yakety Yak, Xtreme Readers), an author visit with Alisha Sevigny, Calligraphy, Learn to Play Dungeons and Dragons, Teen Advisory Board, Tutoring, and Kahoot Trivia. For children and teens with busy schedules Youth Services is providing on demand programming for families to enjoy on their own schedules. These programs include Storytimes, Musical Storytimes, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Origami, Bytes of Story Coders, Kathak Dance, and Let's Cook. For children needing a break from screen time, the Youth Services Department is creating take home crafts. This fall these take home crafts have included Rosh Hashanah, Mid-autumn Festival, Space, and Halloween. The Youth Services Department will soon be virtually visiting Mt. Pleasant Elementary and the Livingston schools' ESL program to talk about Library services and programs. The collaborative book clubs with Mt. Pleasant Middle School and Heritage Middle School will also be returning this month virtually.



In Other News

Book Donations: Although conditions do not permit us to safely accept book donations at this time, Friends has made donations in the community. Friends donated nature/science/gardening/environmental books for adults and children to the Essex Environmental Center. The photo shows some young visitors to the Center's Free Little Library. The donation, coordinated through the Center's Heather Amendolara, should be able to keep the Little Library replenished for a good while. Friends also made a donation to Northern State Prison.



National Friends Week: The Town Council proclaimed October 18 -24, 2020, as Friends of the Library week in Livingston and thanked Friends for all they do. This action followed recognition by the Library Board of Trustees.

Annual General Meeting: Friends will hold its Annual Meeting virtually this year on November 17 at 4:30PM. The agenda includes election of officers and review of financials. All members of Friends may attend, but registration by November 13 is required. Attendees will be sent a link to the meeting.



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**Annual General Meeting: (Virtual)
November 17, 4:30 PM**

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