



New Online Resources

By Rebecca Brown and Karen MacPherson

Thanks to the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library, our library is able to try out five new online resources, including streaming audio-books, language learning for kids and adults, and e-books for kids and adults in English, Spanish and French.

Here's a brief run-down of what's available. For more information, check out our News blog post of Sept. 5 (just go to www.tinyurl.com/tpml-toys), where you will find loads more information. If you still have questions, we are always happy to answer them! Just call us at 301-891-7259.

Language Learning Resources

Little Pim for Young Children

This award-winning language program features a cheerful animated panda named Little Pim, and is designed specifically to introduce foreign languages to children, ages one through five. It's free for our library cardholders.

You can choose one of 10 languages: English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Hebrew, German, Russian, and Arabic. Little Pim is the star of the programs, which feature native speakers and entertaining activities to make it fun and easy for kids to learn a language.

Mango for Older Children and Adults

Mango is our offering for older children and adults. Like Little Pim, it is free with your library cards. Currently, there are 34 languages offered on Mango; in addition, there are separate English lessons available for speakers of 26 languages.

We are captivated by these online treasures and hope you will enjoy them as much as we do! Please try them out, and give us feedback.

Electronic Books

E-Books for children

We offer two different types of e-books: the Tumblebook Library, which provides story books and more for children through age nine or so; and Tumblereadables for kindergartens to adults.

Both require a more- or- less- up to date version of flash and an Internet connection, but you need only a computer — not a dedicated e-reader — to access these resources. They work just as well on Linux computers/pads as they do on Windows and Mac computers.

Tumblebooks

The Tumblebook Library collections come in three languages: English, Spanish and French. In addition to the picture book and non-fiction titles, our version of the Tumblebook Library includes some chapter books and graphic novels for elementary school students. These are labeled "read-alongs" and have a different user interface.

Tumblebook features differ somewhat from book to book, but in general you will be able to turn audio on and off, turn pages automatically or manually, assemble your own collections of favorite books, write book reviews, and search by author, subject area and so on.

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Fall/Winter Friends' Funded Programs

By Karen MacPherson

We've got a full line-up of special programs for kids and adults this Fall and Winter, thanks to our Friends of the Library.

On Wednesday, **October 26**, master storyteller **Candace Wolf** will be back with some thrilling tales in our annual "Scary Stories" program. Best for kids ages 5 and up, the program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tomas Shash, aka "**Eaglebear**," will lead an evening of songs and dances from the Xicano and Apache cultures in our annual Harvest celebration. The program will take place on **November 14** at 7 p.m.

And in December, we'll have our annual **Winter Solstice** event, featuring the Foggy Bottom Morris Men and local music expert Bill Jenkins. Our celebration will take place Thursday, **December 22** at 7 p.m.

The Friends' support also allows us to offer other Fall programs. These include the Caldecott Club and the Comics Jam. Both programs utilize the ELMO camera, given to us by the Friends, which allows us to enjoy books on the big screen.

Comics Jam meets the first Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. We read comics together on the screen, and then Dave Burbank takes "drawing requests" from the audience, who can watch his drawings take shape, on the big screen.

The **Caldecott Club** will meet monthly in October, November, and December, and look at possibilities for the 2012 Caldecott Medal, given annually by the American Library Association to the best-illustrated children's book. At our final meeting in January, we'll discuss the actual winner. The Caldecott Club is perfect for ages 5 and up and adults interested in children's literature.

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TumbleReadables

TumbleReadables includes chapter books and novels, ranging from a book like *The Sleepover Squad* to a classic like *The Dubliners*. The text is adjustable, and the books often include some combination of extra features, such as audio narration, summaries, explanations, definitions and the chance to add highlights or notes.

This resource is perfect for reluctant readers and ESOL students, but many good and experienced readers will enjoy these books as well. The collection also includes a few graphic novels, which are all narrated.

Streaming Audiobooks

AudioBookCloud

Our AudioBookCloud resource is mostly for teens and adults and offers more than 1,000 streaming, unabridged audiobooks. Unlike downloadable audiobooks available elsewhere, our AudioBookCloud program allows our patrons unlimited simultaneous access — with no waiting time and no need to reserve an item. You just need a device (a computer will do!) with an Inter-

Accessing Online Resources

Just go to our website: www.takomapark.info/library and look for the "Online Resources" box at the right-hand top of the page. There are five new "toys" to play with.

Click on the **first arrow** in the box (under "**Books, Magazines and Newspapers**") and you'll find three new reading resources: **Tumblebooks** for Children, which has storybooks for children up to ages 9 or so; **TumbleReadables**, online e-books for kids and young adults; and **Audiobookcloud**, a great source of streaming audiobooks.

Click on the **second arrow** in the box (under "**Learning and Research Tools**"), and you'll find a shortcut to our language page.

You need to enter our online subscription services through our website, so remember to bookmark our pages, not Mango or Tumblebooks directly.

net connection, a browser with a fairly up-to-date flash plug-in, and headphone or speakers.

The recordings are professional and come from some of the major audiobook producers. The emphasis is on classic literature, although you will also find non-fiction, children's books and a substantial collection of books narrated in Spanish.

Recognition and Kudos...

By Pat Hanrahan

Our Library is sustained and enhanced by the Friends of the Takoma Park Library. Many Library initiatives are funded all or in part by the Friends. For its efforts, both the Friends and the Library have been recognized nationally and within Maryland. Here is a rundown of recent prizes and citations that honor the Library and the Friends.

