

FRIENDS *of the Perry Hall Library*

Fall, 2015

As summer draws to a close, The Friends would like to thank all of you for supporting our group and our wonderful library. At the writing of the spring newsletter we were preparing for a membership drive. Our goal was to increase our membership to over 200 people. We were thrilled that by the end of March, we had over 300 members. We hope that all of you who joined our group will continue to support us and our programs.

We also sold tickets for a raffle basket of Oriole items. The drawing was held on May 16, when author Mark Millikin talked about the Orioles team of 1966. We made almost \$1500.00, and our lucky winner was John Owens. All of the money we raise goes toward adult and children's programs and materials for Perry Hall Library. We are planning another raffle basket sale in the fall. It will contain lots of items to make your Thanksgiving feast extra special. The drawing will be on November 11, when food historian Joyce White returns to talk about the history of Thanksgiving traditions.

We have lots of events planned for this fall and winter. We hope you will check them out and attend as many as you can. A goal of the Baltimore County Public Library system is to make libraries into community centers for sharing ideas, information, and learning. Our group is committed to making the Perry Hall Branch an important part of the Perry Hall community.

This newsletter will help you see what we have been doing and what we have coming up in the next couple of months. If you ever have ideas for an event or a speaker, please let us know by leaving information with one of the librarians or by contacting us by email at phplfriends@yahoo.com.

A Fantastic Summer in Perry Hall
By Cindy Kleback, Branch Manager

Things were hopping at Perry Hall over the summer! If you stopped into the branch over the summer, you probably saw many kids eagerly collecting prizes from our amazing red-shirted Summer Reading Club (SRC) volunteers. This summer, we had 4,701 children participate in SRC – the third highest participation rate in the BCPL system! We're especially proud that our branch had the highest number of middle school readers participating in all of Baltimore County this year; if you have middle schoolers in your life, you know how hard it can be to get them excited about reading!

We also did our best to offer interactive, fun, and educational programming over the summer. From the beginning of June until the first day of school on August 24, we offered a total of 114 programs with 3,589 attendees; this includes programs for children and families, teens, and adults. Our most popular program this summer was **The Incredibles: Amazing Animals with Superhero Super Powers** with 116 kids of all ages meeting many new animal friends. Animal programs are always a big draw, and this one was no exception!

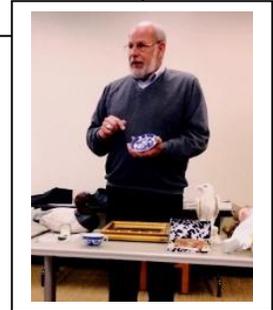
As we head into fall, we hope to see many of you join us in the branch for programs as well as come visit with us as we venture out into the Perry Hall community at Back to School Nights and community events like the Perry Hall White Marsh Town Fair. We love to have the opportunity to share the programs and resources at the library with those who may not know about all we have to offer. This year marks the beginning of a new strategic plan for BCPL. We're looking forward to beginning new services and projects in the next three years. So when you think about the library, we hope you recognize us as the place to explore, learn, create, and connect. Thank you for your continued support, and we'll see you at the library!

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What's been happening...

Saturday morning, March 7, Glen Freeman of the Bel Air Auction Gallery gave verbal appraisals for items that people brought to the library and gave lots of information about their history.



March 31, Ed Hawkins of the Baltimore Museum of Industry gave a fascinating talk about the garment industry in Baltimore.



April 28, Jim O'Leary of the Science Center spoke about the anniversary of the Hubble Telescope and showed amazing photos from space.



On May 13, Jeff Porter and Andrea Staschak, volunteers from Jerusalem Mill, gave a talk about this local historic landmark.

Saturday, May 16, local author, Mark Millikin talked about the 1966 Orioles and signed copies of his books. Many happy Oriole fans attended.



Jeff Korman, a former Enoch Pratt librarian, gave a Jeopardy style presentation about Maryland history on June 10. Everyone left knowing a lot more about our state's past.



Tim Tilghman gave a talk about Super Heroes on July 7th. Everyone received free comics from Action Comics.





THANKS TO OUR SPECIAL FRIENDS, ANN AND BRAD MURPHY AND KATHY HARBULA FOR HELPING US AT THE MOTHER'S DAY ESSAY CONTEST RECEPTION!



Sunday, May 3, the winners of the Mother's Day Essay Contest shared their winning essays with family and friends. Councilman, David Marks presented each of them with a county council resolution certificate. Each of them also received a gift certificate for Target and a certificate from the Friends. It was a wonderful afternoon. Congratulations to all of our winners!



Congratulations to the winner of our Orioles Raffle Basket, John Owens. The drawing was held on May 16, when Mark Millikin appeared. Thanks to all of you who supported our raffle!

Thanks to these businesses and individuals for donating to our raffle basket:

- The Baltimore Orioles
- Great Moments, Inc,
- Harry Quinn
- The Farinaccis
- Mary Heisner
- Paul Brunner
- Wild Bill's Apparel
- Zone Sports Superstore

Special thanks to Kathy Quinn for putting the basket together.



