



Among Friends



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 Phillip Webster
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 Marta Wilkin



Everyone is welcome at our
Friends Meetings:

Saturday, April 7 – 10 a.m.
 Sunday, May 20 – 2 p.m.
 Saturday, June 2 – 10 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marion Damick

Welcome--We've changed the name of our newsletter. You may have noticed it's now titled "Among Friends". We're planning to publish it the first of January, April, July and October. We hope to include interesting details, such as new acquisitions (paid for by your dues and sales of books), the many varied programs put on by the library and outside organizations, and possibly "letters to the editor". We're trying new approaches and are truly interested in your opinions and suggestions.

One thing that hasn't changed, however, is our need for more volunteers to help keep the book sale shelves in good order. Every time I go by, I try to rearrange some fallen or misplaced books. It's great if books are placed on shelves that carry labels with that particular category, but even straightening the shelves helps. Whenever you're in the library, if you replace just a couple of books the shelves will look more inviting and that will lead to more sales. Every penny goes toward improving our library. Can I count on you to help?

Meanwhile, think Spring!

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend.
Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.
Groucho Marx

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Did you know that the art in the library is one of the Friends' projects? Look along the wall behind the fiction and on the 2 tall metal display panels near the Service Desk. Each month the work of a different local artist is shown. Coming up are:

- In April: Melissa Underwood
- In May: Bert Dinmaw
- In June: Jason Phifer

YOUR HISTORY

Interested in sharing the story of your life in Western PA? Help us preserve your life story for future generations. The PA Dept at the main library in Oakland has received a grant from the PA Historical and Museum Commission to conduct oral histories and to place these histories on the library's web pages. Each interviewee will receive a printed copy of the interview and no personal information will be presented online. If you are interesting in participating please contact Barry Chad in the PA Dept at 412-622-3113

HALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE NEVER READ A NEWSPAPER, HALF NEVER VOTED FOR PRESIDENT. ONE HOPES IT IS THE SAME HALF!
Gore Vidal

news from elsewhere...

**LARGE PRINT
USED BOOKS**

The Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library are holding a sale of 600 large print books for \$2.50 each (probably) on Sunday, April 29, 2007 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm at their library at 16 Castle Shannon Boulevard.

Their sales are very popular. Get there early!!

Call 412-531-1912 for directions or visit their website at:

<http://www.mtlebanon.library.org/>

VOLUNTEER NEWS

by Audrey Hines

Hello Everyone;

My name is Audrey and I am the volunteer coordinator for Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh- Squirrel Hill

At the present time we have 7 adult volunteers with 3 more waiting to start, 7 teens and 2 community service teams.

Last year with the Squirrel Hill Friends of the Library and 70 hours from the children's department we had approximately 1643 volunteer hours. WOW, that's a lot of hours!

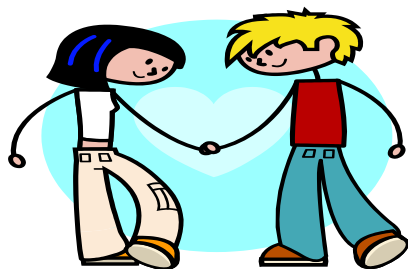
On any given day, Squirrel Hill Library receives approximately 3000 books, CD's, DVD's and books on tape in the interlibrary delivery. I would like to thank all of the volunteers for the hard work that they have done to help the Squirrel Hill staff. It may not seem like a lot when they are helping to shelve "holds" for customers (library language for requested books), shelving books in the stacks, and helping with the paging list (library language for looking for books to send out to other libraries). Believe me, it is a lot! If the library did not have the help of our volunteers getting the books, etc, to the places they need to be, customers would have a very long waiting period.

I again say thank you, thank you!
YOU ARE THE BEST

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh will have its annual volunteer recognition dinner on May 24th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh on the second floor of the Main Branch. So when you get your invitation, RSVP as soon as you can.

