



Among Friends



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

- Corrine Barbato
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- Mary Bullock
- Jane DeYoung
- Dawn Garand
- Warren Garrison
- Mimi Gillis
- Albert Weiner & Carol Gluck
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- Drynda Johnston
- Barbara E. Katz
- Paul Klein
- Kimberly Koenig
- Daniel Kovalik
- Richard Lees
- Daniel Leya-Warnock
- William Marcellino
- Kalin Morrow
- Wanda Nichols
- R Ravi
- Paul Schaeffer
- Ray & Mary Schinhofen
- Nick Schorr
- Leann Sherman
- M. Ellen Smith

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marion Damick



Another year is over; another year has begun. As we reflect on the state of our world, all around us are signs of recession (store sales), war (Iraq), and poverty (record crowds at the food banks). But there are signs of hope. In our own small way, the Friends of the Squirrel Hill Library are doing very well.

For example, plenty of people in Squirrel Hill are still reading and bringing their children up to read. Did you know that our children's section has more visitors than that of any other library in the Pittsburgh Carnegie system, including the main library in Oakland? Amazing, yes, and only one of the things we have to be proud of. The Friends are happy to be earning record amounts through our book sales, so we can supplement the budget the Children's librarians have to purchase materials they need for the swarm of young readers.

We are also proud that Squirrel Hill residents think first of the Friends when they want to honor or remember someone – donating either money or unusual books. One such person is donating his entire collection of old-time sheet music – a fabulous collection that will line our coffers I'm sure. We are planning a special event this summer showcasing this exciting donation. We're seeking a keyboarder who'd like to participate. Call 421-521-4129.

One of the signs that the library is working toward a better future is the large number of computers we provide, free of charge – and the wide assortment of folks of all ages who take advantage of them. The Friends will be making it more comfortable to work at the computer stations by purchasing new chairs that can be adjusted to any height at the touch of a button. We hope they will arrive in time for us to be able to brag about them in our next newsletter!

Yes, it's been a good year for the FOL – and I'm hoping 2008 will be even better. I'm wishing that for all of our members and for the many other users of our library who just haven't joined us yet. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Tell a man there are
300 billion stars
in the universe and
he'll believe you.
Tell him a bench has
WET PAINT
on it and he'll have to
touch it to be sure.
Murphy's Law



From Left: Pat Bender, Anita Newell, Esther Tucker, Joan Schwartzman,
Ina Sable, Holly McCullough, Marilyn Honigsberg, Kim Morrison
Seated: Margie Spenser, Marion Damick, Shirley Streff

Join us at our
Friends
Meetings:
Saturdays
at 10 a.m:
January 5
February 2
March 1
April 5



Art at the Squirrel Hill Library

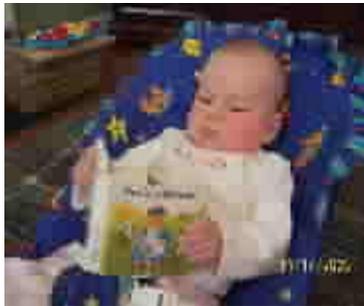
Coming up are:

January: Katerina Kitchen
Photos

February: Maureen Hahn
Watercolors

March: Margaret Caine
Watercolors

If you are interested in exhibiting, or know of someone who is, contact Marion Damick, 412-521-3075.



TV

if kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination. Open a book.

Author
Unknown

Children's Room Happenings

by Erin Scioli
Children's Library
Assistant



The Squirrel Hill Children's department would like to thank the Friends for their generous support during this past year. With their help, we were able to provide wonderful programs, books, and equipment for children and families using the library. We look forward to working with the Friends in the New Year.

Here are just a few of the great reasons to keep coming to the library all winter long — great programs for kids and families:

Wacky Wednesdays: School Age Fun

Kids ages six and up join us at 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday. The first Wednesday of the month features fun stories and a cool craft. Science Fun happens on the second Wednesday. On the third Wednesday hear an art-related story and try your hand at a related art project during Artful Stories. Play a fun game of book bingo and win a prize on the fourth Wednesday.

