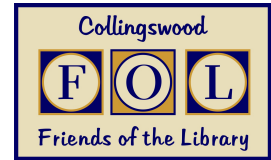


Friends Focus



The Newsletter of Collingswood Friends of the Library

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*There is no
friend as loyal
as a book.*

-Ernest
Hemingway



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Thanks to MKM Foundation for their long-standing support of Friends of the Library allowing us to fund various museum memberships. And we have recently added three new museum memberships:

- National Constitution Center
- Tyler Arboretum
- Simeone Museum

If you haven't visited one of these museums lately, bring your library card with you to check out one of the following family passes including the ones recently added:

- 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.

Collingswood Reads Book Club

Funded by Friends of the Library

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 in the Peter P. Childs Meeting Room at the Library.

December 20: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

January 24: *Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

February 28: *Stories from the Tenants Downstairs* by Sidik Fofana

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

Membership

It's not too late to renew your Membership if 2023 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.

If you still need to renew your membership, you may go to the library's home page, www.collingswoodlib.org, select **About**, then **Friends of the Library** and you can download an application or renew via PayPal. Or you can click on the QR code that will take you to FOL page. Thank you for your continued support of Friends of the Library.



The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.

-Albert Einstein

President's Message:

As the fall leaves change from green to red, it feels like it has been a while since we had an actual autumn, this cooler weather has been so enjoyable. I have seen plenty of you walking around Knight Park rustling through the leaves or walking down Haddon Ave to the Library. As the fall semester ends, I would like to take a minute to congratulate & thank Alaysia Byrd, Corynn Schulster, Chloe Wright, Jacob Hwang; each were recipients of the 2023 Friends of the Library Scholarships this year. Our board had a hard choosing between the applications since each had spent time & volunteered at the Collingswood Library and at the Collingswood School Library. I just want to take the opportunity to wish each of them the best of luck in their studies.

Anita

Director's Message: Giving & Service

"We are showered every day with gifts, but they are not meant for us to keep. Their life is in their movement, the inhale and the exhale of our shared breath. Our work and our joy is to pass along the gift and to trust that what we put out into the universe will always come back." – Robin Wall Kimmerer, Braiding Sweetgrass

The Thanksgiving season is a fine time to reflect upon what service we have done for our community, and what gifts we have received as members of this community.

Here at Collingswood Public Library, our job is to serve. Service is at the heart of everything we do and every decision we make.

A library has many components – the building, collections, programs, services, and, of course, the staff! To provide all of this, a library needs support through advocacy and funding. Donating to the Friends of the Library is an excellent way to sustain the library. The Friends provide for library programs, staff development, technology, building upgrades, the Book Festival, college scholarships, and more!

Ways to Give:

Check-out page 2 for details on donating to the Library through Friends. When you buy books from our lobby book sale, those funds also go to the Friends!

In addition to these donation options, the library hosts a "Giving Tree" each fall for specific library needs. This year's Giving Tree donations will go towards buying supplies for personal "Care Kits" that community volunteers will assemble during our annual MLK Day of Service. We will distribute these kits to those in need through Joseph's House in Camden.

Thank you for being Library supporters.

Cheers, Carissa

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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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