If you would like to be a volunteer at Squirrel Hill please go online to the Library home page (www.clpgh.org) and look for the words Donate/Volunteer; click, which will bring you to another page; look on the left side of the page where you will see Volunteer; click, and the online application form will appear; fill it out and hit submit.

SQUIRREL HILL TEENS



The year is starting off with a flurry of activity for the Teen Advisory committee. March 4th through the 11th was National Teen Tech Week and the teens hosted a Mario Smash Brothers gaming tournament. Eighteen teens showed up for fun and food; round two of the tournament will be held on April 2nd.

The teens are also starting to plan for Summer Reading activities. They have some grand ideas and we might need to partner with the Main Library Teen Staff to help with the logistics, but we are excited!

The teens will provide assistance for craft stations at some of the Children's Department's larger programs, as they did last summer.

Children's Department Happenings

The staff of the Children's Department is busy preparing for this year's summer reading club. The 2007 theme is "Get a Clue at Your Library".

It will feature mysteries, detectives, codes, puzzles and more. Sign up for summer reading beginning Sunday, June 10th at the Summer Reading Extravaganza held outside the main library in Oakland. Or come into Squirrel Hill or any Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh after June 10th to get your folder and start your summer reading!

Children's Literature News

The 2007 Newbery and Caldecott award winners were announced in January. The 2007 Newbery Medal winner is *The Higher Power of Lucky* written by Susan Patron. The Caldecott Medal was awarded to *Flotsam* by David Wiesner. To read more about these titles and awards visit the American Library Association's website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds>.

The Sydney Taylor Book Awards were also awarded earlier this year. These awards are given by The Association of Jewish Libraries. The winners are: *Hanukkah at Valley Forge* by Stephen Krensky (for younger readers), *Julia's Kitchen* by Brenda A. Farber (for older readers) and *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak (for teens). Visit the website at http://www.jewishlibraries.org/ajlweb/awards/st_books.htm.

Stop by or call the library to reserve a copy of these great award-winning books!



Splendid Friends, Listen Here!

Pennsylvania's second annual "One Book, Every Young Child" program is featuring Suzanne Bloom's picture book, *A Splendid Friend, Indeed*. This statewide collaborative program highlights the importance of early literacy in preschoolers. Suzanne Bloom will be visiting the main library in Oakland on Sunday, April 22nd for a special Splendid Friend Fest beginning at 1:00 p.m. Come and meet Suzanne and enjoy friends, stories, crafts and more.

Squirrel Hill will be having its own Splendid Friend storytime on Saturday, April 14th at 11:00 a.m. and Monday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. Join us for these programs, great books and a lifelong love of reading anytime at the library.



What really knocks me out is a book that, when you're all done reading it, you wish the author that wrote it was a terrific friend of yours and you could call him or her up on the phone whenever you felt like it.

J.D. Salinger

Parents – just a reminder that there is a bathroom in the Children's Department; parents can go in with the children regardless of gender.



NAAM

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PROGRAMS

Communications Calisthenics

Strengthen your powers of communication,
Wednesday, April 11th from 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Presented by Jay Speyerer,
Legacy Road Communications.

Feng Shui for Everyday Living

Learn how to create an environment in your home and office that will help you achieve your goals in life.

Wednesday, April 18th from 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Presented by Yvonne Phillips,
Creative Color and Design

Writing Secrets that Sell Products and Services

Whether you're a business targeting sales prospects or a nonprofit organization trying to raise funds, you will learn tricks of the trade to deliver your message powerfully and effectively.

Wednesday, May 16th from 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Presented by Mike Ransdell,
Mike Ransdell Copyrighting.

Identity Theft

Don't let bad things happen to your good name- get preventive measures.

Wednesday, May 30th from 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Presented by Mary Bach, Chair,
AARP Pennsylvania Consumer Issues Task Force.

Sex, Lies and Handwriting

A top expert reveals the secrets hidden in your handwriting.

