

the friends

OF THE CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Free Antique Appraisals Planned for Annual Meeting

The Friends Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, from 6-8:30 p.m. Due to the renovation work at the Elkton Central Library, this year the meeting will be held at the Perryville Branch Library.

At the 6 p.m. business meeting, the annual treasurer's report will be presented to the general Friends membership, new Board members will be introduced and departing Board members recognized.

Following the short meeting, Mr. Carl York will address the audience about selected topics concerning antiques and collectibles. He plans to discuss various types of glassware, their components and styles, and other aspects of collecting antiques which may be of interest to those in attendance. The remainder of the evening will be devoted to free antique appraisals conducted by both Mr. York and his daughter, Carla York.



Carl York

Interested members of the public should arrive by 6 p.m. and secure a number, which will be used to organize the appraisals. Items to be appraised should, logically, be portable. Carla York has a particular interest in books, so Friends members hoping that their first editions are valuable can find out that evening.

Concurrent with the appraisal activity, the Friends will offer selected antique and collectible items in a Silent Auction, to be completed at the end of the evening. Like last year, each item will have a "Buy Now" price, giving buyers the option to simply purchase the item without bidding.

Members of the Friends and the general public are welcome to attend. There is no admission and refreshments will be provided for all in attendance.

Mark the date on your calendar, start considering what item you might bring to Perryville on November 9th and look forward to an enjoyable and informative evening with the Friends.

—Sharon Rosenberg
President

Board Membership Open for 2012

Friends of the Library members interested in joining the Board of the Friends should contact Sharon Rosenberg at csrosenberg@msn.com.

This year the Board is losing many fine members and we need to replace them with interested and active Friends members.

The Board meets the second Wednesday of most months (no meeting scheduled for December or the summer months) at 7 p.m., usually at the Elkton Central Library meeting room.

What does the Board do? It coordinates the annual membership drive, which is the main fundraising source for the Friends, along with the Business Benefactor drive. The Board also handles fundraising activities such as book swaps/sales, bake sales, silent auctions and raffles.

Another critical job of the Friends Board is that we help support the library in various public relations efforts, sending postcards and writing to officials, appearing informally at community events, and promoting the many ways the Library is so essential to our community.

Without the support of the general membership, of course, the Friends of the Library would cease to function at all. Some members find that they have the time and desire to serve the library further and we welcome the commitment that being on the Board brings. We welcome and need such people. Please consider joining us and helping advance the good work of the Friends!



Meet a Valued Friends Business Benefactor



One of the most loyal Business Benefactors of the Friends and of the library system in general is Tim Plastics, Inc. Each year they contribute significantly to the fund drive and to other library projects.

Tim Plastics has been making quality plastic bottles and jars in North East since 1985. Tim Plastics supplies a wide range of clients including the pharmaceutical, vitamin, nutritional, food, spice, and personal care industries.

The owners reflected that through their contributions to charities, they attempt to support the people who support them. This is especially true in North East where they not only contribute to the library, but to the police and fire company and other local groups.

"The library," says the owner "is the best resource for children." They remember their children, now in college, spending large amounts of time visiting the North East Library. They feel that contributing to the Friends is a way of giving back to the community.

The Friends acknowledge the thoughtfulness and support of Tim Plastics. We are fortunate to have such a benefactor.

—Sharon Rosenberg
President



*We Kids Rock
With Bill Currier*

Novel Destinations— A Successful Summer Reading Program

Facts and Figures

Children & Teens

- * 3,381—number of registered children's readers
- * 924—number of registered teen readers
- * 3,965—number of children who attended programs
- * 28% of those enrolled in public elementary schools registered for SRP
- * 9 elementary schools showed an increase in percentage of participants
- * Cecilton Elementary – school with the highest percentage of participants (43%)
- * Gilpin Manor Elementary – school with the greatest percentage increase (+20%)

Adult Summer Reading

This year, the Adult Summer Reading program with its theme "Novel Destinations" had over 300 adult participants finishing the required number of books. People were reading travel books, historical books, romance novels, mystery novels and even Science Fiction set in a variety of cities, and countries. Seven lucky readers won \$25.00 VISA gift cards. Two grand prize winners received a \$50.00 and \$75.00 VISA gift card, and several others won bundles of books. Kick-off programs were held at several of the branches with Kate Nolan, an airline attendant, telling us all about "Destinations on a Dime." Adult readers were surprised to learn that we had a summer reading program specifically for adults and are looking forward to next summer's Adult Summer Reading program!

—Lucinda Taber
Librarian



We Appreciate

The Little Non-Profit Engine

Why is the Friends Group A Non-profit When so Many People Profit From Friends?

I jest of course. But as the Friends prepare for the return to meetings and activities following summer vacations, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and stink bug infestations, I did crunch some numbers.

In Cecil County there are 457 registered non-profits with "income" for 2010 given as \$256,699,361 and assets of \$468,093,324. Wow!

The largest general non-profit is Union Hospital and related groups (valued at \$153,000,000) and the Upper Bay Counseling Service (\$10,000,000).

Lots of worthy smaller non-profits exist, such as churches, scholarship groups, 4-H, fire companies and other hard working groups. These non-profits collected about \$31,000,000 in receipts, a number which is testimony to the kindness and concern of our county's citizens.

The Friends' numbers for 2010 were listed as \$15,332 in receipts, with \$9,408 in remaining assets. The 2011 treasurer's report will be presented to all members at the November annual meeting.

So one can see the dilemma we face in asking for support from the citizens of the county who have over 400 other charities asking for the same.

Who profits from the money we gain from memberships, donations, Business Benefactors and fundraising activities? The Library patrons of all ages, mostly in Summer Reading Programs, but also in smaller efforts throughout the year.

Quietly active, we offer free speakers at our Annual Meeting — this year a mini-antiques roadshow format. At our celebration of National Library Week last April we hosted three celebrated local authors. The Friends have had information

booths at the CCPS Wellness Day, and have held bake sales, book swaps (free to the public), silent auctions, and raffles.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member for the support we receive. Without you and the business community, our small but effective group would not exist. We work hard to earn your support.

Thank you!

FRIENDS: The little non-profit engine that not only can....but DOES.

—Sharon Rosenberg
President



Gabriel Lopez trying out his new bike.

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October 16-22, 2011

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- Follow instructions to run the iGive file
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