Museum Passes come to Linden Library

With much fanfare, The Friends of Linden Library is excited to announce the kick off of our first round of museum passes that are available exclusively to members of The Friends.

In our first round, we are pleased to offer members in good standing, two free passes to the Museum of Natural History in NYC.

Additionally discounted tickets are available for purchase at $10 per ticket. These tickets are for General Admission Plus one. That gives you full access to the museum PLUS the Rose Center for Earth and Space AND one special exhibition including, the LeFrak Theater film, or Hayden Planetarium Space Show, IMAX films, Butterfly exhibit or any other limited time exhibit.

The regular rate is for admission is $27 per adult so that is quite a savings for our members.

The Grounds for Sculpture located in Hamilton, New Jersey is another option for our members. Saving up to $60 on admission for four people, it is our most popular program. A 42 acre sculpture park composed of works by well known and emerging American and international artists. Continued page 3

Lego Mania at the library

Started in Summer of 2015, our new Lego club meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 4 pm to 5 pm.

There is no sign up needed and all children ages 5 to 10 are welcome to let their imagination guide them to create fabulous works of art. Each piece is then put on display until the next meeting. The displays can be seen throughout the first floor.

Melanie Cortese, Lego Chairperson, also heads our Restaurant Fundraising which is highlighted on page 3.

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President's Message

2015 was a very busy year for The Friends. We were recognized by Linden City Council with a resolution and we were named The Friends of the year by The Libraries of Union County Consortium. None of this, however, would be possible without the continued support of the people who care about the Friends and Linden Library. Membership in the Friends organization is of key importance as the largest net contributor to funding and for generating volunteers, ideas and program participants. Most of the income is used for funding the purchase of books, DVD’s and materials for the library along with creating programs for the public.

In 2015 we purchased a sound system for the Columbia Bank room, a digital camera, a movie license, and museum passes. We provide funding for the Children and Adult Summer Reading programs, Children’s Christmas party, Dr. Seuss’ Birthday celebration, Summer Animal programs, and a luncheon for the staff every April for Library Staff Appreciation Day. We also sponsor the Lego club, arts & crafts class, therapy dog, and movies at the library plus so much more! Spread the word and let your friends know about us!

Restaurant Fundraiser

Dining out can benefit the Friends of Linden Library. On the 1st Monday of every month, a different restaurant hosts a fundraiser for us. A percentage of your purchase is donated to the Friends. Monday, March 7, between 5pm-8pm, visit Wendy’s in Linden. 15% of every purchase will be donated! No flier is needed! Most restaurants require a flyer. Copies can be found at the circulation desk or on our facebook page.

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Established in 1909, the Newark Museum, located on Washington St., is the State’s largest museum. It holds fine collections of American art, decorative arts, contemporary art, and arts of Asia, Africa, the Americas, and the ancient world. Each pass allows free access for 2 adults and all children under the age of 16.

Another museum pass available to the Friends is for the Children’s Museum of Manhattan. Through groundbreaking exhibits, innovative programs and first class performances, CMoM brings the joy of creativity and discovery to each child who walks through their doors on West 83rd Street. The CMOM pass is for 2 adults & 2 children or 1 adult & 3 children. Stop by the library today!
Women’s History Month Movie Madness

March is nationally designated as Women’s History Month.

To recognize this, we have picked out five classic movies to highlight each week. Movies are shown in the Columbia Bank Room

IRON JAWED ANGELS
Wed, March 9 6pm

EVITA
Sat, March 5 2pm

THE MIRACLE WORKER
Sat, March 19 10am

AMELIA
Wed, March 23 6pm

MONA LISA SMILE
Thurs, March 31 3pm

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Shopping from home is a convenient way to avoid the hustle and bustle of the stores. Now, you can shop online and help the Friends as well! We have joined two shopping sites that will donate a percentage to us, every time you shop!

