



Newsletter Spring 2023

Friends of the Library (FTPML) Annual Meeting — May 22 7—9 pm Used Book Sale — May 13 10—2 pm

There will be an FTPML annual meeting on Monday, May 22, from 7—9 pm at the Library's new location, 7505 New Hampshire Ave, just north of IHOP. The Board will hold its regular meeting followed by an election for new and continuing members. The very short meeting, including budget, should give an idea of the activities of the board and if interested, new members would be welcome.

Refreshments including a “happy hour” will be provided! So come see the new temporary space and meet the Friends Board. Ideas are always being solicited for new activities. Any member of the Friends whose dues are current may be a candidate for office and may vote. Nominations also will be taken from the floor at the annual meeting.



There will be an FTPML sponsored book sale on Saturday May 13 from 10—2 at the Library's new location on New Hampshire Ave. There will be lots of books — one free book for every child. Proceeds help the FTPML to support so many activities — Summer and Winter Quest; Book Clubs; Children's speakers and activities. Please come and inexpensively enhance your reading material! Book sales account for about half of the FTPML budget. The book sale is being held at the new location because of ease — lots of space, available tables — no need to worry about the weather. Also an opportunity to bring more people into the new space.

Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library

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www.cityoftakomapark.org/library

Visit the Friends at www.ftpml.org

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*Those in bold are running for reelection at the annual meeting. Nominees in good standing with membership will be accepted from the floor.



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 we support, visit <http://www.ftpml.org>.

Status of Library Renovation

The Library and Computer Center Redevelopment Project is underway, with most of the work to date occurring inside and on the existing facilities. The work completed includes the removal and storage of solar panels, disconnection of gas and water utilities at the construction site, and interior demolition. The mosaic has been carefully removed and stored to ensure its preservation until it can be reinstalled on the new building's façade. Additionally, the Library and Computer Center have been relocated to 7505 New Hampshire Avenue to provide continuity of services throughout the construction process.

The groundbreaking that will precede exterior demolition has been delayed as a result of a backlog within the Department of Permitting Services, and it is not indicative of any issues or problems with the plans that have been submitted. The City is doing everything it can to move this process forward.

Once the general building permit is issued, all other permits will go into effect. This is the final piece of the permitting process, and things are expected to move much more quickly once this hurdle has been overcome.

In the meantime, please visit us at 7505 New Hampshire Avenue, Suites 201-208, for Library books, programs, computers, and more.



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