Friends of the Falmouth Public Library

Spring 2018

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
10:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 28, 2018
Hermann Room
A light lunch will be served.

Guest Speaker: Martha Speirs

Martha Speirs, who has led an adventurous life as an international library consultant, will be the featured speaker at the meeting. As an “army brat” born in Quincy, Massachusetts, Martha became a world traveler at a young age. She attended elementary school in Florida and Germany; middle school in England; grades 9, 10, and 11 in Great Falls, Montana; and her senior year in Paris, France at the Paris American High School. As a library consultant, Martha traveled the world advising foreign governments on how to design, organize, and install new university libraries. For a quarter of a century, she shared her expertise about libraries in Egypt, Abu Dhabi, Azerbaijan, and Nigeria. Her lecture will discuss her experiences in these countries and their diverse cultures.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

This has been a busy year for membership, with a flurry of activity toward the end of the year. There were 30 new memberships registered during 2017 along with 170 renewals. We currently have 438 family and individual memberships. We have been working to increase our membership by making the Friends more visible in the Library and around town. Please help by encouraging your friends and neighbors to join.

Thank you.
Mary Tamucci
Membership Chair
Hello Friends,

The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library By-laws state, “The objective of the Friends shall be to support, enhance, and augment the Falmouth Public Library system.” We certainly do support the Library. Every year the Library presents us with a wish list for the following year. Next year’s list, totaling $47,430, includes such items as Museum Passes, Programs, and Databases. Please see page 7 for more detail on the Wish List. Our support for the Library would not be possible without hard work by many, many people. For example, the Holiday Book Sale was a big success due to the many volunteers who helped throughout. Speaking of volunteers – we need volunteers to help with the Joy of Learning classes. A volunteer would choose one class to staff. The duties include taking attendance and copying handouts from the teacher if necessary. So, if you intend to take one of the classes, please consider volunteering. Don’t rule out volunteering because you might have to miss a class. We will have substitutes available. If you are interested, please get in touch with me or with Yang Conley.

Thanks for your participation in the Friends.

Jane Hewitt

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NEWS FROM EAST FALMOUTH

Fixing a drainage and parking problem has morphed into an opportunity at the East Branch Library. The DPW was busy last fall with their heavy equipment creating safer parking especially for handicapped users. After pavement has been laid and the storm drains installed, what is left is a canvas where we are envisioning new landscaping. We have been brainstorming with the Child Nutrition Outreach Coordinator at the Eastern MA Project Bread to lay the groundwork to become a site for their Books and Bites program this summer. This is part of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) which is a federally funded nutrition program that provides free meals to youth ages 18 and under when school is not in session. At the East Falmouth Branch Library in addition to providing a site where kids can pick up a nutritious lunch, we would be providing summer activities for them. We welcome community volunteers to make this partnership a success. To help with the Books and Bites Summer Food Program, please contact Ryan at 548-6340. To help plan, plant and/or maintain a garden, please contact Meg at 548-6340.  Meg Borden, East Branch Librarian
Once a month I have the great pleasure of talking about books on the radio with Mindy Todd of WCAI, our cape and islands NPR affiliate. What started as a one-time invitation in 2005 to talk about books with Melanie Lauwers, then the book editor for the Cape Cod Times, gradually turned into a monthly visit to Woods Hole (where the station is located) on the last Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Recently I counted up the number of radio book shows I have done, and was astonished to discover that I have talked about books for 115 shows! Our topics over the years have ranged from politics to baseball to fairy tales to maritime to the ever popular beach reads.

The process of getting ready for a book show often begins months before the actual show. Mindy and I will think about possible topics, and then we have to decide who might be the best book talker to be on the air for a particular topic. Once Melanie retired and moved to Florida, Mindy began to invite all sorts of people to come on and talk books. We’ve enjoyed shows with local author Peter Abrahams, naturalist Dennis Minsky, bookseller Vicky Titcomb, and Woods Hole librarian Jennifer Gaines to mention some of our regulars. One of the interesting things about the show is that I never know what books the guest will be bringing, and they never know what I will be bringing. Mindy and I are often as surprised as the listeners as to what books end up being discussed. I always try to bring a book or two that might not be expected. So, for example, when we talked about books having to do with transportation, I included Mary Poppins, as Mary uses her umbrella to get around.

