



Newsletter Fall 2022

Welcome to the Temporary Home of the Takoma Park MD Library

Pictures and Article By Jessica Jones

The Library and Computer Center staff would like to welcome everyone to our new interim location! We reopened on October 19, 2022 at 7505 New Hampshire Avenue in the former Salvation Army Store, and the staff have all worked very hard to make the space feel bright, welcoming, and familiar. So far, everyone seems to like it - come check it out! (Pun intended.)



Work on the new Library building should be starting soon, and while we're sad to say goodbye to it, we're happy to have found a great interim spot, and we look forward to a brand new building that will

help us serve our community more inclusively. The light and space at New Hampshire Avenue is a sort of preview for how lovely it can be to have more room, windows, and capacity for visitors.

We have also been working to update our collection to make sure it is current and relevant to our residents' interests. We have lots of new Spanish language books and will continue to acquire more, along with the sorts of titles you have come to expect from a quirky neighborhood library. I see our strength in complementing the services of our nearby county libraries, rather than trying to duplicate them. You'll find bestsellers, yes, but also titles that may not be in the country systems. I am really proud of the way our staff is constantly looking out for things that will pique the curiosity of our Takoma Park community.

In addition to the relocation, we are also getting a new website in the next few months! I've seen a sneak peak, and it's going to be great - it will take the best parts of our current site and make things even more intuitive and comprehensive.

Thank you for sticking with us through these transitions - we could not do this without our patrons, and we especially treasure the support of our Friends.



Winter Quest Begins:

December 16



Holiday
Book
Sale

**Welcome to the FTPML Holiday
Book Sale.**

**Place: New Temporary Library
Space, 7505 New Hampshire Ave**

Date: December 3

Time: 10—2 pm

For Sale: Books! T-Shirts!

Bake Goods for new members!

Status of Library Renovation

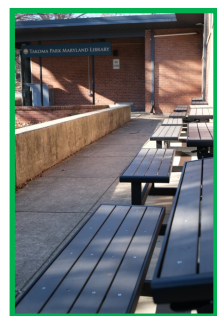
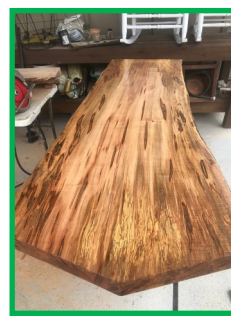
By Jessica Jones

As I write this the week of Thanksgiving 2022, we are waiting for the very last permit domino to fall. Once that goes through, we have a contractor ready to break ground, and then hopefully 15-18 months later, we will have a new building! We are still planning on using any suitable timber from the trees to make furniture that can be a lasting legacy of their presence on the site. We have salvaged the out-facing mural for inclusion in the final building.



We can provide a more detailed schedule once that last permit is issued, so stay tuned! We have a page on the City's site dedicated to the project (<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/library/library-and-community-center-renovation/>) and we will also be posting updates via the Insider (<https://takomaparkmd.gov/sign-up/>).

What's happening to and with the trees!



Nearly all of the much-loved trees that grace the library's west yard will not survive the library renovation and are due to be cut down early in the process. One proposal to bring second lives to these trees is to have the wood milled for live-edged lumber. After drying, this lumber could be used to make library tables and other furniture. Visit the website of a Baltimore-based company (treeincarnation.com) for examples of projects using live-edged wood. This cost was included in the total project cost and is expected to be funded by the City of Takoma Park.

Walter Mulbry

News from the Children's and Teen's Room

by Verónica Rivera-Negrón



Chiming in to send a list of future Child and YA events, as well as some highlights from the team.

What's been going on:

- * Kati continues to visit local daycares and preschools around Takoma Park, and recently hosted the first library event at the temporary space.
- * Dave is doing Sketch Club and Alternative Games as afterschool programs at Takoma Park Middle School.
- * I hosted El Cuento every Wednesday in October and November at Crossroads Farmers Market.
- * We continue acquiring new book in Spanish for all ages.