Wednesday, June 20th from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (special time)

Presented by Michelle Desbold

Finance College Tuition

Tax-free savings and investment plans to finance college tuition for your children and grandchildren.

Wednesday, June 27th from 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Presented by Vic Conrad, CPA
Pinnacle Financial Strategies

To receive the Namm monthly bulletin featuring news, a Database of the Month, and a list of new books, ask to be put on the e-mail list. Contact Namm Librarian Dorothy Kerikanis at 412-422-9650 or squirrelhill@carnegielibrary.org

*"Some cause happiness wherever they go;
Others, whenever they go."*

Oscar Wilde

COMING SOON...



In honor of National Library Week (April 15-21) all Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh locations will begin circulating Playaways.

Playaways are all-in-one, lightweight, compact and easy-to-use players that come preloaded with one audiobook.

You may have seen the consumer version at your local bookstore (ours will come in sturdy library packaging).

Whether you have experience listening to books or not, Playaways are great because there are no CD's or tapes to lose. They are less bulky than books on CD or books on cassette. They also don't require any technical know-how to use. All you need to enjoy a Playaway is a pair of earphones and one or two AAA batteries (depending on book length). You can use your own earphones or batteries or you can purchase them from the library where you pick up your books.

The Squirrel Hill location will have about 50 Playaways to start with and you can request titles from other locations just as you do with our other material. You can look forward to some of your favorite authors including James Patterson, Robert Parker, Anne Tyler and Lisa Scottoline. Perennially favorite titles, such as *The DaVinci Code*, *The Secret Life of Bees*, *Marley and Me*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* and *The Kite Runner* will be available at all sites. We will also have a selection of children's and teen titles.

Be sure to stop by during National Library Week or after and try out this new offering from your neighborhood library.

Upcoming Events and Programs

Fiction, Film and Fun

This spring, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Squirrel Hill will begin a new program series that explores the relationship between novels and the films based on them. Participants read the novel and then join CCAC's Jeanne Bergad in a screening of the film and a lively discussion session.

The first novel and film to be discussed is Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* on Thursday, May 31st from 1 to 4 PM. Special guests Ollie Blassingame and Joyce Martin will be on hand to talk about this classic novel and the movie it inspired.

Future dates and titles in this series:

July 26th: *All Quiet on the Western Front*, by Erich Maria Remarque

September 27th: *Schindler's List*, by Thomas Keneally

Poetry Readings from the Squirrel Hill Poetry Workshop

Since 1978, the Squirrel Hill Poetry Workshop has met to create and critique some of Pittsburgh's best poetry. In celebration of poetry month, please join us for a very special afternoon of readings from the poets of the Squirrel Hill Poetry Workshop, including Marilyn Bates, Anita Byerly, Erin Garstka, Nancy Esther James, Marc Jampole, Marijane Wilson McNulty, Chris Doreian Michaels, Randy Minnich, Pam O'Brien, Rosaly DeMaioff, Michael Schneider and Shirley Stevens.

Please join us for this very special event on Sunday April 22nd from 2 to 4 PM.

For more information on the Squirrel Hill Poetry Workshop, you can visit <http://squirrelhillpoets.org/index.html>

One Book, One Community

The Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) is pleased to announce its 5th annual One Book, One Community program. One Book programs are bringing communities together for stimulating discussions and to challenge stereotypes and generate ideas. The goal of One Book, One Community in Allegheny County is to build a better community through reading and civic discourse.

The fifth One Book selection is *The Glass Castle*, by Jeannette Walls. This debut memoir centers on the trials and tribulations of a homeless family, told from the point of view of one of the children. The book encompasses themes of love, family and redemption. Set in various locations throughout the United States, *The Glass Castle* details the effects of being homeless on families and specifically children.

For more information on the One Book, One Community program, and for a calendar of events that feature *The Glass Castle* check out <http://www.einetwork.net/onebook/>.

*The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds,
and the pessimist fears this is true.*

James Branch Cabell

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Sunday, April 15 thru Saturday April 22 is set aside this year for the 50th annual celebration of National Library Week.

