



JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS

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A Message From the President

As we come to the close of another fiscal year for the **Friends**, I am so pleased with all that we have accomplished.

I would like to invite you to take a look at the articles in this issue of *Just Between Friends* to see the many ways that the **Friends** continue to support and enhance MCPL. From prizes for the Adult Reading Program to prize money for the teens' Island Idol competition, collection bags for Museum Day, refreshments for the Boomers & Seniors Resource Fair, scholarships for two seniors who have made outstanding contributions to the library and a gift of a tablet table to the Selden building, we do our best to give support wherever it is needed for our library's programs.

The **Friends** just completed two successful fundraisers, a Spring Book Sale and a fundraiser at Five Guys. Thank you for your support for these two events. Please take note of the upcoming Garage Sale and Fall Book Sale, which provide you with opportunities to volunteer.

I would also invite you to take a moment to check out "The State of Friends" for the 2017-2018 year. (Our fiscal year goes from July 1st-June 30th.) "The State" provides a brief summary of what we have accomplished during our last fiscal year. You can access it by going to the MCPL library website and then clicking on the **Friends** of MCPL. Scroll down on the left and then click on "The State of Friends" to get this information. The most recent "State" will be available online after July 1st.

Best wishes for a safe and wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Lori Kenney, President

The Friends of MCPL Make a Difference

In case you did not hear, on April 10th, this year's **Library Budget Vote passed by a margin greater than 6 to 1**. We would like to thank co-chairs Elizabeth Wasilewicz and Deb Morrell for organizing the Friends' phone chain to remind our members to vote as well as the Friends who made the calls.

It is worth noting that the library budget has passed every year since we began making our reminder calls in 1996. The passage of the budget has enabled our wonderful library to continue to provide us with the amazing services we have come to expect. The Friends do make a difference! Thank you for your support.



Reflections: A Creative Community Art Project



We would like to remind everyone about the library's next exciting community art project, Reflections. Local glass artist Kathy Seff will guide us to create unique glass art squares that will be installed in a section of fencing at the Selden building. Kick-off sessions are on Saturday, June 9th, from 10:00am - 12:00pm and Sunday, June 10th, from 2:00 - 4:00pm at the Selden building. Please register in advance online, over the phone or in person at the library.

This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Huntington Arts Council. Additional support provided by the Friends of the Middle Country Public Library.



Our Latest Exciting Gift to MCPL

We would like to invite you to visit the newly renovated Selden building. There you will find a wonderful tablet table that is the latest gift from the Friends to MCPL in the Children's Department. This table has been developed for young children and enables them to play an array of educational games, interactive eBooks and videos. This is another example of MCPL growing and changing with the times. The children love this fun way to learn.

FIVE GUYS FUNDRAISER

Our latest fundraiser was held at the Five Guys in Selden at 202 Independence Plaza on April 16th. The Friends staffed an information table where we passed out information on the Friends, distributed giveaways and were available to answer any questions. Plus, we ate delicious food.



The Friends earned \$325 for our efforts. We would like to thank those of you who dined there that evening as well as our volunteers.

We'd also like to thank the staff at Five Guys for their guidance and support. They were extremely helpful and professional.

We look forward to making other innovative fundraising efforts. If you have ideas, please join us at one of our meetings (next one is Tuesday, June 12th) or send your ideas to: friends@mcplibrary.org.



The Friends Continue to Support Our Young Local Talent

For the 14th consecutive year, the Friends are proud to be providing the prize money for the very popular Island Idol competition. This year's event will take place on Friday, July 27th from 6:00 - 10:00pm at the Showmobile in the Centereach parking lot. In addition to the amazing young singers, dancers and bands, the Teen Advisory Council will serve as emcees, as well as offer games and arts and crafts. This is a real family-fun evening so bring a folding chair and come prepared to be impressed, not just with the level of local talent our community has but also with the fine job that our library staff does organizing and leading our young people in this exciting event.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Have you ever thought about our community and had concerns about things that you would like to see changed? Maybe you have had ideas about how you would like to see our community move forward but you never had a forum to express your ideas and concerns. If you have ever had these thoughts, now, thanks to MCPL, patrons can share their thoughts at Community Conversations where a moderator will guide the conversations using a discussion guide that has been successfully developed by the Harwood Institute for the past 25 years. What a great way to share our collective ideas to make positive progress in our community. Get involved by joining one of the Community Conversations listed below. Hope to see you there.

