



JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS

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Message From the President

After receiving our first “surprise” snowfall, we are reminded that the holiday season is fast approaching. The **Friends’** fall season was very active with several events including the celebration of National Friends of Library Week, which highlighted our accomplishments, a fundraiser at Five Guys and another successful Book Sale in November. Thank you to all our Friends who volunteered at these activities as well as at the Women’s Expo.

Now that construction at the Selden building has been completed, we invite you to pay a visit and see all the ways that the **Friends** have been able to contribute lately to MCPL. Be on the lookout for the Smart Board on the second floor and the Activity Table in the Children’s Area, which were gifts from the **Friends**. Also check out the beautiful “Reflections” glass project, located on the fence near the new entrance, which we contributed towards.

During December, we are proud to show our appreciation of our wonderful library staff for all that they do by contributing to the Staff Appreciation Day, which will be held on December 5. We are also happy to support the end-of-the year party for Mujeres Latinas in December.

If you need a holiday gift idea, there are copies of the **Images of America: Centereach, Selden and Lake Grove**, for sale for \$20.00. These can be purchased at the Customer Service Desk in Centereach.

Once again, The **Friends** are happy to announce that we will be offering two \$500.00 scholarships for two MCCSD seniors. (See p.3 for details.)

Please mark your calendars for two upcoming **Friends’** fundraisers. The Comedy Show Fundraiser “Laugh for a Cause” will be on Thursday, February 28th and Panera Fundraiser in Selden will be on Thursday, April 11th. More details can be found inside this issue of **Just Between Friends**.

As a reminder, the **Friends’** membership runs from January through December. Your membership dues and your support for our activities enable The **Friends** to contribute to library programs and fund the various gifts we donate to the library. Reminder that there are 3 easy ways to pay your membership: mail, online or in person at the library. If you are unsure if your membership is up-to-date, please email us at friends@mcpl.org and we will get back to you with an answer. Thank you for your continued support.

Happy Holiday and Best Wishes to all!

Lori Kenney



Friends Support Mujeres Latinas



In addition to purchasing gifts for MCPL, the **Friends** are always on the lookout for ways to support the many programs that serve our community. One of those ways is to pay for the entertainment for the End-of-the-Year Celebration for Mujeres Latinas that will take place on Saturday, December 8th at 12 noon in the Centereach building. This event usually draws between 75-100 people.

In case you are not familiar with this group, it was formed by our library staff to help our Hispanic population connect with the community through the library while also providing an opportunity for them to make new friends. The group meets at Centereach on Saturdays (1/12, 2/9, 3/9) from noon-1:30 pm and on Wednesdays (1/30, 2/27, 3/20) from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

Garage Sale Report

As you may recall, the **Friends** tried something new this year regarding the garage sale. Instead of holding a garage sale in the community room in August, with all of the profits going to the **Friends**, we decided to rent spaces in the parking lot to members of the community who sold their own items. In addition to renting spaces, the **Friends** also sold water and snacks. Patrons who rented spaces were responsible for their own set up and clean up which made it easier for the **Friends**.

After having to postpone the sale twice in August, due to inclement weather, the sale was held on September 15th. We realized a profit of just over \$1200, which was \$400 more than we made last year with our traditional garage sale. This seemed to be a "win-win" situation. We had less work to do before, during and after the sale and we made a greater profit. Since the sale is outside, we decided that we need to schedule it for the fall, not in August when it is so hot. We would really appreciate any feedback you can give us about this event by contacting us at friends@mcplibrary.org or by joining us for our next meeting on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 pm.

Five Guys Fundraiser



We would like to extend our appreciation to Five Guys in Selden for sponsoring a second fundraiser for the **Friends** this year. Once again, we set up an information table at the front of the restaurant and the **Friends** earned 10% of the sales on Monday, October 22nd, between 4:00-10:00 pm. This effort raised \$250 for our treasury.

Thank you Five Guys and thanks to all who came out to support this event.

Fall Book Sale

This year's Fall Book Sale was held on November 2nd and 3rd. Volunteers were extra busy as we had over 300 boxes of books to sort and display. Thanks to their combined efforts, we raised just over \$1,944.15.

Unsold books were donated to the Salvation Army, St. Cuthbert's Food Pantry, the Veteran's Affairs in Northport and St. Gerard's.

The Spring Book Sale will be held on April 5th and 6th. Mark your 2019 calendars.

