

Friends Focus



The Newsletter of Collingswood Friends of the Library

Spring 2017

What's New at the Library!



CollsCreators' Maker Space Update

CollsCreators' maker outreach projects have included paper-bead-making at the Collingswood Green Festival and an upcoming button-making project at the Ronald McDonald House in June. Additionally, participants will be able to screen their work at the Stop Motion Animation Film Fest at the Collingswood Book Festival in October.



Bead Making at Green Festival



Stop Motion Animation Equipment

This project is supported by funds from the New Jersey State Library and LibraryLinkNJ.

New Museum Memberships!

Friends of the Library has funded 3 new Museum Memberships for 2017. You can now visit Camden Children's Garden, Independence Seaport Museum and National Liberty Museum. See the back cover of the newsletter for a complete listing of Museum Memberships for 2017.

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Spring Storytime for 3, 4 & 5-Year Olds

Thursdays, 10am

May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8

Three, four, and five-year-old children meet on Thursdays at 10am 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.

New attendees can register for this session 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)

10 am Fridays – Peter P. Childs Meeting Room

(Because of the nature of the program and the age of the children, latecomers will not be admitted.)

May 12, 19, 26, June 2, and 9

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

Upcoming Teen Events for Grades 7-12

All events on Wednesdays / 4-5 pm Teen Area (2nd Floor) – Free events

Teen Board Gaming Club – Wednesdays: May 10, and June 7th

Teen Comic Book/Manga CRAFT – Wednesdays: May 17th, June 14th

Teen video games: Wii Wednesday – Wednesday: May 24th

Check the library website to see what's coming up for teens:
<http://www.collingswoodlib.org/about/youth/teens>

When you absolutely positively have to know, ask a librarian.

–American Library Association

Director's Message:

First and foremost, I'd like to thank you for being a Friend of the Collingswood Library. By supporting the FOL, you make it possible for us to offer museum passes, support classes for children (including our upcoming Summer Reading Program), upgrade our equipment and furnishings, and so many other wonderful things.

Unfortunately, not every library has great supporters like you, and not every library service is supported locally. The President's proposed 2018 budget completely defunds IMLS – The Institute of Museum and Library Services. In New Jersey, IMLS provides investments in technological infrastructure and expertise, online electronic resources and resource sharing, and the state's Talking Book and Braille Center (TBBC).

While all of these services are relevant, I'd like to highlight the importance of the TBBC because they provide service to people who have difficulty accessing the traditional collections found in the library. While we offer large print books, eBooks that can allow for a variety of display and listening options, and audiobooks, these options are best for folks with minor vision issues. Through the TBBC, people who have little or no vision, trouble holding a book, or learning difficulties can have materials of all kinds sent directly to them at their homes. For those who need their services, the TBBC offers access to thousands of audiobooks, audio magazines, and over 11,000 Braille files, all of which can be downloaded from the Braille and Audio Reading Download site (BARD) onto a device that they can operate themselves, and it's all free of charge.

You can learn more about IMLS at www.imls.gov and TBBC at <http://www.njstatelib.org/talking-book-braille-center>. Both organizations are on Facebook, Twitter, and various other social media platforms. To get involved in library funding issues, I'd recommend looking at the advocacy website for the American Library Association at <http://cqrcengage.com/ala>.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Carissa

President's Message:

Thank you! There are many places you can donate but you choose to support the Friends of the Library. Your membership has enabled us to accomplish quite a bit this year. We were able to add 3 new museum memberships and sponsoring the Library's monthly book club "Collingswood Reads". We're proud of what we've been able to do and we couldn't have done it without your support. Please renew your membership today and continue to be part of what makes the Collingswood Library the best place to be.

Anita

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY™

Saturday, May 6th was the 10th year Friends of the Library, Fat Jack's Comicrypt in Oaklyn and the Library sponsored **FREE COMIC BOOK DAY**. On the first Saturday in May, comic book stores around the world join with publishers to give everyone a chance to experience the many kinds of stories that comics have to offer! This year we were excited to have Star Wars Storm Troopers and Darth Vader entertain adults and children. Over **200** children and adults enjoyed free comics, assorted giveaways, crafts, refreshments, door prizes and great pictures with our Star Wars guests.



BUILD A BETTER WORLD™

(Free programs at the Library for toddlers through adults)

Our 2017 summer programs will feature STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) and participants will gain community and team building skills while reading for fun and enjoyment. For a complete schedule of programs, please check the Recreation Bulletin in the *Town Crier* or stop by the Children's Department in June. Registration is required for some programs. Please email us prior to July 1 at youthservices@collingswoodlib.org including the following information: child's name, age (or grade if applicable), name of program, your phone number, and dates attending. We will send you an email confirmation. Let us know if your child cannot join us so that we can let another youngster take their place.

These Programs are sponsored by Friends of the Library, the Board of Trustees and the Municipal Alliance, and all programs are **FREE!**

It's Membership renewal time. One of the ways Friends provides financial support to the library is through membership dues that are tax deductible. Friends of the Library advocates for the library, raises funds, sponsors programs and special events, has on-going popular used book, DVD and CD sales, and we appreciate your continued support. If **2017** is not on your mailing label, this would be a great time to renew your annual membership by completing this renewal application!

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

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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*The Library is like a candy store where
everything is free!*

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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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