The Friends of the Cos Cob Library

Join Us to Become a Volunteer of The Cos Cob Library!

As you know, The Friends is a volunteer organization dedicated to encouraging and assisting the work of the Cos Cob Branch of the Greenwich Library by providing information to the community, by sponsoring programs, and by coordinating the volunteer activities of the Cos Cob Library.

If you are already an active volunteer—Thank You! If you are currently a Friend and would like to get more involved, we encourage you to join us.

Here are just a few ways that you can help:

**Board Member**

Join the Board of Directors of The Friends of the Cos Cob Library. We are currently accepting applications to join the Board of the Friends of the Cos Cob Library. Board members serve a three-year term and help to plan and stage programs, assist with publicity, communications, development, and facilities.

**Program Assistance**

One or more Volunteers assist a day or evening program for children, adults or families, including preparing and setting up any hospitality. This requires arriving about 30 minutes before scheduled start time.

**Shelving Volunteers**

At their convenience, Volunteers check in with the Librarian and are assigned one or more shelves to put in numerical or alphabetical order. No specific schedule or required number of hours is required, but there are almost always shelves needing attention.

To learn more about how you can help, or to sign up to volunteer, please visit [www.greenwichlibrary.org](http://www.greenwichlibrary.org) (please go to the Cos Cob Library tab found at the right of the screen. A link to the volunteer form can be found at the bottom of the page). You can also stop by the library. A member of the staff will be happy to help.

Again, thank you for being a Friend of The Cos Cob Library. We hope that you enjoy all we have to offer, and I look forward to seeing you at the library soon.

Fondly,

Kerry Strassel, President, Shannon Bassalik, Vice President, Richard Campbell, Secretary, Jeff Cooper, Treasurer, Jane Anderson, Daniela Barcello, Annie Farrell, Courtney Hadden, Hilary Lane, Sheryn MacMunn, Craig Wingrove, Wendy Silver (Ex-Officio), Mary-Jane (M.J.) Brogan, Trustee Representative
The Friends of the Cos Cob Library hosted our Annual Open House and Children's Book Sale this past September. 350 people attended the annual event which featured hoop dancing entertainment with Judi Ann Jones. Throughout the afternoon people expressed themselves through creative play. Crafts, games, face painting, and live music featuring Huckster were all part of the fun afternoon. New and lightly used children's books were sold during the always popular event.

Gift of Trees

Early in January, a plaque was installed commemorating the gifts of trees that surround the parking lot and other areas of the library grounds. The new plaque was fabricated in Minnesota to match other plaques on the inside and exterior of the building. The tree gifting program was initiated in 1999 when the present library site opened.

Popular Events Bringing The Community Together

Be sure to visit our monthly calendar or stop by the Library to see what interests you. Whether you are a new parent attending Baby Lapsit or Toddler Time, a parent of a tween, or an art lover, we guarantee you'll find events that are educational and fun! Some highlights include:

Book Wizards Book Club with Miss Jeanne - Please Register
A book club for children in 4-6 grades! Come to our monthly meetings and enjoy pizza and a drink. Miss Jeanne will choose an interesting chapter book every month and we'll eat and then chat and share opinions. The book for March is 'Masterminds' by Gordon Korman. Please call 203-622-6883 or stop into the Cos Cob Library to find out about availability.

Thursday Evening Book Club
Meets the 1st Thursday of each month. The March title is THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY by Rachel Joyce.

The Cloak and Dagger Book Club
Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month – March title is MAISIE DOBBS by Jacqueline Winspear.

Brown Bag Discussion Group
Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month at Noon. Join us at our longest running book club. Each month we read books that warrant special merit and discussion.

Sit’n Stitch Knitting/Crocheting
Meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm. Knitters of all levels are welcome. Experienced knitters are always available to help beginners.

Community Gives Back

Young Cooper Auerswald and his family held a tag sale and Cooper donated all his own proceeds to the Cos Cob Library! Happi Yu, who has been donating her birthday money annually since she was age 7 has graduated from college and landed her first full time job! She didn't forget us and came in with a check, using funds from her very first paycheck. Thanks to these amazing young people.

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New and Exciting Programs for All

Adult Coloring Time! - Need an excuse to give yourself some time off? The Friends and Staff of Cos Cob Library invite you to decompress with a lovely design to color, any way you wish. We will provide coloring supplies, although you may bring your own. Thursdays at 3:30 PM

Turtle Dance Music - Friendly Music and Movement Show for Kids. A concert by Turtle Dance Music, including children on the autism spectrum. Saturday, March 11th at 10:30 AM

The Shamroges Music Concert – A family friendly concert to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Put on your green and join the fun! As an extra treat there will be Irish dancing by the Lynn Academy of Irish Dance! Green refreshments will be served. March 10th at 7 PM

Holiday Cheer for our wonderful staff at the Cos Cob Library
The Friends were thrilled to host the annual holiday luncheon for the dedicated staff at The Cos Cob Library. For a year spent helping us locate sought after books on the shelves, helping with events, and maintaining the welcoming feel of the library—we say thank you!!!

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