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Friends of Heights Libraries
Night Out at Dobama Theatre
"Gutenberg! The Musical!"
Saturday, December 5, 2009
Free Reception to honor
FRIENDS prior to Show!
Party 6:30pm
Doors Open 7:30pm
Show Starts 8:00pm

Gutenberg! The Musical! by Scott Brown and Anthony King is a hilarious musical about the printing press inventor Johann Gutenberg. Winner of the 2006 New York Theatre Festival Award for Excellence in Musical Theatre Writing.

Special discounted tickets of \$15.00 for FRIENDS only - limited to two per member. MUST PURCHASE THROUGH FRIENDS AND LIBRARY.

See newsletter insert for invitation and response card or find information at www.heightslibrary.org or call (216) 932-3600 ext. 234. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 30.

(Regular ticket price is \$22.00 for non-members. Tickets may be purchased by calling Dobama at 932-3396. Limited number available. All sales final. Or just join the Friends for the low price of \$10.00 and save \$7.00 on the ticket!).

More FRIENDS activities inside!



**FRIENDS STRONGER
BY 150 MEMBERS!
ANNUAL MEETING ON
DECEMBER 8 at 7PM**

Hear about the success of the Fall Book Sale and the Wise Up! Literary Feast (in partnership with Nighttown). Vote on a slate of officers (will be listed online - website and Facebook - and posted in Library) and hear about opportunities for FRIENDS. From upcoming talks with local writers, to **A Night Out at Dobama**, from FRIENDS cookbooks featured at the HeightsArts Holiday Store, to the Winter Book sale at the University Heights Branch, FRIENDS are supporting our libraries in full force! **Be there on Tuesday December 8th.**

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Nancy Levin (director) is surrounded by Sherri Appleton (co-organizer, Fall Book Sale) to the left and volunteers Isabella Jaffrey and Amanda Shaffer to the right at the Fall Book Sale.

Hello everyone,

It's been a year since I became director of the library and working with the FRIENDS is one of my favorite things. Who would have believed how far we have come since March? I call that SUCCESS!

I can't wait to tell Jim McPeak, our speaker from the March meeting, that we indeed have had fundraising, advocacy and social activities this year. Our membership size is growing and will soon double and we have raised more than \$12,000 since his speech. We are weathering an economic downturn with great aplomb. The library you support is thriving, be it at a somewhat scaled back level. We have much more in store for 2010.

Thanks to you, a new van is on the way from Motorcars at a great discount. Your efforts have helped create a Library endowment for long-term or planned giving. Friends donations supplement library programming at all branches - local authors at Coventry, genealogy and senior programming at UH and fiction reading at Noble. The Teen Poetry Slam attracted more than 100 people. Teens love this library system because we support their creativity! And just in - The Cleveland Museum of Art is working with us to provide educational previews to its shows.

With a new board and officers, who knows how far our FRIENDS group can go? Looking forward to sharing the adventure.

Nancy

friend-ly invitations



Be a FRIEND while doing your holiday online shopping this year! Enroll at iGive.com and a percentage of your purchases from many established retailers will be donated to **FRIENDS of the Heights Libraries**.

Sorting Days are back! Mondays from 10:00am to noon and Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. All ages welcome - no experience necessary. For email updates, send request to friends@heightslibrary.org.

Help HeightsArts staff (greet and accept payment for art items) at the Holiday Store for the Heights Arts Gallery (Lee Rd. near Cedar Lee Theater) in November and December. HeightsArts will be selling the FRIENDS *Taste of the Heights* cookbook.

Volunteer at the Winter Book sale at the University Heights (13866 Cedar Road) from February 2/15 - 2/21 to stock, work checkout or guide buyers.

Data entry volunteers needed to help keep FRIENDS database up to speed and to determine worth of selected books online. Must be comfortable with use of Microsoft Office and common internet search vehicles (google, bing, yahoo).

To sign up for any of these roles - leave messages at FRIENDS phone line at (216) 932-3600 ext. 234 or email friends@heightslibrary.org. Or visit the Friends Facebook page to sign up and receive ongoing updates.



gratitude corner



Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all. William Faulkner

Many thanks to the over 120 individuals below who worked to support our libraries this Fall.

And thanks to St. Louis Church and Michael Jermain for donations of interior trees.

Christine Marshall on left (volunteer at both Literary Feast and Book Sale) poses with fellow cashier - they even coordinated their attire!

