



# JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS

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## Message From the President

Fall is almost here, which means the fiscal year has ended for the *Friends* and a new year has begun.

With that being said, please 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. To access it, just go to the library’s website [www.mcplibrary.org/about/friends-of-mcpl](http://www.mcplibrary.org/about/friends-of-mcpl). Scroll down on the left and then click on *The State of Friends* to get this information.

As fall approaches, I would like to invite you to read the articles in this issue of *Just Between Friends* to see the many ways that the *Friends* continue to support MCPL. We do our best to give support wherever it is needed for our library’s programs. We look forward to seeing the community glass art project “Reflections”. With the reopening of the newly renovated Selden building, please come and see the tablet table and SMART board that the *Friends* donated.

Please also take note of the upcoming **Garage Sale** (September 15th - Rain Date, September 29th), **Women’s EXPO** (October 4th), **National Friends’ Week** (October 21st–October 27th) and **Fall Book Sale** (November 2nd–November 3rd) which all provide you with opportunities to volunteer. Check the newsletter for more details.

We hope that you can join us for the upcoming fundraiser at Five Guys in Selden on October 22nd. We are hoping to make this event even more successful than it was in the spring.

To all our *Friends*, whether you are able to contribute with your time or support the *Friends* by paying your dues, your membership is both appreciated and important. Thank you for all that you do.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,  
*Lori Kenney*

## NEW DATE for the COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Due to the stormy weather in August, the Garage Sale has been moved to **Saturday, September 15th** from 9:30am to 1:30pm with a rain date of Saturday, September 29th.

There are still spaces available to rent in the lot where the community will be able to sell their own garage sale items. Spaces cost \$20.00 each or 2 for \$35.00. To register for a space please go to the *Friends’* link on the MCPL website.



If you are interested in finding out more information or would like to volunteer at the Garage Sale, please email [friends@mcplibrary.org](mailto:friends@mcplibrary.org).

Hope to see you there.

## Reflections: A Creative Community Art Project



In the last issue of *Just Between Friends*, we reported the kick-off of Reflections, our library's latest community art project to which the *Friends* gave financial support. This project, led by artist Kathy Seff, resulted in over 500 glass tiles being created by members of our community. These tiles will be installed on a section of fence at the Selden building. The installation celebration for this unique project will be held at the Selden building on Saturday, September 22nd at 11:00am.

*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.*

## The Friends' Newest Gift to MCPL – SMART Board

The *Friends* are proud to help MCPL keep on the cutting edge of how libraries have evolved with the latest technology. Stop at the literacy/study rooms at the Selden building to see our new SMART Board. This is an interactive display board that combines educational software, devices and lesson content together. It can also be used as a display board whereby the users can share their computer screens with others. The SMART Board enables literacy tutors to share lessons through technology to meet the diverse learning styles of students. In addition, it allows group study units to share material as well as access resources online.

In case you didn't already know it, libraries of today go far beyond just lending books and MCPL continues to keep us in the lead with the latest developments. Keep up the great work MCPL staff!

## The Friends' Second Night Out at Five Guys



Since our April fundraiser at **Five Guys** in Selden was such a big success, we have decided to accept their offer to sponsor another fundraiser there on **Monday, October 22nd**.

All you have to do is come to the Five Guys for your dinner between the hours of **4:00pm-10:00pm** and 10% of all the sales during those times will go to the *Friends*. This proved to be a delicious, fun-filled and easy way to raise money.

As we did before, the *Friends* will have an information table at Five Guys from 4:00pm-7:00pm to answer questions from any patrons who are interested in learning about our organization as well as to greet our members. Be on the lookout and feel free to come say hello. Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to see a big family of *Friends* at Five Guys, which is located at **202 Independence Plaza** (right near Rite Aid and Home Depot).

## Stars Continue to Shine in Middle Country

For the last 15 years, the *Friends* have been proud to provide the prize money for the popular Island Idol competition. This event seems to grow every year in both the size of the audience and the quality of the performances. This year our community was treated to outstanding performances by twenty-two talented teens. In addition, five teens did a great job serving as emcees while members of the Teen Advisory Council ran a concession booth as well as game and craft stations. Once again, the amazing staff at MCPL provided wonderful, enjoyable learning opportunities for the teens of our community and we are happy to support this event. Thank you staff for another great year on the stage!

