FRIENDS of the Fanwood Memorial Library

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45 crammed into meeting room for Girls Who Code 2018 graduation

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Spring 2018

Library Building Project

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2018—The Year of Growing FRIENDS

This year’s goal for the FRIENDS Membership Committee is to enroll 100 new and renewing FRIENDS by July 4.

Join us!
See p. 4.

Three-time Grammy nominee for best children’s album, Brady Rymer jumpstarts the Fanwood Memorial Library Children’s Summer Reading Program on Monday, June 25, 2018. Kids, bring your parents! Sponsored by the FRIENDS.

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from January 1 through December 31.

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Please join now and encourage your friends to join. You will have the good feeling of supporting your community and your local library.

Fanwood artist Jean Rosen has created a beautiful 9-foot-tall sunflower icon that you can see in the library lobby. Please look for more sunflowers in the Children’s Department. At the end of each month, the number of membership applications received will be posted so you can watch the FRIENDS monthly growth toward 100.

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Join the FRIENDS & Enjoy the Benefits!

Please print

Name__________________________________[ ] New Member or [ ] Renewing Member

Address_____________________________________

Telephone______________________________E-mail__________________________

Enjoy these benefits:

• Friends discounts at local businesses (see Supporters on p. 2 and at www.fanwoodlibrary.org/friends)

• 5 free DVD rentals • First pick at our annual book sale • Updates on happenings at area museums

Select a level of giving:

[ ] INDIVIDUAL $15 [ ] FAMILY $30 [ ] OTHER $________________________

[ ] SPONSOR $15 and you receive a FRIENDS mug or stainless steel water bottle.

[ ] OVER THE TOP! $50 or more and you receive a FRIENDS umbrella.

Select a committee. You will make a difference!

[ ] Membership [ ] Publicity [ ] Programs [ ] Book Sale [ ] Hospitality

Send your tax-deductible membership fee to FRIENDS of the Fanwood Memorial Library, 5 Forest Road, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Please remember us in your company’s matching gifts program. Many thanks!

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FRIenDS Annual Meeting

May 9 at 7pm at the library

All of Fanwood is welcome! After a brief FRIENDS business discussion, we’ll bring on our featured speaker. This year it’s Tom Kranz, Fanwood author, councilman, and communications director.

He’ll talk about his first novel, Budland, which follows Bud Remmick, a successful TV assignment editor, as he journeys from newsroom manager to prison inmate. “I wanted to explore anger and its roots,” Kranz explained. He will also discuss what it’s like to self-publish. Although the characters are composites of several individuals, the novel is based loosely on Kranz’s own experiences working for national TV news organizations.

Author Tom Kranz to speak at the FRIENDS annual meeting. All are welcome!
Love Your Librarian!

National Library Week is April 8-14. We are celebrating with a big red THANK YOU to the many people who help make our library all it can be. Join us! Stop by to say hi to (dockwise from lower left): Nancy Kipping, Annie Mackenzie, Linda Olsen, Susan Staub, Meredith Scheiner, Danielle Hirschhorn, Dan Weiss, Rosie Everson, Sara Angel, and Nicki Thompson.

Check It Out—Literally!

By Jane Van Haasteren

Looking for an exciting new experience to charge you up for spring? MuseumPass—made possible by the Friends of the Fanwood and Scotch Plains Libraries—offers memorable opportunities to immerse yourself in the natural and man-made worlds at nearby museums and learning centers. And it’s all available free or at a steeply reduced price! See one of the world’s finest collections of mechanical figures and musical instruments at the Morris Museum (a MuseumPass favorite!)... explore the Cooper Hewitt’s far-ranging collections with your interactive pen in hand... see what’s new at the Guggenheim. And coming up in our venue line up: The New York Transit Museum. For more information, click the MuseumPass link on the Library’s website.

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The joys of joining the FRIENDS

The amount the Friends 2017 Fall Book Sale hauled in. Our biggest ever!
Many, many thanks to those who donated books, sorted them, sold them, and cleaned up after the event. You are our heroes! The money buys programming, equipment, and materials beyond the library’s annual budget.

Where does your membership money go? It goes to making a difference. Without your support, the FRIENDS, there would be no MuseumPass program, e-book subscription, adult or children’s programming, DVD collection updates, tech updates, or the Little Free Libraries in our parks.

How does the money come from? In addition to membership dues, we collect money from our annual book sale, other fundraising projects, and special gifts. Soon we’ll offer guidance in supporting the FRIENDS long term, through planned giving and special bequests. Are there FRIENDS with benefits? Yes! One your membership comes with five DVD rentals, first pick at the book sale, and discounts from local businesses (see p. 4). Who makes this all happen? Our very dedicated board and committee members: Katherine Balch, Phyllis Brown, The Chaves family, Joan Dickason, Sally Hogan, Annette Madarasz, Mindy Mathews, Tracy Rasmussen, David Richard, Theresa Rosahl, Tuula Ruhlandt, Jane Van Haasteren, Kathi Wildstein and more! Thank you! Our Membership Committee has set a goal of 100 members by July 4. Help us meet it! Also consider adding your name to our hard-working team. Contact me at campell@verizon.net or call 908-377-9278.

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Children’s Department Update

Hey, kids! Did you know that Grammy-nominee Brady Rymer will be kicking off the Summer Reading Club with a FRIENDS-sponsored concert for the whole family on June 5th? Talk about libraries rockin’! We’re expecting a full house. Bring a blanket. Bring a parent. It’s bound to be a fun-for-all!

While you’re there, don’t forget to sign up for the club. Meet your friends there or make some new ones. We’ll be offering prizes and other entertainment for your participation. Meanwhile, you’ll be discovering new worlds in the books you read.

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