

Friends Focus

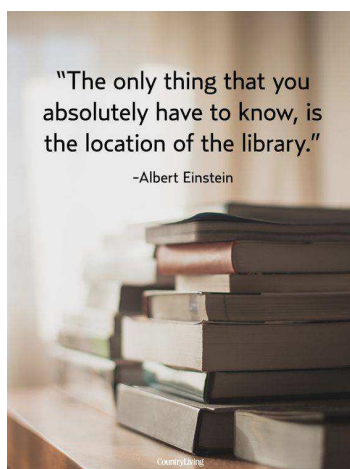


The Newsletter of Collingswood Friends of the Library

Summer/Fall 2017



Read to a Dog



"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."

—Albert Einstein

Children are invited to practice reading aloud to a trained therapy dog in this library program that is continuing this fall! Come on out to meet Oswin, Patch and Mimi, our canine friends who love to hear stories! Learn more about the program and register for future reading sessions! The dog in the pictures is Patch.



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Collingswood Reads Book Club

Collingswood Reads Book Club is back for the fall. Join other members of the community for a lively discussion of recently-published books in the Peter R. Childs Community Room.

The Town Book discussion will be on **Monday, October 2nd at 7 pm**. In addition, the author will be coming to the Book Festival on October 7th and will be in Tent 1 at 11 am. We will be discussing *The Unseen World* by Liz Moore.

In addition to the Town Book at the beginning of October, our regularly scheduled book pick will be *Vinegar Girl: The Taming of the Shrew Retold* by Anne Tyler. We will meet to discuss this book on **Wednesday, October 25th at 7 pm**.

Literacy Enrichment for Young Children

Building Blocks for ages 18-35 months:

Stories, finger plays, songs, and playtime.

Dates: Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, and 17

Time: 10am-11am – No latecomers please!



Ready to Read for ages 3-5 years old:

Stories, songs, finger plays, snack, playtime, and a make at home craft package.

Concentrating on listening comprehension, language skills and peer socialization.

Dates: Sept. 28, Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, and 16

Time: 10am to 11:30am

Register by emailing us at youthservices@collingswoodlib.org. Please include your child's name, age, your phone number.

Use name of class for subject heading.

Every Child Needs a Librarian in Their Life!

Director's Message:

I'd like to let you know about an important upcoming question on the general election ballot on November 7th.

The Library Construction Bond Referendum should be of great interest to libraries and the communities they serve here in New Jersey. If NJ voters approve the Library Construction Bond Act, the state will issue \$125 million in bonds, the proceeds of which will provide 50% of the funding for public libraries' construction and renovation projects. The balance of the funding would come from local or private sources.

Here are some important details:

- The bill has bipartisan support in both the State Assembly and State Senate.
- Interested libraries would apply for these funds through the State Librarian, in consultation with Thomas Edison State University, who will establish eligibility criteria for the receipt of grants.
- The state will repay the bonds out of state revenues, not through local property taxes.

Eighteen years have passed since the last Construction Bond Act was approved. At that time, sixty-eight communities were able to build or renovate their facilities. Since then, libraries have continued providing extensive services to patrons -- despite budget cutbacks -- in outdated and insufficient facilities, and in times of great need. The recent recession put an additional strain on library buildings, furnishings, and resources that were already outdated. Many New Jersey libraries are still not ADA-compliant, which means that some people have great difficulty accessing the library and its resources, or are not able to do so. Other library buildings require substantial renovations to fix major problems such as leaky roofs and basements. Technology upgrades are also necessary in most libraries, as the needs of the community surpass the older infrastructure. If approved, the construction funds would help libraries increase their safety and accessibility, provide communities with enhanced state-of-the-art facilities, and create opportunities to invest in the NJ workforce through construction jobs.

If you would like to learn more about the Library Bond Construction Act and its potential impact on libraries in New Jersey, the New Jersey Library Association has created a useful site to inform voters about libraries' needs. Visit <http://njlibrariesbuildcommunities.org/about/> for further details.

As always, thank you for supporting our library.

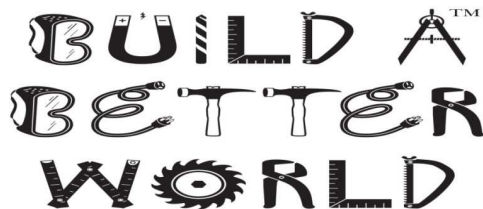
Carissa

President's Message:

When you think of fall do you think about pumpkin spiced lattes? Or are you like me? When I think of fall, all I dream about is the Book Festival & how wonderful it is that we have a chance to celebrate books & authors. I wait all year to see the brochure and try to find a way to see as many authors as I can. This year marks the festival's 15th anniversary and I just want to extend a special thank you the book festival committee for all their hard work and dedication. They work all year long on the events during book festival week and we would truly be at a loss without them.

Congratulations to **Erin Daly & Emmah Evangelista**, recipients of our Friends of the Library scholarship. We wish them the best of luck as they start college. Also, special recognition to Collingswood Middle School 8th graders: **Ava Madarieta, Kayla Kosek, Christy Ngo & William Orem** who were the recipients of the Doris Hand & Friends of the Library awards.

Anita



As part of the Library's Summer Programs, FOL co-sponsored a Community Project to help Collingswood Food Pantry at St. Paul's, and it was a rousing success!

Thanks to all those who donated items. There were over 300 items donated as well as over \$250 in monetary donations. This included \$100 from Friends of the Library matching the first 100 items donated.

Thanks again to all who contributed to make this project so successful.

It's not too late to renew your Membership if **2017** is not on your mailing label! Friends of the Library advocates for the library, raises much-needed funds, sponsors programs and special events, and hosts popular used book sales. One of the ways Friends provides financial support to the library is through membership dues, and we appreciate your continued support.

A self-addressed envelope has been included for your convenience in remitting your **2017** dues.

Or you may now donate thru PayPal. Go to the library's home page, www.collingswoodlib.org, select the **Friends** button and underneath the FOL logo is a **Donate** button that will direct you to PayPal.

Thank you for supporting Friends of the Library.

Application for Membership

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

Type of Membership (All are tax deductible) New ____ Renewal ____

Friend:	_____ Sr. Citizen or Student (\$10)	Patron	_____ (\$50)
	_____ Individual (\$15)	Associate	_____ (\$100)
	_____ Family or Business (\$25)	Benefactor	_____ (\$250)
		Other	_____ (\$_____)

Make checks payable and mail to:
(or drop off membership form at
the Circulation Desk)

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Now there are 2 ways to support Friends of the Library!

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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.

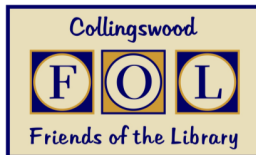
Museum Passes

(Funded by Friends of the Library)

Bring your library card with you to check out
the following family passes:

- Camden Children's Garden (**new for 2017**)
- Battleship New Jersey
- Academy of Natural Sciences
- Garden State Discovery Museum
- Grounds for Sculpture
- Independence Seaport Museum (**new for 2017**)
- Morris Arboretum
- National Liberty Museum (**new for 2017**)
- Penn Museum
- Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
- Wheaton Arts

Adult cardholders in good standing may
check out one pass at a time, and each pass
may be checked out for up to four days. For
more information, or to find out which passes
are available today, call the Library at 856.
858.0649.



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