KinderPrep

KinderPrep is a literacy-based program designed to reinforce skills for children entering Kindergarten in fall 2008. This program will be held on the third Tuesday evening of every month from October through May at 6:00 p.m. Stop by the Children's Room for more information and to register!

Origami

The Origami Club of Pittsburgh holds beginning origami classes at the library on the third Saturday of every month at 12:00 p.m. An advanced folding class is held at 1:30 p.m. Come join the fold!

Family Storytime

Families join us for stories, songs, and rhymes every Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and every Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

Toddlers and parents, come and listen to stories, plus try rhymes and songs together. Recommended for ages 18 months to three years. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and repeats at 11:30 a.m.

Baby Lapsit

For a fun and playful experience, babies and caregivers will participate in fingerplays, rhymes and songs. Recommended for babies up to 18 months. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Check out our website for more fun programs:
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/happening/>



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

WHERE: SQUIRREL HILL LIBRARY

WHEN: WHENEVER YOU HAVE THE TIME

CONTACT: AUDREY HINES, Senior Librarian



Telephone 412-422-9650 or go online to <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/support/volunteer/>



Film, Fiction and Fun

The Film, Fiction, and Fun program series continues to explore the relationship between classic novels and the films they inspired. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month.

- January 31st 1-4 PM *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- February 28th 1-4 PM *Lolita* by Vladimir Nabokov
- March 27th 1-4 PM *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte



Participants are encouraged to read the novel, then join us for a screening of the film and a discussion led by CCAC's Jeanne Bergad.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

It is wholesome and bracing for the mind to have its faculties kept on the stretch.

Augustus Hare
1834-1903

MINI SALE NEWS

January's mini sale will concentrate on audio-visual materials. We have videos and DVDs for adults and children, books on tape and CD, music tapes and CDs galore, and even some LPs. We also have books about composers and performers. Sale dates are January 19-20 during library hours.

February is Black History month. Our mini will celebrate it with a sale of books on black history, life and art. There will be fiction and nonfiction for adults, teens and children. Mark your February calendar for the 19th and 20th.

Your donations are the basis of our success and so we continue to ask for books, tapes, and disks in good condition. Leave them at the service desk or outside the Friends workroom any time. A staff member can give you a receipt for tax purposes.

We will also continue our sale of "Friends" book jewelry etc. with many new items, some in anticipation of Valentine's Day. I am on the lookout for donations of broken or discarded jewelry items - beads, chains, single earrings or any small object that would help this project. These donations may also be left at the desk for a receipt. Thanks!

A heartfelt "thank you" to each of you for your support of the Friends' mini sales. Each one seems to do better than the one before. Our September Judaica sale earned \$400 compared to last year's \$125. The November sale brought in \$2,225, doubling last year's total.



by Pat Bender,
mini-sale chair



by Margie Spenser
Book Sale Committee

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS.....

It's been a busy year. I've been having some major work done on my house, so Pat Bender, Shirley Streff, and Sam Blackburn have had much less help from me than usual. They have been fantastic. Thanks, guys!

To Friends who want to help sort books: we *need* you and you are welcome anytime. If you see that our workroom door is open, stop in and talk about how you can help. You're most likely to find somebody there in the afternoons between 1 and 3. You can also e-mail us at friends@pittsburghusedbooks.com, or call Shirley (412-371-4114) or Pat (412-422-3728) to set up a time to meet and see what is involved.

Our Fall Used Book Sale just before Halloween was great. We added \$2,607.22 to the treasury, and we found a young bookseller who came from Ohio to buy all our remainders. He tells us that he found a few gems and a lot of semi-precious books, and we not only made money ourselves, but he packed up everything almost entirely without our help! I hope this is the beginning of a long and beautiful partnership.

