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Friends of the Rocky River Public Library

Fall/Winter Newsletter

December 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Friends of the Rocky River Library is growing and making even more of a positive impact on the library, which is our most important goal, of course. As I have noted before, 100% of what we raise through our activities goes toward supporting numerous library programs, so you can feel proud of your support.

If you're interested in getting more involved with the Friends, we invite you to consider joining our board to add your energy to what is already a hard working, yet fun group of library supporters. A healthy library, in every community, is the foundation of stability for all.

In October we recognized National Friends of Libraries Week by holding a membership drive. We were supported by the business community with numerous thank you gifts that made our effort even more successful. We were also presented a proclamation by Mayor Bobst in recognition of our group's support of the community through our Friends.

We are looking forward to a successful end of this year and a good beginning to the next. If you have not joined us, please consider doing so. Membership information is available at the library and our website: friends-rocky-river-public-library-inc.square.site.

Len Abrams, President



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As a Friend of the Library I don't have to tell you what a wonderful place Rocky River Public Library is! Thanks to support like yours, we continue to provide patrons with exciting, enriching and educational programs. This coming season is no exception. Starting the year off right is a Wellness Kickstart Series with local yoga studio River Yoga, and later in March, a visit from local sports guru Mike Snyder as he talks about the past and present of Cleveland sports.

I want to personally thank the amazing and enthusiastic board of the Friends for their recent Friends Membership Drive in honor of National Friends of Libraries Week (perhaps you joined the Friends as a result of the drive). Over \$2000 in membership dues were collected over the week that will go directly toward funding Library programs including the popular Tune in Thursday series and special events for children and teens.

On behalf of the Library, thank YOU for your support, and again, thank you to the Friends of the Library board for their tireless dedication to growing the Library's Friends membership.

See you at the Library,

Jamie L. Mason, Director



NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

October 20th through October 26th marked the 14th annual **National Friends of Libraries Week** (NFOLW). The week is an opportunity to recognize the contributions and advocacy efforts of Friends groups, as well as to promote membership.

Our Friends of the Rocky River Public Library held a successful membership drive during NFOLW offering a host of perks for new members, including:

- A \$15 car wash gift card from Sgt. Clean's Car Wash
- One free coffee from Erie Island Coffee
- Mitchell's scoop cards
- Friends of the RRPL tote bag
- One free Bigmouth donut with purchase of a beverage

61 new members signed up during campaign week, and 76 total memberships were purchased in the month of October.

Thank you to our sponsors for their support during National Friends of Libraries Week .



Did you miss the membership drive? Don't worry — we are offering these incentives again in December just in time for the holidays! Makes a great stocking stuffer!

It's easier than ever to become a Friend!

You can now purchase or renew your membership online with a credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Simply visit our website and chose your membership level: **friends-rocky-river-public-library-inc.square.site**

Did you know? Friends' memberships do not automatically renew. Remember to purchase a new membership every year!

National Friends of the Libraries Week Proclamation

Mayor Pamela Bobst commemorated National Friends of Libraries Week in Rocky River with an official proclamation.

Included in the photo: From left to right; top row: President of the Friends of the Rocky River Public Library Len Abrams, Mayor Pamela Bobst, and Friends of the RRPL Corresponding Secretary Brittin Barkley. Bottom row: Bridget and Brooke Barkley (Brittin's daughters). Bridget is a 3rd grader at Kensington Elementary School and Brooke is a 6th grader at Rocky River Middle School; both are Friends of the Rocky River Public Library.

New Member Spotlight

Brittin Barkley, Friends of the RRPL Corresponding Secretary

I am a native northwest Ohioan having grown up in Vermilion. I received my bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and an MBA from Cleveland State. My family moved to Rocky River in August of 2018 and are thoroughly enjoying being part of a welcoming community and an excellent school district. My husband Bob and I have two amazing daughters, Brooke and Bridget, who are students at Rocky River Middle School and Kensington Intermediate. Our family is completed by Briggs, our Morkie, aka the best dog on the planet!

