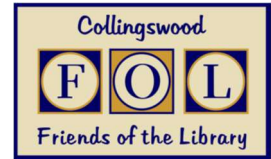


Friends Focus



The Newsletter of Collingswood Friends of the Library

Winter/Spring 2023

Treasurer's Report



Once again, we thank our members who faithfully support FOL and the Collingswood 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. And, thanks to MKM Foundation for their continued support that funds our museum memberships. Following is a listing of some of the donations and activities sponsored by Friends of the Library in 2022:

- Purchased books and magazines for children and adults
- Awarded FOL scholarships to high school students
- Purchased museum memberships for patrons and family members
- Published periodic newsletters
- Sponsored programs and provided prizes for various 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 and fax service for the library
- Purchased computer equipment and software, DVDs, supplies, furniture and other equipment for the library and staff
- Sponsored *Collingswood Reads* book club

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Last fall, FOL committed to contribute funds for a new reference desk. Work was just recently completed on the modern ADA compliant desk, and you can check it out in its new location on the second floor next time you are in the library.

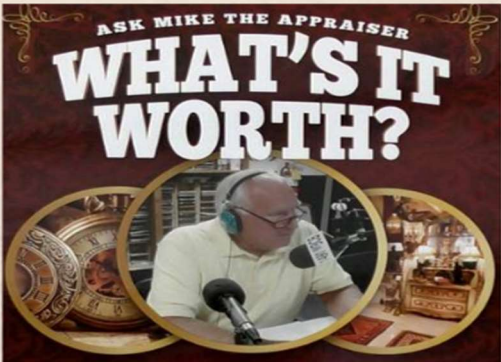




There are lots of new programs and, of course, old favorites for children and adults. Check the library's web site, www.collingswoodlib.org for a listing of programs. Please note our fundraiser on April 5th.

Collingswood Friends of the Library Fundraiser:
"What's It Worth" with Mike the Appraiser.





Date: Wednesday, April 5th
Time: 6-8 pm
Location: 1st Floor Mtg Room

For a \$20 contribution to the Friends of the Library, you can bring one item to be appraised at this informative and entertaining in-person program at the library.

This presentation also includes:

- Understanding Value
- Buying & Selling Tips & Strategies

At this time masking is optional in the meeting room.

President's Message:

Happy Spring! There is so much going on in the library, stop on in for an Arts & Crafts kit to go, check out a museum pass, or grab a book and join the book club that meets once a month.

As we get ready for membership renewal for the year, I just want to take the time to thank the Pop Shop who had a psychic fundraiser last month & FOL was the beneficiary. They raised over \$500 and sold out of spaces for the event. Thank you for all you do to continue to support the Library.

Anita

Collingswood Reads Book Club

Adults and teens are welcome to join in a community book club each month for a lively discussion of recently-published books. Book Club is 7-8 pm and meets in the Peter P. Childs Meeting Room at the Library unless otherwise specified. Collingswood Reads is sponsored by FOL.

April 26th: Island of Sea Women by *Lisa See*
***May 24th:** Unsheltered by *Barbara Kingsolver*

Copies are available at the library and online through Libby and CloudLibrary.

*Our **May Meeting** will take place outside on the Scottish Rite Porch. Please bring a lawn chair.

“Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true.”

Director's Message:

After many years of searching for an affordable, high-quality video streaming service for our community, we are happy to introduce a new collection of online movies and TV shows through Biblio+, an extension of our existing CloudLibrary App.

In addition to the eBooks and audiobooks you already love, CloudLibrary will now offer a curated video collection which includes many BBC titles, popular documentaries, foreign films (including a large Spanish language collection), Oscar winners and nominees, and so much more! These titles allow for concurrent use, meaning that you never have to wait to access video content.

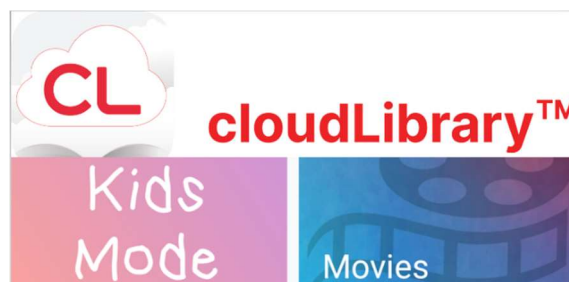
Collection Highlights:

- *2,300 films & TV episodes available*
- *20 new releases added per week*

CloudLibrary also recently added a “Kids Mode” which will offer the user the option of direct access to children’s materials, skipping past the adult titles.

Finally, did you know that you can store your library card on the CloudLibrary App? By adding your barcode to the App, you’ll be able to use your phone to check out at the circulation desk. Never again will you need to fumble through your wallet for your long-lost card!

Happy Reading, Listening, and Watching!



*Cheers,
Carissa*

It's Membership renewal time. Friends of the Library advocates for the Library, raises much-needed funds, sponsors programs and special events, and on-going used book sales in the lobby. One of the ways Friends provides financial support to the Library is through membership dues, and we appreciate your continued support. If **2023** 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 **2023** dues.

Or you may donate thru PayPal. Go to the Library's home page, www.collingswoodlib.org, select **About**, click on **Friends of the Library** and click on **Donate** and 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)
_____ Individual (\$15)
_____ Family or Business (\$25)

Patron _____ (\$50)
Associate _____ (\$100)
Benefactor _____ (\$250)
Other _____ (\$_____)

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

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Friends meet on the Second Monday of the
month at 5.30 pm in the Director's office.

All members are welcome to attend.

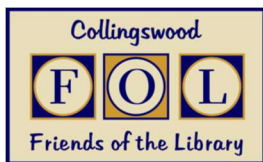
Museum Passes

(Funded by Friends of the Library)

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

- Academy of Natural Sciences
- African American Museum
- Battleship New Jersey
- Brandywine River Art Museum
- Eastern State Penitentiary
- Independence Seaport Museum
- Museum of the American Revolution
- Mütter Museum
- National Liberty Museum
- Penn Museum
- Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
- Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge

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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