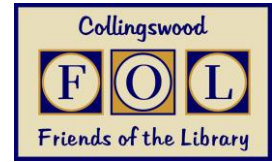


Friends Focus



The Newsletter of Collingswood Friends of the Library

Winter/Spring 2022

Treasurer's Report



For Friends 2021 was another interesting year, but 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 another 3-year grant that supports our museum memberships. Following is a listing of some of the donations and activities sponsored by Friends of the Library in 2021:

- Purchased books and magazines for children and adults
- Awarded FOL scholarships to high school students
- Purchased museum memberships for patrons and family members for local museums.
- Purchased DVDs and video games
- 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, supplies, furniture and other equipment for the library and staff
- Sponsored *Collingswood Reads* book club

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Friends continues to work with the Director and the Board of Trustees to support the library and make it the place you want to be!

*Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience:
this is the ideal life.*

—Mark Twain



The Library is excited to bring in person programming back to the library this Spring! Programs begin April 4th. There are lots of new programs and, of course, old favorites. We look forward to seeing you starting in April.

We will continue requiring masks for all indoor programs for participants over the age of two.

Collingswood Reads Book Club

Adults and teens are welcome to join in a community book discussion each month for a lively discussion of recently-published books. Book Club is 7-8 pm in the Peter P. Childs Meeting Room at the Library.

April 20 - *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell

May 25 - *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

June 22 - *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

For each book club selection, we will have paper copies available at the Library and a digital copy available on CloudLibrary unless otherwise noted.

Collingswood Reads Book Club is funded by Friends of the Library

President's Message:

Grateful. Over the past two years and all things that each of us has gone through, this word, says a lot. I am grateful that you continue to support and donate to the Friends of the Library when there are other places to donate.

I am grateful that our town continues to value all the programming and services the Library offers. I am grateful that the library staff has diligently worked to provide Collingswood with the resources it needs. I am grateful for each of you.

Anita

Museum Memberships

It's Spring and time to check out one of the museum passes that Friends of the Library sponsors. 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 Museum (**new for 2022**)
Eastern State Penitentiary
Independence Seaport Museum

Museum of the American Revolution
Mutter Museum
National Liberty Museum
Penn Museum
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Preserve

Adult cardholders in good standing may check out one membership pass at a time for a period of up to 4 days. For more information or to see what passes are available today, please call 856.858.0649.

In addition, there are a limited number of free tickets for Morris Arboretum. Two tickets are available to adult cardholders and tickets expire June 30, 2022.

Director's Message:



A special note for Parents, Caregivers, and Teachers:

Collingswood Public Library has a subscription to **TumbleBook Library**, and you can access it from anywhere! It's unlimited and it's **Free** for you to use on any computer, phone, or tablet.

TumbleBook Library is an online collection of interactive e-books for children. They are a great way to support and encourage children to read!

There are over **250 animated, talking** picture books on **TumbleBook Library**. The site also features **Spanish** and **French** books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, **Graphic Novels**, and exciting games and puzzles! Click on the QR code below to access TumbleBooks today.



Also available for free online: eBooks and audiobooks from CloudLibrary, Libby/Overdrive, and Axis 360. Visit our website or ask staff for more information about our digital collections for all ages and interests

*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 **2022** 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 **2022** 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)
_____ 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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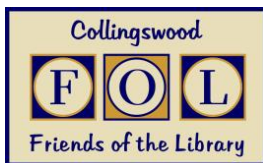
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Friends meet on the Second Monday of the
month at 5.30 pm in the Director's office.

All members are welcome to attend.



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