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MOUNTAINSIDE LIBRARY**

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*To: All Residents of Mountainside
Mountainside NJ 07092*

Friends of the Library Activities and News



2021 Desk Calendars. The annual desk calendar will be available starting in November. Call ahead and pick yours up at the front desk or pick up while you are browsing and borrowing. Follow the library's safety protocol.



The pandemic cut our March 2020 book sale short after the first evening so we are not accepting donations at this time. We have plenty of donated books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, games, and artwork for you once we can resume the book sale in some format. We will let the community know when we will be able to accept donations and what the donation procedure and book sale rules will be.



We will be working with the library to identify and support virtual and other programs. If you include an email address with your donation slip, you'll be among the first to know about new initiatives and resumption of events and programs.



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Annual Newsletter - October 2020

President - Dayle Treece Vice-President - Marilyn Heller
Treasurer - Pam Shaw Secretary - Susan Teller

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

So many Mountainsiders have told us how much they've missed the library. Our extended closure has also made many realize just how important it is to their lives. We've seen a large number of patrons access the thousands of free e-books to browse and borrow instantly, or use our curbside pickup services to retrieve their book selections.

But libraries are bigger than the books they hold, and even as we're pushed into a more digital future, visits to our library will surely continue to play a vital role in community life. It's a place to gather, a place to learn, grow, explore, or just spend some time – all without spending a dime. And the Friends of the Mountainside Library have helped us to do just that for more than 60 years. Their tireless fundraising and volunteering efforts have been of immeasurable benefit to the library's patrons, staff, and board of trustees.

So please consider a donation to the Friends of the Mountainside Library as part of your end-of-year giving, or anytime that's most convenient for you. And if you haven't already joined, become a member, and even volunteer to help out at one of their events.

AmazonSmile is another simple way for you to support the Friends — every time you shop, at no cost to you. Visit smile.amazon.com to learn more.

Steve Witt
Interim President
MPL Board of Trustees



**MOUNTAINSIDE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Friends of the Mountainside Library is celebrating its 61st year of service to our library and community. Our activities fund 90% of the library's programs. Last year we were honored as the Friends Group of the Year by the Libraries of Union County Consortium.

If you are new to Mountainside, welcome! This is an unprecedented time that's challenging for public libraries everywhere. Libraries are meeting these challenges by creating socially distanced services such as limited hours and occupancy, safety protocols, and curbside drop-off/pickup. They're also incorporating technologies and online services to keep patrons engaged and ultimately increase the overall scope of services. The library is here for you! Be sure say "hello" to MPL's new director, Kathryn Brown, when you stop by.

Here are a few past-and-present Friends of the Library highlights.

Technology

- Purchased the library's first fax machine in 1991
- Helped bar code every item in the library and fund the transition to computerized checkout system
- Helped fund the library's website and support website upgrades
- Helped establish and stock collections in emerging media such as videocassettes, books on CD, and DVDs
- Purchase new equipment, including computers
- Underwrite Wowbrary

Programs for Everyone

- Museum Pass program
- Programs for children, such as Lego Club and story times for several age groups
- Programs for adults such as concerts and author discussions
- Special presentations

Facilities

- Furniture and shelving
- Children's section mural

Look for Our Special Events to Return when Appropriate!

- Twice yearly book sale
- Holiday boutique and Make-Me-Chic boutique
- Restaurant Day



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YES! I'll be an active, helping FRIEND:

Contact me for: Help with the book sale Help with events Notify me of meeting dates via email

Once a year we ask everyone in Mountainside to support the Friends by making a donation. These funds help guarantee the excellent services you have come to expect and will enable the Friends to support the library's efforts to incorporate new programs within the evolving situation. We welcome all new members to volunteer and join in the fun as we move forward!

Matching Grants

The Friends are a 501(C)3, not-for-profit charitable organization. Please help us double your contribution by filing a matching grant application with your donation!

**Our Tax Identification number is:
31-165-5823**

Library hours, services and rules are as follows as this newsletter is being prepared.

Since the situation is subject to change, please check with the library prior to visiting. Call 908-233-0115 or check www.mountainsidelibrary.org.

Hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10 am – 5 pm
Tuesday/Thursday 1 pm – 8 pm

Services:

Browse and borrow. The library is limited to lending materials and issuing library cards. Curbside pickup is available.

Safety:

Masks and six-foot separation required. Visits limited to 30 minutes, monitored by a time/date stamp on a bookmark provided on your arrival.

FOL-sponsored Virtual Activities for Kids via Zoom:

Autumn Story Times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
Lego Club, Squiggle Club, and others such as Halloween Origami