NLWeek is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide - and it's the perfect time for our community to Come Together @ the Squirrel Hill branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.



The Friends will have information and membership tables set up in the library for the week. Now is a good time to renew your membership and urge your friends to join.

Also during this week, the Friends will hold their second annual Spring Cleanup used book sale. Fiction will be near the Forbes Avenue entrance and nonfiction at the Marlborough Avenue door.

Last year's sale brought in more than \$1250. We hope to exceed that this year, with the help of a major donation we just received (see box at right).



MEMORIES, DREAMS, AND RUMORS OF GOLDEN TIMES

Darlene and Stuart Samuels (Allderdice '65) of Mt. Lebanon have just given us some marvelous attic treasures:

More than 1000 books published from the late 19th century to about 1960.

Books Grandpa told you about. Stories you remember from your childhood.

A 20-volume set of the writings of Teddy Roosevelt. Ike's autobiography. An extensive collection of books about World War II.

Stories of Horatio Alger's plucky young heroes.

G. A. Henty's historical morality tales. (Google G A Henty and learn how he has been rediscovered by parents eager to help their children face today's challenges.)

Lots of books, characters, and authors you've heard of but have never seen:

<i>Stella Dallas</i>	<i>Daddy Longlegs</i>
<i>Freckles</i>	<i>Girl of the Limberlost</i>
Zane Grey	The Bobbsey Twins
Gene Stratton-Porter	Renfrew of the Mounties
F.W. Dixon	The Hardy Boys
Laura Lee Hope	Honeybunch
Edna Ferber	Bomba, the Jungle Boy
Perry Mason	Campfire Girls

Come check them out!
They're part of our history and they still have something to tell us now.

Plus, they're really neat!

USED BOOK MINI-SALES

by Pat Bender

Our mini sales continue to be successful. We earned an average of \$200 a month in January and February! The March sale earned \$250. We are very pleased and grateful to all who purchased books.

The May sale event will be gardening and travel and a good selection of books of and about humor. Donations on these topics would be most helpful.

We have set up a yearly schedule for the mini sales. They will be held six times a year: Special Category sales in January, February, March, May and September, and the Holiday Shopping sale of like-new books in November.

April, July and October are the months of the Friends' major sales. Again, Donations!!!!

We are also offering at these sales a 50% discount (up to \$5) to any buyer who joins the Friends for a \$3 membership fee. Since we began this policy we have happily welcomed 22 new members.

At the end of our March mini-sale, we drew the winning ticket for the raffle we kicked off at the Americana mini-sale in February; the prize was an 8-volume set of the complete works of Abraham Lincoln.

OUR RAFFLE WINNER IS MR. BILL GRIFFIN.
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

A well-composed book is a magic carpet
on which we are wafted to a world that we
cannot enter in any other way.

Caroline Gordon

Here, Have a Bookmark:

(or have two – they're small)

– cut on the dotted line:

- 2007 Sales**
- April 15-22**
Spring Cleanup Sale
during National
Library Week
- May 19-20**
Gardening, Travel
and Humor
- July 12-14**
Summer Fiction and
Foreign Language Sale
during the Squirrel Hill
Sidewalk Sale
- September 15-16**
Mini-Sale --
Categories
To Be Announced
- October 26-29**
Fall Used Book Sale
- November 17-18**
Holiday Shopping Sale
Special and
Like-New books

Friends' Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Squirrel Hill Library will hold a brief annual meeting and election of officers on Sunday, May 20 in the large meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

After the business meeting, there will be a concert by the children of Tara Yaney's Suzuki flute class. The Suzuki method uses unique teaching techniques with children as young as 3. Music is taught in the same way every child learns to speak – by immersion and encouragement and parental involvement. The children play beautifully and they're as cute as can be!

There is no charge, and there will be refreshments.

