

FRIENDS of the Perry Hall Library

Spring, 2013

The Friends of Perry Hall Library want to thank all of our members and library customers for a wonderful 2012. We had great attendance at our speaker events and at our monthly book club and Coffee & Conversation meetings. Our last speaker in the series was John Eisenberg, and those who came out on a chilly, rainy November evening were very entertained and informed by his talk. We raffled a basket of Ravens' items the week before, and in spite of Hurricane Sandy, power outages, and a tense election, we were able to make over \$1,500.00 for the Friends. Thanks to all who participated. Those funds will go to provide more programs and materials for our library.

Some of you may have noticed the new bench in front of the library. The Friends donated the bench to the library with funds given by friends and family of Robert Gawryck, an avid supporter of the Perry Hall Branch, who passed away last year. We hope that all of you will get a chance to sit there and reflect upon what a wonderful library we have.

Our first sponsored event of this year will be Eric Energy's Science Spectacular on March 9 at 2:00. This children's program will help us celebrate the fourth anniversary of our new library.

We have a new speakers' series planned for this year, starting with Dan Rodricks on March 19. Dan is a columnist with The Sun and hosts Midday daily on WYPR. On April 9, we will have Ken Lang, a former Maryland police officer and detective, who is a local author of crime fiction. On May 7, we will have local historian Wayne Schaumburg who will tell us about "Baltimore Firsts," and on June 5, our last speaker for the spring will be Brian Reynolds, a volunteer at Fort McHenry, who has a wonderful presentation about Baltimore's role in the War of 1812. We hope to see all of you at one, if not all, of these events. All of the speakers start at 7:00 and are free.

Also, we will be sponsoring our annual essay contest for Mother's Day. There will be a reception for winners on Saturday, April 27. Please encourage any child you know from

elementary school age through high school to enter. Entry forms are available at the library.

Last fall we welcomed Amanda Myers as our new manager, but Amanda has already left us for a wonderful opportunity in sunny California. We welcomed our new manager, Cindy Kleback, on February 19. Cindy comes to Perry Hall from the Pratt Library system where she was a branch manager. We look forward to working with her.

We are anticipating an exciting 2013 at our branch. We hope that you will join us at our events on a regular basis. Please let us know if you have ideas for future events or fundraisers. We love hearing from you!

Jaymee Farinacci
President of the Board

Meet our new Manager!

Before coming to Perry Hall, Cindy worked at the Enoch Pratt Free Library for nine years and most recently served as the Branch Manager of the Southeast Anchor Library in Highlandtown. She received her MA from the University of Arizona and has fifteen years of professional experience in public, school and academic libraries. Cindy always says the best thing about working in a public library is that no day is ever the same. In her spare time, she is an avid movie watcher, amateur foodie, pop culture junkie, and fan of all things pirate and zombie.

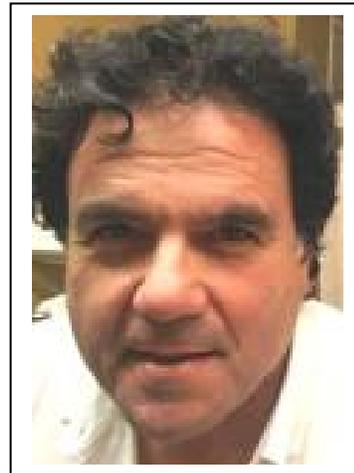


MEET OUR SPRING SPEAKERS

(All events are free)

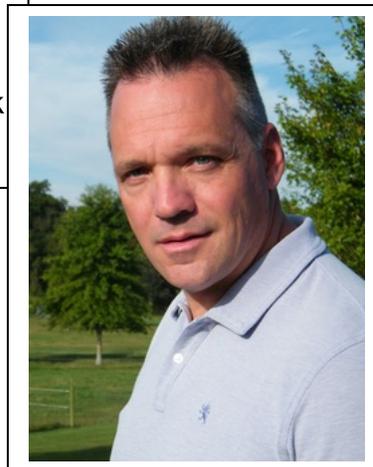
One of Baltimore's Best

Meet one of Baltimore's most popular columnists and radio hosts. Dan Rodricks will be speaking on March 19 at 7:00. His topic is "Nuking the News-Journalism's Core in the Age of the Atom" Learn about the changing role of journalists in this age of instant news.



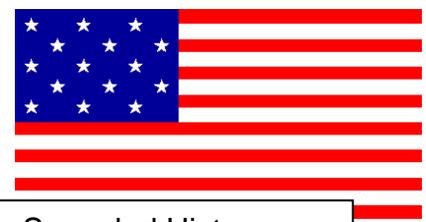
Enjoy a good mystery?

Meet Ken Lang, former homicide detective and mystery writer, will speak on April 9, at 7:00. He will have books for sale after his talk for cash or check only.



Love Charm City?

Local historian Wayne Schaumburg will be at the library on May 7 at 7:00 to talk about "Baltimore Firsts". Learn some interesting facts about how Baltimore was first to accomplish many things in the nation.



Our Star Spangled History

Hear Brian Reynolds, a volunteer at Ft. McHenry, speak about Baltimore's amazing role in the War of 1812. He will present his program on June 5 at 7:00, just in time for Flag Day.



Last October, Pete of Pete's Pickens in Bradshaw donated an evening of her time to visit our library and examine treasures that were presented to her by Perry Hall Branch customers. It was a great evening of sharing and learning about items from the past.

In November, John Eisenberg spoke about his book, *The Ten Gallon Hat*.



Regina Curran was the lucky winner of a basket of Ravens' items and tasty treats raffled by The Friends in November. Congratulations to Regina!



The Friends will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Essay Contest. We hope all of our young friends will participate. Entry forms are available in the library.

SPRING EVENTS

March 9, 2:00 Eric Energy's Science Spectacular

March 19, 7:00 Dan Rodricks

April 9, 7:00 Ken Lang*

April 27, 10:30 Mother's Day Essay Contest Reception for winners

May 7, 7:00 Wayne Schaumburg

June 5, 7:00 Brian Reynolds

Coffee & Conversation, first Fridays at 10:00 am

Book Club, third Thursdays at 7:00 pm

* Ken Lang is listed in dateLines as April 16, but he will be appearing on April 9th.



On March 9 at 2:00, the Friends will welcome Eric Energy's Science Spectacular to celebrate our library's fourth anniversary. Come see some fascinating experiments!

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In September, The Friends will be sponsoring a local author's night. We thought you might want to include some of their books in your summer reading!

Books will be for sale after the authors speak. (Cash or check only)

LOCAL AUTHOR'S NIGHT

September 12, 2013
6:30

Bob Knapp –*The Devil's Palm*

Elizabeth Letts-*The Eighty Dollar Champion**

Dani Pettry-*Alaskan Courage Series*

Barbara Morrison-*Innocent: Confessions of a Welfare Mother*

Dick Ellwood-*Cop Stories-The Few, The Proud, The Ugly*

Michele Wojciechowski-*Next Time I Move, They'll Carry Me Out in a Box*

**Elizabeth Letts will not have books available for sale, but will be available for signings.*

