

Friends News

FRIENDS OF THE UPPER SADDLE RIVER LIBRARY

MEETINGS

Mon., 11:30am
Lunch at 12pm

Sept. 12th
Oct. 17th
Dec. 5th
Jan. 9th
Feb. 6th
Mar. 6th
Apr. 3rd
May 1st
June 5th

SATURDAY

BOOK SALES

10am–1pm

Sept. 24th
Dec. 10th
Jan. 14th
Feb. 11th
Mar. 11th
Apr. 8th
May 6th
June 10th

SPECIAL BOOK SALES

Saturday, September 24th

Friends only, 9:30–10am

Tuesday, November 8th

Book & Bake Sale, 9am–4pm

Become a Member!

Share your talent and expertise to help enhance the Friends' programs. Interested in joining us? Leave your name at the Library circ. desk or come join us for our Monday meetings and lunch at 11:30 am– see the schedule above. You are invited to attend, listen to our plans, and share your ideas. Look for the Membership Drive letter in November!

Please let us know if you can help with our special projects:

Monthly Book Sales · USR
Directory · Summer Concert
· Membership Drive

Dear Upper Saddle River Residents,

Welcome, September—a time of new beginnings! A new school year and a new volunteer year for the Friends of the Library. Many thanks to all who have supported us in the past year. If you are a member of The Friends, have made a donation, or have purchased books at our Saturday Book sales, you are a partner in fulfilling The Friends' mission to enrich our Library in ways that we all can enjoy.

Each year, the publication of the Annual Upper Saddle River Directory is our major undertaking to support the Library. Through the sale of advertising in the Directory, The Friends are able to make many valuable gifts to the Library and provide directories, free of charge, to residents of Upper Saddle River. Please let our directory advertisers know that you saw their ad in the Directory.

Volunteers have organized and staffed our monthly Saturday Book Sales and have contributed proceeds back to our Library in many ways. Come and explore our Election Day Book and Bake Sale this November!

Friends' gifts to the library during 2015-2016 included:

- Sponsorship, with Allendale's Lee Memorial Library, of the third Annual Friends Graduation Award at Northern Highlands to two deserving seniors (see excerpt from award winning essay on page 2)
- Co-sponsorship, together with the USR Recreation Commission, of the Songs at Sunset Summer Concert
- Purchase of museum passes for Library patrons at the Museum of the City of New York, The Intrepid Air and Space Museum and the Guggenheim Museum
- Purchase of best-selling titles on electronic reading devices for patrons to borrow
- Purchase of Story Sacks filled with books and materials for the Children's Department
- E.S.L Program
- Maintenance of our resident fish and fish tank
- Online learning and productivity resources such as lynda.com®, tutor.com™ and Consumer Reports®
- Access to Ancestry.com® and Heritage Quest™
- Funding of the upkeep of our grounds, including all decorative land-

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OUR GREAT LIBRARY HAS GREAT FRIENDS... JOIN US!

scaping, lawn treatments, spring and fall clean-ups, mulching and weeding, pruning and edging.

- Sponsorship of the Book and Author luncheon at the 2015 HUMC Showhouse
- Contribution to the BCCLS scholarship fund
- Seasonal decorations for the Library
- Co-sponsorship of the 2015 Annual Harvest Festival together with the Historical Society

The impact of the Friends' generosity is wider than just our community. In the last year we have donated DVD's and Audio Books to the VFW for soldiers in the Middle East; and books to Teach for America, Oasis Shelter, Spring Valley and Paterson schools and a school in the Philippines.

We invite you to join the Friends of the Upper Saddle River library—either as an active member (meetings are generally the first Monday of the month—check the Upper Saddle River Library website or the Borough Bulletin), or as a financial supporter through membership and donations. Working together, we make a difference for our Library!

Sincerely,
Dianne M. Bono, President

English as a Second Language

The Library offers an ongoing E.S.L. Program which was established in 2003. The sessions, which are free of charge, provide English as a second language



instruction for area adults. Local residents, who serve as tutors, teach foreign born adults on a one-to-one or small group basis, to read and write English. All groups meet at the

library at prearranged times. Applications and information can be obtained at the library circulation desk. Anyone who wishes to volunteer as a tutor or register for lessons, can leave a message for Rosemarie Manganaro, ESL Manager at the circulation desk.

We continue to offer a course to prepare eligible individuals for the U.S. Citizenship test. This course will prepare you for all parts of the test: speaking, reading, writing and civics—US history and government. Please inquire at the library circulation desk.

Friends of the Library Award

The Friends of the Upper Saddle River Library and the Lee Memorial Library in Allendale have partnered to sponsor an Award for two graduating seniors at Northern Highlands Regional High School. The third annual "Friends of the Library Award" was granted to Upper Saddle River resident Nicole Steinberg at the NHRHS Awards ceremony on June 2nd.



