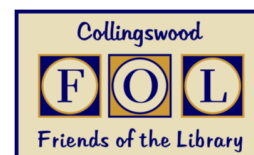


Friends Focus



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Treasurer's Report



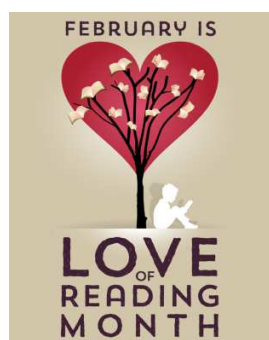
Friends of the Library's success continued in 2016 thanks to our members who faithfully support Friends and the Collingswood Free Public Library, as well as patrons and neighbors who support Friends. On-going book sales, memberships and donations continue to fund our contributions to the library and raise awareness throughout the community. A special thanks to MKM Foundation for their 3-year grant that we received in 2015. We greatly appreciate their continuing support of Friends of the Library and Collingswood Free Public Library. Here is a listing of some of the donations and activities sponsored by Friends of the Library in 2016:

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- Purchased books and magazines for children and adults
- Awarded FOL scholarships to high school and middle school students
- Purchased museum memberships for patron and family members for eight (8) local museums.
- Purchased DVDs on a monthly basis
- Published periodic newsletters
- Hosted Comic Book Day in May
- Sponsored storyteller programs to supplement the Summer Programs at the library
- Provided prizes for summer program contests for children and adults
- Participated in the Book Festival to raise awareness of Friends of the Library and donated books through the Book Festival
- Sponsored web hosting for library's web site
- Purchased computer equipment and computer software
- Purchased supplies , furniture and other equipment for the library and staff
- Sponsored fax service for the library
- Sponsored *Collingswood Reads* book club
- Purchased computer games



Friends have successfully worked with the Director and the Board of Trustees to support the library in 2016 and this will continue in 2017.

Winter Storytime for 3, 4 & 5-Year Olds
Thursdays, 10-11:30am Peter P. Childs Meeting Room
February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

Three, four, and five-year-old children meet on Thursdays at 10 am in the Peter P. Childs Meeting Room at the library for stories, songs, finger plays, snack, and a play period. A theme-related craft is given to each child to take home. Coffee is provided for adults.

Those new to the program should register by emailing us at youthservices@collingswoodlib.org. Please include your child’s name and age, and your phone number.



Tiny Tot Storytime (for children 18-35 months old)
Friday – 10am Peter P. Childs Meeting Room
February 10, 17, 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

This program includes simple stories, finger plays, songs, and playtime. New attendees must register by emailing us at youthservices@collingswoodlib.org. Please include your child’s name, age, and your phone number.

It’s Time to Start Building! Lego Clubs Back in 2017!

Be prepared to face a fun new challenge at each session! Lego Jr. and Lego Club are both free however registration is required. Email us at youthservices@collingswoodlib.org. On the subject line please put *Wednesday Lego Jr., Thursday Lego Jr., or Lego Club*. Your message should include your child’s name and age, and your name and phone number. You can also register by calling Sharon, Dot, or Ned at 856.858.0649 Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 5pm.

LEGO JUNIOR CLUB: (for children 5 to 7 years old)

Wednesday: Feb. 15, Mar. 1, 15 3:30-4:30pm **OR**
 Thursday: Feb. 16, Mar. 2, 16 3:30-4:30pm

LEGO CLUB: (for children 8 to 12 years old)

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 22, Mar. 8, 22 3:30-4:30pm

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

— Dr. Seuss, “I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!”

What's New at the Library!

December 7, 2016 – The New Jersey State Library (NJSL) and LibraryLinkNJ (LLNJ), the New Jersey Library Cooperative, are pleased to announce the three winners of the Mobile Mini-Makerspace Kits for Public and School Library Partners Grants.

Makers rejoice! The Collingswood Public Library, in partnership with the Collingswood Middle School Library Media Center has received a \$7,500 grant from the New Jersey State Library and LibraryLinkNJ. The *Mobile Mini-Makerspace Kits for Public and School Library Partners* grant will fund *CollsCreators: Engaging the Community* program, combining the goals of educational enrichment, hands-on learning, and community service embraced by both institutions.

CollsCreators: Engaging the Community program will provide youth with the opportunities for creative exploration and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) learning with the technology and tools within the mobile makerspace at both libraries. It will also promote student volunteerism and participation in local organizations by bringing the mobile makerspace beyond the libraries' walls and into various sectors of the community.

