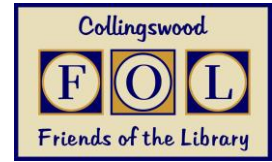


Friends Focus



The Newsletter of Collingswood Friends of the Library

Fall 2021

New to the library: Memory Bags!



Memory Bag

Memory Bags are designed specifically for people with dementia. Each themed bag contains activities to stimulate the senses and encourage conversation and pleasant reminiscing. Themes include Art, Leisure Time, and Favorite Things.

Adult patrons can borrow one bag for three weeks and renew if needed. A hold can be placed on a bag. All bags have been funded through the 2020 Collingswood Public Library Giving Tree. Thank you to all who contributed.

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Thank You to MKM Foundation!

In June Friends of the Library was again awarded a 3-year grant from MKM Foundation. We have received a grant from MKM Foundation for a number of years and it has enabled Friends to fund the very popular museum memberships.

We appreciate their generous support and our continuing relationship.



Fall Programs for Youth Services

Check the *Event Calendar* at www.collingswoodlib.org for dates, times, and information for the following Fall programs:

All Ages

Animal Crossing – Mario Kart Tournament

Early Literacy

Building Blocks Storytime – Ready to Read

Children

Magic Tree House Book Club – Read to a Dog –
LEGO Junior – STEAM Creation Station

Tweens

Get Crafty – Roll for Adventure: Tween Role Playing Games –
LEGO Club

Teens

Teen Crafternoon – Teen Gaming – Dungeons and Dragons –
Teen Action Group – Teen Volunteer Program



Collingswood Reads Book Club

Join other members of the community for a lively discussion of recently-published books funded by Friends of the Library. Book Club is at 7 pm.

November 17 – *Long Bright River* by Liz Moore. Meeting will be held at the Mansion at the Scottish Rite.

December 15 – *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Meeting will be held at the Mansion at the Scottish Rite.

January 26 – *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Meeting will be held in Peter Childs Meeting Room at the library.

President's Message:

I was excited for the return of many things this year but especially the return of the Book Festival on the Avenue. I was able to visit some of the presenters and to listen to the town book author speak. Also saw lots of friends and families at the FOL table in Loompaland.

I am also happy to acknowledge the recipients of this year's Collingswood Friends of the Library Scholarship as Fiona Basewitz and Hailey Spencer. We wish them the best of luck in college this fall.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the library.

Anita



Friends table at Book Festival



Library Volunteers



Purchase with purpose. Shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1910705> and Amazon donates to Collingswood Friends of the Library.

Books are the Quietest and Most Constant of Friends

Charles W. Elliot

Director's Message:

In its quest to support lifelong learning, the library now has an exciting new tool to share! Thanks to the New Jersey State Library, we now offer free access to an online product called Brainfuse HelpNow through June of 2022 for all library cardholders.

With Brainfuse, users can communicate with LIVE tutors using an interactive whiteboard to write, draw, copy/paste text or images, and graph homework problems. Live tutoring in both English and Spanish is available for all ages and for a variety of subjects, including K-12, College, and Test Prep. Tutors are available 7 days a week, excluding holidays. For asynchronous assistance, students can submit a question, or [through the Writing Lab feature] they can submit papers and receive thoughtful feedback within twenty-four hours.

Sample tests and test prep tools are available for GED, SAT, ASVAB, and more. Special features include live help with FAFSA Preparation and Chess Tutoring!

Brainfuse isn't just for traditional students. In the Adult Learning Center, users have access to additional services such as test prep for the U.S. Citizenship Test, Microsoft help (Word, Powerpoint, and Excel), career resources, and assistance writing resumes and cover letters.

Here are some of the additional features available on Brainfuse:

- LEAP Learning Platform: a diagnostic test center with personalized study plans, lessons, and live tutoring
- Flashbulb: a platform for creating, sharing, and reviewing digital flash cards, including an integration for tests and games
- Language lab: live help for learning French and Spanish
- eParachute: an online survey tool to help users learn about college majors and careers

To access HelpNow, please visit the library's website at www.collingswoodlib.org. All you need to get started is your library card!

Cheers, Carissa



It's not too late to renew your Membership if **2021** is not on your mailing label! Friends of the Library advocates for the library, raises funds, sponsors programs, special events, and museum memberships. 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 **2021** dues.

Or you may now donate thru PayPal. Go to the library's home page, www.collingswoodlib.org, select the **Donate** button 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)	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 5.30 pm in the Director's office.

All members are welcome to attend.

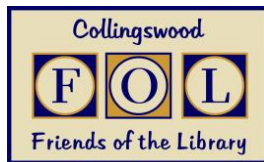
Museum Passes

(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
- 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 (**new for 2021**)

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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