Upcoming:

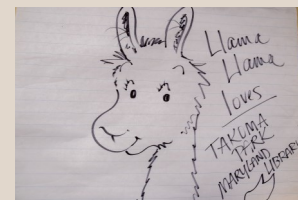
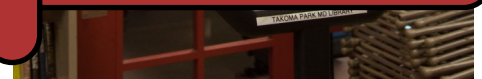
- * Jumpstart with the Arts is joining Neighborhood Circle. After a successful series in September, we have partnered with Carpe Diem Arts to bring Jumpstart to the library once a month. Next Event: **Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 am**. Where: **In Person**, Library's Temporary Space
- * Kids Art; Holiday Cards and Paper Crafts. When: **Sunday, December 11, 1-3 pm, In-Person** at the Temporary Space
- * Neighborhood Circle Time: When **Tuesdays at 10:30 am**. **Online Zoom**
- * Canta Juego: Spanish Circle Time. When **Thursdays at 10:30 am**. **On-line Zoom**
- * Sketch Club is Back! When **Thursdays at 4 pm**; Where **in person** at the Temporary Space and on Zoom.
- * WinterQuest Starts **December 16!!** It's winter and something fantastical is about to happen! Discover what it is by participating in Winter-Quest 2022!



Winter Quest

December 16

**For more information
go to the Library**



Temporary Space 7505
New Hampshire Ave.

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in place, look for the Salva-
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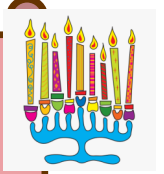
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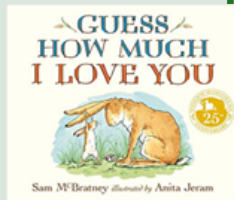
Reading Recommendations for the Holidays — by Ada Greenfield



This Year's Gift Guide

Board Book (0-2) *Guess How Much I Love You*

A great book about love and caring for your littlest kids this year. Sweet illustrations and repetition will win the heart of anyone who reads this. Great for bedtime, these rabbits will win your heart this holiday season.



Easy Reader (3-5) *Good News, Bad News*

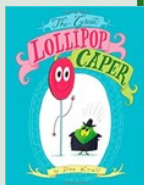
This book is super silly and easy to read, using only 3 words in the whole book.

Kids will crack up at this story about an optimist and a pessimist. As the story derails into more and more chaos the art gets more and more wacky. Kids will learn storytelling knowledge and repetition faster than you can say "Good news!"



Picture Book (6-8) *The Great Lollipop Caper*

Caper is sick of his acidity not being appreciated by the kids. He appeals in every way he can, but to no success. So he does the only other thing he can, and decides to sneak into the lollipop factory and sabotage the production... This goofy story will make adults laugh just as hard as the kids!



Graphic Novel (9-12)

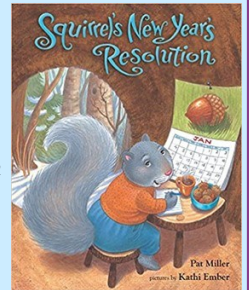
Five Worlds Book 1: The Sand Warrior

For kids who loved Amulet, this will fulfill all their needs. Fantasy elements, gorgeous art, and characters you'll love through the end. It follows Oona, a young girl who is particularly unskilled at the art of sand dancing. But when tragedy strikes, she and her new companions must go against everything against them to save the world.



Ada Greenfield is a freshman in the Communications Art Program at Montgomery Blair High School

More Happy Holidays!



For our second pick we have a fiction book. Written by Pat Miller and illustrated by Kathi Ember, *Squirrel's New Year's Resolution* is a fun read for ages 5-7. The story follows Squirrel, who learns what a resolution is as she travels around the forest. She helps her friends think of their resolutions, but what will hers be? With beautiful acrylic paintings making the pictures, this book is the perfect book to cuddle up with and read before bed. Kids will love these silly creatures and anthropomorphic details. This will encourage young readers to set their own goals for the coming year in an adorable way. It includes key vocab, mapping skills, and an easy to follow storyline, all while spreading kindness. This is a great choice for young readers this holiday season!



Holiday Book Sale!



New and used
books for adults
and kids



Saturday, December 3 • 10:00 PM to 2:00 PM
At the Library's new location:
7505 New Hampshire Ave, TP (just north of IHOP)

News from the Friends



Annual Meeting

The Friends Annual Meeting took place on June 9 in the Libraries' Children's Room. New Board Members were elected: Lynn Hughes & Maurice Belanger. The annual budget was reviewed. National sports columnist Kevin Blackstone was the featured speaker at the annual membership meeting.



Kevin is a sports columnist for *The Washington Post*, a visiting professor at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland, a panelist on ESPN's *"Around the Horn,"* a sports roundtable television show, and a regular contributor to National Public Radio. Kevin has written thought-provoking columns and journal articles about the intersection of race, sports, and the media. A lively Q&A followed; the discussion ended only when the lights needed to be turned out for the evening. Kevin was willing to talk the night away!



