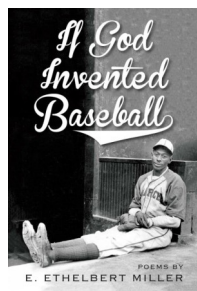




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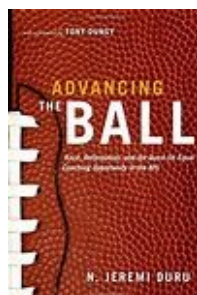


AT THE INTERSECTION OF RACE & SPORTS & LAW: A FRIENDS-SPONSORED DISCUSSION

By Merrill Leffler

On December 6, at the Takoma Park Community Center, N. Jeremi Duru and E. Ethelbert Miller will discuss a range of provocative issues related to sports in the *We Are Takoma* Humanities Lecture Series. Moderated by Ralph Steinhardt, George Washington University Professor of Law, Duru and Miller will take on topics such as the rights of professional athletes in political activism, historically and today; the NCAA and exploitation of collegiate sports; head trauma in football and soccer and its implications in relation to race.

Jeremi Duru, a Professor of Law at American University (also a graduate of Blair High School), is among the nation's foremost sports law authorities. He has a particular interest in the impact of sports on society, with a principle focus on racial and gender dynamics. He teaches sports law, civil procedure, and employment discrimination. The author of *Advancing the Ball: Race, Reformation, and the Quest for Equal Coaching Opportunity in the NFL*, he is also co-author of the field's premier casebooks, *Sports Law and Regulation: Cases and Materials* (3rd edition) and *The Business of Sports Agents* (3rd edition). He is a frequent media contributor for numerous outlets, including CNN, BBC, NBC, MSNBC, Fox, ESPN, and NPR. Read much more at www.wcl.american.edu/community/faculty/profile/duru/



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UPCOMING DATES:

- Book Club Next Meetings — Big Book club, October 17, 7:30 pm at Historic Takoma; The Big Fire, November 7, 7:30 pm Hydrangea Room, TP Community Center
- Book Sale — Saturday October 20, 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.
- Takoma Humanities Lecture: December 6, 7:30 p.m. TP Community Center
- Spanish Circle Times — Thursdays, 10:15 & 11:00 a.m.
- French Circle Time — One Saturday a month, 10:30 a.m. (call to register)
- Children's Room — see Page 3

FTPML has been active in fundraising and advocacy for the library since 1994. For information about activities sponsored by the Friends and the many programs they support, visit <http://www.ftpml.org>.

AT THE INTERSECTION OF RACE & SPORTS & LAW: A FRIENDS-SPONSORED DISCUSSION

We Are Takoma Humanities Lecture:

December 16, 2018

N. Jeremi Duru, Professor of Law, American University, Blair/TPMS/Takoma Elementary Alumni!



E. Ethelbert Miller, writer and literary activist, co-editor of *Poet Lore*



Moderator: Ralph Steinhardt, Professor of Law, George Washington University



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Ethelbert Miller received his BA in African American Studies in 1972 from Howard University. A celebrated writer and literary activist, he is the board chair of the Institute for Policy Studies, the progressive multi-issue think tank in Washington, DC, former director of the African American Studies Resource Center at Howard University, and the founder and former chair of the Humanities Council of Washington, DC.

Ethelbert is co-editor of *Poet Lore*, the oldest poetry magazine published in the country. He has been a Fulbright Senior Specialist Program Fellow to Israel in 2004 and 2012. His *Collected Poems* was published in 2016 and most recently, *If*

God Invented Baseball, which “reflects on the full game of life, writing with humor, compassion, and undimmed enthusiasm” (*The Washington Post*). For more, visit www.eethelbertmiller.com/biography.html

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Lunch and Learn Awards Program – Friends Donated Books!