I spend my free time at River Yoga where I met my friend Denise Wheeler who extended an invitation to join the Friends' Board. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this great group that works so hard to support and promote our fabulous and beautiful library. I am looking forward to doing my part to increase our community outreach and boost our fund raising! I would like to send a sincere thank you to our current Friends' members. I am hopeful I will meet many of you at a future Friends' event.



BOOK REVIEW

Sea Stories, My Life in Special Operations

By Admiral William H. McRaven

McRaven gives us a inside look at the very successful career of a Navy Officer and SEAL team leader. He writes of his own story from his childhood to retirement. He relates how his grandfather and father were both in our armed services and the many experience gifts that were received and passed onto each generation. McRaven was involved in The Gulf Wars, including the Bin Laden raid. His book illustrates how a military man does his job without the interference of politicians.

These are stories that teach lessons about what it is to be an American and the price, many times the ultimate, paid by those who are dedicated to protecting you and me. A favorite story involves an exploit where, as a boy living on a base, McRaven and friends decided they would try to enter a restricted area. He had two cowboy toy six shooters. They did make in and out but he dropped one of his six shooters. Later in the day his father asked him if he knew anything about this incident. McRaven thought for a minute and said he did not. That night when he went to bed he found the "lost" six shooter on his night table. A lesson learned.

Len Abrams

President, Friends of the Rocky River Library

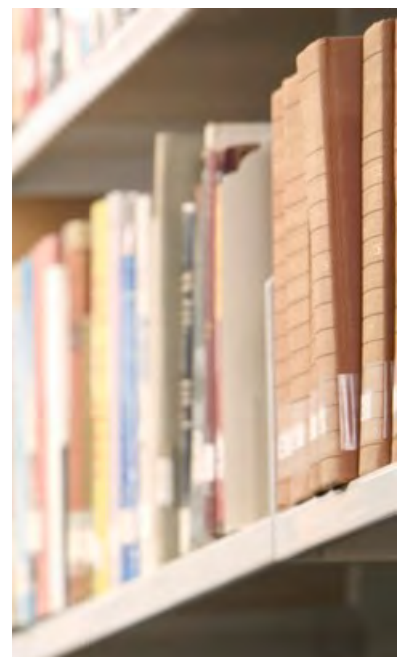


WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

- Did you attend one of our Library programs in 2019? Which one was your favorite?
- What kind of future programs and events would you like to see in the future?
- What was your favorite book of 2019?
- What was your favorite movie of 2019?

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Trivia Night

Don't miss the annual Friends of the Rocky River Public Library Trivia Night!

**Saturday January 25 from 7-9:30 pm
Burntwood Tavern at Beach Cliff Market Square, 19304 Detroit Rd. Rocky River**

Enjoy good company and great trivia while helping raise funds for programs at the Library. Trivia Night tickets are \$30 and will be available for purchase starting January 2, 2020 at the Circulation Desk (check or cash) or online at: friends-rocky-river-public-library-inc.square.site/.



2019/2020 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

President — Len Abrams	Data Account Manager — Peggy Cawley
Vice President — Stacie Gerrity	Members-at-Large — Denise Wheeler, Martie Travis
Treasurer — Kate Leslie	Event Support — Sharon Fruchey
Recording Secretary — Open	Newsletter — Hollie Gantzer
Media Outreach — Julie Drellishak	Business Member Chairperson — Open
Membership — Kelly Sharp	
Corresponding Secretary — Brittin Barkley	

Interested in one of our open positions?

