

FRIENDS of the Perry Hall Library

Fall, 2014

The Friends had a busy and successful spring at the library. Our first speaker was Nicole McFadyen from Camden Yards who told us about her job as groundskeeper. Next Donna Jackson Nakazawa spoke about her remarkable healing through the practice of meditation, and Rob Kasper visited to tell us about the history of brewing beer in Baltimore. Last we had Paul Bridge talk about the history of the B&O Railroad during the Civil War. All were interesting and informative. The best part of every evening is the Q&A period. Our community always has a lot of great comments and questions!

To celebrate National Poetry Month in April we had a Teen Open Mic Sunday and a Poetry Writing Workshop with local poet Barbara Morrison.

One of our favorite activities is the annual essay contest for school aged children. This year the essays honored Dads and the 11 winners honored their fathers by reading their essays at a reception in June. Prizes were awarded.

This summer we also had an airbrush tattoo program for children (and even some adults). Everyone was thrilled with their tattoos.

Now we are ready for fall with many interesting events planned. Please join us on September 17, when Captain Jamie Trost from the Pride of Baltimore II and Pride of Baltimore, Inc. visits to tell us about this famous Baltimore ship.

On October 15, we will be visited by Seth Kibel, a local musician, who will tell us all about clarinetists of the Jazz Era. He will be bringing instruments to demonstrate his knowledge of the jazz greats, and on November 12, we will have a return visit from History Alive when Mary Ann Jung will do a portrayal of Clara Barton.

We also are doing some Sunday events. September 14, we will have Craig Schenning of Old Line Publishing and Maple Creek Media present a seminar, "How to Self Publish and Market Your Book" and on Sunday, October 12, Susanne Bates from Abundant Life Chiropractic in Perry Hall will be with us to talk about

chiropractic care and health. And On Saturday afternoon, November 8, Joseph Stands with Many of the Cherokee tribe will entertain families with stories and dances to celebrate Native American Month. We hope to see you at our events. They are all free!



In June our branch hosted a retirement party for Jim Fish, director of BCPL for the past 18 years. Jim made wonderful contributions to our system and is an avid supporter of The Friends. We wish him a happy retirement and hope to see him at our events from time to time.

Taking his place as director is Paula Miller, former director of the Pikes Peak Library District. We welcome her to BCPL and look forward to working with her.

GREETINGS TO OUR PERRY HALL FRIENDS

Greetings!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Paula Miller, and I am honored to be the new Director for Baltimore County Public Library. My first library job was at age 16, shelving books at my local public library. Since then, I have worked in a number of positions in libraries, and have been a library Director/Administrator in Delaware (Dover), Maryland (Eastern Shore Regional), Ohio (Westlake), and am coming here from Colorado, where I served as Executive Director of Pikes Peak Library District. Though I just arrived here in early August, I am trying to rapidly immerse myself in our library system, visiting all of our facilities, getting to know the staff at each location, soliciting their ideas and feedback, and becoming familiar with all of the communities we serve. As a part of getting to know each of our libraries and communities, I will be attending a meeting of each Friends group this fall.

Throughout the states and libraries that I have worked in, I have always appreciated Friends. I love the impact that public libraries have on residents' lives and the communities we serve, and you, as Friends, play a big role in that impact through your financial assistance, your volunteerism, your efforts in the programs we provide, and in spreading the word about us. I look forward to meeting all of you and hearing about the great work that you do.

Paula Miller, Director
Baltimore County Public Library

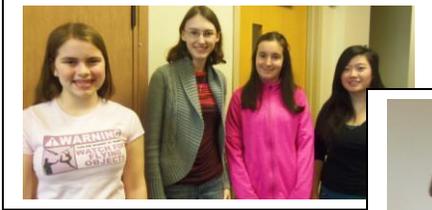


Looking back at recent events

On April 2, Barbara Morrison conducted a poetry writing workshop for all ages.