By Anand Parikh

The Friends were honored to join Community CHEER, its 100+ summer campers, their parents, and Takoma Park community leaders at the Lunch and Learn Awards Program the evening of August 1st at the Takoma Academy. Developed by local community leaders in 2013, Lunch and Learn is a summer enrichment camp for school-aged children from Takoma Park and Long Branch communities who qualify for Free and Reduced Meals at local schools. Among its activities, the program emphasizes bolstering academic-year retention by focusing on reading comprehension. The Friends donated well over 60 new books - which were quickly snapped up by campers and their parents. Grade-specific reading lists and Summer Quest materials developed by the Library, were distributed while campers were encouraged to continue reading and learning at the Library the rest of the summer and beyond.

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY



By Karen MacPherson

We've got three special seasonal programs coming up this fall, thanks to the support of the **Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library!**

- "Scary Stories," our pre-Halloween event featuring noted storyteller Candace Wolf. This year's program will take place on Monday evening, October 29. We'll be offering two separate program times geared to different ages: 7-7:45 p.m. for ages 5-7 and 7:50-8:50 p.m. for ages 8-13 (or older!). Candace always tells some wonderfully spine-tingling tales!
- Eaglebear's yearly visit to the Library, which will take place on Monday November 5 @ 7 pm in the Takoma Park Maryland Library. In his popular program, Eaglebear – joined by family and friends – shares some of the traditions, dances, songs and stories of his Apache & Xicano heritage.
- Finally, our Winter Solstice celebration, which will take place on Thursday evening, Dec. 20. This is always a magical evening, perfect for all



ages! We'll begin at 6:30 with the lights turned low in the Children's Room and a drumming circle led by noted local musician Bill Jenkins. Then, at 7:30, we'll turn up the lights as the ebullient members of the Foggy Bottom Morris Men swoop in with their songs, dances, stories and stick-play.

We also want to give a big thank you shout-out to the Friends for their support of some fabulous summer events! These included our hugely popular Harry Potter Birthday Party program. In addition, the Friends paid for the snacks and drinks for our Drop Every-

thing and Read (D.E.A.R.) event, which was co-sponsored by Small Things Matter, a local non-profit founded by a mother and her teenage daughter. They brought several boxes of new children's books, and kids who came to the D.E.A.R. event were allowed to choose a book to keep and take home.

THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

SCARY STORIES –
MONDAY 10/29 @ 7 PM

EAGLEBEAR'S VISIT –
MONDAY NOVEMBER 5
@ 7 PM

WINTER SOLSTICE –
THURSDAY, DECEMBER
20 @ 6:30 PM

SPANISH CIRCLE TIME
– THURSDAY MORN-
ING: 10:15-10:45 & 11-
11:30

FRENCH CIRCLE TIME –
ONCE A MONTH ON A
SATURDAY MORNING @
10:30



SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Photograph by Anat Shahar

By Francis Nugent

Summer reading plays a critical role in helping youth improve reading skills, develop academically, and prepare for a successful school year, while also staving off learning losses associated with the 'summer slide.' The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library (FTPML) places an emphasis on providing Takoma Park youth with opportunities to read throughout the summer .

FTPML sponsors the flagship SummerQuest program, in which library associate Dave Burbank creates an adventure story with embedded reading challenges. This summer, over 150 Takoma Park youth embarked upon the "Once Upon a Time" adventure story, a premise in which SummerQuest participants got the opportunity to get lost in books. As participants completed each reading challenge, they moved along a giant Game Board in the Children's Room in the Library. All participants received a miniature copy of the Game Board, plus a copy of the story, to take home.

While geared toward young readers, SummerQuest was adaptable for teens and adults, who could use the reading chal-

lenges as a guide as well. Among the challenges: "Read a book that shows you how to make or do something, and then make or do it," "Read an award-winning book," and "Read a book about someone different than you."

In addition to sponsoring the SummerQuest program, FTPML kept young readers engaged with the library through a variety of fun reading activities.

