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NEXT FRIENDS MEETING

Our next Friends meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, in the Community Room of the library. The meeting will start promptly at 7:00, and *please note*—this will be the last meeting before the summer break. Meetings will resume in September!

We would like to encourage all book sale volunteers and members to attend this month's meeting--- we have two major items on the agenda, the first is to vote on how we allocate the funds from the March book sale. It is always rewarding to see how our efforts are turned into beneficial programs and equipment for the library community to enjoy.

The second item is the ongoing search for a replacement for Bob Czaja, our dedicated president of Friends of the Library. Please join us in thanking Bob for his years of service to the organization.

ALLOCATION OF FRIENDS FUNDS TO THE LIBRARY

Friends designated funds totaling \$1,300 to pay for expenses for the "Movies in May" film festival and annual movie license.

Library Director Meg Kolaya also submitted a list of needs for Friends to consider at the June meeting. This includes funding for the following:

- ❑ The children's summer reading program—over 400 children participated in this rapidly growing popular program in 2007.
- ❑ Adult music and lecture programs.
- ❑ A Wii machine and video games for a teen after-school activity at the library. The Wii handset allows a player to control action on a screen with the wave of a hand.

BOOK BAGS

Go green—purchase a Friends book bag to lug your favorite reading materials home from the library or to the shore for summer reading! The bags are on sale for \$5 at the circulation desk.

- ❑ **June 28th**-- Join Friends at the Saturday Farmers Market in the town hall parking lot on, book bags will be on sale and more!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help to take videotapes left over from the book sale for recycling at Union County College on Springfield Avenue in Cranford on Saturday, June 7th between 9 am and 2 pm. Contact Bob Czaja at (908) 232-2584 for details.

LIBRARY NEWS

We are getting set for a busy summer, full of programs and events for all ages of readers. Our theme for the summer is "Catch the Reading Bug"....be prepared, even if you are not a creepy-crawly lover, for several of our events featuring butterflies and insects.

We thank the Friends for the movie license and support for Movies in May. Another great three days of screenings spotlighted the very talented young film makers in our community. I hope you will agree to support our other requests. I will be away at your meeting, but if you have questions, please call me to discuss.

I also echo the rest by thanking Bob for being so dedicated to the Friends. Few realize how many hours he has spent here making order from chaos and fielding Friends' questions and issues.



I hope everybody will take a look at our newly released training film "Libraries and Autism: We're Connected". We were funded through the region and State Library for this undertaking. Information is available at www.thejointlibrary.org/autism.

On the last Saturday of June, we will have a health fair here at 10:00 AM. Please stop by.

Sunday hours will end on June 15th and resume on the Sunday after Labor Day. Our shortened Saturday hours begin the Saturday after 4th of July weekend. Have a truly wonderful summer, and don't forget to take some time to read!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please renew your membership now and ask a friend to join with you. Check with your employer to see if they will match your gift. Those of you who renew by the September meeting will avoid a modest increase in dues. All donations are federally tax-deductible.

Please drop off your membership renewal at the circulation desk or mail it to Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library at 1927 Bartle Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ, 07076.

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DUES

\$10 per person _____

\$15 per family _____ I would like to help! _____

\$50 per organization _____ I would just like to support! _____

\$100 per benefactor _____

Name _____

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Home Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

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