



The Biannual Newsletter of The Friends of the Cos Cob Library
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The Friends of the Cos Cob Library are more vibrant than ever, even though we have not had the ability to hold an in-person event in nearly a year. We have continued to present a full roster of virtual events – and a few “pick up and go” events – to keep our wonderful Library community engaged throughout the pandemic-related shutdown. For the past several months, The Friends of the Cos Cob Library have wisely used this time to regroup, reorganize, and re-energize our slate of signature events.

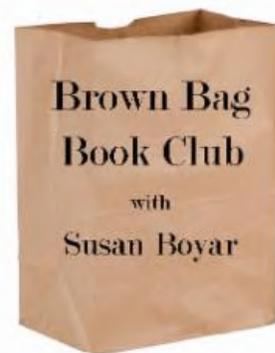
Through the hard work and dedication of our Board members, we have begun publishing a news-filled bi-weekly email, launched an energetic membership drive, and instituted a more efficient and modern accounting system. This “behind-the-scenes” work is already paying dividends. And throughout this process, we have relied upon the knowledge and commitment of our superb Library staff to help us make it all happen. We could not bring these programs to the community without their constant support. Our hats are off to **Laura Matthews and her team** for ensuring that the Library we adore remains a hub of activity and connection despite closed doors.

Reading Our Way Through It

Our regular book club meetings pivoted to virtual delivery without missing a beat and kept readers tuned in month after month for the exploration of another great book. Thanks to all of you who participate in the **Brown Bag Book Club**, led by popular facilitator **Susan Boyar**, and the **Cloak and Dagger Book Club**. An the intrepid **Judy Berg** even began holding meetings of the **Thursday Evening Book Club with Judy Berg** outdoors on the Library grounds!



*Thursday Evening
 Book Club
 with Judy Berg*



Making Wellness a Priority

The Friends continued making one of its favorite wellness programs available via Zoom – **Qi Gong with Dana McAvity**. With its focus on stress-reduction, Qi Gong has been a welcome balm during these tension-fueled times. In the coming months, we are looking forward to the return of **Chair Yoga**. Stay tuned for details!

Our Littlest Library Patrons



We continued to focus on children’s programming and provided entertaining and educational moments for the many little ones in our community. The Friends were pleased to sponsor **World Music with Anitra**, a multi-cultural singalong on Friday afternoons with local performer **Anitra Brooks**. **Christine’s Critters** offered a peek



into the world of falconry and the captivating lives of these brilliant and majestic birds. The annual **Summer Reading** program was a hit with all reading ages, and The Friends were pleased to sponsor the awards and prizes. This month, The Friends distributed 50 Valentine card making kits as part of our **Share the Love** project so that young crafters could create cheerful greetings for seniors at Nathaniel Witherell. More than 100 cards were shared!

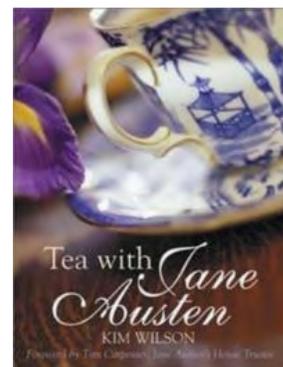


New Forays and Old Favorites



To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women’s right to vote, The Friends were proud to collaborate with the **Greenwich Historical Society** to feature local activist **Coline Jenkins** (left) -- a descendent of Elizabeth Cady Stanton – for “**Vote! A Discussion with Coline Jenkins and the Greenwich Historical Society.**” Prior to the fascinating dialogue with GHS’ **Maggie Dimock**, viewers were treated to a private, virtual guided tour of the Historical Society’s exhibit “An Unfinished Revolution.”

The Friends did not let COVID stop us from our annual celebration of National Hot Tea Month in January. Noted author and lecturer **Kim Wilson** entertained more than 100 viewers for “**Tea with Jane Austen.**” The first forty Friends to register were eligible to receive a “Tea Party in a Box” prepared by our neighbors at The Drawing Room.



Researcher and Genealogy teacher **Janeen Bjork** led a virtual session on “**Tracing Your Ancestors Through Local Newspapers**” as part of our continuing series presented in collaboration with the Greenwich Library’s Local History Department.

Back by popular demand this season is **Professor Jeffrey Engel**, musician and art historian, who will present “A Celebration of Woman Composers,” highlighting the lives and music of several distinguished female composers and concert pianists who, against the odds, achieved fame and success in classical music in the nineteenth century.

The Meaning of Membership

Together, we can continue to make the Cos Cob Library a special and integral part of the Cos Cob community and a valuable resource for patrons of all ages. Please join or renew your membership today...and urge your neighbors to join too! Follow us on Facebook and subscribe to our bi-weekly newsletter, by contacting us at friendscoscoblrary@gmail.com. If we can do all of this while our Library is closed, just imagine what we can do when we reopen our doors! **And we can’t wait.**



(By the way, Friends’ members get this lovely mug as our gift!)

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