

# JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS

Summer 2011

A Message From The President



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I hope you all have been enjoying the nice spring weather as well as the many happenings at the library. The Middle Country Reads program hosted author Linda Fairstein, who spoke about her long career in the NY DA's office as well as her approach to writing, all of which was delightful and well received by the audience. The *Friends* is proud to have provided refreshments for this event, as well as for the spring Boomers & Seniors event. The Nature Explorium is open again. See below for our latest contribution to this special part of our library. Museum Day, held on May 19th, was enjoyed by many children and adults alike. The *Friends* provided the collection bags for this event. All of the *Friends* contributions to these fantastic programs are due directly to your membership and support for our fundraising activities.

In April, we held our Spring Book Sale, our most successful in several years, and raised over \$3000. We had a record number of volunteers, and of course huge numbers of shoppers. Also in April, the very important Library Budget Vote was held (and passed!). The *Friends* supported this critical event by calling the members of *Friends* to remind them to vote. You should be so proud of all that *Friends* does to support your library. Extra thanks to all of you who volunteer your time to contribute to the success of these events.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. This is always a fun event, with a great variety of interesting items for sale. Please be sure to mark your calendars and bring your friends and family. (See p. 3 for details.) Other upcoming events that are supported by the *Friends* include the Singles Fair (in June) and Island Idol competition (in August).

As you read through this issue of **Just Between Friends**, please take a minute to think about your membership. If your membership has expired, this newsletter is stamped, "Complimentary Newsletter - Your Renewal is Due Now." For your convenience, a membership form is located on the last page of the Newsletter. Your membership is an important component of *Friends*. We value each and every member and need your continued support. Please renew now!

Have a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Sekulo

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## Winning Quotes for the Nature Explorium

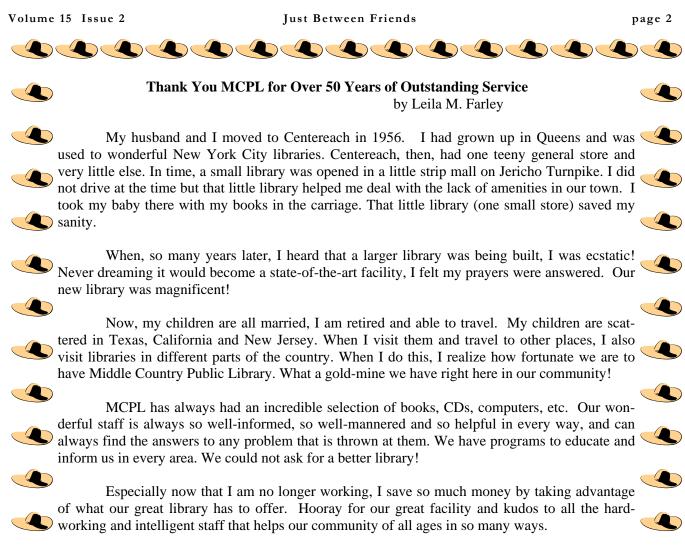
Thanks for taking the time to vote for your favorite quotes. The winners are listed below and will appear in the Nature Explorium this summer. The *Friends*' name will appear on the Book Donor sign to the right of the entrance door to the Nature Explorium.

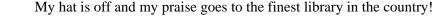
"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." Jacqueline Kennedy

"Books to the ceiling,
Books to the sky,
My pile of books is a mile high.
How I love them! How I need them!
I'll have a long beard by the time I read them." Arnold Lobel

"My hat is off and my praise goes to the finest library in the country!"

Leila M. Farley (see p. 2)







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Welcome to Our New and Renewing Friends

as of 4/8/11

New & Renewing
Fatima Abdul, lan Bacchus, John & Frances Bach, Lori Barry, Monike Brotschul,
Tom Brydelsky, Rita Caiazza, Gracie M Chin, Francisco Cordova, Jeannette D'Acampora,
Kate & Mark Dittmeier, Judith Ecker, Leila M Farley, Joyce Fazzari, Krissy Frith,
Barbara Galante, Fran Goodman, Marjorie Goodstone, Susan Guinan, Lisa Hamlin,
Lynne Heldt, Jeff Kerwin, Claire Kramer, Jocelyn Laskowski, Elaine Lehe, Deyu Lu, Eve Mattina,
Ann Maurren, Margaret & John Melito, Melissa O'Connor, Amy Olsen, Kristine Sabia,
Carol Schulz, Eleanore Smyth, Cecilia TiBurcio, Jodi Turner, Nancy Wolman, Carol Woodland

Moved Up
Patricia Zizza

Extra thanks to our newest Platinum Member
Gisele Schierhorst

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Gigantic Garage Sale Coming on August 6th

It is that time of year once again! The *Friends'* 8th Annual Gigantic Garage Sale will be held at MCPL Centereach, on Saturday, August 6th from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Community Room.

So that we can continue in the tradition of another successful sale, we are once again asking for your help. It is time to clean out and get rid of some of your clutter! Maybe you have tucked away some things in your closet, under your bed or even in the basement or garage and now all this "stuff" is taking up precious space. Do you have bric-a-brac, old jewelry or perhaps toys your children no longer play with? Have you changed your décor and do not know what to do with your old things? Why not donate them to the Garage Sale? Due to limited space, donations can only be accepted from *Friends* on Friday, August 5th at MCPL Centereach from 1:00 pm to 6:30 p.m.

in the Community Room.

Volunteers are needed for this fun-filled event. If you would like to volunteer your time or if you have any questions, please contact cochairs: Diana Gallo, 585-9393, ext. 237 (e-mail: gallo-diana@mcpl.lib.ny.us) or Terry Kowalski, 696-5349 (e-mail: kowalskitheresa@mcpl.lib.ny.us).

Monies raised at this event will help the *Friends* continue to enhance our wonderful library! Please be sure to mark your calendars and don't forget to tell your family and friends!



President: Kathryn Sekulo Vice President: Theresa Kowalski Secretary: Marcia Schaefer Treasurer: Eve Munsky



### Special Thanks to...

**Library Budget Support Chairperson, Elizabeth Wasilewicz,** for organizing the hundreds of budget reminder calls to our members. In case you have not heard, our Library's budget passed by over a 2 to 1 margin. A special thanks to Elizabeth and all the volunteer callers, as well as all the *Friends* who voted to support the budget.



If you want to receive the most up-to-date information about the *Friends*, as well as reminders of our upcoming events, make sure we have your email address.

Also, remember to check out our website, **www.mcpl.lib.ny.us** and click on **Friends** (left column) for more information.

If you need to contact us, we can be reached via email at **friends@mcpl.lib.ny.us** or by calling **(631) 585-9393**, **ext. 239**.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings at Centereach

June 14th – Friends' Meeting - 7:00 pm August 6th – Garage Sale - 8:30 am -1:30 pm September 13th – Friends' Meeting - 7:00 pm November 4th – Fall Book Sale - 4:00 pm – 8:00pm November 5th – Fall Book Sale - 9:30 am - 1:30 pm December 13th – Friends' Meeting 7:00 pm

| Please complete this form and include it with your membership check to: <b>The Friends of MCPL.</b> You may drop your membership form and your <b>tax deductible contribution</b> at the <i>Friends</i> ' mailbox near the circulation desk at MCPL in Centereach or Selden or mail them to:  The Friends of MCPL  101 Eastwood Blvd.  Centereach, NY 11720 - 2745 |            |
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| Please check one:Bronze \$5, Silver \$10, Gold/Business/Organization \$25, Platinum/Lifetime \$100 _   | [<br>[<br> |
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| I would like to play an active part in <i>Friends</i>  |            |