

FRIENDS of the Perry Hall Library

Spring, 2016

The Friends are looking forward to a great year at the library. We have already sponsored several successful events and have many more planned for 2016. Last year we had over 1,300 people attend Friends sponsored programs. We thank all of you for attending and hope to see you again this year.

We will be having a membership drive in March and encourage you to renew. We are looking forward to increasing individual memberships and business memberships. If you own a business in the area, please consider helping us out.

This fall we had another very successful raffle basket sale. On November 11, Kurt Jacobson was chosen as the winner of our Thanksgiving raffle basket. We congratulate him and thank everyone for their generous support. We also thank all the local businesses and individuals who donated items for the basket and Kathy Quinn for putting the basket together. We made over \$2,000.00. All the money from our fundraisers and our memberships goes toward programs and materials for the library.

One of our long time board members, Irene Butler, resigned in October. We thank her for her many years of service and wish her the best. Also, Karen Ghassemieh has resigned to take care of her new grandson. We will miss them both. We have three new board members: Karen Roe, Bella Innes, and Barb Barr. We welcome them and look forward to working with them on all of our many projects.

A message from our manager, Cindy Kleback..

At the start of a new year, it is good to reflect on the year that was to remember what was great and maybe not-so-great. As a librarian, it is my natural inclination to share what books I loved among the 170 books I read in 2015:

The Pocket Wife by Susan Crawford -- Very reminiscent of *The Girl on the Train*, this book features a woman who can't remember what happened the afternoon her neighbor was murdered and a cast of other nefarious characters intertwined in each other's lives. While *The Girl on the Train's* main character was a blackout alcoholic, Dana, the pocket wife and very unreliable narrator, is slowly slipping into madness. I recommend this title to people who enjoyed *Gone Girl* and *The Girl on the Train*.

So That Happened by Jon Cryer -- Jon Cryer as Duckie in "Pretty in Pink" -- celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2016 -- was one of the first characters I remember making an impression on me, so I thoroughly enjoyed this book. A lot has happened to Jon during his long career, and his life story is funny, honest, and worth a read/listen to any kid who came of age in the 80s. Other celebrity biographies I also enjoyed are *Stories I Only Tell My Friends* by Rob Lowe and *You're Never Weird on the Internet [Almost]* by Felicia Day.

The Magician's Lie by Greer MacAllister -- A female illusionist is haunted by a childhood secret and accused of murdering her husband. Told in alternating chapters of the past and the present where she's being interrogated by a police officer, the mystery unfolds slowly and deliberating. I found it quite spellbinding! If you like historical fiction and mysteries, give this one a try.

Finding Jake by Bryan Reardon -- This one gives a different take on the aftermath of a horrific school shooting. It is a suspenseful and emotional ride as Simon tries to find his son, the alleged accomplice of the shooter. This one will stay with you long after you read it. Other suspense titles that kept me glued to the pages in 2015 are *My Sunshine Away* by M.O. Walsh and *Luckiest Girl Alive* by Jessica Knoll.

Who Do You Love by Jennifer Weiner -- Rachel and Andy are both 8 years old when they first meet in an ER waiting room. As fate brings them together time and again over three decades, can their love overcome the obstacles in its way and bridge the distance between them? Witty and wonderful, any fans of chick lit will root for these characters.

Happy reading, and see you at the library!

Board Members of the Friends of the Perry Hall Library

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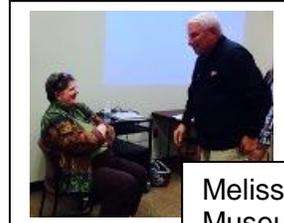
Cindy Kleback, Manager

Hope you did not miss these great events!



Author Neil Beller talked about his memoir *Missing Pine Park* on September 23.

September 15, Dr. William Blair discussed *Global Warming: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*.



Melissa Heaver of The Fire Museum of Maryland told the story of The Great Baltimore Fire of 1904 on October 6.

October 13, we traveled back in time with MiMi Zannino to learn about the fascinating life of Emily Dickinson.



Author Donna Jackson Nakazawa returned to discuss her latest book, *Childhood Disrupted*, on October 17.

Wayne Karlin visited on Nov.7, to tell about his haunting book, *Wandering Souls: Journeys with the Dead and Living in Viet Nam*.



Food historian, Joyce White, spoke about the history of our Thanksgiving traditions and shared samples of recipes from past decades on November 11.



We kicked off 2016 with a visit from Suzanna Rosa Molino, author of *Baltimore's Little Italy* on January 9.



The Harriet Tubman program scheduled for February 20, was rescheduled for March 20, at 2:00, because of a death in Janice Curtis Greene's family. We hope you will join us for this fun event.

Programs for families and children sponsored by the Friends



On November 27, families and children were entertained by EcoAdventures Animal Super Heroes program.



On October 24, children dressed in costumes and enjoyed Spooky Tales. They had a craft and treats as well as Halloween stories.

On Saturday, February 13 children and parents braved the cold weather to attend the Hypnotizer's fascinating program.



On February 6, children were entertained with stories at the Hearts and Love Storytime. The stories were followed by crafts and snacks.

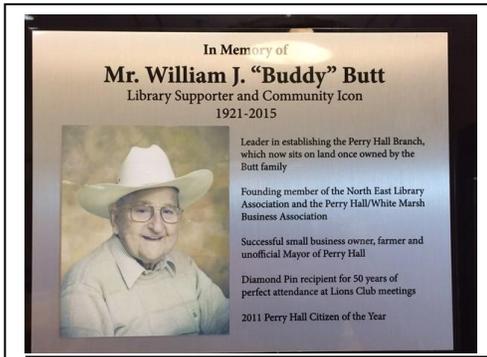


On November 11, food historian, Joyce White, pulled the winning ticket for our Thanksgiving raffle basket. Congratulations to lucky winner Kurt Jacobson.



THANK YOU TO THESE DONORS TO OUR RAFFLE BASKET

- Ann Marie's Hallmark
- Boordy Vineyards
- Chapel Hill Farm and Nurseries
- Tony Farinacci
- Harry Quinn
- Kinver Edge Pinnies (Pat Dreja)
- Mars Super Markets, Inc.
- Pat Krasowski
- Perry Hall Florist
- Richardson Farms
- The Yummery



On November 22, a plaque was presented to the library to remember long time Perry Hall resident, William J. "Buddy" Butt. Mr. Butt was an advocate for the first Perry Hall Library over 50 years ago. It is a wonderful tribute to a man who made many contributions to our community.

Please join us for these upcoming programs!

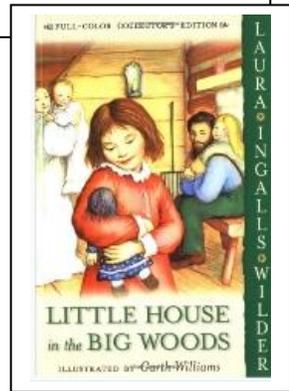


Sunday, March 13, at 2:00, Ranger Anokwale Anansesemfo of the Hampton National Historic Site will talk about the lives of slaves and indentured servants at Hampton. Come hear about life at this local landmark.

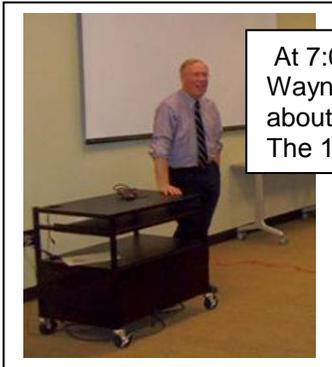
March 6, at 2:00, award winning local author, Barbara Morrison, will conduct a memoir writing workshop. This is rescheduled from a very snowy January 23. Registration will be held starting a week before the event and is limited to 20. You can register by calling the information desk or online.



Did you grow up loving the Little House on the Prairie books? Come hear Anne Weller Dahl talk about Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family on April 2, at 2:00.



At 7:00 on March 29, local historian, Wayne Schaumburg returns to talk about Baltimore: The Good Old Days: The 1930's to the 1960's.



Local author, chef, and owner of Gertrude's at the BMA, John Shields, will speak about Chesapeake Bay cooking on April 12, at 7:00. His books will be for sale for cash or check.



Have you ever wondered about the beautiful painted screens in Baltimore? Join us on April 16, at 2:00, to hear Elaine Eff talk about her book *The Painted Screens of Baltimore*. Copies of the book will be for sale for cash or check after her talk.



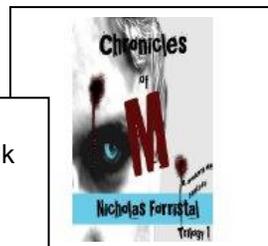
Did you grow up listening to top ten hits on the old Baltimore radio stations? Come hear Ed Hawkins of the Baltimore Museum of Industry talk about the History of Radio Broadcasting in Baltimore on May 18, at 7:00.



