Friends Plan Annual Meeting

The Friends of The Library of The Chathams will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 9:30 a.m. On the agenda is an annual financial report and voting for new members of the Friends Board. Nominated are current members Candi Booker, Tee-dee Carroll and Barb Montague, and newcomers Merilee Anderson and Debbie Fabian. Jennifer Mathews and Cindy Murphy are nominated to fill in unexpired terms. Changes to the By-laws will also be brought up for a vote. The complete list of proposed changes is available on the Library bulletin board. Come meet the residents responsible for all the benefits provided to The Library from The Friends’ fund-raising and activities.

Other important news from the Friends is that book donations for the annual Book Sale in March will be accepted beginning January 6! Start cleaning out!

WE ARE OPEN:
Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday, 9:30 – 6 p.m., Saturday, 9:30–5 p.m.
Sunday, 2 – 5 p.m.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
First Thursday of Month, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Love in the Library!
How often can you hear a talk in a library, by a real librarian, about a novel depicting a librarian’s steamy affair? On Saturday, January 18, 2:30 p.m., Audra Osorio, who is the Youth Services specialist at the Mount Olive Library, will discuss “The Swear Jar,” her first novel.

She writes about “a bumpy ride filled with love, sex and desire, as well as laughs, giggles and sighs.” It is the story of the widow Meara Martin, alone for five years and not on the hunt for a new romance, but during a visit to a supermarket, Fate intervenes and creates a chance meeting with Duncan Phillips, a decade-long widower also pursuing other interests. With no prior intent, he becomes attracted to the younger Meara, and an unlikely love affair begins. Adding more authenticity to the May-December coupling is its New Jersey setting.

Osorio lives locally, and is fond of such domestic pursuits as knitting, photography, reading, and Skeeball.

Her talk will also focus on the phenomenon of self-publishing, a movement that continues to gain traction in the literary world. Technological advances have come to the aid of budding writers, and according to one trade source, 76% of all releases in 2009 were distributed without traditional publishers.

For further information, call 973-635-0603, or visit www.chathamlibrary.org

Unique Education Opportunity

Would you like to become more computer-savvy in 2014? The Friends of The Library of The Chathams will subsidize a series of classes for the technically-challenged in the new year.

A 12-month series of workshops named Tech Trek, will begin here on Thursdays, January 23 and 30, 2014. This first pair of sessions will be devoted to Microsoft Excel, perhaps the most ubiquitous and popular spreadsheet program in America. A general demonstration for beginners will be offered on the initial date from 1 to 2:30 p.m., with more knowledgeable users invited to a hands-on course on the second date from 1 to 4 p.m. Each month a fresh topic will be explored, enabling students to emerge next holiday season as a much handier, more enlightened member of the work-force, or of the leisure set! Anyone can join regardless of prior skill level, but a rudimentary knowledge of computers, e.g., how to use a mouse, keyboard, and a taskbar, is necessary for the more advanced sessions.

For further information, please call 973-635-0603. Registration is required, and pending the response, preference may be given to residents of Chatham Borough and Chatham Township. Sign up at www.chathamlibrary.org now!

Book Group @ The Library!
On Wednesday, January 29, 1 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., the Library Book Group will discuss Me Before You by Jojo Moyes.
Please sign up at the Information desk where copies will be available, or by phone, 973-635-0603.
New members always welcome!

Photography Seminar

Madison’s John Marelli will present a digital camera workshop here in January, coinciding with an exhibition of his work. While his photos are displayed in the Lundt meeting room, Marelli will demonstrate the techniques that create good shots in a two-part seminar scheduled on Mondays, January 13 and 20, at 7 p.m., and emphasize the unique opportunities for photography during the cold-weather months.

“Photography has been my passion and a camera has been my appendage for decades. I am constantly looking to create art from the most mundane and I love the way my camera takes me outside the confines of walls,” he says.

