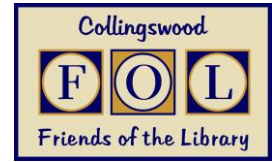


Friends Focus



The Newsletter of Collingswood Friends of the Library

Spring 2024

Treasurer's Report



Once again, we thank our members who 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. For a detailed listing of support for 2023, please go to the library's home page, www.collingswood.org, select **About**, then **Friends of the Library** and you can view the detailed report.

Collingswood Reads Book Club

Adults and teens are welcome to join in a community book group 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 24: In The Time of The Butterflies (Fiction) by Julia Alvarez. The audiobook and eBook are available through CloudLibrary.

May 22: Trust (Fiction) by Hernan Diaz. The audiobook is available through CloudLibrary.

June 26: Sea of Tranquility (Fiction) by Emily St. John Mandel. The eBook is available through Libby.

Fun Note: In June, we will return to our digs *outside* -- under the pergola -- at the Scottish Rite! Please bring your own lawn chair, if possible. We will have a few extras. In the event of poor weather, we will pivot to Zoom and publish a link on the website.

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

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President's Message:

Happy Spring! It's been such a soggy one. Hopefully all these showers bring along lots of flowers. As we are getting ready for membership renewal for the year, I just wanted to say thank you, without your support we wouldn't be able to sponsor Book Club, museum memberships and many programs. Don't forget if you finished reading the newest best seller, the library takes donations of books, just bring them to the circulation desk.

Thank you for all you do to continue to support Collingswood Library.

Anita

Director's Message:

Hello Friends,

As we welcome a new year, we are also introducing two new services. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we were able to purchase a movie license so that we may now offer movie screenings as part of our program offerings for all ages and interests. This February we screened "Summer of Soul," a documentary about the legendary 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival, and in March we showed Disney's "Elemental." Our film screenings will continue throughout the year, including a family-friendly film series this summer.

For at-home (or mobile) entertainment, the library has added the Kanopy streaming service. Kanopy offers a wide variety of curated film and television offerings. How Kanopy works: This is a pay-per-use model, meaning that the library pays for each checkout. Library cardholders have access to 5 tickets per month to view streaming media. Each checkout may cost anywhere between 1 and 5 tickets. One special note: the children's collection is free and does not require tickets to view unlimited children's content. There are also parental control settings you can use for kids' viewing.

You can watch Kanopy content on a computer, smartphone, tablet, or smart TV. You will use your library card number to create an account. Login at www.kanopy.com or download the Kanopy App.

For more information about our film screenings, Kanopy, or any other library programs and services, please see our website.

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 **2024** 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 **2024** 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 ____

<p>Friend: _____ Sr. Citizen or Student (\$10)</p> <p> _____ Individual (\$15)</p> <p> _____ Family or Business (\$25)</p>	<p>Patron _____ (\$50)</p> <p>Associate _____ (\$100)</p> <p>Benefactor _____ (\$250)</p> <p>Other _____ (\$_____)</p>
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Make checks payable and mail to:
(or drop off membership form at
the Circulation Desk)

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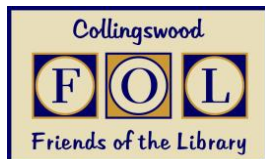
Friends meet on the Second Monday of the
month at 5.30 pm in the Director's office.

All members are welcome to attend.

Museum Pass Update:

Friends of the Library is pleased to announce that we have recently purchased a museum pass for the **Please Touch Museum** in Philadelphia. The pass includes free general admission for up to 6 people and free parking for (2) in the Museum's gated parking lot.

Adult cardholders in good standing may check out this pass for up to four days. For more information, or to find out if the pass is available today, call the library at 856.858.0649.



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