

Friends Highlights

February 2010

Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.
13824 West River Road, N.
Columbia Station, OH 44028

President's Corner



Happy New Year! With the holidays behind us and several long months of beautiful winter weather ahead it is the perfect time to reflect on things and make a plan. I decided long ago that I would not make resolutions. They usually are forgotten by mid-January anyway. Instead I take a personal inventory and rededicate my time to things that are important to me. According to Wikipedia (an online encyclopedia), volunteering helps build more cohesive communities and fosters greater trust between citizens. When people volunteer they may discover new talents they never knew they had. Volunteering provides a sense of personal satisfaction, the ability to meet new people and develop new friendships. Spend some time thinking about how you can contribute to a cause that is important to you. It may only take a few hours a month but the paybacks will be priceless and you may develop friendships that last a lifetime.

Call or email me anytime:
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440-742-3456

News from the Librarian

We look forward to continuing to provide you with the best services we can in 2010. Come in and browse our collection -- you will be surprised at what you may find. You can request bestseller books, new release DVDs, large print books, and audio books from the Lorain Public Library System and over 29 other library systems. Ask our staff to help you request these library materials. We have resources available to help your children with homework and our staff can help you research and request those items also.

We offer outgoing fax service for \$1.00 a page. We have many IRS tax forms available and can usually print others from the IRS website.



We are always looking for items to display in our case. If you, your children or grandchildren have a collection of items that you would like to share, please drop your name and description of the display in the box located by the display case.

We hope to see you at our State of the Library event on Saturday, February 13 at 10 a.m. or noon. This is an excellent opportunity to hear an update about the Library and to give us your input, too. Call the library to RSVP. Refreshments will be served.

Sandy Mitchell, Branch Librarian Supervisor
440-236-8751

Columbia Community Foundation Donation

The Columbia Community Foundation made a very generous donation to The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc.

The Columbia Community Foundation was created in October 2007 by the former Kiwanis Club of Columbia Station and the current Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

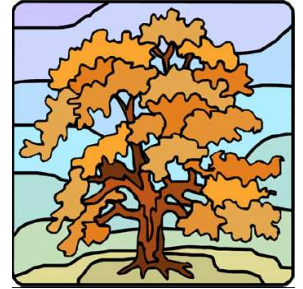
The Columbia Community Foundation serves the citizens of Columbia Station and neighboring communities by awarding educational scholarships and community grants.

A sample of the generous donations provided by the foundation include: the flags and flagpoles at the VFW memorial, new rescue tools for the Columbia fire station, new computer projector at high school, Columbia food center donation, and a donation to help the middle school host the Power of the Pen competition.

The donations and scholarships provided by the Columbia Community Foundation have benefited every person in Columbia Township.

We are grateful for such an organization and appreciate the donation. We will use the donation to continue our tradition of serving the community.

When community organizations work together everyone benefits.



More information about the Columbia Community Foundation can be found at their website:

<http://www.columbiacommunityfoundation.org>

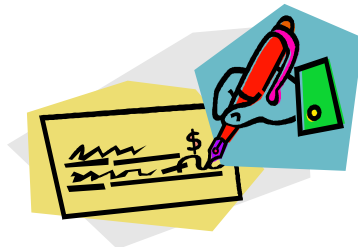
Thank You

Membership Dues Increase—April 1, 2010

The membership dues for The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. will increase effective April 1, 2010. The following dues structure will go into effect then:

- ≈ Individual: \$10.00
- ≈ Patron: \$25.00
- ≈ Corporate: \$50.00
- ≈ Life: \$100.00

Now is the perfect time to renew your membership to prevent paying the new higher dues. Send your check in today or drop it off at the Library.



Money from membership dues help fund library programs and purchase books and other equipment for our Library. Thanks for your membership and please renew today.



New Expiration Dates!

To make record keeping easier we have converted all membership expiration dates to Dec 31. Please look at the date on the address label next to your name to see the year your membership will expire. If your membership has expired, please renew today to avoid the dues increase.

Look Ahead for 2010

Please mark your calendars for the following events. We need your help.

Feb 22	Friends Meeting @ 6pm
April 19	Book Sale Set-up (12-5) & Preview Sale (5-7)
April 20 – 24	Book Sale (during library hours)
April 26	Friends Meeting @ 6pm
May 22	Columbia Library Friends Flea Market/Yard Sale
June 5-6	Engine Show
June 19	Columbia Library Festival of the Arts (formerly known as Arts & Authors Fest)
June 25 – 27	Columbia Homecoming
June 28	Friends Meeting @ 6pm
Aug 16	Book Sale Set-up (12-5) & Preview Sale (5-7)
Aug 17 – 21	Book Sale (during library hours)
Aug 21	Car Show at Columbia Park
Aug 23	Friends Meeting @ 6pm
Sept 18	Friends Exchange at North Ridgeville library @ 10-1
Oct 25	Friends Meeting @ 6pm
Nov 8	Book Sale Set-up (12-5) and Preview Sale (5-7)
Nov 9 – 13	Book Sale (during library hours)



Special Friend Recognition—Tina & Maggie Norris (and the other Junior Friend Bake Sale Volunteers)

We have a long list of dedicated bakers who provide baked goods to help raise money for the Library.