The mobile mini-makerspace kit will contain a 2.25" Button-maker with supplies, a Stop-Motion Animation kit, and materials for additional STEAM focused activities (Recycled Paper Bead-making kits, *Magnetic Mini Tile Art* kits and circuit-based electronic kits). The mobile makerspace contents will rotate between the Collingswood Library Teen Area and the Middle School Media Center starting at the end of February. Additionally, each library will have a 3D printing station with various planned events and open hours.

The planned outreach maker projects include: *Making Paper Beads with the Original Recyclers* at the Collingswood Manor Assisted Living Home (April), Button-making at the Ronald McDonald House (June), and participation in the Stop Motion Animation Film Fest at the Collingswood Book Festival in October. These three projects will provide volunteering opportunities for Middle/High School students as well as the opportunity to participate in the award-winning community festival.

Various themed workshops and events will be held at the mobile makerspace in both libraries through the end of the school year and at CPL in the summer months. Among these will be Stop Motion Animation workshops, Button-making projects, Intro to 3D Printing, STEAM focused activities with circuitry/electronic kits and designated open hours for self-guided projects and tinkering.

The mobile makerspace will kick off at the Collingswood Middle School Library at *Family STEAM Night*, an evening promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics on Thursday, February 23rd. It will open at the Collingswood Public Library in the spring.



Collingswood Reads Book Club 7 pm – Peter P Childs Community Room

Coming up, *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly is on deck for our February 22nd discussion. The movie, based on the book, has recently been released on the silver screen, so we can enjoy comparing the two if you happen to see the film!

And for the March 22nd discussion, we'll be reading *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain.

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Teen Events - Teen area (2nd floor) grades: 7-12 3:30-5pm - all events are free

Teen Board Gaming Club – Wednesdays: February 8th / March 8th

Come play board games at the library. Bring your own games or play some classics from the Teen Area's collection. Some featured games include: King of Tokyo, Settlers of Catan, Magic: The Gathering, Apples to Apples, etc.

Teen Comic Book/Manga Craft event – Wednesdays: February 15th / March 15th

For fans of Comic Books, Graphic Novels, and Manga. Make a Comic/Manga-themed craft, discuss your favorite titles, recommend new books, and more!

Teen video games: Wii Wednesdays – Wednesdays: February 22nd / March 22nd

Come play video games on our Nintendo Wii System! Play Mario Kart, Tony Hawk, Just Dance, and more in the library's Teen Area!



Director's Message:

Dear Friends,

We took on an exciting new challenge this fall by moving our cataloging system (technically called an ILS: Integrated Library System) from an old, proprietary product to an innovative, open source platform called Koha. Almost everything you do in the library goes through the ILS – whether you're searching the catalog, checking items in or out, signing onto the public computers, accessing eBooks, or using a database.

When you go to the library's website, you'll still find the catalog link in the same place, but that link takes you to our newly designed catalog. With Koha, you are now able to search more easily and more dynamically than ever before. You have expanded control over your account, and you have access to new features.

The biggest difference that you will see as a user is that the catalog now features a single integrated search bar. This search bar allows you to search for title, author, subject, series, or keyword. If you want to do a more directed search, there is an Advanced Search feature that will allow you to be as precise as you like in your search -- specifying format, location, age level, publication date, and many other options.

If you haven't taken a look at the new catalog, or if you haven't tried logging in to your redesigned personal account, please ask staff to show you around the site. We love showing off our new catalog! You can update your personal information, manage your privacy settings, set notice settings for due dates and holds, and create lists and carts to organize materials that interest you. You can also place holds, request Inter-Library Loans, and view item availability; a very helpful feature when hunting down museum passes!

As with any large software change, we've also discovered some hiccups. If you have trouble accessing your account, or aren't getting your usual email notices, please let our staff know, and we'll find a way to resolve the issue. Your input is valuable to the success of the library!

Carissa

Presidents Message:

Happy New Year to you! Even without the snow, this winter has kept us bundled up and stuck inside. Are TV and movies your winter getaway? Catch up on your favorite series and spend some time getting ready for the Oscar's. Our collection of award-winning movies is quite extensive and always growing. Is Boggle or Scrabble more your thing? The library now has board games that can be checked out to help mix up your family game nights.

Books, movies, and more are always waiting for you here at the library,

Anita

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Friends meet on the Second Monday of the
month at 6 pm in the Director's office.

All members are welcome to attend.



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