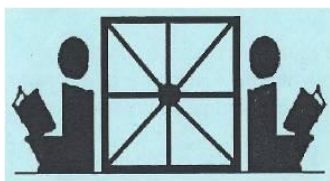


APL FRIENDS

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Attleboro Public Library



"Libraries are more than just stores of books and knowledge. They are the cornerstone of neighborhoods and communities. They are the public square, and we need them in this capacity now more than ever." - Tanner Colby

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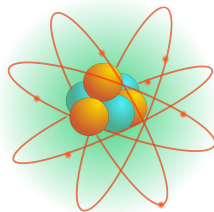
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Founded in 1983, the Friends of the Attleboro Public Library is a community organization dedicated to supporting and fundraising for the Attleboro Public Library. Friends are those residents who regard the library as a vital information and cultural center and a major educational institution. Through a program of promotional and fundraising activities, the Friends support the Attleboro Public Library and finance purchases not covered by government funds.

Focus on STEM at Attleboro Public Library

Attleboro Public Library is committed to its efforts in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programming, tapping into children's innate curiosity while introducing them to real world science concepts. Krystal Brown, the APL Children's Librarian, has been instrumental to this effort. She has worked with local groups to promote STEM in the community and has received one of the first Massachusetts STEM LSTA grants for hands-on workshops for kids grades 3-6. In Spring 2014 she will offer a STEM presentation to the Massachusetts Library Association annual meeting. Programs like Science Saturdays and monthly LEGO club are proving very successful. With these programs and many others, children can observe how science, technology, engineering, and math are a part of their everyday lives and beyond.



Visit the Book Nook!

The Friends of the APL Book Nook is located on the first floor of the library across from the circulation desk. Maintained by Joanne Stevenson and Mary Quimby, the Book Nook has a great selection of gently used current and classic



books for the entire family. There's a large assortment of books for children and young adults, as well as best selling fiction and non fiction offerings for adults. Selections which change weekly, and all monies donated go towards library materials and services. Next time you're in the library be sure to check out the Book Nook.

Favorite Moments from the International Coffee and Tea Event

by Christine Guest

The International Coffee and Tea event on December 7th was a great success! Over ninety people joined us in sampling traditional drinks from around the world. I wasn't sure I'd make it on time, so I asked husband and sons to tell me their favorite things when they got back. They liked watching Maria make Japanese green tea, and the cardamom in the Syrian coffee. When I did arrive, I met Mrs Beckwith near the English tea table. Her favorite thing wasn't anything to drink; it was watching Emily the cheerful high school student serve the tea. I thought Maria's beautiful Japanese tea pot and cups might be my favorite. My son was right, the process of watching her brew the tea was interesting; so many tools, so much technique. People were beginning to tidy up so I hurriedly sampled Ms Hernandez's Puerto Rican coffee (yum!) and asked Lucretia what her favorite thing was. She felt satisfied that the people of Attleboro saw that It's not just coffee; we can all try other ways from other places. Luckily I caught Therese before she put away her Syrian coffee, and my family had not exaggerated! Her favorite thing about the morning was practicing her English. And my favorite thing? Hearing happy people enjoy each other and their traditions in the library.

Read the full article and see pictures from the event at
<http://www.aplfriends.org>

Looking for ways to help the library? Consider this...

Donate your clean plastic grocery bags to the library. They can be used to protect checked-out books on rainy days.

What We Do

The Friends of Attleboro Public Library is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and donations are tax deductible. You can support the Friends by becoming a friend yourself, or by making a donation of money or materials.

The Friends encourages community interest in library services and provides the library with needed materials. For instance, they donate books and provide passes at reduced admission costs to many of the popular museums and area parks, including:

- The Boston Children's Museum
- Boston Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science

Learn more and see other passes available at <http://attleborolibrary.org/passes/>

Join the Friends

Applications for membership are available at the Attleboro Public Library. Please send tax deductible dues with your name, address, phone number or email address, and how you would like to be involved to:

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