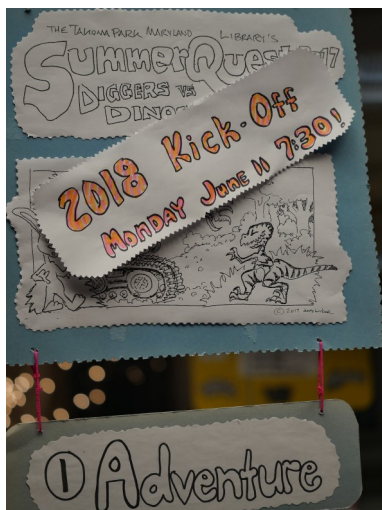
Families came together to celebrate the publication of Takoma Park kids author Minh Le's new picture book "Drawn Together!" The book features vivid illustrations from Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat, which demonstrate that the magic of art and storytelling can transcend language and generations.

Dozens of young readers gathered together for a magical evening to celebrate Harry Potter's 20th anniversary of the U.S. publication of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" with wizarding-themed crafts, treats, and costumes. Takoma Park Harry Potter enthusiast and Piney Branch Elementary student, Ada, was particularly excited to participate in craft projects stating "It was really fun, especially making mandrakes out of modeling clay!"

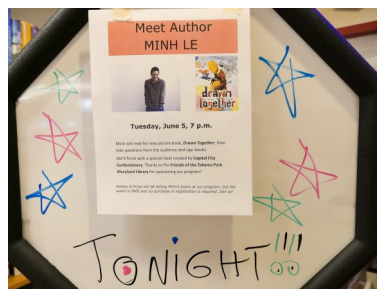
The Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library were thrilled to see so many young readers engaged in library activities this summer, and we look forward to the next!



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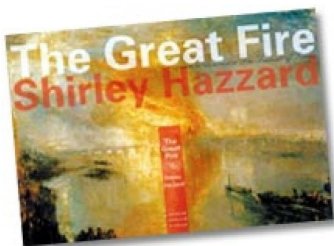


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FRIENDS BOOK GROUP

By Tim Rahn



The Friends Book Group meets to discuss *The Great Fire*, Shirley Hazzard's award-winning novel about an unusual love story in post WW II Japan on Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center.

In *The Great Fire*, a battle scarred British officer Aldred Leith journeys to Kure near Hiroshima to work on a book about the turmoil in China.

Hazzard moves her characters in and out of seemingly free-standing stories, but "typically reconnects the episodes, sometimes by surprise, to the main narrative," in the words of one critic. In the words of another, "Hazzard's moral refinement occasionally veers toward preciousity, but such lapses are counterbalanced by her bracing conviction that we either build or destroy the world we want to live in with our every word and gesture."

All are welcome to attend the Friends book discussions. Books will be available in the Library.

Dates to Remember for Book Groups:

The Great Fire, Wednesday, November 7, 7:30, Hydrangea Room

Biblical Book of Genesis, opening lecture, October 17, 7:30 @ Historic Takoma

BIG BOOK CLUB

by Phil Schewe

In the Beginning...

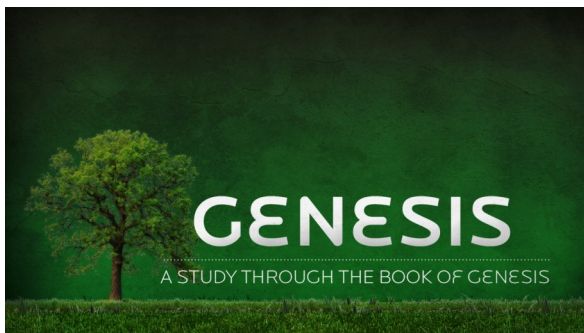
The *Biblical Book of Genesis* will be the Fall 2018 focus of the Takoma Park Big Book Club. Genesis is not long in terms of pages, but huge in terms of impact on culture in the West and East. Creation itself, covenant, right and wrong, temptation and fall, sibling rivalry, blessings and curses, floods and arcs the tower of Babel, the twelve tribes...The list of archetypal sagas and primordial precepts is staggering.

