

FRIENDS of the Perry Hall Library

Spring, 2017

The Friends are looking forward to a great year at Perry Hall Library. Last fall we were able to raise over \$2,500 with our raffle of local restaurant gift cards. We thank you for your generous support and thank Liberatore's, The Sunshine Grill, Conrad's Seafood Restaurant, Chopstix, The Gunpowder Lodge, and Desantis for their generous donations of gift cards. All of this money will be used for materials and programs at the library.

In March we will be conducting our annual membership drive. Please help us to continue supporting the library with a membership renewal or donation. Recently one of our members who moved to another area of the county attended one of our programs. She commented that the library in her new neighborhood does not have the variety of programs that we have. Help us to keep bringing interesting programs to Perry Hall with your memberships and support.

The Friends would also like to congratulate the community on the opening of Angel Park. It has been wonderful to see so many families enjoying a park that was the result of much effort and dedication from Perry Hall residents.

We welcome suggestions for programs and other comments. Please share your ideas by passing them along to a librarian or by contacting us at phplfriends@yahoo.com.

We hope to see all of you at one of our events this spring. Remember all programs are free!

Jaymee Farinacci, President of the Perry Hall Friends Board

New Things Happening at Your Library by Cindy Kleback, Branch Manager

The public library is ever evolving and changing to meet the needs of our diverse community. Here are some new services at the library that you may not have heard about:

New technology is available for checkout!

- Chromebooks – the library now has these small, fast computers available for checkout. We have Chromebooks that check out for 7 days and some that check out for 2-hour blocks. These devices are super useful for internet browsing as well as creating and editing documents, but the important things to remember are that you must provide your own internet access, you cannot save anything to the device, and you cannot print from the Chromebook. However, if you have Wi-Fi access at home or elsewhere and a flash drive, these mini computers are a great option if you need a computer to use to get some work done or to have some fun surfing the web.
- Playaway Locks – we also now have pre-loaded e-readers that contain 6-8 titles that have been curated into a collection by the Playaway experts. Some collections include several *NY Times* bestsellers, while others have several books by the same author. All Locks check out for the regular 21-day loan period. These are fantastic if you're going on vacation and want to have several books to read without having to carry those heavy print volumes. Stop by the branch to see what Locks we have available and ask a Librarian for a demo of how they work.

2017 BCPL reading challenge has begun!

A new yearlong reading challenge started in January. This year's challenge offers a new topic each month to help readers explore a new genre and develop a lifelong love of reading. If you complete a month's challenge, you are encouraged to post a photo of the book you read on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram with the hashtag #BWellRead for a chance to win one of two \$25 Amazon gift cards each month. You can pick up a flyer with the monthly challenges from the first display you encounter in the branch which also features titles that fit that month's theme. I'm participating (even though I'm not eligible to win!); won't you join me?

If you have any ideas for programs or services that the library should consider offering, please feel free to share those with me via email to ckleback@bcpl.net. Thank you for your support of the Perry Hall Branch and the Friends of the Perry Hall Library. We look forward to seeing you in the branch soon!

What's been happening with the Friends....

Author David F. Gaylin gave a talk about Edgar Allan Poe in October.

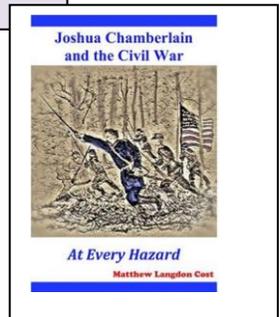


In September Luke McCusker of the Irish Railroad Workers Museum told about the immigrant workers who came to work on the railroad in Baltimore in the 19th century.



We heard about the story of Civil War hero Joshua Chamberlain from Matthew Langdon Cost, author of *At Every Hazard* on October 6.

Political cartoonist Kal Kallauger gave a fascinating talk about his career and demonstrated his art on October 15.



Betsy Stone of the Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower visited in November to talk about the history of the tower and the story of its builder John Emerson.



Local genealogist Dave Powell gave four classes this fall on searching for your roots. He presented valuable information to help people get started on their search.

We started off 2017 on January 21, with a panel of five local mystery writers talking about the art of writing a good mystery. Thanks to Friends member and mystery writer Flo McCahon for setting up this event.



Janice Curtis Greene gave a moving performance about the life of Rosa Parks' life on February 4, to celebrate Black History Month.

Photographer Middleton Evans talked about his book *Miracle Pond* on February 25. He showed us remarkable pictures of wild life from the pond at Patterson Park.



For families and children....



On October 1, little ones enjoyed a Wizard of Oz program sponsored by The Friends.



Librarian April Fell led a Spooky Story Time in October. Friend Kathy Quinn helped with the crafts and the presentation.



The Friends also volunteered to help with The Sail Program this fall when area kindergarteners visited the library and received library cards. This is always a fun time. Here Harry Quinn helps students check out books.



On February 11, children and their families enjoyed an afternoon with Mr. Jon and his music.



Library staff member Karen Heier checked out one of the Valentine books from the new mobile display unit purchased by the Friends this winter. It will be used to display books of special interest throughout the year. This is an example of how your contributions and memberships are used at the Perry Hall Library.

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Our Raffle Winners
Congratulations and thank you
to our restaurant donors.



Carol Harger
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In January we had another smaller raffle when local mystery writers came to the library. The authors donated books and other items to raffle. We thank them and congratulate the winner of the raffle basket, Eileen Haavick McIntire.



