



FRIENDS OF THE BERWYN LIBRARY

Quarterly Newsletter

“Reading is fundamental.” – Ru Paul Charles

New from the Friends of the Berwyn Public Library

* Summer means Berwyn’s annual movies in the park series. The Friends will be attending with a traveling book sale and volunteers who can tell you everything you want to know about the Friends including our roster of upcoming events and details on how you can become a member. Screenings start at dusk (usually around 8:30 p.m.) at 6514 W. 27th Pl. - Across the street from Liberty Cultural Center. Rain Location: Liberty Cultural Center (6445 W. 27th Pl.)

The first movie will be screened on June 28th. Aquaman is the movie that will kick off this summer’s movies in the park. We hope to see you there!

* The Friends unanimously voted to approve funding for several upcoming library programs including the annual Summer Reading Kickoff, slated for 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday June 8th at the library. This family-friendly event included live music, circus performers, the Book Bike, craft projects and snacks. The Friends attended with their book sale, a fun craft and information on how you can become a member. The Friends of the Berwyn Library were able to help fund the free books given to all children participating in the summer reading program. We are also proud to have helped make the Book Bike a reality. The Book Bike made its debut at this year’s Summer Reading kick-off with a ribbon cutting and dedication by Mayor Lovero.

* Friends’ funds have also been allocated for pre-school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) kits in the Youth Services Department and puzzles for the library’s senior services corner. We have also supported entertainment and books for the annual Fairy Tale Ball.

* Nationally acclaimed playwright Rohina Malik was the marquee event at our May membership meeting. Malik performed excerpts from her award-winning one-act play, “Unveiled” for a crowd of about 50. The performance was followed up with a lively Q and A session that touched on issues of immigration, religion and forging a path for diverse voices in the arts.

* The Friends owe huge thanks to the Depot District’s Lunges and Lattes for facilitating our April Library Latte Throw-down/latte-tasting fundraising event. Match-er average Latte, a marvelous blend of prima matcha tea leaves and spices was the clear winner. Please stop by and try one or otherwise fulfill your caffeine (or decaf) needs weekdays at 6805 Stanley. They are clearly Berwyning, one cup at a time.





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* Stay tuned! Following Malik's extraordinary performance, we are planning big things for our October membership meeting. A psychic (really) and a magician are under consideration. Or we may have an author, playwright, storyteller or graphic novel extraordinaire. Keep an eye out for the big reveal. And tell your friends. We are always looking for members to volunteer, join committees and/or become Board members!

* Special Thank You's are in order for new and returning members that donated at the \$100 or more level. We appreciate your generosity and support. Please remember, we are now a 501c3 organization. All donations are tax deductible and employer's may be willing to match your donations! It never hurts to ask.

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