

FRIENDS of the Perry Hall Library

The Friends group is looking forward to another great year at the Perry Hall Branch. This is a special year for the library as it is the fifth anniversary of the Perry Hall Branch at its present location.

Last year we had great success with the speaker series and other fun events. In December many families kicked off their holiday season with our sing-along concert with Edwin Perez accompanied by Michael Tan on keyboard. It was great to see people from 10 months old to 96 years old enjoying holiday songs and trivia. We started off 2014 with an antique show and tell program, which provided everyone with an informative and fun afternoon.

And of course, we had our very successful quilt raffle. The winner whose name was drawn on March 9, the 5th anniversary of our library's present location, was Margie Everett. Congratulations to Margie and thanks to all of you who so generously supported us. We again thank Brightview Senior Living for their kind donation of raffle tickets for this great fund raiser, and we thank our library staff who assisted with sales and who tirelessly counted and deposited money. The raffle was held at our members only "Chocolate Through Time."

Now we look forward to our spring events which include Nicole McFadyen, groundskeeper at Camden Yards, on March 18, Donna Jackson Nakazawa, author of *The Last Best Cure*, on April 16, Rob Kasper on May 5, and Paul Bridge of the the B&O Museum on June 10. All of our speaker events are free and start at 7:00 pm in the meeting room.

We are trying a couple of different events this year as well. On April 2, we will have a poetry writing workshop with Barbara Morrison at 7:00. Ms. Morrison was one of the authors who appeared at our Local Author Night in September. Also, on April 6, at 2:00, we are having an Open Mic Sunday for local teens. They are invited to share poetry, short stories, and music. If you know some talented teens, please encourage them to join us.

Also, this spring we will be sponsoring our Father's Day Essay contest for children from grades 1-12. This is always a fun event, so we are hoping that many of our local students will pay tribute to their dads. We will honor the winners with a reception on June 7, at 10:30. Entry forms and information are available at the library.

We hope that we will see you at many of our events. As always, we love to hear from you, and suggestions are always welcome. Please check out our new Friends Bulletin Board at the entrance to the library. We will try to keep upcoming events posted there.

One of our board members, Shirley Cohen, resigned this fall. We wish her a fond farewell and thank her for her years of service to the Friends. We have two new members, Dave Henninger and Karen Ghassemieh. We welcome them!

Jaymee Farinacci
President of the Board, PHPL Friends

From Cindy, PHPL manager....

It's been a year since I joined the team of fantastic staff members at the Perry Hall Branch, and the year has flown by! We have celebrated two major milestones in this year: the 50th anniversary of providing library service to the Perry Hall community and the 5th anniversary of the new Perry Hall Branch. We have offered My First Library Card tours to local kindergarteners, appraised antiques just like they do on Antiques Roadshow, enjoyed a visit with Amelia Earhart, learned about Fort McHenry, hosted a panel of local authors, honored moms with heartfelt essays written by their children, and discussed what we've been reading with some coffee and conversation, just to list a few. The Friends of the Perry Hall Library have been there every step of the way this past year and every year since their inception. They sponsor and present many of our monthly programs, especially the amazing Speakers' Series for adults. Be sure to check out the upcoming program schedule as there are lots of things for readers and library users of all ages! The highly successful quilt raffle will ensure that they will continue to offer interesting, entertaining, and thought-provoking programs for a long time to come. And all of you who saw the members of the Friends selling those raffle tickets over the last six months know how dedicated they are to this branch and to supporting this community, and thanks to all of you who bought tickets! The Friends do so much to help out the branch and the staff that I cannot pretend to be able to name all the things they do. The Friends of the Perry Hall Library exemplify what makes Perry Hall a great community, and I am proud to call them my friends.

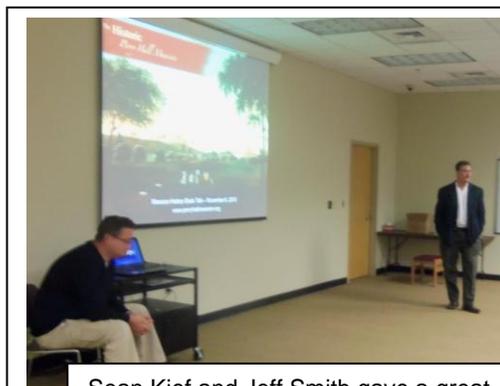
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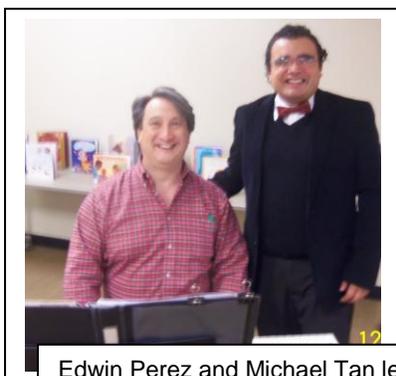
On September 12, local authors talked about their works and answered questions from the audience.



