

FRIENDS OF THE BERNARDSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2016 ANNUAL LETTER

Our library serves as an important gathering place providing educational programs and services throughout the year. Through the generous support of the borough, our Five-Star Library is able to offer many services to the community, but even with that support, there are many needs the library cannot meet. This is where the Friends help as we provide the funding necessary for many community programs including:

Children's Programs:

- Summer Reading Program in which more than 250 children participated this year;
- 444 programs offered from January to August 2016.

Adult Programs:

- Annual senior breakfast and musical program serving over 80 local patrons;
- Books for those not able to get to the library;*
- Books for our active book clubs;
- In-library website access to Ancestry.com;
- Rental books for those who can't wait for the latest bestseller;
- Sundays at Three concerts offering entertainment for over 200 patrons.

Family Programs:

- The bi-monthly library newsletter;
- Movie presentations and licenses;*
- Museum passes for the American Museum of National History, Grounds for Sculpture,* and the Morris Museum;
- Youth and adult volunteer recognition.

* *New this year.*

In 2016, we hosted several fundraisers, including Bingo Nights and an author dinner with L' Aura Hladik Hoffman at The Bernards Inn. Thank you to all who attended these events. As we wind down 2016 and begin our Annual Fund Drive, we ask for your support, so that we can continue to provide the offerings on which so many in our community have come to depend. All donations go directly to these valued programs and services. With your help and support, either by making a financial donation or by volunteering, we can look forward to another successful year of our partnership with Bernardsville Public Library. You can make a donation online at www.bernardsvillelibrary.org/support or fill out and return the coupon at the end of this newsletter. We thank you in advance.

Nancy Verduin

President, Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library

Volunteers

Library volunteers of all ages give countless hours of service to the library. Volunteers assist with children's programs, staff the Local History Room, provide income tax assistance, arrange for and hang art displays, teach English-As-A-Second-Language classes, run the bridge group, and process, cover, and repair books and other materials. The Bernardsville Garden Club maintains the library's outdoor plantings and provides weekly indoor floral arrangements. We are grateful to everyone who volunteered in 2015-2016, and we are currently looking for someone with marketing experience to help the Friends in the coming year. Let us know if you can help!

Officers, Directors and Meetings

Monthly meetings of the Directors of the Friends are open to all members. Our remaining 2016 meeting is on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 (the Annual Meeting) at 7:00 pm at the library. The current board consists of the following members:

Steve Autenrieth
Bob Baker, Treasurer
Jamie Bertoni
John Bertoni, VP

Patricia Carroll
Denis Dooley
Sarah Glazar
Katherine Harris, Sect.

Debbie Heimerl
Joanne Kavanaugh
Roni Larini
Dan Lincoln
Shikha Mayer

Janet George Murnick
Lori Pakrul
Maria Myers, Cor. Sect.
Jennifer Paragano
Nancy Verduin, Pres.