On June 14, at 7:00, Mary Ann Jung of History Alive returns to portray the exciting story of Sally Ride, first woman astronaut.



On June 22, at 7:00, local sci fi fantasy author, Nick Forristal, will talk about his books. Books will be sold for cash or check after the presentation.

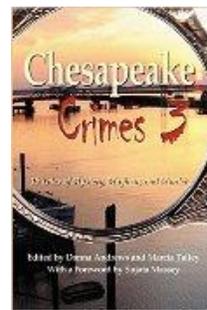


**A VERY SPECIAL
EVENT**

Sisters in Crime Authors

Marcia Talley
(Moderator)
Schaun Taylor Bevins
Carla Coupe
KM Rockwood
Lauren Silberman
Marianne Wilski Strong

On June 28, at 7:00, we will have a panel of local mystery writers from the Sisters in Crime organization talking about their latest books and the latest mystery anthology in the Chesapeake Crimes series. It should be a great evening. Books will be for sale after the program. You might get some great ideas for your summer beach reading!



**UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR
CHILDREN SPONSORED BY
THE FRIENDS**

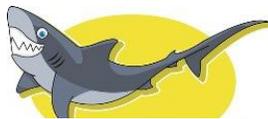
Saturday, April 30, at 2:00, there will be a Princess Story Time with crafts and snacks for everyone to enjoy.



Saturday, March 5, at 2:00, children are invited to come to the library to learn how to make birdfeeders for our feathered friends.



On July 8, at 2:00, The National Aquarium in Baltimore will present a program called Sharks and Marine Animals.



This spring the Friends will be sponsoring a Father's Day Essay Contest for children in grades K through 12. Entry forms will be available at the library. Essays will be due on May 14, and a reception for the winners will be held on Sunday, June 12, at 2:00. Prizes will be awarded.



The Friends would like to thank librarian April Fell for her wonderful Story Time Programs. She plans fun themed events for children and their parents. Of course she is helped by other staff members and Friends volunteers. We also help by supplying funds for crafts and snacks. The events have been a huge success. We suspect that April and her helpers are having just as much fun as the children who attend. If you have little ones, check them out!

Last fall The Friends replaced furniture in the children's area, purchased new tote baskets for customers, and bought new stepping stools for the children's area. These are a few of the many ways we use your membership funds. Thank you so much for your support!

Upcoming Programs Adults

March 6, 2:00 Memoir Writing Workshop with Barbara Morrison

March 13, 2:00 Ranger Anokwale Anasesemfo
Slaves and Indentured Servants at Hampton National Historical Site

March 20, 2:00 Janice Curtis Greene
Harriet Tubman

March 29, 7:00 Wayne Schaumburg
Baltimore: The Good Old Days

April 2, 2:00 Anne Weller Dahl
Laura Ingalls Wilder

April 12, 7:00 John Shields*
Chesapeake Cooking

April 16, 2:00 Elaine Eff*
The Painted Screens of Baltimore

May 18, 7:00 Ed Hawkins
History of Radio Broadcasting in Baltimore

June 14, 7:00 Mary Ann Jung
Story of Sally Ride

June 22, 7:00 Nick Forristal*
Sci-Fi Fantasy Author

June 28, 7:00 Sisters in Crime*

* Books for sale for cash or check

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE!
If you have questions, contact us
at phplfriends@yahoo.com



BCPL director Paula Miller and Perry Hall manager Cindy Kleback enjoy the new furniture in the Children's Fiction area.

Upcoming Programs Children

March 5, 2:00 Birdfeeder Making

April 30, 2:00 Princess Story Time

June 12, 2:00 Reception for Father's Day Essay Contest Winners

July 8, 2:00 Sharks and Marine Mammals sponsored by The National Aquarium in Baltimore

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

The first Friday of the month we sponsor Books, Coffee, and Conversation meetings at 10:00.

The third Thursday of the month we sponsor Book Club at 7:00.

In December the Friends helped the staff with the Sail Card program when area kindergarteners visited the library with their classes and received their first library cards. As always, we welcome these new Perry Hall Library customers!



Thank you to these area businesses for their membership support:

Kingsville Liquors
Gary's Fork Auto