Chantal Akerib, Book Sale Organizer
 Ajanee Anderson
 Pat Anderson
 Sherri Appleton, Book Sale Organizer
 Mary Bar
 Rita Bar
 Paige Baublitz-Watkins
 Echo Bedwell
 Eve Bedwell
 Michelle Booker
 Regina Brett, Producer Literary Feast
 Eric Brock
 Renita Brock
 Martize Brooks
 Caroline Bruno
 Andrea Chan
 Cleveland Heights H.S. Swim Team
 Samantha Clark
 Sharon Collins
 Jen Collyer
 Katy Collyer
 Rachael Collyer
 Anne Cook
 Lois Davis
 Elsie Day
 Ann Douglas
 Nancy Dudwick
 Robert DuLaurence
 Cynthia Fair
 Kelsey Ferguson
 Bria Fischer
 Linnea Fox
 Robert Frankel
 Shiirley Friess
 Julia Gay
 Allen D. Gill, Jr.
 Adam Goldfarb
 Lily Goldfarb
 Susan Goldfarb
 Lily Gould
 Cheryl Hanger
 Tom Hanger
 Jamere Harris
 Neil Heller
 Betty Hendrick
 Bruce Hennes, Producer Literary Feast
 Avery Herman
 Linda Herman
 Tom Herman
 Rita Herzog

Laura Hopkins
 Joia Humphries
 Sabrina Humphries
 Alice Iden
 Will Jackson
 Gail Jacobson
 Isabella Jaffery
 Noreen Jankowski
 Sue Janssen
 John Jarvey
 Liz Jarvey
 Devin Jesionowski
 Sue Klein
 Paris Knowles
 Marilyn Koci
 Guan-Bok Kwok
 Joanna Levin
 Nancy Levin
 Ayla London
 Christine Marshall
 James Miller
 Richard Montanari
 Christine Nestor
 Arielle Page
 Bre'Anna Page
 Francine Parsons
 David Porter
 Margaret Poutasse
 Paule Prebus
 Kiersten Radivoyevitch
 Lydia Resnik
 Marty Resnik
 Sharon Richardson
 Derdriu Ring, Producer Literary Feast
 Megan Rochford
 Ruth Rosenberg
 Sean Robinson
 Bethany Rudy
 Adaora Schmeidl
 Edith Serkownek
 Amanda Shaffer
 Linda Sher
 Teresa Sims
 Stedman Smith
 Don Stereb
 Roy Szubski
 Xalura Taleris
 Dalma Takacs
 Jody Tashlitz
 Thomas Taylor

Walter Thiem
 Bev Thompson
 Robert Thompson
 Laressa Thompson
 Lauren Thompson
 Ca'Sandra Turner
 Barbara Walker
 Jessica Walls
 Melissa Walls
 Dan Watkins
 Maya Watkins
 Sezny Watkins
 Alice Webster
 Nancy Welchans
 Mary Ann Westropp
 Deshawn White
 Anne Wilson
 Ella Wilson
 Craig Wilson
 MaryKay Wojtylak
 Max Wojtylak

Event organizers acknowledge that this list may be incomplete and apologize in advance for any names not included or listed incorrectly!

Calling all FRIENDS. new and returning

Renew your membership and tell us the kinds of volunteer activities that interest you. If you are reading this to find out more about FRIENDS - become a member!

Yes - I am renewing my membership.

Yes - I am becoming a NEW member.

Enclosed is a check for :

- Individual Membership - \$10.00
 Family/Organization Membership - \$25.00

I enclose an additional gift of \$_____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I would also like to purchase _____ FRIENDS cookbooks at \$5.00 each (see description on back page). Check is enclosed.

I would like to be contacted about:

- volunteering at the Heights Arts Gallery (only until 12/30)
 Winter Book Sale Sorting Days
 Winter Book Sale (Feb. 15 - 21)
 Data Entry for FRIENDS

FRIENDS of the Heights Library is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit. All contributions are tax deductible. Make checks payable to FRIENDS OF THE HEIGHTS LIBRARIES.

FRIENDS NIGHT OUT DECEMBER 5. WINTER BOOK SALE FEB. 15 - 21.

Lee Road Library
2345 Lee Road
Coventry Village
1925 Coventry Road
Noble Neighborhood
2800 Noble Road
University Heights
13866 Cedar Road

Branches

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friend-ly updates



After the used book sale is over, FRIENDS are still selling! We are using Better World Books to sell used books while supporting the environment, literacy and the Cleveland Heights Library System! And so can you! Better World Books is a global bookstore with a soul - harnessing the power of capitalism to bring literacy and opportunity to people around the world. It's a no cost program to help individuals and libraries manage discarded and donated books. They sell books in 21 online-marketplaces and share the proceeds with the donor and a selected nonprofit literacy program. With **great bargains on used books** - over 6 million used and new titles, **free shipping** anywhere in the U.S. and just \$3.97 worldwide - Better World Books helps book lovers buy cheap used books and keeps books out of landfills!

<http://www.betterworldbooks.com/>

Since 1962 FRIENDS have promoted interest, appreciation and use of The Cleveland Heights Public Library. FRIENDS assist in maintaining, improving and adding to resources, facilities and services.

Friends Meetings. The Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00pm in Meeting Room B. A slate of officers (to be listed online - website and Facebook - and posted in the Library) will be presented for a vote. Your attendance will be much appreciated. Note: Starting January, FRIENDS Meetings are on 2nd Tuesdays at 7pm.

Ongoing Book Sale. There's a book sale happening in your library all year long! Books bought from the used book rack in each library contribute to library programs and services described in **Check Us Out**.

Gifts for hard-to-shop-for people. Give the award winning local cookbook: **Taste of the Heights: a Friends' Culinary Collection** at the bargain price of \$5.00. Also on sale at the Heights Arts Holiday Store.