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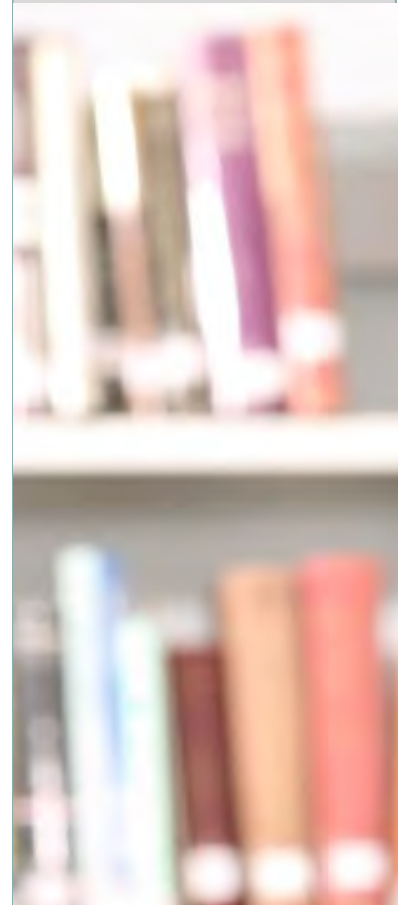
Upcoming Friends-sponsored events

MAKE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

For students in grade 2 & up & their caregivers Saturday, December 14, 11:00 a.m. until completion of craft, Auditorium Your own "graham cracker" Gingerbread House would be a great decoration for the Holiday Season! Please be prompt.

MINI MAKERSPACE EXPLORATION

For students in grades K-3 Monday, December 30, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Purple Room Drop in any time from 11:00 - 2:00 for hands-on activities to explore, create, build, tinker, and invent to stretch your imagination. Check out our new STEAM collection!



Kids' Membership

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Fill out and drop
off your form at
the RRPL!

FRIENDS OF THE ROCKY RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

KIDS' MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$5.00

Please join and become a Kids' Member of the Friends. Memberships provide funds for library programs and teaches children and young adults the importance of philanthropy and giving back to their community. Benefits are a *free scoop certificate for Mitchell's Ice Cream, Bookmark/Membership Card and a Friends' pencil.*

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1600 Hampton Road, Rocky River, OH 44116

Name: _____

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Your Bookmark, Pencil, and Mitchell's Scoop Certificate will be available at the Greeter's Desk. Great Gift Idea!!! Ages 16 and under. (To be completed by RRPL) Card issued _____

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please join us to help provide special support and additional programming at the Library. Your continued membership provides funds to enhance library programs for all age groups. Benefits include 10% off all library fines, Friends' Newsletters, and a free scoop certificate for Mitchell's Ice Cream. Join today for a worthwhile cause. We thank you for your support. Please fill out this form and drop off or mail checks payable to:

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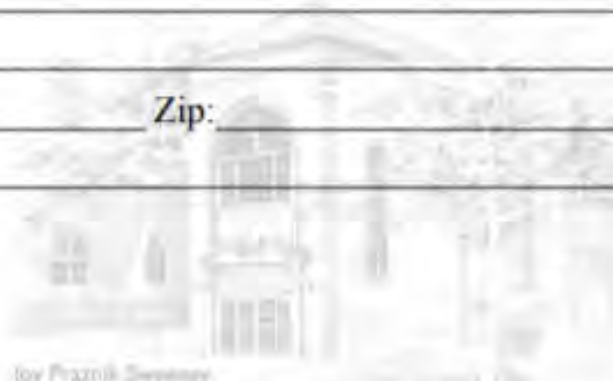
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the Greeter's desk
after you join.



Joy Praznik-Sweeney

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ABOUT THE FRIENDS

The Friends of the Rocky River Public Library, a nonprofit organization founded in 1971, provides financial support and volunteer services to the library.

Through membership dues and fundraising activities, the Friends make programs and services possible that the library could not otherwise afford, such as furniture and equipment purchases. The Friends enhance the library's ability to serve children, teens, families, seniors and the whole community.

Everyone is welcome to join the Friends, including individuals, families, businesses and organizations who value the library as a community asset.

Interested in becoming a member?

We have memberships available for adults, kids and families. Simply complete the appropriate form on the previous page and return it to the library in person or by mail. Be sure to include your membership fee. Checks should be made payable to Friends of the RRPL, Inc.

You can also join online at friends-rocky-river-public-library-inc.square.site.



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