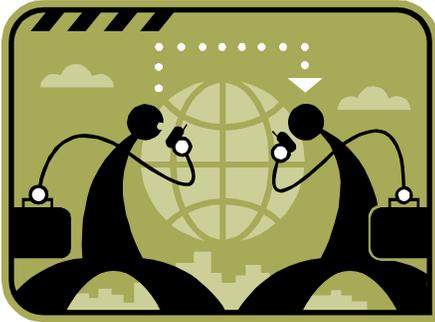
We had so many like-new and special books for the November Holiday Shopping mini sale that we continued to display them through the end of 2007. We have no way to know how much of the ongoing sale money in December came from these books, but I believe the total for the sale would be much higher than Pat reported, if there were a special key on the cash register for income from our special sales.

Pat's too modest to mention it, but her Friends "book jewelry" almost sold out at the November sale. At only \$5 per item, it brought in more than \$100. There was some talk of displaying items for sale on the kiosk next to the service desk, but because of security concerns your only opportunity to buy these handcrafted pieces will be at our used book sales. Come check it out!

We have begun to plan the used book sales for 2008; see page 8. Flyers for the first two sales are provided; flyers for the March and April sales will be available at the beginning of their respective months at the Customer Service desk.

Many persons read and like fiction.
It does not tax the intelligence,
and the intelligence of most of us
can so ill afford taxation
that we rightly welcome
any reading matter
which avoids this.

Rose Macaulay
1881-1958



NAMM BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAMS January - March 2008



by Dorothy Kabakeris,
Namm Business Center Librarian

*All programs are scheduled for Wednesday
from 10:15 AM-11:00 AM*

The Squirrel Hill Adult Book Discussion Group

meets on the last Thursday
of the month from
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

All are Welcome.

January 24th

Manhunt: the Twelve-day Chase
For Lincoln's Killer

by

James L. Swanson, 2006

February 28th

Beautiful Jim Key:
The Lost History of a Horse
And a Man
Who Changed the World

by

Mim Eichler Rivas, 2005

March 27th

Let Me Finish

by

Roger Angell, 2006

To acquire
the habit of reading
is to construct for yourself
a refuge from almost all
the miseries of life

W. Somerset Maugham
1874-1965

For lots of other NAMM news, sign
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January 16
Franchising: Learn how to find the right franchise for you.
By John Tubridy, President, FranNet

January 23
Key tips for caring for an aging parent.
Learn about help and services available in the area.
By Andrea Seewald, President, The Care Registry Inc.

February 20
Constructive living: practical strategies for
taking charge of the quality of your life.
By Neal Griebing, President, Future Design Studio Inc.

February 27
Key databases for your business plan.
By Dorothy Kabakeris, Librarian,
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Squirrel Hill

March 19
Trust and wills: Learn the major differences.
By Eric Blazer, PNC Financial Services

March 26
Simple Steps to Take the Work Out of Networking
By Bonnie Budzowski, President, InCredible Messages, LP.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Once again we will offer free tax service for the public on
Tuesdays (12-4), Thursdays (12-4) and Saturdays (10-4).

The service is provided by IRS-trained AARP volunteers.

We haven't been notified about the official beginning date,
but we expect the service will start late January or early
February and will last until April 15th.

The librarians will take all registrations by phone or walk-
in.

We will also have federal, state and city tax forms.

From the Editor

by Joan Schwartzman



I am waiting for you to write back to me. People keep telling us how great the new format is, but we can't copy a sound track on our printer.

You don't have to restrict yourself to praise, although we love it. We'd like any kind of feedback. Comments, complaints, suggestions, questions – are you there? Hello??

Write us at FOL, Squirrel Hill Library, 5801 Forbes Ave, 15217 or e-mail us at friends @ pittsburghusedbooks.com.

Computers are useless.
They can only tell you
the answers.

Pablo Picasso
1891-1973

Squirrel Hill Library Quick Stats

by Holly McCullough,
Library Manager



Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh - Squirrel Hill Library:

- Had over 450,000 visitors in 2007!
- Has wireless internet access throughout the building!
- Circulated over 400,000 items in 2007!
- Had over 20,000 people attend our programs!

Editor's note: and our library continues to provide amazing amounts of information and support to many community groups and interests. For example, see the box at right.