Nicole completed an essay on the topic "How Libraries Have Shaped My Life." Her essay was selected for the award by Highlands staff members. Nicole is pictured

here with Nona Maher, outgoing president of the USR Friends, incoming President, Dianne Bono and USR Library Director, Kathleen McGrail. (see an excerpt from Nicole's award-winning essay below)

This is the closing paragraph of Nicole's essay—

"...Today, I am the girl who reads while walking through the school hallways, razing through three pages every passing period, the girl who totes seven-hundred-page tomes and reads her English textbook for fun. I am the girl who won the senior superlative for "Next Best-Selling Author," the girl everyone asks for book recommendations. People think I've read everything, but my to-read list must be twice as long as my read-already, which I am ever trying to add to. Menjit Kumar's "Quantum" makes me want to be a physicist, James Michener's "Space" makes me want to be an astronaut, Milan Kundera's "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" makes me want to write my own novel. What better than books to broaden one's horizons? Where else to find such a collection than a library?"

Nicole's complete essay may be found on the Upper Saddle River Library Friends page at: www.uploadsaddleriverlibrary.org

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Friends Book Sales



**'Early Bird' Book Sale Hours
for Current Friends Members:
Sept. 24th · 9:30–10 am**

Every Tuesday from 9 to 12 noon, Lucy Bontempi and her team meet to sort through donated books and organize the room for the monthly book sales. Thanks to Lucy, Alice Limina, Janice Healy, Virginia Karalis, Rosemarie Manganaro, Dianne Bono, Susan Bauer, Bobbie May and Donna Friedman the shelves are fully stocked and ready for our first sale on September 24th.

Thanks, also, to all those who have so generously donated their gently-used books. The gift of these books are accepted during regular library hours. A truly added bonus is that this project has become an incredible source of needed books given

to hospitals, the V.A., Women's shelters, and urban schools in Paterson and Newark. Books are also shipped to service men and women in Afghanistan and Iraq. We also donate gently used children's books to the Children's Literacy Program in Monroe, NY and a "Teach for America" school in Texas. The thank you construction paper posters from these small children are heart-warming. These young students had never owned a book to call their own, and their teacher wrote to tell us of their joy in receiving such a gift.

~ Thank you for your donations!



The Friends co-sponsored the annual summer evening concert with the USR Recreation Dept. in July. While the weather forced the concert indoors, a wonderful time was had by all. Residents mingled and relaxed to the seasonal music of the North Jersey Concert Band.

Children were delighted with the balloon artist, cotton candy, hot-dogs, popcorn and arts and crafts.

Volunteer of the Year

The Friends' presented Althea Gardner with the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2016. "For her many years of enthusiasm, dedication and hard work in making the Friends of the Library a successful organization."



A *Special Thanks* to the group of dedicated Friends who meet monthly to plan special programs, fund raising events and work weekly in the book room. It is these people who truly get all the Friends projects to the finish line:

Elbiz Baghdikian, Miriam Bakal, Susan Bauer, Sondra Boden, Dianne Bono, Lucy Bontempi, Wren DiGisi, Leslie Edelman, Carole Forsyth, Althea Gardner, Barbara Greenberg, Janice Healy, Marie Hornstein, Barbara Hymans, Gayle Ianuzzi, Virginia Karalis, Bobby Kolten, Barbara Kruger, Alice Limina, Nona Maher, Rosemarie Manganaro, Bobbie May and Linda Napolitano

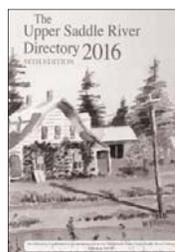
Are You Listed in the 2016 Upper Saddle River Directory?

Have you picked up your complimentary copy of the 2016 USR Directory at the library yet? Did you know that residents have been referring to this annual Directory for the past 58 years in Upper Saddle River?

The Directory is a valuable tool for our residents. It is put out by the Friends of the Library and it not only contains a listing of the residents in town, but it also contains

updated information about the borough organizations, the schools and places of worship, a professional directory, a dining guide and a wonderful fold out map!

If you are currently listed in the USR Directory, your listing will remain in the next edition. If you are not currently listed, all



you have to do, to be added to the 2017 edition, is to leave your name, address and phone number (if you want the number listed) on a card at the library desk or email it to usrdirectory@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, just call Barbara Hymans at 201-825-8091.

Don't miss out! Be sure to add your listing to our next edition and be sure to pick up the 2016 USR Directory at the library desk soon!



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1st Book Sale: Sept. 24th
10am-1pm

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What's Ahead- Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

Election Day Book & Bake Sale

Find a bargain at our annual Book & Bake sale, featuring a selection of homemade treats on Tuesday, November 8th from 9:30 am-4 pm.

Friends' Membership Drive

The annual Friends of the Library membership drive takes place in November. Look for the letter arriving in the mail. We appreciate your support.

Donate with Paypal

Donations to the Friends of the Library are accepted with a credit card or Paypal. Look for the Donate button on our library website.

Memorial Donations

Some of our patrons have found a most meaningful way to remember a deceased family member or honor a special friend by donating an appropriate book as a lasting memorial.

Our library director will help you choose and order the gift book. A bookplate with the name of the loved one or honoree is placed in the new book and a gracious acknowledgment is sent to the name and address provided by the donor.

The beautiful cherry blossom tree hand painted on the wall of the circulation area recognizes the donations made by sponsor and benefactor contributions. Their gift entitles them to a cherry blossom "name tag" on the tree, for either a family name or in honor or memorial for a special relative or a friend.

The Friends provide rides to seniors who need transportation to Library events and programs.
Please call the Library at 201-327-2583 to make arrangements.