

FRIENDS of the Perry Hall Library

Spring, 2015

The Friends had a busy fall with many successful events. In September, Captain Jamie Trost of The Pride of Baltimore II told us about the role of Baltimore in the War of 1812 and the Sailabration event in our city to commemorate the writing of the Star Spangled Banner. In October, Seth Kibel told us all about the life of Benny Goodman, and in November Mary Ann Jung told us about the remarkable life of Clara Barton. Also in September, Craig Schenning visited to tell us about self-publishing, and in October, local chiropractor, Susanne Bates talked about the benefits of preventative health care. In November, we had a family event when Joseph Stands With Many entertained visitors with Cherokee story telling. We thank all of you for supporting these events, and are happy to report that The Friends had over 1100 people attend events last year.

Now we look forward to this year. We have already started with some winter events. Michael Olesker visited us on January 24, and Deborah Rudacille visited us on February 8, to talk about her book *Roots of Steel*.

We have many exciting programs scheduled for this spring, including speakers about local history, science, and sports, plus an event for teens and one for children of all ages. Information about each program follows.

This March we will be having a membership drive. We hope that you will consider renewing your membership. Our memberships include over 180 households and we would love to increase our membership to over 200, so please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us. We now have our 501(c)(3) approval so all memberships and donations are tax deductible. All of the money donated goes to the support of programs and materials for our wonderful library.

Also, this spring we will be having a raffle of Oriole items as a fund raiser. We hope you will be generous in your support of this event. The drawing will be at our speaker event on May 16, when Mark Millikin will be discussing his books about Babe Ruth and our beloved Orioles.

The Friends would like to thank Caroline

Seamon and Shirley Parsons, two Board Members who retired this fall. Shirley was one of the original Friends dating back to 2001, and both were very active in advocating for the new location of our library. Caroline spent the last year working very hard on achieving our 501c3 status. We wish them both the very best. Also, we have welcomed Harry Quinn to the board. Harry takes most of our photos and does much of our advertising. He is a valuable member of the group.

We are always open to new ideas for programs and materials and for help with our activities. Please contact us if you have ideas or want to volunteer.

A WORD FROM OUR MANAGER, Cindy Kleback

In the beginning of the year, we love to look back on the year that was and make lists – whether written or just in our heads – of the best and worst aspects of the previous year. Being a librarian, it seems only natural to share a list of my favorites among the 203 books that I read last year:

As You Wish: The Inconceivable Tales from the Making of The Princess Bride by Cary Elwes -- A behind the scenes look at one of my favorite movies written by its star, Cary Elwes, the only actor who could've been the humble Farm Boy, the Man in Black, our Westley. It's an entertaining memoir on how the movie was made with memories sprinkled in from the people involved -- both from in front of and behind the camera. It's inconceivable that anyone who loves "The Princess Bride" won't love this book!

Landline by Rainbow Rowell – Georgie and Neal are a couple in marital trouble until Georgie discovers the old landline telephone in her childhood bedroom allows her to talk to Neal in the past, back when they were just falling in love. Can this portal to a time before all the troubles allow this couple to find a way back together?

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin – This was probably my favorite read of the year. This is a happy, sad, hopeful, and, most of all, soul-satisfying story. I love A.J. Fikry and his life full of stories, and if you give this book a chance, you will too!

The Martian by Andy Weir – Mark Watney is an astronaut left behind on Mars after a terrible accident convinces his crewmates that he is dead. He has to figure out how to survive until a rescue ship can get to him...in four years. This novel is gripping, fast-paced, and a great audiobook for those who like to listen to their books. Hollywood is making a movie of *The Martian* starring Matt Damon as Watney. *Spoiled Brats: Stories* by Simon Rich -- I'm not typically a short story fan, but this book made me laugh over and over. I enjoyed most of the stories, but my favorites were "Gifted" and "Upper East Side Ghosts". I'm going to have to seek out other Simon Rich books!

COMING EVENTS...



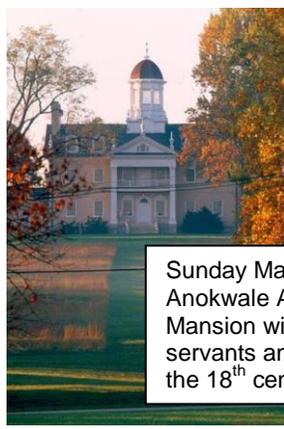
March 8, at 2:00, The Friends are sponsoring an Open Mic for teens. We invite area teens to share a talent like singing, poetry, short stories, or dancing. Registration is required for performers but all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Registration begins March 1.



March 7, at 10:00, Glen Freeman of Bel Air Auction Galleries returns to Perry Hall Library to give verbal appraisals of items. The cost for each appraised item is \$5.00. The number of appraisals will be limited to 25, so preregistration will be required starting Feb. 28. No guns, weapons, or furniture will be accepted for appraisal. All are welcome to attend the program. Glen always has fascinating information about antiques and collectibles.



March 31, at 7:00, Ed Hawkins of the Baltimore Museum of Industry will be talking about the history of the garment industry in Baltimore up until present day including Joseph A Banks. There will be limited seating.



Sunday March 22, at 2:00 Ranger Anokwale Anasesemfo of Hampton Mansion will give a talk about indentured servants and slaves at Hampton during the 18th century.



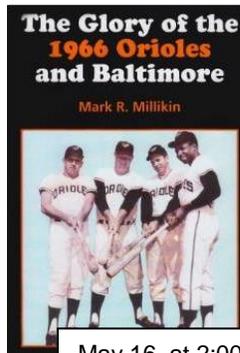
April 28, at 7:00, Senior Scientist Jim O'Leary of the Science Center will be talking about the Hubble Telescope which turns 25 this year!



On Sunday, May 3, the Friends will honor the winners of our annual Mother's Day Essay Contest. The contest is open to children in grades K-12. Entry forms will be available in the library, and essays will be due by April 8. Please encourage any youngsters you know to participate.

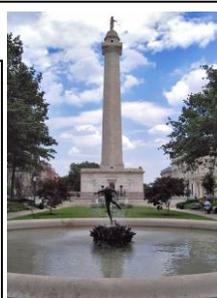


May 13, at 7:00, Glenn Porter and Andrea Staschak, volunteers from Jerusalem Mills, will be talking about the history of this popular local historical landmark.



May 16, at 2:00, Mark Millikin will be talking about his books. His books will be for sale after his talk for cash or check. Books include *The Glory of 1966 Orioles and Baltimore* and *Babe Ruth, Star Pitcher of the 1914 Baltimore Orioles*.

Our last speaker for the spring will be Jeff Korman, on June 10, at 7:00. Jeff is the former manager of the Maryland Department at Enoch Pratt. He will be talking about Baltimore history and his presentation is entertaining with some audience participation.



Looking back...

In September, Craig Schenning of Old Line Publishing and Maple Creek Media spoke about self-publishing.



September 17, Captain Jamie Trost of the Pride of Baltimore II gave a talk about the War of 1812 and the Sailabration events in Baltimore.



Local chiropractor, Dr. Susanne Bates, talked about preventive health care in October.



On October 15, local musician, Seth Kibel, entertained us with musical demonstrations on the clarinet and told us the life story of Benny Goodman.



Saturday afternoon, November 8, Joseph Stands With Many shared stories and songs from his Cherokee heritage.



Mary Ann Jung acted out the fascinating story of the life of Clara Barton with the help of some audience members on November 12.



Saturday afternoon, January 14, Michael Olesker talked about his book *Front Stoops of the Fifties* and amused the audience with lots of stories about the 50's and 60's in Baltimore.



Sunday, February 8, Deborah Rudacille talked about her book *Roots of Steel* and signed copies.

What else do the Friends do for our library?

The Friends hold membership drives and fundraisers. This spring be sure to look for our Oriole Raffle Basket with lots of goodies to help celebrate the beginning of the baseball season.



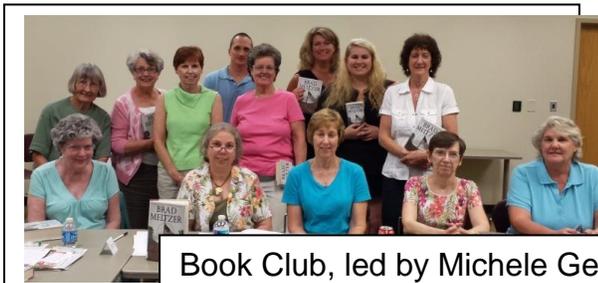
The Friends help with the First Library Programs for kindergarten students from the local schools. Each child gets his first library card and gets to sign out two books. It is always fun to see their excitement at using the library for the first time.



The Friends sponsor a monthly Books, Coffee, and Conversation and a monthly Bookclub.



Books, Coffee and Conversation is held the first Friday of the month at 10:00



Book Club, led by Michele Geis, is held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00.

The Friends buy materials for the library like the kitchen set in the children's area and the benches inside and outside the entrance.



The Board Members of the Friends

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Spring Events

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June 10, 7:00 Jeff Korman retired Pratt librarian. (history of Baltimore)

All events are free!

The Friends can be reached at phplfriends@yahoo.com if you have questions, comments, or suggestions.

The Friends are now members of United for Libraries which is a part of The American Library Association which supports Friends Groups all over the nation.

On January 2, the Perry Hall Community lost its "unofficial mayor", William J. "Buddy" Butt, at the age of 93. Buddy Butt was the founder of the Perry Hall Improvement Association and was a leader in many community projects including the first Perry Hall Library on Bel Air Road in 1963. He had recently written an autobiography, "Buddy: A Life Well Lived." The Friends would like to express condolences to the Butt family. He will be missed.

As always, you can check the library publication dateLines for details of all of our programs and other happenings at Perry Hall Library. It can be found as you enter the library near the hold shelves.