FUTURE FUNDRAISERS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Laugh for a Cause

Back by popular demand, the **Friends** are happy to be sponsoring our third Laugh for a Cause fundraiser. This year's event will be held on Thursday, February 28 at 8pm at the Governors Comedy Club at McGuire's, located at 1627 Smithtown Ave., in Bohemia.

The audience must be 18 years of age or over. All tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Customer Service desk in Centereach. A two-item minimum (drinks or menu items) is required.

Talk to your family and friends, mark your calendars and plan to have a night of laughter and refreshment while supporting the **Friends** of MCPL.



Partnering With Panera



The **Friends** of MCPL will be working in conjunction with Panera Bread in Selden for a new fundraiser on April 11th. Get out your new calendars and circle the date now. More details will follow in the spring issue of **Just Between Friends**.



Sharing Our Stories: An Intergenerational Oral History Project

Once again, our amazing staff has developed an exciting program that works to bring generations together and strengthens the connections between community members. This program, known as Sharing Our Stories, will partner members of the MCPL Media Teens group with senior citizens from our community to film their stories for a very special documentary film that will be produced at MCPL. If you are, or if you know, a senior (born before 1955) who is from our local community and who would like to share special stories or memories on camera, application forms are available at the reference desk. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Ward at 631-585-9393 ext. 273.

This project is being funded by the Kline Family Foundation, which has awarded \$22,000.00 to the Middle Country Library Foundation. We can't wait to take a look back into our local history through the wise eyes of our senior citizens.

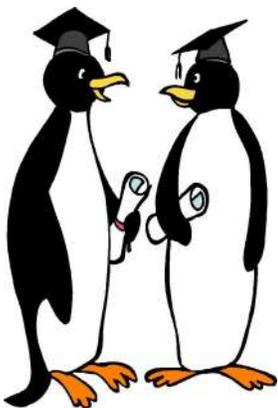
Thanks to our New and Renewing Members

as of 11/14/18

Donna **Allen**, Jennifer **D'Amico**, Maria **Demasi**, Diane **Diaferia**, Kathleen **Donohue**, Francine **Erickson**, Wilfred **Ferguson**, Marcia & Clifford **Froelich**, Lina **Gomez-Herrera**, Karla **Gonzalez**, Carolyn **Haley**, Ruben **Hernandez**, Gene **Jacyszyn**, Sandra **Kerzner**, Tom **Lafferty**, Liz **LaSala**, Terryn **Leahy**, Dorothy **McGullam**, Helene **McKee**, Deborah & Michael **Parrella**, Linda **Perro**, Theresa **Silvestri**, Patricia A. **Smith**, Sharon & Ken **Vatter**, Alex **Zapata**



Friends' Scholarships for College Bound High School Seniors



Whether it is as a member of the Teen Advisory Council, a Book/Art/Nature Buddy, a Homework Helper, a Green Teen Environmental Club member, or any number of other capacities, the teens of Middle Country are involved and contributing to our community in a many ways. Four years ago the **Friends** decided that we wanted to acknowledge and reward the two most outstanding examples of these students who will be continuing on to college with a \$500 scholarship each. The scholarship is open to MCCSD seniors at Newfield and Centereach as well as those who attend private schools.

If you know of a college-bound senior who has given back to the community through library activities, please let him or her know about these scholarships. This scholarship will be made available on the school district website as well as at the Adult and Youth Services desks at both buildings, as well as in the Underground at Centereach and the Teen Resource Center Lounge in Selden beginning on Friday, February 1st. Applications are due on March 4th.

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

December 11th: Friends' Meeting—7:00pm
February 1st: Scholarship forms available
February 28th: Laugh for a Cause—8:00pm
March 4th: All Scholarship forms are due
March 12th: Friends' Meeting—7:00pm
April 5th & 6th: Spring Book Sale
April 11th: Fundraiser at Panera Bread

Sunday Sounds



We would like to thank musicians, Joe St. George and Dan Fogel for sharing their musical talents with us during our Fall Sunday Sounds events. Joe treated our patrons with his skills as a guitarist and singer. Dan, a pianist, delighted patrons of all ages as he encouraged them to make requests. He played everything from a jazzed up version of Old MacDonald to favorites from Broadway shows as well as classical music. What a treat to walk into the Centereach lobby and hear the music from our local artists fill the library.

If you would like to join our very varied group of musicians and play for a 15-30 minute interval between 1:30-4:30 pm on January 6th, February 3rd, and/or March 3rd, please contact friends@mcplibrary.org to schedule a time to play your instrument and/or sing. All ages are welcome.

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 _____