In October Perry Hall traveled back in time during Mary Ann Jung's History Alive presentation about Amelia Earhart.



Sean Kief and Jeff Smith gave a great presentation about the Perry Hall Mansion on November 5. Everyone enjoyed learning about this important piece of local history.



Edwin Perez and Michael Tan led the Perry Hall audience in a holiday sing-along on December 3. Young and old enjoyed getting into the holiday spirit!



On Sunday, November 17, Linda Kleback presented a genealogy program to over 35 participants.



On February 22, ninety people spent a lovely winter afternoon with Glenn Freeman of Belair Auction Gallery learning about antiques and having items appraised. Mr. Freeman donated his time for this event, asking that The Friends make a donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. A check for \$100.00 was donated.

THE QUILT RAFFLE



Joyce White drew the winning ticket for the quilt raffle.

On March 9th we had the drawing of our quilt raffle to celebrate the fifth birthday of our branch at its Honeygo location. The happy winner was Margie Everett. We thank all of you who helped to make this such a successful fundraiser. We thank Sharon Coffmann, one of our dedicated librarians, who made the quilt, the staff for selling tickets, Maria Epperly and Nicole McClain for counting and depositing money, and Brightview Senior Living for funding the purchase of the tickets and also for selling tickets for us.



A happy Margie Everett, (right) the winner of the quilt raffle, appears here with Sharon Coffmann, maker of the quilt.



HAPPY FIFTH BIRTHDAY TO OUR PERRY HALL BRANCH!!

Chocolate Through Time on March 9



Joyce White gave a great talk about the history of chocolate, and then Friends members had a chance to taste yummy chocolate treats.



Looking ahead....



Get ready for the baseball season with a visit from Nicole McFadyen, groundskeeper at Camden Yards, on March 18, at 7:00.



On April 6, at 2:00 we will have Open Mic Sunday for our local teens. Teens are invited to come and share poetry, short stories, and music. Pre-registration is recommended.



On April 16, at 7:00 Donna Jackson Nakazawa will recount a fascinating story about her journey to health and well being in her book, *The Last Best Cure*.



Celebrate National Poetry Month on Wednesday, April 2, at 7:00 with local poet, Barbara Morrison. She will be holding a poetry writing workshop. Pre-registration is required and will be limited to 20. This event is open to teens and adults.

On June 7, at 10:30, The Friends will hold a reception for our Father's Day Essay Contest winners. All school age children are invited to submit an essay about their Dads. Information will be available at the information desk.



Rob Kasper will appear on May 6, at 7:00 to talk about his book, *Baltimore Beer*, a history of brewing in Baltimore.



All aboard for a great evening with Paul Bridge from the B&O Railroad Museum. He will be with us on June 10, at 7:00 to talk about the history of the B&O in our area.



Coming next fall on September 17, the captain of the Pride of Baltimore will be speaking about the 200th anniversary of the writing of The Star Spangled Banner.



Board Members of the Friends of
Perry Hall Library

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We hope that you can join us for as many events as possible. All of our events are free!

Monthly Events:

Coffee and Conversation, the first Friday of every month at 10:00. Join us for lively discussions of books that people have read. (There will be no Coffee and Conversation in July because of Independence Day)

Bookclub, the third Thursday of every month. Check datelines or the library for monthly selections.

Events for Spring 2014

March 18, 7:00, Orioles
Groundskeeper, Nicole McFadyen

April 2, 7:00, Poetry Writing
Workshop with local poet Barbara
Morrison. Registration required.
Books available for purchase by
cash or check

April 6, 2:00, Open Mic Sunday
for teens. Registration
recommended

April 16, 7:00, Donna Jackson
Nakazawa, author of *The Last
Best Cure*. Books available for
purchase by cash or check

May 6, 7:00, Rob Kasper, author
of *Baltimore Beer*. Books
available for purchase by cash or
check

June 7, 10:30, Reception for
winners of the Father's Day Essay
Contest

June 10, 7:00, Paul Bridge of the
B&O Museum

If you would like to contact us with ideas or questions, please email us at phplfriends@yahoo.com