Wednesday, June 20, 9:30am - 12:30pm, MCPL-Centereach

Thursday, July 19, 6:00pm - 8:30pm, MCPL-Selden

Monday, August 13, 6:00pm - 8:30pm, MCPL-Centereach

Please register online, over the phone or in person at the Library.

www.mcplibary.org 631-585-9393



CONGRATULATIONS



For the third consecutive year, the Friends have awarded two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors in our school district who have given outstanding service to our community by volunteering for programs at MCPL during their years in high school. In addition to their service, applicants are selected on the basis of their GPAs as well as their response to an essay telling about their involvement with the library.



The Friends are proud to announce that this year's winners of the Friends' Service Scholarship Award are Wesly Beausoleil and Riah Sharma. These two seniors have given many hours of service to various programs at MCPL. We congratulate Wesly and Riah and thank them for their contributions to our community. We wish them the best of luck and continued success as they move on to college.

Thanks to Our New & Renewing Friends

as of 5/13/18

New & Renewing: Elizabetta Aliperti, Katherine Barnitz, Jamie Brower, Jeanne Grunauer, Debra Loeffel, Al & Gayle Nordt, Austin Roberts, Christine Viscuso

Moved Up: James Young

Platinum: Janice & Stephen Boscarino, Rita Pepper, John & Mamie Perweiler



Spring Book Sale



The Friends' Spring Book Sale was held on April 6th & 7th, and we earned \$2,733! This was the most we have earned since November 2012 following Superstorm Sandy. As always, many thanks to the Friends who unpacked the boxes of books and DVDs, staffed the sale, packed up the remaining books and worked the Friends' membership table. Thanks also to those who arranged for, and delivered unsold items to various charities, including the Long Island State Veterans' Home, Mather Hospital, the Northport VA Medical Center, St. Cuthbert's Food Pantry and St. Gerard's Thrift Store.

We would also like to give a shout out to the members of the MCPL Teen Advisory Council who helped as well. We appreciate their support. Together, we all have worked to make the book sale a success. Our next sale will be November 2nd & 3rd. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors.

**Friends' Executive Board
2017-2018**

President: Lori Kenney
Secretary: John Perweiler
Treasurer: Marjorie LaStella
Nominating: Janice Boscarino
Library Liaison: Tracy LaStella
Past President: Kathryn Sekulo

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
All meetings at Centereach**

June 12th: Friends' Meeting & Elections – 7:00pm
Election Slate for 2018-2019
President Lori Kenney
Recording Secretary John Perweiler
Treasurer Marjorie LaStella
July 27th: Island Idol – 6:00-10:00pm
August 4th: Garage Sale , rain date August 11th
September 11th: Friends' Meeting – 7:00pm
November 2nd & 3rd: Fall Book Sale



WE NEED YOUR HELP

In the spring issue of *Just Between Friends*, we alerted our members to the fact that we would like to try something new this year with our garage sale. We would like to make two changes. The first would be to have the sale outside so we can attract more attention. The second change would be to rent spaces at \$20.00 each, or 2/\$35.00 where the community would be able to sell their own garage sale items.

We have reserved Saturday, August 4th 9:30am-1:30pm for the sale with a rain date of August 11th. We will be discussing this at our meeting on June 12th. Please join us and share your ideas and also volunteer to serve on the Garage Sale Committee. If you can't attend the meeting, but would like to help out, please email us at friends@mcplib.org. We sincerely hope you can help with this major fund-raising event. Thank you.

Please complete this form and include it with your membership check to: **The Friends of MCPL**
 You may drop your membership form and check/cash at the **Friends'** mailbox near the Customer Service Desk at MCPL Centereach or Selden or mail them to:

The Friends of MCPL
 c/o Middle Country Public Library
 101 Eastwood Blvd.
 Centereach, NY 11720 - 2745

OR go to our link on the MCPL website and follow the directions for "Online Membership."

Please check one: Bronze \$5 , Silver \$10 , Gold/Business/Organization \$25 ,
Platinum/Lifetime \$100

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

New Member _____ **Renewing Member** _____

I would like to play an active part in Friends _____ **Membership runs until the end of December 2018.**

