

FRIENDS of the Perry Hall Library

Spring, 2012

President's Message:

This is the Friends of Perry Hall Library's first newsletter. We are hoping that a newsletter will help you to become informed about our group and what we have accomplished and hope to accomplish for our library and the community. The Friends have been in existence since 2001, and helped in advocating for the wonderful new library space that we occupy now. We support the library in any way that we can. Sometimes that means purchasing furniture or other materials and sponsoring special programs. We also sponsor the monthly book club, Coffee and Conversations, and the annual Mother's Day and Father's Day essay contests. The Friends is run by an executive board whose members serve two year terms. Each fall we have an open meeting to which all are invited.

Our funding is obtained through memberships which start as low as \$3.00. We hope that you will consider joining our group and participating in some of our upcoming events. There are membership brochures throughout the library. Ask any of the staff and they will locate one for you.

We are hoping to expand our programs to include some more adult activities, as well as continue some of the children's programs that we have sponsored in the past. We already have three great speakers lined up for 2012. We hope

that you will try to attend at least one of these events. If you have suggestions for programs or activities you would like to see at your library, please let us know, and if you would like to volunteer in any way, we would love to hear from you!

Jaymee Farinacci
Friends of the PH Library President

UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS FOR 2012

- Book club (third Thursdays of the month, 7:00 pm, meeting room) Monthly selections can be found in dateLines.
- Coffee and Conversation (first Fridays at 10:00 am, Young Adult area)
- March 3, 11:00 am, Mark Jaster, a mime, will help us celebrate our third birthday at our new location
- April 10, 7:00 pm, Dr. Dana Kollmann, forensic science professor at Towson University, and author of *Never Suck a Dead Man's Hand will speak*.
- June 4, 6:30 pm Speaker Zippy Larson, energetic tour guide of Baltimore, and expert on Baltimore neighborhoods, history, and characters will talk about "The Duchess, the King, and the Baltimore Connection".
- September 20, Rafael Alvarez, local author, of *The Wire: Truth Be Told*, producer, and former Sun reporter. He will speak at the tenth anniversary of our book club, but all are invited.

FUN WITH FRIENDS AT PERRY HALL

Dana Kollmann

The Friends will be celebrating National Library Week with a talk by Towson University professor Dr. Dana Kollmann, author of *Never Suck a Dead Man's Hand*. Dana has traveled worldwide to help with identification of remains. Her presentations are humorous, so if you like CSI, you will not want to miss her on April 10, at 7:00 pm.



Come Celebrate the Library's Third Birthday on March 3

Mark Jaster is a mime who will be here to entertain the entire family at 11:00 am.



John Waters & Zippy Larson

Zippy Larson

Come to the library on June 4, at 6:30 to hear Zippy Larson. Zippy gives tours all over Baltimore and is a favorite with tourists as well as locals. She will be talking about "The Duchess, the King, and the Baltimore Connection".

Rafael Alvarez Comes to the Perry Hall Library

The Friends will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of our book club with a guest appearance by Rafael Alvarez on September 20, at 7:30. All are welcome to come and hear this accomplished author, producer, and reporter. He is probably best known for his book and TV show, *The Wire: Truth Be Told*. Admission is free.

Other books by Alvarez:

- Hometown Boy
- Orlo and Leini
- First and Forever: The Archdiocese of Baltimore, A People's History
- The Fountain of Highlandtown
- Storyteller



What else have the Friends done for your library?



- We purchased a bench in the entry way for patrons.



- We purchased the kitchen set in the children's area; a favorite of our youngest customers at Perry Hall.



- We volunteer to straighten the periodical room on a weekly basis and to do other jobs in the library.



- We sponsor Coffee and Conversation the first Friday of every month at 10 AM.

Board Members of the Friends of the Perry Hall Library:

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Be a friend. Join the Friends!