



## Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library

# The Joys of Serving on the Board of the Friends of the Library

**Two term president Pat Hanrahan shares her thoughts on the board and the Friends...**

The Board of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library (FTPML) is deeply appreciated by the Takoma Park librarians who place a high value on the Friends work. It's a lovely community of people to feel part of and a delight to walk into the library and see everyone at the desk smile in greeting.

Other friendships are formed at our monthly board meetings and in participating in Friends activities that are rewarding and interesting.

There are also many pleasures associated with the commitment to further the goal of encouraging community use of library services and programs. Members of the board may volunteer for various duties, ranging from serving as an officer to speaking in support of the library at city council meetings.



— photograph by Maurice Belanger

*Friends Board members Walter Mulbry and Pat Hanrahan led the Friends little free library project. The first was opened in Feb 2014 in front of the Coop.*

Board members enhance the opportunities for reading and learning that the library offers the Takoma Park community. Board initiatives, such as the little-free-libraries, and Spring for Poetry, whose posters around the city introduce readers to new poems and renew old friendships with poetry, are examples.

Board members choose to focus on the activities that interest them whether in

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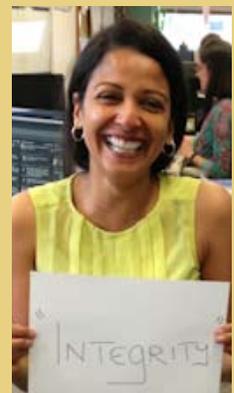
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**Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Library**

**Our Annual Meeting will feature a talk by Kavitha Cardoza, prize winning reporter for NPR and WAMU.**

**Election for Board**--A brief election will be held after Kavitha Cardoza speaks, followed by socializing and refreshments. All are invited to attend, and members whose dues are current may vote. Anyone wishing to be a candidate for the Board may contact Ellen Robbins (ellenr@takoma-parkmd.gov or 301-891-7258) or send a brief biography to Anand Parikh (l1gg23@hotmail.com).



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helping at our two annual book sales or ensuring that the little-free-libraries are appropriately stocked. Board member Walter Mulbry constructs and installs most of the Friends little-free-libraries.

The FTPML Spring and Fall Book Sales expand access to books by selling donated books at extremely reasonable prices. Money earned is then used for library programs. The board is sometimes the first funder for a new initiative such as funding the availability of e-books.

FTPML brings special speakers to the library for our annual membership meeting, the Great Big Book Club and other events. Board member Tim Rahn reports that one of his most satisfying projects was arranging last year's annual meeting talk by Jeff Bartholet on the Nuba Mountains in South Sudan and the people served by "Dr. Tom".

If you might be interested in joining the board, or in learning more about what a board member does, please ask one of us. Board member names and more information about the FTPML are on our website: [www.ftpml.org](http://www.ftpml.org).

Our annual meeting is open to all — with rockstar WAMU reporter, Kavitha Cardoza — is March 15 at 7:30. Come to hear Kavitha and meet a board member!

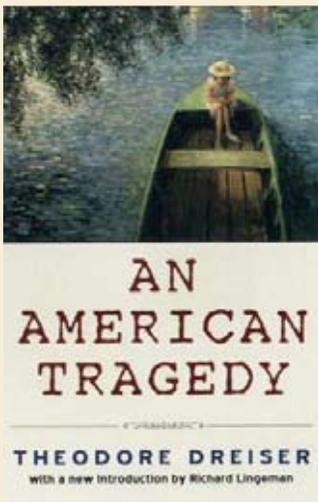


— Photograph by Michele Morgan

*Board members unpack books for the first Holiday Book sale which was held in the Historic Takoma building.*

*The Holiday Book Sale is now held in the Community Center with the Hoilday Craft Sale.*

*From left to right are Board members Rebekah Zanditon, Merrill Leffler, Nadia Pazolis-Gabriel, and Pat Hanrahan.*



More Information at  
[www.ftpml.org](http://www.ftpml.org)

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library  
"Big Book" Reading Group to read *An American Tragedy*