Area teens displayed their talents at our first Open Mic Sunday on April 6.



Thanks to all of our spring speakers. We hope that you enjoyed their informative and interesting talks.



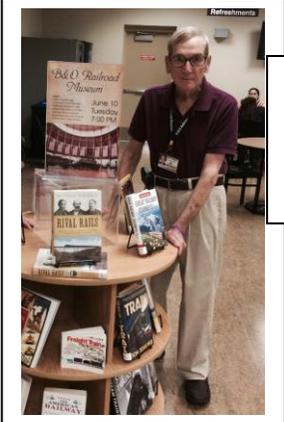
On April 16, Donna Jackson Nakazawa talked about her book, *The Last Best Cure* and signed copies.



March 18, Nicole McFadyen from Camden Yards spoke.



Rob Kasper appeared at the library to tell us about the history of brewing beer in Baltimore on May 6.



On June 10 Paul Bridge of the B&O Museum spoke about the role of the railroad during the Civil War.



On Saturday June 7, The Friends hosted a reception for the winners of our Father's Day Essay Contest. Congratulations to all of the winners!

This summer we had a special program for children. On July 24, Air Brush Unlimited Group visited the library to explain the technique for airbrush tattoos. Children were then able to choose a tattoo for themselves.



Ken Byrum explained the process of an air brush tattoo and showed examples.

The first Friday of every month the Friends host Books, Coffee, and Conversation. People gather to discuss any book that they have read and to listen to what others have been reading. The discussions are always lively! This event takes place all year long and meets at 10:00. Please join us.



The third Thursday of the month The Friends host a book club. The selection for each month can be found in dateLines or on posters throughout the library or by asking a librarian. The group meets at 7:00 every month except December. Michele Geis of the Friends does a wonderful job of guiding the discussions. All are welcome!



The Friends have hosted over 600 people at our events so far in 2014. We are happy that so many have enjoyed our programs, and we thank you for your support.

The Friends thank Vaccaro's of Bel Air for their kind donation of treats for the Teen Open Mic program.

COMING THIS FALL AND WINTER

Looking to publish a book?
Sunday, September 14, Craig Schenning of Old Line Publishing and Maple Creek Media will present a program about self publishing and promoting a book. This will be at 2:00.



On Wednesday, September 17, Captain Jamie Trost of the Pride of Baltimore II and Pride of Baltimore, Inc. will visit at 7:00 to tell us about his organization and the ship he sails.



Dr. Susanne Bates will speak at 2:00 about the importance of chiropractic care and health on Sunday, October 12.



Are you a jazz fan? Musician and teacher Seth Kibel will tell us about clarinetists of the Jazz Age on Wednesday, October 15, at 7:00.



Saturday, November 8, at 2:00, Joseph Stands With Many will do a program of Cherokee stories and dances for children and families.



On Wednesday, November 12, Mary Ann Jung of History Alive will return to do a presentation about Clara Barton at 7:00. Mary Ann says Clara Barton is her favorite character to portray!



ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!

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Remember to check The Friends bulletin board on the right hand side as you enter the library for coming events. Also, you can email us at phplfriends@yahoo.com with ideas, questions, or suggestions.

Every spring The Friends help with the First Library Card program. Congratulations to all of our new library customers. We wish you many hours of happy reading!



Scheduled Events

September 14, 2:00 Craig Schenning of Old Line Publishing and Maple Creek Media

September 17, 7:00 Captain Jamie Trost of the Pride of Baltimore II and Pride of Baltimore, Inc.

October 12, 2:00 Chiropractor, Dr. Susanne Bates

October 15, 7:00 Musician and teacher Seth Kibel

November 8, 2:00 Cherokee story teller Joseph Stands With Many

November 12, 7:00 History Alive with Mary Ann Jung

First Fridays, 10:00 Books, Coffee, and Conversation

Third Thursdays, 7:00 Monthly Book Club

October 22, 7:00 Friends Annual Meeting
(all invited)