



Book Sale Makes A Big Difference

Our library is a success as a source for citizens of all ages. From poetry readings to children's programs the Friends are able to support these programs with the funds raised at our semi-annual book sales.

The Friends' semi-annual book sale on Saturday, November 10, is later than in past years, so we're bypassing potentially cool temperatures outdoors for the indoor comforts of the Community Center. Come and find books you didn't know you needed!

Our book sale has a well-deserved reputation for quality — that is all due to donations

from readers who live in the city. And we have resisted inflation: hardbacks are a buck, trade paperbacks fifty cents.

Your buying dollars will go towards supporting an array of library programs. Over the last several years, the Friends have raised more than \$3500 a year from both the spring and fall sales.

A Friendly Reminder For Our Friends...

Don't miss this great deal!

The Friends' Fall Book Sale

Saturday, November 10th

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**It's warm, it's dry, there's parking...the sale will be in the
Community Center Council Chambers**

7500 Maple Ave., Takoma Park

Featuring quality used books in a wide range of subject matter at bargain prices! All proceeds will go to support the Takoma Park Maryland Library.

**For more information or to volunteer at the sale,
please call 301-891-7259**

Community service hours are available for high school students.

Children's Programming

By Karen MacPherson

With a lot of help from our Friends, programs for children and teens are thriving at the Takoma Park, Maryland Library. We're also adding some much-needed shelves in the Children's Room, thanks to a major contribution from the Friends.

Let's take a look at upcoming programs.

Eaglebear Returns with Song, Dance, and Stories

On Monday evening, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m., the always-popular "Eaglebear," a.k.a. Tomas Shash, will return with family and friends to present an evening of dance, song and stories from the Xicano and Apache cultures. For a number of years, the library has scheduled Eaglebear's program as a way of marking the traditional harvest time. And each year, the Children's Room is packed with children and adults eager to get a taste of a bit of American Indian culture. The evening usually includes a good amount of audience participation, and there is never a problem with getting volunteers!

Children's Book Week

The following week, Nov. 12-17 is Children's Book Week, we are asking children and adults to fill out a brief form available at the main desk telling us the name of their favorite children's book and why they like it so much. We'll publish the results in an upcoming city newsletter.

Holiday Events

In early December, we expect to host our annual Winter Solstice celebration, also sponsored by the Friends. At this event, local musician Bill Jenkins provides a lively percussion lesson. Then the Morris Men dancers further energize the crowd with their amazing dancing routines.

We'll also host our second annual holiday gift-making program in December, courtesy of the Friends. Last year's program was a huge success as more than two dozen children each created four gifts to give to family and friends.

Spanish Circle a Big Success

In addition to these special programs, the Friends' support has been crucial to the success of our Spanish Circle Time program, led by Lupe Marks. The free program, which is the only one of its kind in the area, is now offered every Thursday. The program had been offered just twice a

month last year, and participants clamored to have it meet weekly. Thanks to a contribution from the Friends, we now are able to offer the program weekly to an ever-growing number of participants.

Looking Forward to Next Year

In early January, we'll be hosting a Friends-sponsored event featuring Daniel Barash and his Silver Spring-based Shadow Puppet Workshop. The event is tentatively planned for Monday January 14. Our theme will be Aesop's fables.

In the first part of the evening, from 7-8:15 p.m., 20 young participants (ages 5 and up) will learn how to create their own shadow puppets for one of Aesop's fables. Then, at 8:15 p.m., we'll open the doors of the Children's Room to the community, and the 20 young participants will put on a brief show using their newly-created shadow puppets. Please join us for this show!

Friends Make It Happen!

Friends' support also has been key for several recent activities, including our annual "College Bound" series and the "Scary Stories" presentation by Candace Wolf. And, of course, the Friends sponsored the library's annual "Summer Quest" reading program, created by library assistant Dave Burbank.