**April 7, Thursday, at 7:30pm**  
***Introductory Presentation***

**by Prof. Adam Wood**

**at Historic Takoma**

7328 Carroll Ave, Takoma Park, Maryland

*Everyone is welcome, whether or not planning to continue with the series of discussions at the Community Center, Wednesdays at 7:30pm, April 20, May 4, and May 18.*

*Reviews:* [http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/331319.An\\_American\\_Tragedy](http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/331319.An_American_Tragedy)  
*Dreiser bio:* <http://www.britannica.com/biography/Theodore-Dreiser>

# Children's and Teen Programs

By Karen MacPherson

**T**he Library is celebrating its 80th birthday, and we also celebrate the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library, who provide funding for all kinds of things: multiple copies of books for our early literacy programs; yoga mats for parent-child yoga sessions; and special programs, such as the recent Beech Tree Puppets performance.

With backing from the Friends, the Library offers a weekly Spanish Circle Time and a monthly French Circle Time, both of which draw large crowds of young children and adults.

In addition, with support from the Friends, we are the only library in Maryland to create our own summer reading program; our popular Summer Quest program is now

*The new parachute, funded by the Friends, got its first workout with participants at our Yoga for 2-4 year olds program.*



*The standing-room-only crowd for the Beech Tree Puppets show filled the Children's Room of the Library.*



— photographs by Karen MacPherson

*After the puppet show, Beech Tree Puppets founder Ole Hass talks with fans.*



in its second decade and the number of participants increases each year. Watch for the debut of Summer Quest 2016 in early June! We just wrapped up our third annual Winter Quest, a cold weather version of Summer Quest that is also Friends-sponsored.

The Friends also have provided funds to enhance our regular programs. In addition to LEGOs and craft supplies, the Friends recently helped us purchase a colorful play parachute that is now being used in programs for preschoolers. The Friends funding has also allowed us to purchase refreshments for such programs as our Caldecott Club, our annual Mock Caldecott for Adults, and, of course, for our 80th Birthday party!

 Specific program dates are on our website, [www.takomapark.info/library](http://www.takomapark.info/library); click on "Programs" on the left-hand side of the page. You also can check our Facebook page (Takoma Park Library) or our Twitter (@takoma).

# Become a Friend...



**Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library**  
**www.ftpml.org**

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

**FTPML**  
**101 Philadelphia Avenue**  
**Takoma Park, MD 20912**

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle (above) where you prefer to be contacted, and indicate any restrictions on the day or time. \_\_\_\_\_

Join e-mail list?  Yes  No

The e-mail list is for announcements only, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

You will receive no more than 1-2 messages per month.

Please mark the donation you wish to give.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter      | \$ 25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainer  | \$ 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family         | \$ 15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual     | \$ 10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Champion   | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Senior | \$ 5.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron     | \$500.00 |
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Make your payment out to **Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library, Inc.**

FTPML is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your gift is greatly appreciated and fully deductible as a charitable contribution.

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

- Book Sales (semi-annual or mini-sales)
- Publicity Committee (newsletter, flyers, printing, mailings, 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 the Friends please visit us at [www.ftpml.org](http://www.ftpml.org).

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# Kavitha Cardoza

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"All you have as a journalist is your integrity. Guard it closely!"

**Prize winning reporter for NPR and WAMU will speak at the Friends of the Library annual meeting.**

Join us at the Library, when NPR reporter Kavitha Cardoza will be our guest speaker. Cardoza is a senior reporter for WAMU on area news, with a special focus on children, education and poverty.

She has won numerous awards for her work including the regional Edward R. Murrow Award for Hard News. Her five-part series on childhood obesity won first place in the Series category in the National Awards for Education Reporting and recognition from the Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association.

More at: <http://peoplesdistrict.com/kavitha-on-asking-questions#sthash.rS63KVOG.dpuf>

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The evening's events will conclude with socializing and refreshments. Elections for the FTPML Board of Directors will be held following the speaker's presentation. Nonmembers are welcome to stay for the election.

Members of the Friends whose dues are current are eligible to serve on the Board and vote in the election. Those interested in serving on the Board may contact Nominating Committee member Faith Stern, [faithstern@aol.com](mailto:faithstern@aol.com) ) or Ellen Arnold-Robbins, [ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov](mailto:ellenr@takomaparkmd.gov) . New and renewed memberships will be accepted at the meeting.