



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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FRIENDS MEETING
Wednesday, May 2, 2012
10:30 AM
@ OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The speaker for the May meeting will be Kathleen O'Connell, the Assistant Director of the Library. Kathleen will give us news about the library and give us an update of the state of the new library building. Everyone is welcome to attend.

***Directions and information:** Otterbein United Methodist Church is located on the corner of East Franklin Street and Locust Street (108 West Franklin Street). One enters the parking lot from East Franklin Street. Please enter the church from the portico entrance off the parking lot. To the right of the door on a white column is a box with a black button, press this to enter. Upon entering, you may use the steps to the second floor, or to the left is an elevator to take to the second floor. When arriving on the second floor, follow the hallway to the first room on your right, which is Room 202. The phone number for the church is 301-739-9386.



The WCFL Staff wishes to thank the Friends for the wonderful treats given to us in celebration of National Library Week April 8-14, 2012.
THANK YOU!

Note: To celebrate National Library Week, the FRIENDS gave baskets of goodies and/or plants to the staffs at all of the library locations. The gifts show appreciation for the great service that the staffs at all library locations give to the communities throughout the year. The FRIENDS appreciate that we are always greeted with a smile and a willingness to assist us.

Ask Us Now!

Have you heard of Maryland AskUsNow!? It is an information source which is available for any resident of Maryland. If you need the answer to a question, help doing research, or help finding information on the internet, you can go online to AskUsNow. Librarians from all over Maryland are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help you. If you would like to hear more about this program or any other program available through the library system please let someone from the Friends of the Library know and we will ask the librarian in charge of the program to speak at one of our bimonthly meetings. Members may invite interested persons to attend any meeting.

Did you know that you can give a donation to the Friends of the Library in memory of a loved one??



Coming May 24! New catalog + checkout system

Polaris

Things to know:

Great new features!

You can

- ◆ keep your reading history and personal lists
- ◆ get library notices by text
- ◆ pay your fines online
- ◆ see what we have much more easily
- ◆ **May 17 to June 5 – “Point of No Returns” – nothing due.**

Help us by keeping items until due.

- ◆ **May 18 to May 23 – No catalog at all.** But – website, databases, online books working normally
- ◆ Learn more: special drop-in times at branches, and video tutorials online
- ◆ You asked, and we heard you. Thanks to Western Maryland Regional Library for the funding.

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Join us for the final lecture in the 2012 Composers Lecture Series

May 3 @ 7:00 PM: Brendan Fitzimmons will talk about “Music of the Masses.” The lecture takes place at the Maryland Symphony Orchestra Office located at 30 West Washington St., Hagerstown
Call 301-739-3250 X 123 to reserve seats.



Dream Big...Read!



Summer Reading Club Signup
begins June 1
with clubs for all ages

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Volunteers for March

On the 17th of March the library held a fundraiser Books-A-Million at the mall. Joan Dawson, Sharon Chirgott, JoEllen Allenberg, Nina Wells and Melissa & Dave Williams volunteered to help out. Thank you for giving your time to help the library.

We will need volunteers to help the instructors for the Summer Foreign Culture sessions. The committee is working on the schedule which will be announced in the next newsletter.

We also need several people to work with the present committee to learn how the program is organized in order to form a new committee for the 2013 summer program.

Please let Joan know if you would like to volunteer at future events. Her phone number is 301-824-5136.



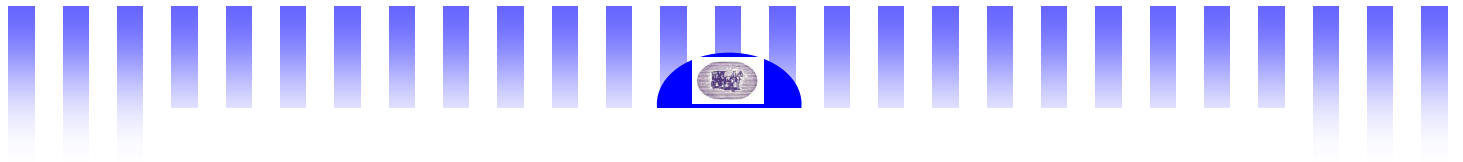
Volunteers Needed for School Groups

Jeff Ridgeway, the Children's Librarian, needs volunteers to talk to elementary or middle school groups such as the PTA about the Summer Reading Program. It would only need to be a 5 minute talk about how important it is for students to read over the summer in order to keep their reading skills from declining. Jeff has a script you could use. Please let Jeff know if you would be willing to help.

New Library Web Site

The speaker for our March meeting was Tracey Carroll, Web Specialist. She walked us through the changes she has made in navigating the Library Web Site. Patrons can now navigate to different libraries. Some library language was changed to make it more intuitive for patrons. New fiction, sound recordings, DVDs are now highlighted with jacket covers and patrons can click on them to go to the catalog. In May, the catalog will change to "Polaris" which makes it easier to search for library materials. Several new features will be added, such as the ability for patrons to keep track of the books they have read. Library staff will be giving educational sessions in the various branches to help patrons with the changes. Patrons can also click on Friends of the Library on the menu on the left hand side of the page to get information about the organization.





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