

Friends News

FRIENDS OF THE UPPER SADDLE RIVER LIBRARY

MEETINGS

Mon., 11:30 am
Lunch at 12 pm

Sept. 16th
Oct. 14th
Dec. 2nd
Jan. 6th
Feb. 3rd
Mar. 2nd
Apr. 6th
May 4th
June 1st

SATURDAY BOOK SALES

10 am–1 pm

Sept. 21st
Dec. 7th
Jan. 11th
Feb. 8th
Mar. 7th
Apr. 11th
May 9th
June 6th

SPECIAL BOOK SALES

Saturday, September 21st

Friends only, 9:30–10 am

Tuesday, November 5th

Book & Bake Sale, 9 am–4 pm

Become a Member!

Share your talent and expertise to help enhance the Friends' programs. Are you 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 the mail this September.

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,

September is a time of new beginnings—a new school year as well as a new volunteer year for the Friends of The Library. The Friends thank 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. Most notable this past year has been the replacement of the glass that was installed by us decades ago in both our Adult and Children's Solariums. These rooms are part of the unique character of our library and we are happy to know that they will continue to be bright and cheery places for our residents for years to come.

As we have for over 50 years, we continue to fundraise to meet the needs of the Library "Wish List," as well as ongoing services and programs that we fund on an annual basis. Check out the listing of some of the current ones on the next page.

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 overseas, books to Teach for America and other schools in need—including schools in Ghana. We also supply some books to patients in a cancer infusion center.

Please consider joining us! All are welcome to become a Friend—either as an active member (meetings are generally the first Monday of the month—check the box at the left for dates), or as a financial supporter through membership and donations. Working together, we can continue to make a difference for our Library!

Best,
Nona Maher
President

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of the
Library*

Our Great Library has Great Friends... JOIN US!

Gifts to the Library

Among the Friends' gifts to the Library during our 2018–2019 year were:

- Sponsorship, with Allendale's Lee Memorial Library, of The 6th Annual Friends Graduation Award at Northern Highlands granted to a senior who expressed in an essay how libraries had shaped his or her life
- Replacement the glass panels in both the Adult and Children's Solariums
- Refinishing the tables in the Adult Solarium
- Sponsorship of a Summer Concert in conjunction with the USR Recreation Department
- Funding of the Children's Summer Reading Program and Events
- Purchase of Museum Passes for Library patrons to The Museum of The City of New York, The Intrepid Air and Space Museum, The Frick Collection, Grounds For Sculpture, Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Storm King Arts Center, New York Transit Museum, the Guggenheim Museum, Montclair Art Museum and the Museum of The Moving Image
- Purchase of best-selling titles for the electronic devices made available for our patrons
- E.S.L Program for newcomers to our community
- Maintenance of our resident fish and fish tank
- Sponsorship of Lynda.com® for all your "how to" needs
- Continuing sponsorship of Tutor.com™ with unlimited sessions for all grade levels
- Landscaping of the Library gardens and grounds
- Seasonal decorations for the Library
- Last, but not least, the 61st Annual Upper Saddle River Directory (Please let our advertisers know where you saw their ad—we need to support those who support us)

Support the Friends

Donations to the Friends of The Upper Saddle River Library are accepted with a check, and also with a credit card, or Paypal. Look for the Donate Button on our Library website, www.upsaddleriverlibrary.org, under the Friends Tab.

English as a Second Language

Our E.S.L. Program, established in 2003, provides English as a second language instruction for area adults free of charge. Local residents tutor foreign born adults to speak, read and write English on a one-to-one basis or in a small conversational group. All groups meet at the library at prearranged times.

As part of the E.S.L. program, we offer a course to prepare eligible individuals for all parts of the United States Citizenship test: speaking, reading, writing and civics—US history and government.

Student and tutor applications are available at the library circulation desk. No experience is necessary to become a tutor, training is provided at the library. If you have a question please leave a message for Rosemarie Manganaro, ESL Manager at the circ. 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 a graduating senior at Northern Highlands Regional High School. The 6th Annual "Friends of the Library Award" was granted to Jenna Squasoni at the Awards ceremony on June 6th. Jenna completed an essay on the topic "How Libraries Have Shaped My Life." Her essay was selected for the award by Highlands' staff members.