One of the workshop’s key offerings is learning how to use snow as a backdrop without the subject being completely under-exposed. Marelli will teach how one can learn to shoot what the eye sees, not how the camera, in automatic mode, perceives it.
Photography Workshops, continued:
Whether one’s camera is a cell phone or a high end digital lens, he’ll teach how to get the most out of it. “There are no tricks,” he says. “It is just an awareness of how to use the camera as a tool.”
Marelli’s subjects have ranged from equestrian events to portraits of people and the spectacles of Nature. He’s in the field during all seasons; the workshops address issues relating to spring, summer and fall photography as well.

All ages regardless of skill level are welcome, and should bring cameras with charged batteries and room left on the image card. Pre-registration is requested by calling 973-635-0603 or signing up at The Library’s Circulation Desk.

Activities For Children
Science Tellers/The Curse of the Mutating Hand: Tuesday, January 21, 4 to 4:45 p.m., ages 5 & up A rousing pirate tale and some fun, easy science, too! Sponsored by The Friends of The Library.
Read Aloud to Therapy Dogs: Wednesday, January 15, 4 – 5 p.m., Grades K & up.
THURSDAY IS LIBRARY DAY! Choose either 10-10:30 a.m. or 10:45-11:15 a.m. Classes are sponsored by The Friends of The Library. No registration necessary.
Music with Carolyn Dempsey: January 2; Yoga Story-time: January 9; Miss Carol Dance: January 16; Music with Wompy’s: January 23; Kid Crafts: January 30.
Stories with the Librarian: Tuesdays, January 7 & 14 10 to 10:30 a.m., all ages. Children & caregivers can enjoy a few stories, a few songs, and maybe a simple craft.
Drop in For Crafts: Monday, January 20, 2 – 4 p.m., all ages. All supplies provided by the Friends of The Library.
LEGOPALOOSA! Sunday, January 26; Build your own LEGO creations for display in the Children’s Room.
Recent Book Gifts

The Friends of The Library (Book Sale Proceeds):
- **025 DIS**/ THE DISCIPLINE OF ORGANIZING
- **598.138 HIR**/ THE WORLD'S RAREST BIRDS
- **616.075 MAC**/ DIAGNOSING GIANTS
- **641.87 NEW**/ COCKTAILS FOR A CROWD
- **OVE 709.021 BYZ**/ BYZANTINE THINGS IN THE WORLD
- **709.051 GRO**/ 100 WORKS OF ART THAT WILL DEFINE OUR AGE
- **720.92 HAR**/ THEATER OF ARCHITECTURE
- **770 CAD**/ THE ITINERANT LANGUAGES OF PHOTOGRAPHY
- **971.024 AND**/ THE BATTLE FOR THE 14TH COLONY

Gift of Kathi B. Cullen in Memory of Susan B. Costa:
- **128.5 SCH**/ DEATH AND THE AFTERLIFE

Gift of The Huettner Family:
- **814.6 WRI**/ ISA GENZKEN
- **891.5973 MAS**/ SUPERHEROES!: CAPES, COWLS, AND THE CREATION OF COMIC BOOK CULTURE

The Eigen Family Fund:
- **EJ PIN**/ THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE
- **J 292 NAP**/ TREASURE OF EGYPTIAN MYTHOLOGY
- **J 567.9 GUI**/ THE GREATEST DINOSAUR EVER
- **J 590 JEN**/ THE ANIMAL BOOK
- **J 641.5 MEA**/ THE OFFICIAL DC SUPER HERO COOKBOOK

Gift of the Independent Thrift Shop:
- **747 GRA**/ A PLACE CALLED HOME

Gifts of The Marshall Family:
- **EJ GIB**/ I SPY PETS
- **EJ GIB**/ I SPY WITH MY LITTLE EYE

Gift of the Independent Thrift Shop:
- **747 GRA**/ A PLACE CALLED HOME

In Memory of Grace Dorety Gonzalez:
- **861.64 NER**/ ALL THE ODES: A BILINGUAL EDITION

Gift of the Independent Thrift Shop:
- **747 GRA**/ A PLACE CALLED HOME

Gifts of The Marshall Family:
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Gifts of the Independent Thrift Shop:
- **747 GRA**/ A PLACE CALLED HOME

In Memory of Robert N. Yaeger:
- **918 NEW**/ THE NEW YORK TIMES: 36 HOURS, LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN