

FRIENDS of the Perry Hall Library

Fall, 2013

Our wonderful library will celebrate its 50th birthday on September 7. There will be activities for the whole family, including children's programs. Tom Lilly, The Balloon Man, sponsored by The Friends will be there at 3:00. We hope to see you there!

The Friends are getting ready for many other exciting fall and winter activities for our community. We start with Local Author Night on September 12. Six authors will be at the library at 6:30 to discuss their books, answer questions, and to sell and sign copies of their works. Please note the time change, and remember that books are always for sale for cash or check only. On October 16, Mary Ann Jung of History Alive will be performing as Amelia Earhart. Mary Ann, an award winning actress, will be calling on audience members to participate. It should be a fun and informative evening. November 5, Jeff Smith and Sean Kief will be discussing their book about the Perry Hall Mansion. Again, books will be for sale for cash or check and all proceeds will go toward the restoration of the mansion. For the first time, we are sponsoring a weekend event on Sunday, November 17. Genealogist Linda Kleback will lead a genealogy workshop. Attendance is limited to 35 people, so it will be necessary to register for this event. On December 3, Edwin Perez, accompanied by Michael Tan, will be performing a holiday concert and sing-along. Also, there will be prizes for a trivia contest. And finally, on February 22, Glen Freeman of the Bel Air Auction Gallery will be at the library to appraise your treasures. If you have something you have always wondered about, please bring it that afternoon to find out what its value might be. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

The spring speaker events were all well attended and we received much positive feedback. We thank you for your enthusiasm and welcome any suggestions that you might have for future programs. We are always looking for new ideas.

We remain dedicated to supporting the library by sponsoring programs for library customers. Our funds are raised through memberships, donations, and a few fund raisers throughout the year. We are having an exciting fund raiser this year. We will be selling raffle tickets on a beautiful quilt that the Friends and the staff of Perry Hall Library worked on under the guidance of Sharon Coffman, one of our librarians. Sharon is a quilter and had this wonderful idea. She prepared all the squares for the staff to

sew, and then assembled them, appliquéd the borders, and had the finished queen size top quilted by Linda Newsome. Details about the sale follow in this newsletter. We thank Sharon for all of her hard work, especially undertaking the task of teaching the staff and Friends how to sew! We hope all of you will help to make this fundraiser a huge success.

Jaymee Farinacci
President of the Friends of PH Library

From Our Manager, Cindy Kleback **50 Years and Counting**

In 1963, the Perry Hall Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library opened its doors and began service in this community. The branch we now call "The Little Perry Hall" was located on Belair Road and delivered great service for 46 years, and then in 2009, we moved to our current home on Honeygo Boulevard into a building twice the size of "The Little Perry Hall". The new Perry Hall Branch bears the distinction of having BCPL's first drive-thru window. Other amenities our customers enjoy include the adult reading room with the fireplace, two group study rooms, a large children's area with an early literacy activity room, and an ample parking lot.

All of the expectations for the new Perry Hall Branch have been surpassed by miles, and we have you, our wonderful customers, to thank for that! Our customers love to read, and our circulation numbers prove that; we consistently rank 5th amongst the branches in the total number of items checked out. In fact, our monthly circulation in July 2013 was 72,967 items, an all-time record for our branch! Our programs are well-attended; we always have fantastic attendance for our baby, toddler, and preschool story times, our fun family programs, and our Speakers' Series programs sponsored by the Friends of Perry Hall Library.

As we celebrate our golden anniversary of providing service to the Perry Hall community, we wanted to say thank you for continued support of the library. We look forward to the next 50 years!

Looking back.....



Dan Rodricks appeared on March 19 and everyone enjoyed his talk about the changing news media and the lively Q&A that followed.



In April, Ken Lang, a local detective and crime writer visited, telling stories of crimes he has worked on.



Ten winners of the Mother's Day Essay Contest celebrated at a reception on April 27. The children shared their essays, received prizes, and enjoyed refreshments.



We learned all about "Baltimore Firsts" when Wayne Schaumburg appeared in May.



Brian Reynolds, a Fort McHenry volunteer, spoke about Baltimore's role during the War of 1812 on June 5.

Coming Events....

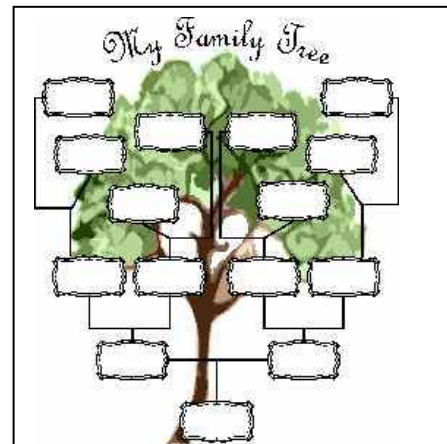
September 12, Local Author Night. Six authors will talk about their books and answer questions from the audience. Please note that this event begins at 6:30!



The life and mystery surrounding Amelia Earhart will come alive when award winning performer Mary Ann Jung portrays her in a History Alive presentation on October 16 at 7:00.