In April, the Friends helped with special Earth Day activities for children.



The Friends also sponsored an exciting children's program on Saturday, July 25, called Superheroes with Science Tellers.



The Friends listened to children tell about their summer reading during the week of July 13. This was part of Perry Hall's very successful summer reading program. It was wonderful to hear how excited all of these young readers were about what they had read! The staff worked very hard to make this a fun event for area children and had 4,701 participants. We applaud their great efforts!

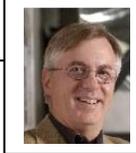


Coming this fall and winter....

October 6, at 7:00, Melissa Heaver of the Fire Museum of Maryland will talk about the Great Fire of Baltimore in 1904 as reported in newspapers, and the photos, letters, and diaries of the people who were there.



Worried about climate change? Dr. William Blair, research professor at Johns Hopkins, will talk about Global Warming: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly on September 15, at 7:00.



Local author Neil R. Beller, Jr. presents his humorous book, *Missing Pine Park*, a memoir of growing up in the Parkville-Carney area. The program is on September 23, at 7:00. Books will be for sale for cash or check after his talk.

October 17, at 2:00, author and researcher Donna Jackson Nakazawa will return to talk about her latest book *Childhood Disrupted*. Books will be for sale for cash or check after the program.



MiMi Zannino of Baltimore will present a program called Time Travel with Emily Dickinson on October 13, at 7:00



Get ready for Thanksgiving with Joyce White of a Taste of History when she talks about Thanksgiving from 1621 through the present. There will be yummy food samples to try. Seating is limited to 50, so come early! The program will be on November 11, at 7:00



To honor our vets, Wayne Karlin will speak about his book, *Wandering Souls: Journeys with the Dead and the Living in Viet Nam* on November 7, at 2:00. Books will be for sale for cash or check after the program.



January 9, at 2:00, Suzanna Rosa Molino will talk about her book *Baltimore's Little Italy*. Books will be for sale for cash or check after the program.



February 20, at 2:00, we will celebrate Black History Month when story teller Janice Curtis Greene tells the story of Harriet Tubman. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult, but all are welcome. It should be a great family event.



Have you ever wanted to write a memoir for publication or for your family? Author Barbara Morrison will visit the library on January 23, at 2:00, to conduct a memoir writing class. The event is limited to 20 people. There will be preregistration starting on January 16.



For the kids!

October 24, at 2:00, children are invited to come in costume for a special spooky story time featuring Halloween stories and a simple craft. Then, join us for a parade around the library! Costumes encouraged but not required. Snack provided.



If you are looking for a family activity after Thanksgiving, check out Eco Adventure's Animal Super Powers program on Friday, November 27, at 2:00. It could be a fun day out when everyone else is at the mall!

Book Events

The first Friday of every month The Friends host a Books, Coffee, and Conversation at 10:00. You are welcome to come and discuss any book that you have read, or you can just come, have a cup of tea or coffee, and listen to the conversation about books others have read.

The third Thursday of every month at 7:00, the Friends host a book club. Selections are chosen by the members. You can check posters in the library to find out about each month's selection or check dateLines.

DON'T FORGET OUR FALL RAFFLE EVENT. WE WILL BE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FALL SELLING CHANCES. PLEASE SUPPORT US BY BUYING A TICKET FOR A LOVELY BASKET OF THANKSGIVING ITEMS!

Fall and Winter Events

September 15, 7:00 Dr. William Blair discusses climate change.

September 23, 7:00 Neil Beller talks about his book, *Missing Pine Park*. Books for sale for cash or check.

October 6, 7:00 Melissa Heaver of the Fire Museum of MD discusses the Great Baltimore Fire.

October 13, 7:00 MiMi Zannino portrays the life of Emily Dickinson.

October 17, 2:00 Author Donna Jackson Nakazawa talks about her latest book, *Childhood Disrupted*. Books for sale for cash or check.

October 24, 2:00 Spooky Story Time

October 28, 7:00 Friends Annual Meeting

November 7, 2:00 Wayne Karlin discusses his book, *Wandering Souls: Journeys with the Dead and the Living in Viet Nam*. Books for sale for cash or check.

*November 11, 7:00 Joyce White talks about the history of Thanksgiving foods from 1621 to the present. Seating is limited to 50. There will be food samples.

November 27, 2:00 Eco Adventures presents a family program, Animal Super Powers.

January 9, 2:00 Suzanna Rosa Molino talks about her book, *Baltimore's Little Italy*. Books for sale for cash or check only.

January 23, 2:00 Barbara Morrison conducts a Memoir Writing Workshop. The workshop is limited to 20. Registration begins January 16. All ages are welcome.

February 20, 2:00 Janice Curtis Greene tells the story of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. All ages are welcome. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

*Food items at the Joyce White program may not be allergen free.

If you have any questions about programs, please email us at phplfriends@yahoo.com.