This exploration will begin October 17, with a reception and evening lecture by Rabbi Greg

Harris at Historic Takoma.

Further discussions will be held on Wednesday evenings on November 14, November 28, and December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center.

All are welcome to attend the Friends Reading Group discussions. For additional information contact Ellen Robbins at the Library.



Spring For Poetry In Takoma Park

If God Invented Baseball

by E. Ethelbert Miller

If God invented Baseball there would be no stealing no balks, no wild pitches or intentional walks, there would be no pitch-out, foul balls or errors, there would be no one handed catches or bean balls, there would be no curves or sliders, no rundowns, or warning tracks.

If God invented baseball there would be no night games, no bats getting lost in the sun, there would be no bunting or swinging for the fences, There would be no double or triple plays.

If God invented baseball he would not rest on the seventh day instead he would turn to us and say "let's play two." He would let us bat first while angels danced in the out field

Spring for Poetry in Takoma Park, an urban poetry walk, is sponsored by the friends of the Takoma Park Library with the assistance from the Takoma Park Department of Public Works. Designs of the Poetry are by graphic design students at the School of Art + Design at Montgomery College. For more information about Friends, visit www.FTPML.org.



Fall Book Sale!!

The next Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library book sale will take place Saturday, Oct. 20, from 10 to 3 on the lawn outside the library – or, if raining, inside the community center.

Please consider donating and buying books. All proceeds go to support programs at the library – such as Spanish and French Circle Times, Summer Quest, author appearances and book clubs.

Book donations may be dropped at the library. They should be in very good condition and of general interest. If you have more than three cartons, please make an appointment before bringing them in. (301) 891-7259

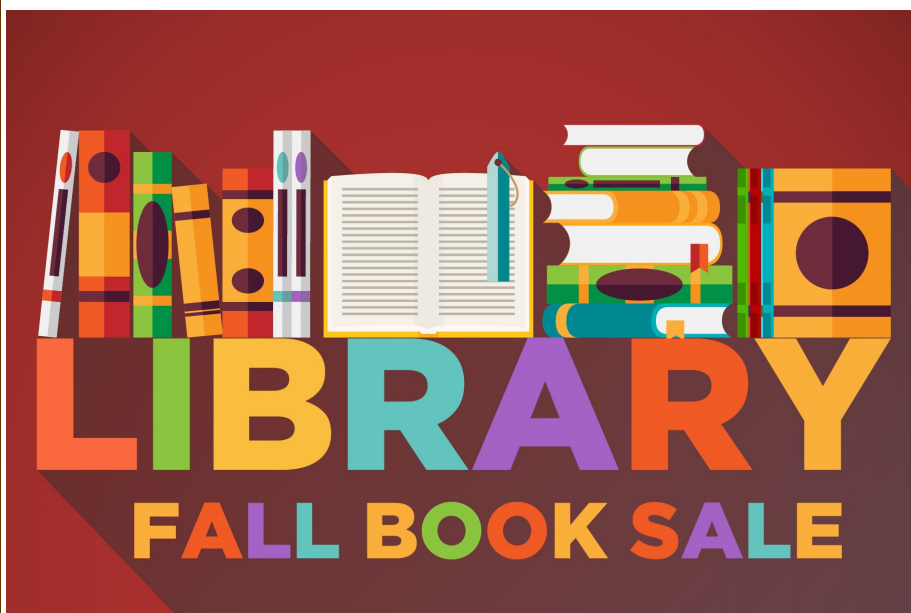
We also are looking for volunteers for setup, sales table and cleanup on the day of the sale. If you can help, contact Pat Hanrahan at 301-585-0589

**Volunteers
Needed!**
**Contact
Pat Hanrahan for information.**
pat@pathanrahan.com

Friends website coming soon

The website of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library has been on hiatus for the summer while it is being re-built with a more user-friendly design. Once completed, users will be able to join the Friends online, and renew their membership. We will have information on all of the Friends' ongoing activities, upcoming special events, and short articles and photos from the many events that take place in the library, with the support of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library.