Learn about the Perry Hall Mansion when authors Jeff Smith and Sean Kief talk about their book on Nov. 6. Copies of the book will be for sale after their talk for cash or check.



Interested in learning about your family history? Join us on November 17 at 2:00 for a genealogy workshop with Linda Kleback. The workshop will be limited to 35 people, so check dateLines for more information.



Join The Friends for a musical evening to kick off your holidays on December 3, at 7:00. Vocalist Edwin Perez and pianist Michael Tan will be performing seasonal favorites. The evening will include some holiday music trivia with prizes.



Have treasures you have always wondered about? Bring them to the library on February 22, at 2:00 when Glen Freeman of Bel Air Auction Galleries will give appraisals and discuss the items. The cost is \$3.00 per item and \$5.00 for two. Please -- no weapons!



In March, the Friends sponsored a children's program, Eric Energy, to help celebrate the fourth anniversary of our new library. Over 100 people attended.

Perry Hall Friends Board Members

Irene Butler
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 Jaymee Farinacci, President

Annual Meeting, October 30, 7:00

Thank you to ShopRite on Perring Pkwy. for their donation of pastries for the August Coffee & Conversation. It was enjoyed by all!

Special thanks to Harry Quinn for photographing all of our events!

Upcoming Friends Events

- Thursday, September 12, Local Author Night, 6:30
- Wednesday, October 16, Mary Ann Jung, History Alive, Amelia Earhart, 7:00
- Wednesday, November 6, Jeff Smith and Sean Kief discuss the Perry Hall Mansion, 7:00
- Sunday, November 17, Genealogy Workshop with Linda Kleback, 2:00
- Tuesday, December 3, Edwin Perez and Michael Tan Christmas Sing-Along, 7:00
- Saturday, February 22, Bel Air Auction Galleries Antique Appraisal, 2:00
- First Friday of every month, Coffee & Conversation, 10:00
- Third Thursdays, Book Club, 7:00 (No December Meeting)

(All events are free except for Feb 22) (Nov. 17 is limited to 35 people, so it will be necessary to pre-register)

On September 12, at 6:30, The Friends will be sponsoring a local author's night. Books will be for sale after the authors speak. (Cash or check only)

LOCAL AUTHOR NIGHT

September 12, 2013
6:30

Bob Knapp – *The Devil's Palm*

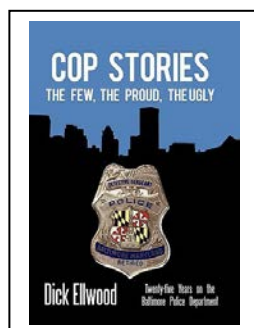
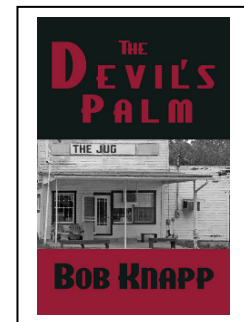
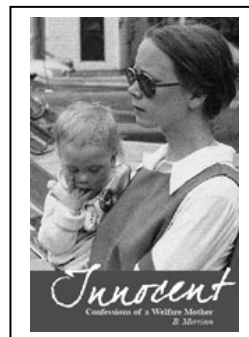
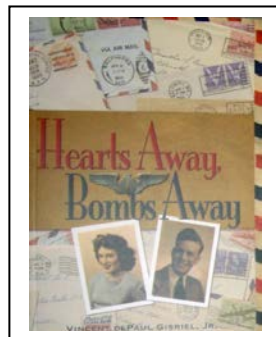
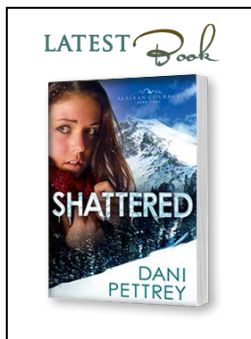
Vince Gisriel, Jr *Hearts Away ,Bombs Away*

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*



**FOR JUST \$1.00 YOU
COULD WIN THIS
BEAUTIFUL QUILT!**

Librarian Sharon Coffman recently spent a significant amount of her personal time preparing squares for staff and volunteers to sew and then cutting, piecing, and appliquéing a queen size quilt to be quilted by Linda Newsome. She was inspired by Mimi Dietrich's book **Bed and Breakfast Quilts With Rise and Shine Recipes.**

When finished, the quilt will be on display at the Library. The Friends will be selling raffle tickets which will cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The profits will benefit the Friends activities in our community. Tickets will be sent to all members in the Fall mailing, available at all Friends events, at various times in the library, by contacting the Friends at phplfriends@yahoo.com, or by calling 410 256 2276. This is our only major fund raiser this year, so we hope that you will support us.

The winning name will be drawn at the Perry Hall Library in March, 2014 in commemoration of the new library's fifth anniversary. You will not need to be present at the drawing to win.

The Friends want to thank Sharon for the generous use of her time and talent and our new neighbors, Brightview Senior Living, for their kind donation to help us with the cost of printing the raffle tickets.



**Be a Friend and Join the Friends!
Contact us at phplfriends@yahoo.com**