



NEWSLETTER

President's Notes

In celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week (October 21-27), our Library put together a display of some of Friends' favorite books. I hope you saw it and were inspired to try something new - a different book genre, an unknown (to you) author, an intriguing title. Many thanks to Library Staffer Joanne Beckerich for putting it together.

This past spring and summer the Library was decorated with wonderful works of art provided by fellow Maplewoodians. Soon the art hanging system funded by Friends will be installed so the Library can display these works more easily and creatively. The art openings with musical accompaniment and refreshments, along with presentations by the artists, offer yet another incentive to visit and enjoy the Library.

When you are planning a family outing, don't forget the museum passes available from the Library. The Guggenheim, Morris Museum and Montclair Art Museum are included in this program begun by Friends last year. The passes have proven to be quite popular. Do take advantage of this opportunity often.

Friends continue to maintain the ongoing book sale carts in the Library. A recent purchaser told us she discovered books by four authors unknown to her which she enjoyed so much that she is now reading more books by them. Friends would love to hear any "tales" you might have about books found on the carts. You can email us (friends@maplewoodlibrary.org) or put a note in our box in the Library Director's Office.

Please take the time now to renew your membership with Friends for 2013. If you aren't a member yet, we would love to have you join us. Be sure to include your email address on your membership application so that you receive notices of upcoming Friends' events.

Just in time for the holidays, Friends' tote bags are now half-price - \$5. If you don't already have a tote, or need a gift for someone, they're available at both Main and Hilton.

See you at the book sale!

-Laura Nial, President

FRIENDS OF THE MAPLEWOOD LIBRARY BOOK SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17: 10 TO 5

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18: 11 TO 5*



**MAPLEWOOD
MEMORIAL
LIBRARY**

**51 BAKER
STREET**

*** SUNDAY'S
SALE IS
BY-THE-BAG.
ENTER
THROUGH THE
BACK DOOR BY
THE PARKING
LOT.**

THE SEARCH BEGINS!

Hunting for that perfect winter read? Want to try preparing sushi? Curious about the life of Mozart? Thinking of taking up golf or needlework? Interested in art history? Want to find a new mystery writer? Looking for movies? Enjoy listening to audiobooks? Have a child who's consuming *The Babysitter's Club*?

No worries! Friends fall book sale has it all – and at bargain prices. Once again, the community has been extremely generous and the book donations have been wonderful so we have lots of great books to offer.

Join us at the sale. You won't be disappointed!

-Bernadette Albertson & Laura Nial,
Co-chairs



"Friends Picks" book display at Main

FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

After a terrific summer filled with great activities and summer reading programs funded by Friends of the Library, we are planning for our future. Since 2010, we have been guided by a strategic plan that has helped us focus our energies and resources and made it possible to enhance our services despite very constricted budgets. The accomplishments over the past two and half years are many, and we owe thanks to Friends for making much of this possible.

It is now time to embark on a new plan for 2013-2015. The first step in this process is to hear from our community, and we hope that as Friends of the Library, you will make your voices heard.

We invite all members of the community to attend a public forum on the future of Maplewood Memorial Library on Tuesday, November 27th at 7pm at the Main Library.

As the Director, I am committed to making sure the Library continues to adapt, innovate and enrich the lives of the people of Maplewood. Friends is integral in this process, and we look forward to your input as we move forward.

-Sarah Lester, Director

ADULT DEPARTMENT

The Adult Department has made some changes and introduced new services recently. This fall we started a "Dewey Book Club," led by Director Sarah Lester. Each month it will focus on one section of the library's non-fiction collection, which is organized according to the Dewey Decimal System. The Club will meet the first Monday of each month at 7pm, and refreshments will be served. Each month's books will be available for checkout. See the website for the reading list.

We're making it easier to prevent library fines with new "Courtesy Notices," email reminders two days before your library books and other materials are due. To receive these reminders, please check with a staffer next time you are here to make sure we have your correct email address.

We continue to increase our offerings for tech-savvy library users. Last year Friends bought us a set of Nook e-readers, fully loaded with lots of great reads, to loan out to patrons. This year we joined eLibraryNJ (www.elibrarynj.com), which offers thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks you can download to your own Kindles, Nooks, iPads, iPods, smartphones and other devices. The library rolled out a mobile app (www.maplewoodlibrary.org/mobile-app/) last spring, so you can connect with the library anytime on your phone. And our terrific website, just coming up on its one-year anniversary, was developed and is maintained by funds from Friends.

Friends is also funding an upgrade to the audio-visual equipment in the Main Library's Memorial Hall. By early next year we will have more modern, convenient presentation equipment for the many groups and that use our large meeting space.

