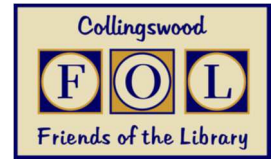


Friends Focus



The Newsletter of Collingswood Friends of the Library

Spring 2018

Friends of the Library Honored!



The Camden County Board of Freeholders held their April meeting in Collingswood on April 19th. The Board asked the Boro to recommend a non-profit worthy of recognition and a small donation from the Board of Freeholders. Friends of the Library was honored to be chosen for this recognition and monetary donation. Anita Schoeffling and Ann Woodcock accepted the award along with Mayor Maley and Commissioner Leonard.

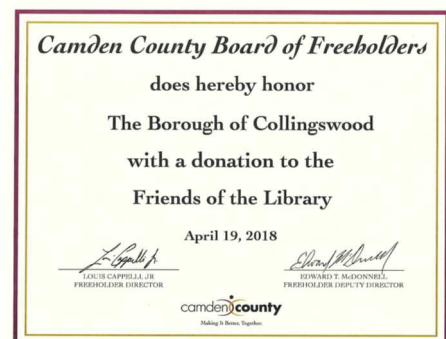
Friends of the Library has been a 501 c (3) non-profit organization since February 1972.

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L to R: Mayor M. James Maley
Commissioner Joan Leonard
Deputy Director Edward McDonald
FOL Treasurer Ann Woodcock
FOL President Anita Schoeffling



Friends of the Library was honored to receive this recognition and thanks the Camden Country Freeholders and Boro of Collingswood. Friends has been proud to support the library for over 40 years.

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: Thursdays, May 17, 24, 31, June 7

Time: **10am-11:30am** – Peter P. Childs Meeting Room

Register by emailing us at youthservices@collingswoodlib.org. Please include your child's name, age, and your phone number. Put name of class in subject heading.



Building Blocks for ages 18-35 months:

Stories, finger plays, songs, and playtime.

Dates: Fridays, May 18, 25, June 1, 8

Time: **10am-11am** – Peter P. Childs Meeting Room. No latecomers please!

Register by emailing us at youthservices@collingswoodlib.org. Please include your child's name, age, and your phone number. Put name of class in subject heading.

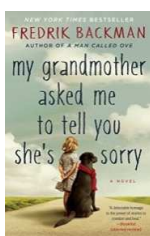
Ready, Set, Read!

Collingswood Reads Book Club

7 pm – Peter P Childs Community Room

Come join us for a lively discussion each month.

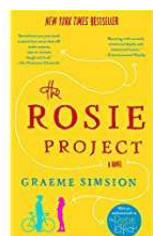
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May 23



June 27



July 25



August 29



October 1

Town Book

Director's Message:

Every April, people around the country celebrate National Library Week. Each day in Library Week has a different focus; one of those special days is National Library Workers Day. This year we celebrated National Library Workers Day with a staff training seminar, courtesy of LibraryLinkNJ. This program was a rare opportunity for the staff to come together without distractions and talk about what we do every day here at the library.

We are open 7 days a week, 358 days a year, thanks to a staff of full-time and part-time librarians, library assistants, interns, a wonderful team of volunteers, our Library Board of Trustees, and the Friends of the Library. We could not keep this ship afloat without all of these friendly faces, so I'd like to take a moment to say "Thank You" to our amazing crew.

A lot of folks think that working at a library means drinking tea and reading books – in blissful silence. The reality is that we don't have time to read at the library, unless we're doing it aloud in storytime, or translating a baffling government website to a confused patron. We rarely experience silence, and to be honest, we're not the quietest bunch here. We're communicators, and we're usually communicating over the din of a busy, dynamic library full of kids, tweens, teens, adults, and seniors. Now, we do drink a lot of tea...and coffee – whatever it takes to remain perky hour after hour while on a service desk, running programs, cataloging materials, answering phone calls, and chasing after the occasional renegade toddler in the stacks.

Libraries are not just about books or research; they're about service to the community. We are the physical and metaphorical heart of the town. The library is a meeting place, a refuge from the outdoor elements, a land of free WiFi, a hub of local information, a resource for your tech questions, a print shop, a playground, a school, and so much more. Our library staff has grown with this expansion of responsibility, and they have done so with enthusiasm. We've cross-trained, taken turns teaching each other, watched webinars, attended conferences, networked with fellow librarians to share knowledge, and cooperated to complete projects. We support each other. We've nurtured countless library student volunteers, interns, and employees on their journeys through Library Science Masters Programs and sent them out into the professional library world. We are perpetual students here, like so many of our patrons, and we are always striving to be better.

Thank you, Team Library.

Carissa

President's Message:

Thank you for choosing to support the Friends of the Library. I am often reminded when I step into the library how much of a difference each membership and donation we receive makes. These monies are spent not only on museum memberships to enrich our patrons' cultural growth, children's programs to help kids stay engaged with each other and book club books so that patrons can come together and discuss literary works. They are spent on building a place where everyone in the community can come and find something they can enjoy no matter who they are and what they may like to do. Please take the time today to renew your membership and help us continue making the Collingswood Library the best place to be.

Anita

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY™

For the 11th year in a row, Friends of the Library, Fat Jack's Comicrypt in Oaklyn and the Library sponsored **FREE COMIC BOOK DAY**. On the first Saturday in May (May 5th this year), 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! Again this year we were excited to have a Star Wars Storm Trooper 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 guest. We also sponsored a food collection for Collingswood Food Pantry at St. Paul's and collected many items to donate to the Food Bank. Thanks to all those who donated food items for this worthy endeavor.



LIBRARIES™ ★ ROCK! ★

(Free programs at the Library for toddlers through adults)

You know that our library rocks and this summer toddlers through adults can *rock out* with music inspired reading logs, programs, and special events. For a complete schedule of programs, please check the Recreation Bulletin in the *Town Crier* or stop by the Children's Department in June. Come to as many programs as your schedule allows. Registration is requested for some of the children's activities. Register prior to July 1st by emailing us at youthservices@collingswoodlib.org. (Please include your child's name, dates your child will be attending, age - or grade if applicable - and your phone number.) We will send you an email confirmation.

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 **2018** 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 **2018** 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:

- Academy of Natural Sciences
- Camden Children's Garden
- Battleship New Jersey
- Eastern State Penitentiary (**new for 2018**)
- Garden State Discovery Museum
- Grounds for Sculpture
- Independence Seaport Museum
- Morris Arboretum
- Museum of the American Revolution
- Mütter Museum (**new for 2018**)
- National Liberty Museum
- Penn Museum
- Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine 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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