Amazon Smiles is for those that shop on Amazon. Visit www.Smile.amazon.com and register. You can then select The Friends of Linden Library as your charity. Anytime you purchase an item that says eligible for Amazon Smiles, 5% of the purchase price will be donated.

Another site is www.iGive.com/TheFriendsofLindenLibraryInc. This shopping site has links to hundreds of online stores. Each store donates a percentage of your purchase total. So start shopping and support your favorite charity!
Arts and Craft

One of our members, Liz Welsh, has offered to be the library’s craft lady. On the last Wednesday of every month, she works with children in grades 2-5 on a variety of fun projects.

Many of the ideas she has, utilizes recycled materials, water/soda bottles, paper, egg cartons, paper rolls, etc. Many other materials were donated by residents. The class is limited to 20 children and requires registration at the circulation desk.

Union County Friends Group of the Year!

On October 13, 2015, the Libraries of Union County Consortium honored the Friends of Linden Library as Friends Group of the Year. The Friends organization was recognized for its exemplary dedication, the amount of volunteer time, and the effort we have put into both promoting the library and supporting it financially through our fundraising efforts.

Volunteer opportunities

The Friends are always looking for volunteers to host programs, chair or assist with fundraisers.

The Friends Executive Board has two positions available for 2016.

Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary handles our mailings and the Recording Secretary records the minutes of our meetings.

If you are interested in helping the Friends of Linden Library, please contact us at:

Friends@Lindenpl.org or 908-298-3830 x30

Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much. – Helen Keller
Bring your child to the Library

On Saturday, February 22, the Friends of Linden Library hosted Take your child to the library day. This national program is to show the community the programs that the library hosts each month.

The children had a fun day using their creativity and imagination by building with Legos and doing various arts & crafts. Spiderman made an appearance and children had their picture taken with him.

Our Wags to Read therapy dog, Rumba, and her handler Nicole spent the morning listening to children read stories. Local children’s author, Mark Kohut, read his book, Red, Yellow, Black, Gray & White. Performer Jumpin’ Jamie performed a variety show that had the children dancing in the aisle. Face painting by Connie Getchies was enjoyed by all.

The LHS NJROTC cadets volunteered their time to assist the Friends.

I'm sure it's known by all that we lend books, but not just books you find on a shelf, but E-books too. Check out our website (lindenpl.org) & you can use your library card to borrow E-books from E-library, Axis 360, & Freading. At the end of the loan period, the books will simply disappear from your device and go to the next person who would like to borrow them. We have a number of magazine subscriptions that you can read in the library, and by using Esco Host & Zinio through our website you can access many more at home. Not everyone knows that in addition to that, we lend DVDs, CDs, & language cassettes. We offer several computers so that people can access the Internet and use various Microsoft Office products like Word and Excel. What you may not know is that we also have laptops, thanks to a Gates grant, that can be utilized at the library.

Please see a librarian if you’re interested in this. It’s a great option if you’re working on a resume or taking a test, things that may take longer then the regularly allotted amount of time you can get on a computer.

With our Printer On app, you can print from the laptop to our network printer on the second floor. In fact, you can use the Printer On to print from any mobile device, even if you’re not at the library (although you’ll have to come in to pick up your copies).

We’ve been offering a couple of computer classes since we opened the new building in 2010. One is the basic class, in which you start with how to use a mouse and by the end will know how to get around the computer desktop and navigate the internet. The other is Microsoft Word, a popular word processing program, that will allow you to type letters, reports, and the like, Call 908-298-3830 extension 34 for more information.

For up to date information on our various programs, please check us out at our webpage, lindenpl.org, or our facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/Lindenpubliclibrary/, or our Twitter page, https://twitter.com/LindenLibraryNJ
March 7  2pm – Veronica Mars movie.
March 9  6pm Iron Jawed Angels movie

April 7 - 6:30pm Jazz night

The Friends annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16, beginning at 1pm. Learn more about what the friends have planned and renew your membership. Door prizes and light refreshments will be served.

April 18 - Local author Dennis Purves will discuss his books