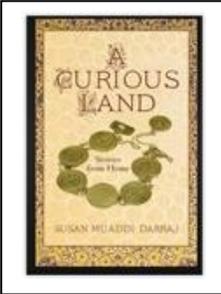
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

During the month of March we will be conducting a membership drive. You will see us at the library, and you will be receiving requests in the mail to renew existing memberships and to donate. We are also reaching out to businesses for their support. Anyone who joins The Friends, renews their membership, or makes a donation will be eligible to win a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Yummy on Philadelphia Road. There will be two winners drawn at the library on April 1. Thank you to Kurt Jacobson for donating the gift certificates to our group. Memberships and donations are tax deductible, and ALL money is used at the library for programs and materials.

COMING THIS SPRING



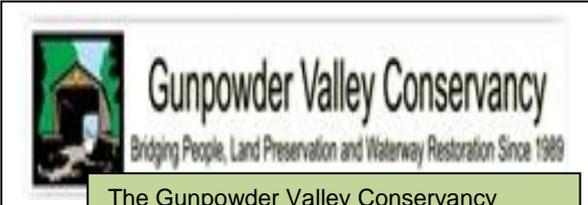
Lauren Silberman will speak on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:00 about her book *Wicked Women of Maryland: Grit & Gumption in the Free State*. Come hear the stories of some courageous women from our state's past to celebrate Women's History Month.



On March 25, at 2:00 we will welcome Susan Muaddi Darraj to speak about her book *A Curious Land*, winner of an American Book Award. It tells stories of life in Palestine during the last century. Ms Darraj teaches at Harford Community College and Johns Hopkins University.



April 8, at 2:00, local romance writer, Grace Burrows will help us celebrate National Library Week with a talk about the importance of reading and writing in our society.



The Gunpowder Valley Conservancy will be at the library on April 1, at 10:00 to give us ideas on how to prevent rain water runoff and pollution from our properties .



Join us April 25, at 7:00 when Keith Mills of WBAL News visits to talk about his life in sports broadcasting. You will hear lots of interesting stories about the Ravens and the Orioles.

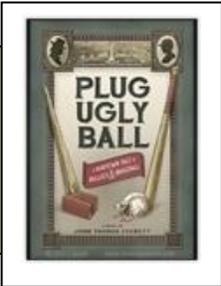


On May 10, at 7:00, Wayne Schaumburg returns to talk about the Feminine Touch: Famous Women in Baltimore History.

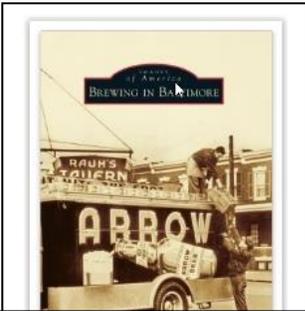


Dave Sandler, better known as Detour Dave, will visit on May 20, at 2:00 to give an inspirational talk about his career in traffic broadcasting and his miraculous recovery from serious illness.

May 16, at 7:00 pm, John Thomas Everett, author of *Plug Ugly Ball: A Mobtown Tale of Bullies and Baseball*, will speak about the mobs that existed in Baltimore in the 1850's which led to civil unrest and a professional baseball team called the Orioles.



On June 10, at 2:00 local author Michele Wojciechowski will talk about Self Publishing or Going with a Traditional Publisher. If you're an aspiring author, this would be especially interesting to you!



Our last speaker on June 14, at 7:00 is Maureen Oprey, author of *Brewing in Baltimore*, which tells the history of brewing beer in this area beginning with some of the earliest immigrants.

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7 Court Liquors
Festival at Perry Hall Square

A-AAA Tree Service
5308 Bangert Sreet

Abundant Life Chiropractic
9660 Belair Road

Deniros Pizza & Subs
9653 Belair Road

Eric Kneussl, DDS
4136 East Joppa Road

Flower Expressions
4202 Chapel Road

Gary's Fork Auto
12600 Harford Road

Improve your I.T.
3615 East Joppa Road

Kingsville Liquors
11846 Belair Road

Kumon Math & Reading
4355 Ebenezer Road

Perry Hall Learning Center
9610 Belair Road

Roula's Salon and Spa
4134 Joppa Road

Swan Song Spirits
9639 Belair Road

The Village Gem
Perry Hall Square

Spring Programs

- March 25, 2:00 Author Susan Muaddi Darraj
March 28, 7:00 Author Lauren R. Silberman
April 1, 10:00 Gunpowder Valley Conservancy
April 8, 2:00 Romance author Grace Burrows
April 25, 7:00 Broadcaster Keith Mills
May 10, 2:00 Historian Wayne Schaumburg*
May 16, 7:00 Author John Thomas Everett
May 20, 2:00 Broadcaster and author David Sandler
June 10, 2:00 Author Michele Wojciechowski
June 14, 7:00 Author Maureen Oprey
June 24, 2:00 Magician Mike Rose

*Wayne Schaumburg was originally scheduled to speak on March 22. Please note the date change.

Authors will be selling books for cash or checks after programs.



The Friends are sponsoring a summer program for families and children on June 24, at 2:00. Magician Mike Rose will be visiting to entertain everyone.

Monthly Book Groups

First Fridays, Books, Coffee, and Conversation, 10:00. Come and talk about any book you have read.

Third Thursdays, Book Club, 7:00, Come to group discussions about chosen books. Selection titles are available at the library and on the website.