One of the most interesting things about the show is that it is usually done live, so that listeners can call in or e-mail us while we are on the air. A live show is sort of scary, but also lots of fun. We never know who will call or what book they might want to discuss. As we talk to them, we also try to write down the title and author, so that by the afternoon we can post a full list of all the books that have been mentioned on the library website. It certainly adds excitement to every show when we know that we will be live, although every so often we have to pre-record a show, due to scheduling issues. Most recently, we took the show on the road, and had the very exciting experience of broadcasting live from the WGBH studio at the Boston Public Library. For that show we discussed books about libraries and librarians with Andrew Maloney, a Boston Public Library librarian. If you’ve never listened to the book show before, I hope you’ll give it a try! You can listen to it on WCAI at 90.1 FM or listen online at capeandislands.org. And if you have a book topic you’d like us to consider, please send me an e-mail at jerickson@falmouthpubliclibrary.org with your suggestion or just stop by the reference desk.

Jill Erickson, Head Reference Librarian
TUESDAYS 2:00–3:00 p.m. – APRIL 17, 24 – This will be a 2 session course. Hermann Room
Icebergs and Their Drift Into the North Atlantic Ocean
This talk will discuss the size and shape of icebergs and their origins, with emphasis on the West Greenland icebergs which drift into the Atlantic shipping lanes. It includes the International iceberg patrol of the U.S. Coast Guard. Attempts to destroy bergs are shown. Robertson Dinsmore retired from the Coast Guard in 1971. He was Director of Operations and occasional captain of the research ships Atlantis II and Oceanus, retiring again in 2001. He served as a consultant to the National Science Foundation and is currently the director of the U.S. Lighthouse Museum.

WEDNESDAYS 10:00–11:15 a.m. – APRIL 11, 18, 25 – This will be a 3 session course. Hermann Room
Exotic Campaigns: the struggle for the Kaiser’s African colonies in the First World War
For a number of reasons, the conquest of Germany’s African colonies was a vital component of the Allies’ grand strategy. This course will cover the fighting in these little-known theaters of the First World War. It will also introduce some colorful leaders, Germany’s only undefeated WWI general, the longest naval engagement in history, and the amazing flight of the Zeppelin L59. Michael McNaught earned BA and MA degrees in history at Oxford University where he specialized in Military History and the Theory of War. An independent school teacher and administrator for 44 years, he has lectured extensively at Falmouth Academy, the Falmouth Historical Society and the Joy of Learning program since moving to Falmouth permanently in 2004.

THURSDAYS 1:00–2:00 p.m. – APRIL 19, 26, & FRIDAY, MAY 4 1:00–2:00 p.m. – Hermann Room
Does The U.S. Still Need A Navy?
An exploration of the role of the Navy in facing today’s security threats. Michael T. Corgan PhD., Associate Professor of International Relations, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston Univ., Adjunct Faculty, Univ. of Iceland.

FRIDAYS 10:30–11:30 a.m. – APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27 – Hermann Room
The Portugese In Falmouth – Updated and revised.
Session 1: Portugal, the Azores and First Wave. Session 2: Immigrants and Outcasts, Second Wave. Session 3: Immigration Restriction and Assimilation. Session 4: The Third Wave to Present day. Lewis A. White worked at M.I.T.’s Synchronic Lab and NASA’s Electronic Research Center. He completed graduate work at Worcester Polytech and taught computer technology at Poly. Tech. and at Hesser College.

To Register: send your selections with your name, address, phone number and e-mail to Joy of Learning, P.O. Box 480, Falmouth, MA 02541
Name ____________________________ Address ____________________________
Phone __________________________ e-mail ____________________________
I wish to enroll in the following course or courses:
Icebergs ________ Exotic Campaigns ________ Navy ________ Portuguese ________
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All courses are free and open to the library community.