Congratulations to the following winners of this year's competition:

**Julia Ingemi**, Winner, Best Musician/Dance Performance  
**Delaney Hallahan**, Runner-Up, Best Musician/Dance Performance  
**Jocelyn Manginelli**, Winner, Best Solo Vocal Performance  
**Thomas Shockley**, Runner-Up, Best Solo Vocal Performance



## Volunteers Needed for Women's EXPO



This year's 18th annual Women's EXPO will be held on Thursday, October 4th between 11am and 6pm at the Centereach building. Hundreds of community members flock to this popular event to get an early start on their holiday shopping, to meet with friends for lunch at the library, and to support women entrepreneurs and the local economy.

Volunteers are needed to help throughout the day. If you can give a few hours, please contact Elizabeth Malafi at [malafielizabeth@mcplibrary.org](mailto:malafielizabeth@mcplibrary.org) or visit [www.womensEXPOli.org](http://www.womensEXPOli.org)

## National Friends Week

Once again, we will be participating in National Friends Week from October 21, 2018- October 27, 2018. Since the Friends of MCPL was founded in 1994, we have continuously worked to support our library in any way possible. We have given numerous gifts as well as program support for all ages in our community. During the month of October, please take a moment to check out the second display case in the Centereach lobby where we will display some of the many things the Friends have given to support MCPL. As you look at it, you should take pride in knowing that, as a member of Friends, you have contributed to these gifts. Please invite your friends to take a look and encourage them to join our family of Friends.

Membership tables will be set up at various times during the week of October 21st. Please stop by to say hello and renew your membership. Remember, members who renew now are covered until the end of 2019. If you enjoy seeing your friends and meeting new ones and would like to help out, please contact us at [friends@mcplibrary.org](mailto:friends@mcplibrary.org).

Thank you for your continued support.

THANKS,  
FRIENDS!

## Thanks to Our New & Renewing Friends

as of 8/13/18

Barbara Lanni, Stefanie McLeod, Wendy Parr, Victoria Solderitch

## Fall Book Sale

Mark your calendars. The **Friends Fall Book Sale** will be held **November 2-3, 2018**.

We NEED volunteers for the following:

- the set-up on Friday, November 2nd beginning at 9:30am and ending at about 1:00pm
- the sale on Friday, November 2nd from 4:00pm – 8:00pm
- the sale on Saturday, November 3rd from 9:30am – 1:30pm
- the breakdown on Saturday, November 3rd at approximately 1:30pm



We need the most help on Friday, for the set-up and sale. However, if you can help at any of the times, even for an hour or so, please do. You can let us know at either of the following contacts: email: [friends@mcplibrary.org](mailto:friends@mcplibrary.org), or call Margie at 631 732-6475. If you find that you are available at the last minute, please also feel free to just show up. Your help is always greatly appreciated!

As you know, this is one of our biggest fundraisers. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to come and shop. Hope to see you there.

Friends' Executive Board  
2018-2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

September 13th: Friends' Meeting – 7:00pm - SELDEN bldg.  
September 15th: Friends' Community Garage Sale - 9:30am - 1:30pm  
October 4th: Women's EXPO - 11:00am-6:00pm  
October 21st - October 27th: National Friends Week  
October 22nd: Fundraiser at Five Guys in Selden - 4:00pm-10:00pm  
November 2nd & 3rd: Fall Book Sale - Centereach  
December 11th: Friends' Meeting – 7:00pm - Centereach

~~ATTENTION: CHANGE IN MEETING DATE AND LOCATION FOR SEPTEMBER~~

Due to a conflict with Rosh Hashanah on our regularly scheduled meeting in September, we have changed our meeting to **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH** in the **Selden Building** at 7:00pm. This will give us an opportunity to see the changes that have taken place in the Selden building.

Sunday Sounds

Are you, or someone you know (regardless of age) musically talented and looking for a venue to share your talents with others? If so, maybe you would like to join other members of our community who participate in the Sunday Sounds in the lobby of the Centereach building. The beautiful Yamaha piano which was donated by the Friends is available for these performances. Other instruments, as well as singers are also welcome.

If you are interested in participating for a 15-30 minute interval between 1:30-4:30pm on September 16th, October 21st, November 18th and/or December 16th, please email friends@mcplibrary.org.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member \_\_\_\_\_