-Barbara Laub, Head of Technical and Adult Services

**Save the Date for our
Annual Meeting
Monday, April 29, 2013
Featured Speaker: Ulysses Grant Dietz,
Senior Curator Newark Museum**

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Thanks to Friends for sponsoring another successful summer reading program. Some of our most popular events will continue to be offered throughout the year. One such program is our Stuffed Animal Sleepover, where children ages 5 and up bring their stuffed animals for an evening storytime and then tuck them into “bed” at the library. The children come back the next day to get photos of what the animals were up to all night!

Our Dance Party is another popular event that will be repeated this fall. Preschool children and their families learn dance moves like the cha-cha, slide, mashed potato, and the twist. This program would not be possible without the iPod and dock purchased by Friends.

“The Writing Lab” continues to grow, thanks to a generous grant from Friends. We now have a committed coach in the lab each week. This consistency will be very helpful for children as they work on school assignments and creative writing.

Computer-based learning classes like Scratch and Google Earth will continue, and we are adding new workshops. Led by the teen librarian, we offer a Google Earth Treasure Hunt, where delighted screams can be heard from children as they look for answers.

We are grateful to Friends for their sponsorship of Star Wars Reads Day which brought in a great crowd. We hope that the enthusiasm generated by the program will result in many new library patrons.

Regular programs have started up already and storytimes are filled with happy babies and pre-schoolers. Bedtime Math is a new component that encourages shared time with caregivers, with math story problems being the catalyst. It is also a great way to help alleviate math anxiety. Participants get a new math problem to solve via e-mail daily.

A grant from The Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills will allow Hilton Branch to purchase Language and Fun backpacks to fill with materials for English learners and to share them with the ELL students at Clinton School.

-Jane Folger, Jenny Burkholder, and Liz Hoens -
Children’s Librarians



Judi Lewis Ockler as Princess Patwa at Star Wars Reads Day

SUMMER READING PROGRAM SUCCESS

- Number of children participating: 1,482
- Number of reading hours logged: 16,000+
- Number of children’s programs and class visits: 195
- Number of adults participating: 135
- Grand prize for adult program: Nook Color E-reader

HILTON BRANCH UPDATE

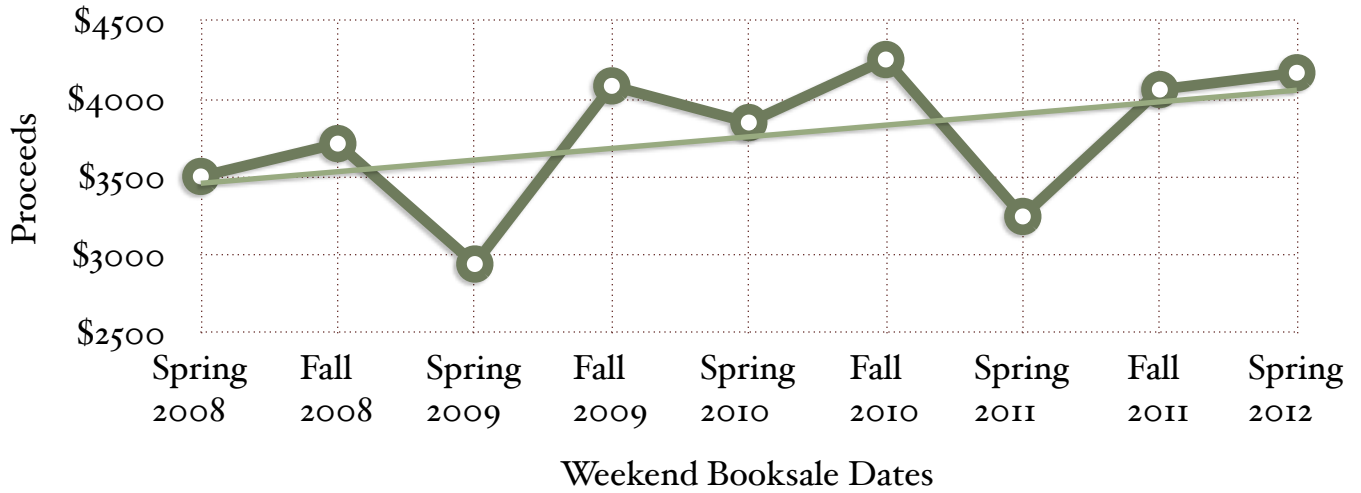
The Springfield Avenue Partnership at the Hilton Branch Series is starting in November. The purpose of this series is to inform patrons about the businesses in their community, cement the library’s role as a vital link in this community, and inspire teens to think about possible careers once they graduate from high school. The first business to hold a program is F&W Clothier, fine tailors, who will be demonstrating the art of draping fabric and showcasing details of their trade. We plan to showcase one Springfield Avenue small business a month.

-Ina Rimpau, Manager of Hilton Branch

BOOK SALES

Our biggest events of the year are our book sales. And, thanks to the public, we continue to have a great assortment of titles available for sale. We generally have two weekend sales per year, in the

spring and the fall, and one-day bag sales. This chart shows the proceeds from our most recent weekend sales along with a trend line showing that proceeds are increasing over time.



