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*To: All Residents of Mountainside
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Friends of the Library Activities and News



2023 Desk Calendars. The always popular annual Friends-sponsored desk calendar will be available to the community for free starting in November. Call ahead to arrange to pick yours up.



Museum Passes. As we prepare this newsletter, passes are available for the following museums: Brooklyn Botanical Garden, Intrepid, Liberty Hall Museum, Montclair Art Museum, Morris Museum, Storm King Art Center, Yogi Berra Museum. Please take advantage!



Website. Check out the Library's website at <https://www.mountainsidelibrary.org/> and the Friends website <https://www.mountainsidelibrary.org/friends-of-the-Library> periodically for updates.



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Annual Newsletter - October 2022

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Message from Friends of the Library President Dayle Treece



I am very happy to introduce our new Library Director Tammy Shaw. Friends' representatives have met with Tammy and we believe her experience, energy, and plans to work closely with the Friends will be an asset to the Library and our community. Read Tammy's greeting below, and stop by the Library to meet her. See page 2 for Tammy's bio.

Left to right: Dayle Treece, Tammy Shaw, Marilyn Heller



Message from Library Director Tammy Shaw

As the new director of the Mountainside Library, I'm pleased to work with such an active and robust organization as the award-winning Friends of the Mountainside Library. The past two years have been challenging for libraries and support from the Friends has been more critical than ever. From virtual programs to outdoor fundraisers, collection enhancement of large-type books, and the Museum Pass program, the Friends have continued to achieve their mission despite all of the pandemic road blocks.

As COVID restrictions relax, we are hoping to expand our in-person programs in an effort to restore the Mountainside Library's place as a memorable community destination. Supporting the Friends will help us meet this goal. When you donate to the Friends, you are investing in your community, and 100% of your investment goes directly to the Library to pay for programing, materials, equipment, and services. In addition to financial contributions, consider joining the Friends and making an impact by donating your time and expertise to programs and fundraising events.

With the help of the Friends and the community, I am looking forward to an exciting year of new adventures at the Mountainside Library.

Meet Tammy Shaw

Tammy Shaw brings her passion for small libraries and patron-focused services to her position as director of the Mountainside Library. She places a premium on maintaining a welcoming space that acts as an incubator for ideas and a catalyst for making connections. Her broad-based understanding of libraries comes from 20 years of experience during which she has held positions in nearly every area of Library service, three years as a director.

Tammy has received numerous awards, presented at a number of conferences, and served as president of the Librarians of Union County Consortium (LUCC) and its Youth Services Section. She has a BS from Cornell, a Masters in Education from the University of NC at Chapel Hill, and a Masters of Library and Information Science from Rutgers.

She says “despite a healthy respect for the Dewey Decimal System, I prefer to arrange my personal Library of 3,600+ books by color. I believe that most things in life can be improved with a good story, a well-decorated cake, and a healthy dose of glitter.”

Children’s Programs at the Library

The Mountainside Library is known for its children’s programming, led by Elizabeth Perrin and funded by the Friends. Lots of new families participated over the Summer and everyone at the Library looks forward to seeing even more families now that school has started.

Here’s a sample of programs:

- Sign up anytime for your *1,000 Books before Kindergarten* journey.
- *Yoga Story Time* is back, along with *After School Yoga* for K-3.
- New baby in your home? Join the Library and receive a special baby bag to help you start your family’s reading adventure.
- Special art events are upcoming for Halloween.
- *Story Times* for all ages began the week of September 26th. More information is available at our website www.mountainsidelibrary.org or at the Library.
- Our annual Holiday Card Creating events will feature new cards to make.
- Look for Squiggle, Lego®, and Origami Clubs to return in the future.

Here are some of activities and equipment the Friends funded in the last fiscal year: An extensive program of virtual presentations, a new bookbinding machine to repair rather than replace books, the annual Eighth Grade Essay award, and expansion of the large-print book collection. We also sponsor the Library’s Book Club. Check with Barbara Mardursky at the Library if you’d like to join.



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YES! I will be a member of the FRIENDS: Your gift is tax-deductible. Friends of the Mountainside Library is a 501c3 organization as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

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Check here if we may email your donation acknowledgement

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YES! I’ll be an active volunteer:

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

Have an idea for a Friends program? Let us know here: _____

Once a year we ask everyone in Mountainside to support the Friends. Thanks to your donations and our fundraising, the Friends are able to fund more than 90% of our Library’s programming. Please know that 100% of your donation goes directly to the Library for programming, materials, equipment, and services. Of course, we accept membership donations and renewals any time!

Matching Grants
The Friends are an independent 501c3 not-for-profit charitable organization. Our Tax Identification number is 31-165-5823. If you are employed by a firm with a matching gift program, please complete your company or organization matching gift form.

Upcoming Events
Holiday sale: November 3, 4, 5, and 7, 2022
Spring book sale: Date TBD
Make Me Chic Boutique, Collectibles, Knick-Knacks, Jewelry and Handbags (in Time for Mothers Day): Date TBD
Restaurant Day: Date TBD
Adult Programs: TBA

As we’re preparing the newsletter, Library hours are:
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday and Friday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sunday: Closed
Some Friends fundraisers provide opportunities for local teenagers to perform community service.