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| ≈ Tina & Maggie Norris | ≈ Regina & Blaze Pratt |
| ≈ Coleen & Owen Barta | ≈ Anne & Amanda Sedlock |
| ≈ Holly & Noah Beck | ≈ Terry & Brooke Weborg |
| ≈ Pat & Kristen Bouscher | ≈ Doreen & Jason Wheatley |
| ≈ Kellie & Bailey Madak | ≈ Ethel Schiemann |
| ≈ Anna & Jackie Oas | ≈ Anne Frost |

The Junior Friends, their parents and other members provide fresh baked goods to sell during our book sales. The list of dedicated bakers is long and we appreciate all the effort. Stop in during our next book sale to buy a homemade pineapple upside down cake, brownies or banana bread. You may even find a book or two!

Sorry if we missed anyone—we appreciate all our volunteers!



Committees Forming—The Time is Now

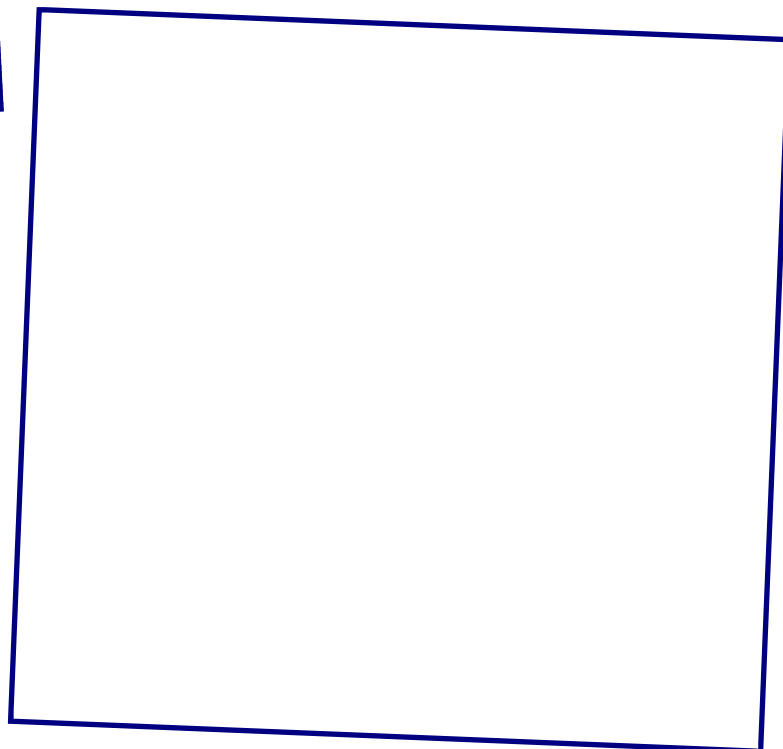
The time is now to put your talents to work. Committees are forming and we need your help! We have dedicated and talented members with very good ideas. So, why are you still a spectator? Being a committee member does not take too much time and it is a great way help. We need to move to the next level and that means we need more help. We are looking for a motivated person to head the book sale committee. Duties will include coordinating with Sandy to schedule the book sales and getting volunteers to work the sales. This position DOES NOT mean you do it all yourself! We have volunteers that help move books and set-up book sales. Our book sales are the primary source of funds and provide money to sponsor library programs. We need a motivated person to help with this important position. If you are interested or have any questions, please call or email me. Pam Coleman 440-742-3456 or pamala29@yahoo.com

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## From Columbia Library Levy Committee ...

The levy we needed to operate our remodeled Columbia Library was passed in the year 2000.....almost 10 years ago. It will be running out soon. In order to continue to operate the Library, we need to pass a new levy. A slight increase in the levy amount from 1.44 mills to 1.74 mills will be needed to continue operating as well as to modestly grow in services.

The Friends of the Columbia Library, Inc. are our best supporters. They know and appreciate the value and importance of our small, but beautiful Library. We are hoping that they will be staunch supporters as we start promoting this needed operating levy. The Columbia Library Levy Committee would welcome any and all help the members of the Friends want to give to this promotion. You may be interested in helping with a telephone campaign or in other ways. If so, you may call Susan Wendt at 236-8763 or Ralph Malik at 667-0228.

We are just getting started so information is still preliminary. More information will be available soon as we get further into the campaign. Keep our levy in mind for May. We need your support!