Our Bestsellers Are:

Newer fiction and nonfiction, paperbacks, children's, cookbooks

The Hardest Books for Us to Sell Are:

Older, out-of-date, in poor condition, hardcover fiction



People often ask us where the books go that don't sell. From our most recent sale:

- Some went to the train station on the free books cart
- Some went to the Maplewood Community Pool on the free bookshelf
- Some went to Tanzania through a local Maplewood family's charity organization

TRIBUTES

Friends' Tribute Cards make wonderful (tax deductible) gifts to honor or remember a lover of libraries, books, and reading. All donations are gladly accepted. The donor of \$25 or more may suggest a specific subject area for a book or other library material (book on CD, children's book, large print book, etc.) to be purchased. The Honoree's name will be inscribed on a Friends bookplate and placed in the specially selected item. Your Honoree will receive a special acknowledgement of your gift.

-Donna D'Amato, Tribute Chair

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Project	Amount
Children's Room Summer Reading	\$6,500
TeenZone Equipment	\$3,000
Staff Scholarships	\$1,500
Adult Summer Reading Program	\$1,000
Library Website Maintenance	\$900
Art Display System	\$810
Museum Passes	\$515
Hilton iPod Tower	\$400
Children's Star Wars Program	\$225
Total	\$14,850

Projects funded by Friends, April through October 2012. ~David Nial, Treasurer

DID YOU KNOW?

Not only are Friends wonderful people who care about literacy and the community, they also:
 -Are invited to a members-only preview the Friday night before any weekend book sale
 -Receive a 10% discount at Words Bookstore

Special Gifts

May through October 2012

We appreciate the generous gifts contributed by the following donors. Thank you all.

- Treasure & Rich Cohen
- Marcia Leonard & Tom Carlson
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- Susan & Douglas Present
- Aleza & Joe Rosenberg
- Eleanor Shachat
- Judy Sweeney
- ~Rae Paltiel, Membership Chair

THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGING

Yeah, yeah, yeah--something new is always going down. I've been around quite a while and I've gotten used to the idea.

Six years ago the outstanding change was moving to Maplewood and having the pleasure of being close to my son and his family. Alas, this fall came a change that left my cupboard minus Gatorade, mac and cheese, fruit roll-ups, and lime jello.

I live across from Maplewood Middle School and most days I managed to be home by 2:45pm for the pit-stop my grandchildren made to say hello and have a snack, sometimes with friends. This fall, as the children arrived for the new school year, I realized with a twitch of sadness that no one I knew would run across and run in. Last spring my granddaughter moved up to high school. Now they're both at Columbia--she a freshman and my grandson a senior.

I wrote a note with good wishes for them in their new challenges and asking them to stop in now and then to bring me up-to-date. They'll be around, I'm pretty sure of that. And there will always be Gatorade in the fridge.

-Teresa Helmkamp

BOOK REVIEWS BY FRIENDS

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

Rules of Civility follows the character Katey Kontent in 1930s New York City. The story begins with Katey, a hard working 25 year old girl, as one of the best students at Miss Markham's secretarial school, living with her best friend, Eve. The two friends go out on the town and meet a young man named Tinker Grey, who permeates the story. Katey eventually goes out on her own, yet is constantly drawn back into Grey's world.

This book is well-written; the details are descriptive; and the characters are well-rounded. The dynamic between Katey, Eve, and Tinker will keep you engaged and intrigued. You will find yourself rooting for Katey and will be enveloped in her triumphs and struggles. The author did an amazing job of creating a plot

that is full of twists and turns and characters that are full of life.

-Katie Rickard

To Be Sung Underwater by Tom McNeal

To Be Sung Underwater is a lyrical book about first love and what might have been. Judith Whitman is married to Malcolm, a successful businessman, and she has a high-powered job in the entertainment industry. The couple lives a comfortable life in Los Angeles with their teenage daughter, but Judith is not happy. She thinks back to growing up in Nebraska and falling in love with Willy, who has a strong moral code and a hint of violence and excitement about him. A change in furniture prompts a midlife crisis for Judith, who leaves her family and returns to Nebraska and to Willy. The characters in this book are clearly and lovingly delineated. The author beautifully paints the setting, especially

Nebraska and the simple life close to the land. The book's narrative moves seamlessly in time, evoking a feeling of nostalgia in the reader similar to what Judith herself is feeling.

-Rae Paltiel

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JOIN OR RENEW

Friends of the Maplewood Library support many of our wonderful Library's offerings and programs, and we rely on your help to do this! If you are already a member for 2013, thank you so much. If you have not renewed your membership or joined yet, please do so. We need you!

Please make checks payable to Friends of the Maplewood Library.

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YES, I would like to help with Friends' Book Sales.