

June is Friends Renewal Month

All that the Friends do for the Library is done for love of our community and our beautiful Library. We cannot do anything without your support. ***June starts the membership renewal.*** **Faith McDowell** has streamlined the process to make it easier to renew your Friends Membership. Annual Membership is \$10 with our average membership donation at \$25- truly generous! Look for the renewal in your mailbox.

Following on the heels of a very grand Winter Interlude, the Friends carried off a very successful Spring Event: a book sale, a bake sale, a hot dog sale and a plant sale.

The skies opened to a beautiful spring day in May for the event under a new and larger tent that the Friends purchased. It provided perfect covering-thanks **Ken Kolodziej and Anne Hagele** for arranging the set up and take down. **Wendy Moody** and her following deftly handled the book sale; **Mary Jean Cunningham and Marie Filliponi** worked their network of bakers; **Susan and Tom Smith** got help with the hotdogs and helped sell plants along with **Karen and Handsel Minyard and Connie Gillespie** who also bakes for the sale; but the plants stole the show as everyone wanted the “hot and spicy “thyme-thanks **Suzanne Penn** for your great selection of healthy plants.

The Friends Building Committee added some small but much needed additions to the Library. **Cynthia Kishinchand** cleaned up the Warden Dr entrance with a new basket for lost and found and **Victor Lewis** is using his skills to build (you read it right) a bookcase for the Warden entrance to house free newspapers and miscellaneous; lastly I am pleased to report the American Flag and the State flag have been dry-cleaned and properly placed in the meeting room.

For bigger projects, **Peg Hallenback** is leading the Committee to have the steps on the Warden side to be repointed and we will have a railing leading to the stage in the meeting room. Both were cited as safety concerns by the Committee and quickly addressed.

Susan Smith met with Councilman Curtis Jones advocating support for all Philadelphia Libraries. I encourage everyone to express your support of Libraries to all members of Council and the Mayor in both funding and increasing our visibility. Our Board is currently looking for someone to be the Advocate for our Library and interface with Central's program on Advocacy. Interested? Let me know.

Along similar lines, **Victor Lewis** chaired an ad hoc committee on how the Friends can support the work of Drew and Meredith in keeping the Library's all important user numbers growing.

Summer is no school and our Library gets very busy with activities for children. Be sure to keep up with Drew Birden's reports on what's happening in East Falls LOCAL and in East Falls NOW on Facebook and all your favorite social media.

Borrow a book, a DVD, a CD-our activity numbers are important to our Library's future. Library cards are free and can open a whole world to you and your family.

Be sure to renew your membership. Keep our Library as the Heart of East Falls

Feel free to call me any time with your suggestions or to volunteer.

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