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY EVENTS

Family Storytime -- all ages
Monday at 6 PM and Saturday at 11 AM

Toddler Storytime -- 18 months to 3 years
Tuesday at 10:30 AM repeated at 11:30 AM

Baby Lap Sit -- 0 to 18 months
Thursday- 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Wacky Wednesday -- school age
4 PM



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intact

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for our
fund-raising
sales




*"I would be most happy
if my children grew up
to be
the kind of people
who think
decorating consists of
building enough bookshelves."
--- Anna Quindlen*

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open M-W 10-7, Th-S 10-5, Sun 1-5
"Free to the People"

Library Facts...

The first Andrew Carnegie free library was founded in the town of his birth, Dunfermline, Scotland, on July 27, 1881. His first American library was built in Carnegie, Pennsylvania in May, 1901, at a cost of \$93,000

Joseph Frazier Wall, in his biography of Carnegie, asserts that Carnegie built 2,811 free libraries in all. Of these, 1,946 were located in the United States – at least one in every state except Rhode Island -- 660 in Britain and Ireland, 156 in Canada. A handful of libraries (49) were also scattered in places like New Zealand, the West Indies and even Fiji.

Carnegie offered interested towns enough cash to build the library, usually about \$2 per resident. In return, the town had to agree to shell out an amount equal to 10 percent of that gift each year for upkeep, utilities and books.

(adapted from Chris Potter,
Pittsburgh City Newspaper)

Donor Card Holders Get Free Friends Memberships

The Friends of the Squirrel Hill Library are offering free memberships in their group to all holders of a Carnegie Library Donors Card. This is why:

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh started the Donor Card program in 2005 to encourage customers to get more from their library by giving more. The money from the program goes to the entire CLP system, and it has helped our branch hire additional staff, among other things.

We sold \$25,450 worth of Donor Card memberships in 2006 at Squirrel Hill alone. This represents 540 individuals and 185 families who are involved enough with our library to want to donate \$30 or \$50 to support its programs. This is the kind of person we need in our Friends of the Library support group.

Many people are confused about what it takes to be a Friend of the Library, with capital letters. They know they are

friends of the library (lower case) because they have a library card, or even have paid for a Donor Card, and because they love it and want it to flourish.

But to join the group called the Friends of the Library takes another step – filling out a membership form and paying dues. Then we have your name and can send you the quarterly newsletter and call on you for help in our projects, like the Used Book Sales. (We cannot get your name from the Donor Card records because of privacy issues.)

To encourage all the dedicated library customers who have become Donor Card holders to join our group and work for the library, we are waiving the fee for their first year's membership.

If you haven't joined our group, please fill out the membership form in this newsletter. If you are already a Friend, ask your friends with Donor Cards to join us.

And yes, we are happy to accept a donation.

Make checks payable to:
Friends of the Squirrel Hill Library
and bring to the library or mail to:
Bob Gundersen
518 Guyasuta Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Check one box:

New Member Renewal

Check one box:

DONOR \$3.00 \$5.00
 \$10.00 \$25.00 Other _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Initial)

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City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____ Date: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please check all activities you can help with:

- Periodic Book Sales
- Adopt-a-Shelf Program
- Library Advocacy
- Sorting Used Books
- Gardening
- Newsletter/ Mailings (lobbying, writing letters)

COMMENTS _____

To receive e-mails from the Friends, please send your e-mail address to Friends@pittsburghusedbooks.com.

We promise to send notices only when breaking news can't wait for the next newsletter.


Friends Used Book Sales

April 15-21 Spring Cleanup Sale
May 19-20 Travel/Garden MiniSale
June -- no sales;
for sales elsewhere, go to
www.pittsburghusedbooks.com

Is your Friends Membership up to date? Please check your mailing label/membership card, below. If the date is before 4/07, you need to renew; as your membership gets "older", it may drop off the end of the newsletter mailing list. If you bring this page to one of our Used Book Sales, you'll get a free book with your renewal. Or mail the form (above right) to us anytime.
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