This year marked the first time that our neighboring elementary schools, Takoma Park Elementary and Piney Branch Elementary, used our "Summer Quest" as their summer reading program. As a result, the number of participants and the number of books they read is way up! The final tally shows that 193 kids signed up for "Summer Quest" at the library and read a total of 974 books.

Two other Friends-supported ventures should be noted. First, the Friends have voted to provide funding for the first-ever Takoma Park Maryland Library t-shirts. The t-shirts will be designed by Dave Burbank, our resident artist extraordinaire. Keep tuned for more details.

And a major contribution from the Friends will fund the purchase of three new mobile bookshelves, which will take the place of the underused blue computer desks in the Children's Room. These shelves will enable us to both showcase and house our growing collection of great children's books.

Become a Friend...

The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library supports programs for every age group including the *Spring for Poetry* outdoor displays, the film festival, and Spanish Circle Time. Members support of these programs is important, so please pass this form along to an interested friend. The more “friends”, the better!

To become a Friend for one year please fill out this form and send it with your fee to:

FTPML
101 Philadelphia Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Name/s _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Please circle (above) where you prefer to be contacted, and indicate any restrictions on the day or time here: _____

Join e-mail list? Yes No

The e-mail list is for announcements only, and you can unsubscribe at any time.
You will receive approximately 1-2 messages per month.

Please mark the membership category to which you wish to belong.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Senior | \$5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Champion | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer | \$50.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$100.00 | | |

Make your payment out to **Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library, Inc.**
The Friends are a not-for-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c3) corporation.

If you're interested in donating time and/or expertise, please let us know:

- Book Sales (semi-annual or mini-sales at Farmers' Market)
- Publicity Committee (newsletter, flyers, printing, mailings, list serve liaison, etc.)
- Table Staffing (staffing a table at the Farmers' Market or other event)
- Board of Directors or Committee Chair

May we include your name if we exchange our list of members with other Takoma Park community not-for-profit organizations? Yes No

To find out more about our activities, visit our website at www.ftpml.org.

Reading Time — Come, Join Us!

In September the Friends Reading Group began its third year with a discussion of *Things Fall Apart*, a novel by Nigerian Chinua Achebe about the turmoil that western colonization and Christianity have had on African tribal culture. Achebe is masterful at dramatizing the conflicts so that we come away with a feeling for how impacts on traditional culture have been stifling and disastrous for some and a means of surviving for others.

On Tuesday, November 13, we will meet at the Community Center to discuss David Malouf's *Remembering Babylon*, a novel set in Australia's colonial past, which depicts the savage and painful nuances of racism when a white youth raised by aborigines returns to his own people. The library has multiple copies — and everyone is welcome. So check a copy out and join us.

Friends Reading Group

Please Join Us!

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

7:30 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

Remembering Babylon

by David Malouf

"Mr. Malouf has written a wonderfully wise and moving novel that turns the history and mythic past of Australia into a dazzling fable of human hope and imperfection."

(The New York Times)

Copies of the book are at the library.

For more information: 301-891-7259

★ ★ ★ Takoma Park Film Festival ★ ★ ★

It's taking place November 15-18, and it's free!

This is the sixth year that Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library and the Library have participated in planning and staffing the annual Takoma Park Film Festival, which will take place from November 15-18 at the Community Center. All screenings are free and open to the public. Seating is first come first served.

Films and videos in six languages produced in thirteen countries represent a diversity of experiences and points of view.

The themes and strategies of the presented work speak to the ethical values of the Takoma Park community and nod to an intellectual and aesthetic curiosity.

Once again, Mark's Kitchen is generously hosting a benefit on Tuesday, November 13, with a portion of the lunch and dinner receipts to be donated to the festival.

If you wish to volunteer, or if you have questions, please contact us at filminfo@cuc.edu. For a full schedule of screenings, visit: www.takomaparkfilmfestival.org

"This year's programming showcases the local in relation to the national and the international, the 'amateur' in relation to the 'professional,' and the didactic in relation to the aesthetic."

— Agnès Moon, Festival Director



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