We expect the new website will be up and running later in September. In the meantime, if you want to see what we are up to, you can check out our Facebook page, which you can access here: <https://www.facebook.com/FTPML/>



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How Books Can Help Build a Community

If you're looking for a simple way to enhance the vibrancy and well-being of your community, there may be no better option than to support the Friends of Takoma Park Maryland Library (FTPML).

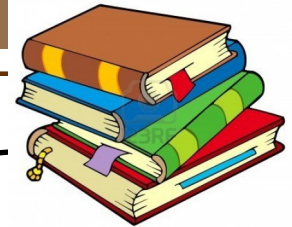
FTPML raises funds for programs that bring people together, encourage a healthy exchange of ideas, and introduce coming generations to the rewards of reading.

The programs the Friends have supported over the past year include:

- Storytelling for children in English, Spanish, and French
- Summer Quest and Winter Quest reading adventures for children of all ages
- Poetry programming, including readings and the popular "Spring for Poetry"
- Book Clubs
- The construction and distribution of Little Free Libraries

Please consider becoming a member or making a donation. \$65 would fund a Spanish Circle Time program; \$40 would finance the materials for a Little Free Library. In return, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you've played a part in helping bolster your community.

A membership form is included later in the newsletter!



Spanish & French Circle Times



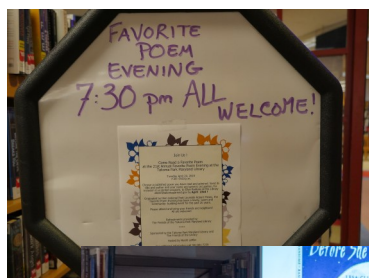
The Friends fund two important ongoing programs: Spanish Circle Time and Petites Chansons/French Circle Time. Spanish Circle Time is led by the energetic Senora Geiza, and takes place twice each Thursday morning: 10:15-10:45 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m. At each program, Geiza leads the crowd in singing and dancing with Spanish songs that teach basic language concepts.

Madame Marie leads our Petites Chansons/French Circle Time program, which takes place once a month on a Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. Participants learn simple French words and phrases through singing songs led by Madame Marie. To keep up with the Petites Chansons schedule, we recommend that you register for the program by going to our website, www.takomapark.info/library and clicking on "events." We send out an email prior to each month's program to everyone who is registered.

FRIENDS OF THE TAKOMA PARK MD LIBRARY

FTPML sponsors lots of things!

***Book Clubs! Poetry!
Children's Circle Time!
Summer Reading!
Lectures!
Little Free Libraries!***



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**WOWD +
FTPML =**



94.3FM



By Pat Hanrahan & Miriam Szapiro

No, it's not a secret code, but a shorthand way of describing the rewarding relationship between the Friends and our own Takoma Park radio station.

On the fourth Sunday in October 2017, FTPML went "live" with WOWD host Eric Bond. Together we looked at the purpose of our community Library and how Friends further that goal. Since then, on the fourth Sunday of every month at 1pm, FTPML highlights the Library's many programs, functions, and benefits, and how the Friends' efforts enhance them.

Topics have covered a wide range of subjects, including the Library's French books collection, recipes from its cookbooks, suggested children's selections for FTPML's "Spring for Poetry," our Fannie Lou Hamer event, our Little Free Libraries project, Takoma Park police officers' favorite library books, a mother-daughter book club, and our Big Book Club led by Phil Schewe.

Tune in to WOWD this fall, fourth Sunday of each month, for additional interesting discussions, including such likely topics as the Friends' Book Group, graphic books for adults, and a holiday baking show.

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