New Board Members: Lynn Hughes & Maurice Belanger

Friends Happy Hour

On October 1, the FTPML board hosted a happy hour for members and volunteers. It was an opportunity to express appreciation for those who have supported the library over the years and who have donated their time at events sponsored by the Friends. Without our volunteers, we would not be able to operate our regular events, such as our fall, holiday, and spring book sales. With library renovation getting underway, it was time to celebrate.

The event had a good mix of volunteers, board members, and library staff. Volunteers offered ideas for future programs, and library staff answered questions about some of the library's digital resources. We hope to have these get-togethers semi-regularly, a few times a year. Have an idea for us (and ability to pitch in to help implement it)? Reach out through the website, <https://ftpml.org/contact/>.



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BIG BOOK CLUB

The Friends of the Library's **Big Book Club (BBC)**—sometimes called the Great Big Book Club—was founded in 2009 to discuss great works of literature from the world written throughout history. After selecting a book, a scholar or expert on the author or the work presents a lecture about the book to BBC participants.

The BBC discusses a great book in the spring and fall of the year. Recent discussions have included *Vanity Fair* by William Makepeace Thackeray and *Palace Walk* by Naguib Mahfouz.

For the fall of 2022, Big Book Club members chose *The Aeneid* by Virgil. The epic story of the Trojan hero Aeneas after the fall of Troy, *The Aeneid* tells how Aeneas eventually finds his way to Latium (present day Italy) by way of Carthage, and then successfully fights the native tribes to found Rome. It is considered a "foundational" work of the Western canon. The discussion was kicked off with a presentation by Dr. Charles McNelis of Georgetown University, introducing us to the story of Aeneas, his many struggles, and the beginnings of Rome. Turnout was pretty good: about 20 folks showed up at the Azelea room for the talk. Dr. McNelis gave a lively introduction to Virgil's Rome, the extent of Virgil's influence on Roman literature, and on the structures in the Aeneid that made it such an important part of Roman literature.

As is usual, the BBC follows up the general lecture with three focused discussions, held in the Hydrangea room of the Community Center at 7:30 PM. The first was held on Nov. 2, covering the first four books of the poem. The second was on Nov 16, and the third and final meeting will be on Nov. 30.

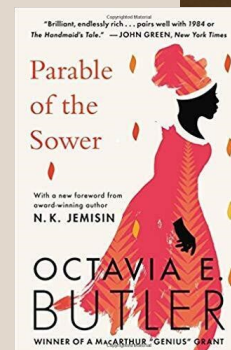
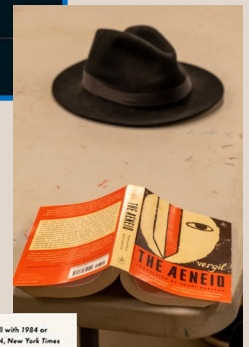
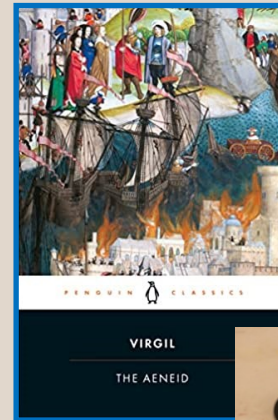
All are welcome, even if you haven't read the Aeneid. If you're interested in this or further offerings of the Big Book Club, contact Tim Rahn at ftpmlbookgroup@gmail.com.



Book Groups hosted by Tim Rahn

Date to Remember :

**Final Discussion *The Aeneid*,
Wednesday, November 30,
7:30 pm, Hydrangea room, TP
Community Center**



FRIENDS BOOK GROUP

Spanning country and time, the **Friends Book Group** has explored literature through historical and contemporary fiction, mysteries and science fiction, and graphic novels for more than 15 years. Authors have included Kenzaburo Oe, W. G. Sebald, Chinua Achebe, and Mo Yan, as well as Mark Twain, Graham Greene, Willa Cather, Margaret Atwood, and Octavia E Butler.

The FBG meets every other month for discussions. In September the Friends Book Group discussed the 1993 novel, *The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler. Foretelling a future of gated communities, unsolved disappearances, environmental collapse, and governmental failure, *The Parable of the Sower* depicts an Earth on the brink of apocalyptic disaster.