Friends' Corner

MY SPAM DETECTOR

My spam detector gamely tries
To regulate my e-mail;
But cannot tell the truth from lies,
And doesn't know I'm female.

They send ads aimed at body parts
Not relevant to me;
They offer rendezvous with girls –
Just not my cup of tea.

Communiquees they often send
From rich Nigerian ladies
Who'll share their wealth with me,
their friend -
I wish them all in Hades!



But oh, how vigilant they are
With e-mail from a friend;
And frequently my daughter's notes
Will in the "junk" pile end.

But why should this my mind appall?
Why should I find it rum?
It's a computer, after all –
No wonder it's so dumb!

Esther Jacobson Tucker could probably use a break from filling our Friends' Corner all by herself. Please send your original work to the one of the addresses in the Editor's column.



In recognition of the 60th birthday of Israel and in partnership with the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Squirrel Hill location will be highlighting Israeli literature with a special book display and book list throughout the month of March. Reunite with some favorites or explore unfamiliar titles and authors. This is just one event that will be happening in the community throughout the year to commemorate Israel@60. For a list of more events check out the UJF's website: <http://www.ujf.net/>

Did you know that, as part of the library's service to the community, hundreds of organizations held a program or meeting in one of our meeting rooms last year? Wondering how you can utilize one of the spaces at the library for your group?

Contact Librarian Audrey Hines for more information @ 412-422-9650.

Friends Officers

Marion Damick	President
Joan Schwartzman	Vice President
Eleanor Hershberg	Treasurer
Margie Spenser	Secretary

write us at
friends@pittsburghusedbooks.com

ROUGH DRAFT

watch for updates:

2008 Friends Book Sales

- january – audio/video
- february – Black History
- march – to be announced
- april – Spring Cleanup sale during National Library Week

- june – no sale
- july – fiction, foreign language during Squirrel Hill Sidewalk Sale
- august – no sale
- september – religion/philosophy/Judaica
- october – Fall Sale
- november -- Holiday Shopping Mini-Sale
- december – no sale

for sales elsewhere, go to
www.pittsburghusedbooks.com



BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK SALE

**black history, life, and art
 fiction and nonfiction for adults, teens and
 children**

Sat Feb 16th 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sun Feb 17th 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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Cut along the lines on the back for a reversible flyer.

If you can post a full-sized flyer at work, at school, etc., pick one up at the service desk at the library. They're available starting three weeks before the sale.

It's the Year of the ~~Rat~~ Potato

This is the Chinese year of the Rat, but the U.N. has declared it the Year of the Potato. January 3rd is National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day. Islamic holy days are based on the lunar calendar, and some events, such as fasting on Ramadan, may not begin when expected if the moon is not visible. How do I know these things??

I needed to check the dates for the Friends Meetings, which led to my reexamining the 2008 calendar I am building for my website, www.pittsburghusedbooks.com, which led to my checking online for the dates of some of the holidays. I found a really great website. It contains very complete lists of national and religious holidays, birthdays of famous persons, and zany commemorative "days". It's full of droll stuff: recipes, birth certificates for your teddy bear, animations and cartoons, and lessons in ventriloquism. There are explanations of Ramadan, the phases of the moon, how to wear a turban

Check out www.brownielocks.com for a whole lot more!

---Margie Spenser

If you have never said "Excuse me" to a parking meter or bashed your shins on a fireplug, you are probably wasting too much valuable reading time.

Sherri Chasin Calvo

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 "Free to the People"

The richest person in the world -- in fact all the riches in the world -- couldn't provide you with anything like the endless, incredible loot available at your local library.

Malcolm Forbes
 1919-1990



AUDIO/VIDEO SALE

videos and DVDs for adults and children,
books on tape and CD, music tapes and CDs galore,
and even some LPs

Sat Jan 19th
Sun Jan 20th

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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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 _____

Is your Friends Membership up to date? Please check your mailing label/membership card, below. If the date is before 01/08, you need to renew. If you bring this page to one of our Used Book Sales, you'll get a free book with your renewal. Or mail us the form above. *your donation is tax deductible as a charitable contribution*

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