Banned Books Clubs

The Library's Banned Books Club won the **American Library Association's 2009 John Phillip Immroth Award**, a national award honoring ideals of intellectual freedom. Alanna Natanson, now a high school sophomore, loves to read and to discuss books with others, so starting a reading group was natural to her and thus was born the Banned Books Club for middle- and high school students. Karen MacPherson, children's and teen librarian, helped Alanna start the club and lead its discussions.

The Banned Books Club also was honored in 2009 by the **Maryland Senate** for its efforts to further **intellectual freedom**. Maryland Senator Jamie Raskin sponsored the citation, and presented it to Alanna and Karen.

In 2010, Karen and Alanna created a *Junior Banned Books Club*, for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. The Friends of the Library provides funding for multiple copies of the books for both clubs.

ReadOut! Grant

In 2010, the Library was one of only seven U.S. libraries to receive the first **Judith Krug grant from the American Library Association's (ALA) Freedom to Read Foundation**.

The Library received \$1,000 to fund a "Read-Out!" during Banned Books Week. Over 100 participants read aloud from picture books and children's chapter books that have been challenged in school and public libraries (but NOT in our Library). Pizza and juice purchased by the Friends sustained participants.

Storytelling

In 2010, the Library was awarded a \$1,500 grant – the highest amount awarded – by the **Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council** for a series of four programs by storyteller Arianna Ross. The events were designed to teach parents and caregivers how to use movement and music to tell stories and drew a diverse audience of children and adults.

Summer Quest Big Success

Our Summer Quest program set a new record, with participants reading nearly **2,000 books**.

Spring for Poetry

Friends of the Library was nominated by Professor Michael LeBlanc of Montgomery College for the **National Book Foundation Innovations in Reading 2011 Prize**. The award recognizes "...programs using innovative approaches to successfully inspire a lifelong love of reading." Prof. LeBlanc was introduced to the Friends through "**Spring for Poetry**," that places posters of poems along walking routes in Takoma Park.

Graphic Novel Expertise

In September, Dave Burbank was asked to be on a panel of **graphic novel experts at the Small Press Expo**. The panel included a Library of Congress librarian, and was moderated by a representative of a highly regarded graphic novel publisher, First Second Books.

Recognized Specialists

Librarians Karen MacPherson and Dave Burbank have been asked to be regular presenters for training **Montgomery County Public School media specialists** and at a course on **Children's Literature** for library science graduate students at the University of Maryland College of Information Science (aka Maryland's iSchool).

Accolades

Karen MacPherson was featured in the January 2011 **AARP Bulletin**, in a story on people who have changed careers. Karen was photographed at our Takoma Park library. Karen was elected to the prestigious 2012 **Sibert Medal Committee of the American Library Association** to choose the best children's non-fiction book of 2011.

The Friends of the Library congratulates Dave and Karen for their well-deserved accolades and recognizes that **all our librarians are doing wonderful work** to make our Library a leader in excellence and community engagement. For the second year in a row, **Library circulation has significantly increased.**

Friends Honor Mike Morrissey and Our Library

By Gene Miller

The annual Mike Morrissey Golf Tournament to benefit the Takoma Park Library and honor the late Mike Morrissey celebrated its 10th anniversary this past September 12th.

Playing once again at the Redgate Golf Course near Rockville, the players included a team of hardy library staff: Smokin' Dave Burbank, Liz "Lefty" Ferry, Noble Nic Fontem, and your scribe and duffer extraordinaire Gene Miller. Last year's tourney ended prematurely by a mid-day deluge, but the only obstacle in sight this year for the library team was the fact that

we were obliged to keep score.

As it turned out, we discovered we played our best golf. We may have been helped by the rule change that seemed tailored specifically for us: "Any ball within three feet of the cup is deemed to have gone into the cup."

Initial projections were that the proceeds from this tenth year brought the cumulative contribution from the Mike Morrissey Tournament to nearly \$45,000 – all these funds benefit our Library and the community, for which we are deeply grateful.

Discussion of *Daniel Martin*

The Great Big Book discussions continue on Oct. 19, Nov 2 and 16 on John Fowles' ambitious, *Daniel Martin*. Educator and Fowles scholar Kelly Cresap leads this exploration of what *Time Magazine* called "...both a startlingly provocative novel and a courageous act of willed humanity."

"In Fowles' hands, [Martin's] pilgrimage becomes thoroughly absorbing, intellectually challenging – and not at all the snappy read his admirers have come to expect... Few novels in

recent years have been more thoroughly textured with contemporary history or more rigorously reluctant to offer pat solutions... Like Henry James before him, Fowles has created rarified creatures free enough to take on the toughest questions that life offers: How to live?" (Paul Gray, *Time Magazine*)

The Friends Reading Group and Great Big Book discussions are open to all. You don't even have to read the book to listen in and learn.

The Friends Book Sale

Saturday, Oct 22
10am-3pm

Quality used books
in a wide range of subjects
at bargain prices!

All proceeds go to support
the activities of the
Takoma Park Library.

For more information contact the Takoma Park Library at 301-891-7259. Please call the library to arrange donating gently used, quality books.



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Volunteers are needed to set-up
and cashier at the book sale.

Call Ellen at 301-891-7258
to volunteer.

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available for high school students.



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