If you would like to join either book group and receive notices of meetings, send an email to ftpmlbookgroup@gmail.com.

Coming Soon! English Language Development (ELD) Book Club

The ELD Book Club will return this winter. Stay tuned for more details. The Book Club had met previously to discuss *The Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo* by Drew Weing and *Hilda and the Bird Parade* by Luke Pearson.

By Gina Lambright





Holiday Book Sale

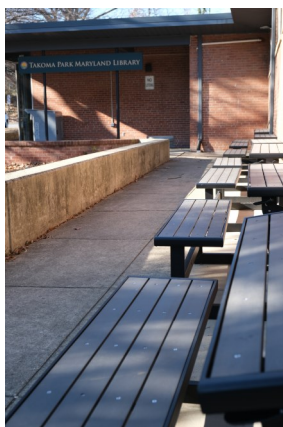
Become a Member of the Friends!



With the proceeds from our spring book sale, FTPML was able to continue to support and fund weekly Spanish Circle time programs (\$2700), a winter solstice program (\$250), and honoraria for two big book club speakers (\$400). Thank you for your support!

The next book sale is Saturday December 3!
10 am—2 pm.

Come join us at the temporary space
7505 New Hampshire Ave

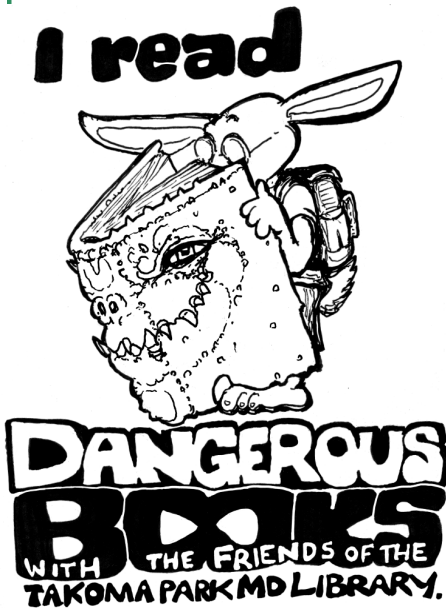


Become a member of the Friends!
Your donations mean so much!
They go towards funding so many activities in the Children's room — Spanish Circle Time, Summer and Winter Quest, Story-telling, and many many others. Your donations also support Little Free Libraries and activities such as tables outside the library for patron use and internet access. If you're considering giving to your community, please visit us at <http://www.ftpml.org>. Or you can join at the holiday book sale, December 3! Join and get a cookie!



T SHIRTS FOR SALE!!!

T-shirts: New! T-shirts featuring an original illustration by the library's own Dave Burbank. \$20, available in maroon (youth sizes only) and black (youth and adult sizes). Available for sale at the Holiday Book Sale, or pre-order online starting this week, for pick-up at the sale (we'll send a separate email when online sales are up and running).



In walks around Takoma Park visit the Little Free Libraries All Sponsored by FTPML with your Donations!

At the Friends annual board meeting in April, Lynn Hughes and Maurice Belanger were elected as new board members. Officers were decided.

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library

101 Philadelphia Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912

Visit the Friends at www.ftpml.org

FTPML Board Members

Cathy Surace, President, Membership

Walter Mulbry, Treasurer

Mark Fisher, Secretary

Maurice Belanger, Member at Large

Lynn Hughes, Member at Large

Sawa Kamara, Member at Large

Gina Lambright, Member at Large

Sonya Mallinoff, Member-at-Large & Newsletter Editor

Chris Wadja, Member at Large

Ariel Woods, Member at Large

Jessica Jones, Ex-Officio Member, Director of the Takoma Park Maryland Library

Lynn Hughes. As a resident of Takoma Park since 1992, I have fond memories of our public library. Each of my three children were issued their first library cards there and many days were spent combing the shelves. As a documentary filmmaker, I've relied on the archives of libraries across the country for many projects.



Maurice Belanger. I have been a volunteer for the Friends of the Library for many years—first at the book sales, then as a photographer for Library and Friends events. I also oversaw the re-design of the FTPML website, and continue to update content. As the webmaster, I have been regularly in touch with the board, and this year I decided I would formally join it. As a volunteer photographer, I get to sit in on many of the author talks for the writers and illustrators of children's books. They are always fun events to photograph, and I've always been impressed by the diversity and intelligence of the kids attending these events.

