

Friends News

FRIENDS OF THE UPPER SADDLE RIVER LIBRARY

MEETINGS

Mon., 11:30 am
Lunch at 12 pm
Sept. 21st
Oct. 19th
Dec. 7th
Jan. 4th
Feb. 1st
Mar. 7th
Apr. 4th
May 2nd
June 6th

SATURDAY BOOK SALES

10 am–1 pm
Sept. 26th
Dec. 12th
Jan. 9th
Feb. 6th
Mar. 12th
Apr. 9th
May 7th
June 11th

SPECIAL BOOK SALES

Saturday, September 26th
Friends only, 9:30–10 am

Tuesday, November 3rd
Book & Bake Sale, 9 am–4 pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Sunday, October 25th
1:00-4:00 pm

The Friends' and the USR Historical Society cosponsor the Harvest Festival, with activities at the Library and the Hopper–Goetschius House. Check the Library and Historical Society websites for a schedule of events. Programs are rain or shine!
www.upper saddle river library.org
& www.usrhistoricalsociety.org.

Dear Upper Saddle River Residents,

Another year has flown by! Since September is a time of new beginnings—a new school year as well as a new volunteer year for the Friends of The Library—I would like to extend our thanks to all of you who have supported us in the past year. By becoming a member of the Friends, by making a donation of gently used books or money, or by purchasing books at our Saturday Book sales, you have been a partner in fulfilling our goals to enrich our Library in ways that we all can enjoy.

Looking back, it is evident that The Friends have been busy in the past year. We have organized and staffed our regular Saturday Book Sales and have contributed proceeds back to our Library in many ways.

Among the Friends' gifts to the Library during our 2014–2015 year were:

- Sponsorship, with Allendale's Lee Memorial Library, of the second Annual Friends Graduation Award at Northern Highlands granted to a senior who expressed in an essay how libraries had shaped his or her life
- Sponsorship of a Summer Concert and a Wine and Chocolate event
- Purchase of museum passes for Library patrons (Museum of The City of New York, The Intrepid Air and Space Museum and The Guggenheim)
- Purchase of best-selling titles for the electronic devices we make available for our patrons
- 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
- Computer programs and online learning opportunities (the new Lynda.com, continuing sponsorship of Mango Language® and Little Pim®, and Tutor.com™ with unlimited hours available)
- Access to Ancestry.com® and Heritage Quest™
- Landscaping of our garden and grounds
- Repainting the Library sign
- Seasonal decorations for the Library
- Library T-shirts for staff
- Tent for USR Day and Library events
- Co-sponsor with the Historical Society of the Annual Harvest Festival
- Last, but not least, the Annual Upper Saddle River Directory (Please let our advertisers know where you saw their ad—we need to support those who support us)

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

On the “Wish List” for this coming year are:

- Continuing to purchase current best-sellers for our electronic devices for patrons to borrow
- Continuing to fund the upkeep of our grounds
- Responding to needs as they arise

The reach of the Friends is also 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, books to Teach for America, Oasis Shelter, Spring Valley and Paterson schools and a school in the Philippines.

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

Best,
Nona Maher, 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 circ. desk. Anyone who wishes to volunteer as a tutor or register for lessons, can leave a message for Rosemarie Manganaro, ESL Manager.

There will be a drop-in conversation class for current E.S.L. students or for anyone who is interested in improving their conversational English. 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. Class times to be announced. Please register at the circulation desk.

Are You Listed in the 2015 Upper Saddle River Directory?

Have you picked up your complimentary copy of the 2015 USR Directory at the library yet? Did you know that residents have been referring to this annual Directory for the past 57 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 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 2016 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 2015 USR Directory at the library desk soon!

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 a graduating senior at Northern Highlands

Regional High School. The second annual “Friends of the Library Award” was granted to Samantha Wei at the Awards ceremony on June 4th.

Samantha completed an essay on the topic “How Libraries Have Shaped My Life.” Her essay was selected for the award by Highlands staff members. Nona Maher, president of the Friends of The USR Library and Anna DiMiceli, President of the Friends of Allendale’s Lee Memorial Library presented the award.

Friends Book Sales



**'Early Bird' Book Sale Hours
for Current Friends Members:
Sept. 26th · 9:30–10am**

Every Tuesday from 10 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 and Bobbie May, the shelves are fully stocked and ready for our first sale on September 26th.

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!

Summer Concert

The Friends co-sponsored a fabulous concert this summer, 'The Nerds' with the Upper Saddle River Recreation Department.

The weather proved challenging, but the skies held out and hundreds of guests had a terrific time as they danced and sang along to this well known New Jersey band.



Volunteer of the Year

The Friends' presented Janice Healy with the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2015. "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, Majken Elgaaro, Carole Forsyth, Althea Gardner, Barbara Greenberg, Janice Healy, Marie Hornstein, Barbara Hymans, Gayle Ianuzzi, Virginia Karalis, Bobby Kolten, Barbara Kruger, Alice Limina, Mikey Lustberg, Nona Maher, Rosemarie Manganaro, Bobbie May, Marilyn Mattei-Rabenhorst and Linda Napolitano

What's Ahead ~ Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

Harvest Festival

Join the Friends as we cosponsor this event with the USR Historical Society on Sunday, October 25th from 1–4pm. This family friendly afternoon includes live music, apple pie contest and chili cook-off, pumpkin carving, games, arts and crafts for children and much more! Events take place at the Library and the Hopper-Goetschius House.

Book & Author Luncheon

Monday, October 26th from 11am–2pm at the 2015 Designer Showhouse of NJ with Interior Designer, Barbara Ostrom. Tickets are \$40 and include: a private tour, buffet luncheon and presentation.

Election Day Book & Bake Sale

Find a bargain at our annual Book & Bake sale, featuring a selection of homemade treats from 9am–4pm.

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.



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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 on the front of this newsletter. 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 • Book and Author Luncheon
Annual Harvest Festival • Membership Drive

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.