In her essay, Jenna wrote that her first memory of the library was getting her library card on a kindergarten field trip. Through high school, she volunteered at Lee Memorial Library in Allendale and will continue through this last summer before college. She plans to study Early Childhood Education—a career path she attributes to her local library and her volunteer



hours working with children there. "Someday, as a teacher, I can't wait to bring my own kindergarten students to the library to get their first library card!"

Dianne Bono, (out-going 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. 21st · 9:30–10 am

Every Tuesday from 9 to 12 noon, Bobbie May and her team meet to sort through donated books and organize the room for the monthly book sales. Thanks to Bobbie, Lucy Bontempi, Janice Healy, Virginia Karalis, Rosemarie Manganaro, Dianne Bono, Susan Bauer, Donna Friedman, Vikki Stephan and Lynn Houser, the shelves are fully stocked and ready for our first sale on Saturday, September 21st. Current members of the Friends can take advantage of our 'early bird'

9:30 am entrance on September 21st. You are welcome to join the Friends of the Library on the morning of the booksale.

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 local organizations.

This year books were donated to: Bergen County Children's Services, a Women's Shelter, Bergen County Dept. of Disability, Bergen County Social Services, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Child & Family Agency of South East Conn., Paterson, NJ schools, Upper Saddle River Library E.S.L. Program, Northern State Prison, Newark, NJ, an orphanage in Ghana, and books as requested—almost 1000 books since June!

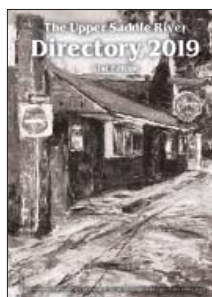
~Thank you for your donations!

Are You Listed in the U.S.R. Directory?

Have you picked up your complimentary copy of the 2019 Upper Saddle River Directory at the library? Did you know that residents have been referring to this annual Directory for over 60 years in Upper Saddle River?

The Upper Saddle River 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 also updated information about 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 Upper Saddle River Directory, your listing will remain in the next edition.



If you are not currently listed, you can be added to the 2020 edition. Please 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 by December 1st. If you have questions, call Michele Repetto, Editor, at 201-825-3883.

Volunteer Awards

The Friends presented two long time volunteers with gifts of appreciation this June. Lucy Bontempi has organized and staffed the Book Room and monthly Book Sales for 25 years. With her team of volunteers, she has made a gigantic contribution to our fundraising efforts, and we thank her for her service as she passes the torch to Bobbie May.

We also honored Barbara Hymans who, for almost as many years, has been the Editor of our annual Town Directory. She has recruited new residential listings, found advertisers and cover artists and made it the reliable resource we all know. We thank Barbara, too, as she passes the job to a new editor, Michelle Repetto.

The Friends are blessed to have such dedicated volunteers!

A Special Thanks to our dedicated Friends who meet monthly to plan programs and events. It is these people who truly get our projects to the finish line:

Miriam Bakal, Susan Bauer, Dianne Bono, Lucy Bontempi, Wren DiGisi, Leslie Edelman, Carole Forsyth, Donna Friedman, Althea Gardner, Barbara Greenberg, Janice Healy, Marie Hornstein, Lynn Houser, Barbara Hymans, Virginia Karalis, Alice Limina, Nona Maher, Rosemarie Manganaro, Bobbie May, Judy Morton, Gloria Nafpliotis, Linda Napolitano, Michele Repetto and Vikki Stephan



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What's Ahead- Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

Friends' Membership Drive

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

Election Day Book & Bake Sale

Find a bargain at our annual Book & Bake sale, featuring a selection of homemade treats on Tuesday, November 5th from 9 am-4 pm.

Monthly Book Sales

Find books for every age and of every genre including best-sellers, mysteries, science fiction, and many non-fiction subjects such as gardening, cooking, history, biography and memoir at our monthly sales.

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.