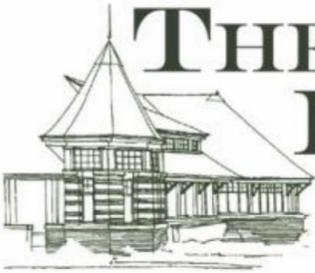


THE HUB CAP



The Biannual Newsletter of The Friends of the Cos Cob Library
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Dear Friends,

These past weeks of “staying home to stay safe” have all of us missing our Library! While our Library staff has done a terrific job of moving some of our best-loved programs online for all to enjoy, we are looking forward to coming back together at our favorite community hub — the Cos Cob Library!

At our Hot Tea Month Celebration at the library this Winter, a member of our community said “You should tell people about all of the programs the Friends of the Cos Cob Library help pay for! Most people think it’s the Library or the town that make these programs possible.” With that suggestion still fresh in my mind , I am delighted to report that our Friends of the Cos Cob Library is a very active community which generously and enthusiastically supports wonderful programs at our tiny gem of a library – programs for which municipal funding is not available.

You will find this issue of The Hubcap full of fun special events that were made possible through your continued support and designed to appeal to every facet of our community, from babies to seniors and everyone in-between. I hope you consider, not only renewing your membership in the Friends this year, but also encouraging your friends and neighbors to join us, too.



Our library, visited more than 95,000 times last year, is a vibrant center of activity, with caring, dedicated, accomplished staff and volunteers under the capable leadership of Branch Manager Laura Matthews. In addition, the Friends Board works hard to ensure that your donations support the high-quality programming we have all come to expect. It is my honor to serve as President of this group, which works collaboratively with the professional staff, the Trustees and staff of Greenwich’s world-class Main Library, as well as our local small businesses. We are looking forward to more fun, learning, and community spirit.

I also wish to thank those members of the Friends’ Board and volunteers who continuously work to make our library a truly special place where our children come to learn, where our families forge friendships, and where even the most solitary among us can find connection and belonging.

I hope you’ll make it a priority to renew your “Friend”-ship. And to those who have not yet joined, please make 2020 the year you love your library!

Sincerely,

Courtney Hadden

President, Friends of the Cos Cob Library

That's What the Friends Are For

Our library is lively because the Friends support, or help support, so many ongoing programs for all ages. January marks our annual celebration of **Hot Tea Month** with a free event featuring specially-selected teas and sweets. This year, Diane Clehane, local authority on the British Royal Family, entertained two capacity crowds with her insiders' knowledge from behind castle walls. Thanks to The Drawing Room for provide the tea and scones!



The Greenwich PEN Women held another sold-out event, an open mic night where writers and poets came to share their work. In November and December, our library was adorned with more than a dozen works created by the highly-skilled crafters of the Common Threads Quilt Club. A tea was held for the exhibit's opening, and more than 60 people came to admire their creations!

Throughout the summer months, the Library typically holds Summer Reading Challenges for children and adults, for which the Friends provides prizes in the form of gift cards to local eateries. Even though we believe summer reading is its own reward, we are delighted to participate in the celebration of these accomplishments. *With the uncertainty related to the coronavirus pandemic, the early weeks of the summer reading program may move online, so watch our website for updates.*



September usually brings our **Annual Open House and Children's Book Sale** – a community-wide event that grows in

popularity every year. We love the chance to show off our library by offering an afternoon of family fun. We have live music, visits from adorable animals, face painting, crafts, food trucks, a bake "sale" and hundreds of gently-loved children's books for sale by the bagful. *Please watch our website for updates on the planning for this event.*

Our library is more than just a place to find books, as evidenced by the wide-range of events and activities we offer, such as dance performances like **Irish Dance** to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and **The Nutcracker** to herald the start of the holiday season. The Friends welcomed lecturer **Jeffrey Engel**, who spoke about the fascinating relationships among some of the world's legendary composers. We held **card-making workshops** for Christmas, Hanukah, Valentine's Day, and Mother's Day that let our youngsters' creativity and giving spirit shine. We celebrated Halloween by treating little goblins to **goodie bags**.



The Friends are proud to provide ongoing programs that our community has come to rely on for wellness, human connection, and cultural appreciation. **Chair Yoga, QiGong, World Music with Anitra, Genealogy instruction, and a Book Clubs for every taste** are all made possible by your membership in the Friends. Visit the library's online calendar often.

Visit www.greenwichlibrary.org/cos-cob/

We Love Our Local Businesses



The Friends of the Cos Cob Library salutes the following local businesses that have generously partnered with us to bring an extra special touch to programs and events:

The Drawing Room
Fairfield Pizza
Fleishers Craft Butchery
Fjord Fisheries
Gofer Ice Cream
Green & Tonic
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Rinaldi's
Starbucks

Please patronize these businesses whenever and however possible. They support our community in so many ways!

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Become a Friend of the Cos Cob Library

Membership in The Friends of Cos Cob Library shows your support for our local library. Annual membership dues are tax deductible. Receive one of our beautiful gifts for Memberships of \$55+.

Yes, I want to support and expand the Library programs and services by joining The Friends. Enclosed please find my check payable to The Friends of the Cos Cob Library.

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_____ \$50 Associate

_____ \$100 Sponsor

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_____ **Matching Gifts:** I want my membership dollars to go even further. My employer has a Matching Gifts Program and I have enclosed the appropriate form.

_____ **Volunteer:** I am interested in learning about The Friends' volunteer opportunities.

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Thank You!