

Friends of the Moorestown Library

BookNOTES

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Friends in Action- Museum Passes

Did you know that your library card unlocks more than just books? Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library, you can now explore over 25 local museums, historical sites, and zoos—completely free of charge!

Whether you're interested in art, history, nature, or wildlife, these passes provide free admission to some of the area's most popular destinations. It's a fantastic way to enjoy educational and inspiring outings with your family, friends, or on your own.

In 2024, museum passes were borrowed 935 times, representing a 47% increase in usage from previous years! Some of the most popular check-outs included destinations like the Academy of Natural Sciences, Woodford Cedar Run, Museum of the American Revolution, Battleship New Jersey, MoMA, and the Please Touch Museum.

Best of all, this program is fully funded by the Friends of the Library. In fact, the cost of one single ticket to some of these attractions is often more than the price of an annual Friends of the Library family membership, which starts at just \$25!

The Friends of the Library also fund the software that allows many passes to be printed at home or shown directly on your phone, making it easier than ever to access these exciting destinations on your own schedule.

So next time you're planning a weekend adventure or looking for a fun, educational outing, check out the museum pass program. It's just one more way your library — and the Friends who support it — are helping you discover, learn, and grow.

You can learn more about museum passes and see the full list here: <https://bit.ly/4k30yBE>

Calendar of Events

May 29 Book Sale Preview Night for Friends of the Library Members (6 p.m.- 8 p.m.)

- Not a member yet? You can join right at the sale! Or join today at moorestownlibraryfriends.org/join.

May 30 Book Sale (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

May 31 Book Sale (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

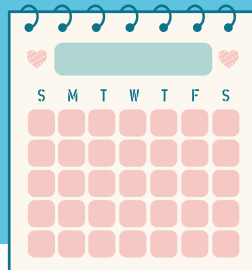
June 20 Summer Reading starts! (Friends are sponsoring the prizes)

June 21 ComicFest

Did you know the Friends sponsor this super popular event? Come visit our table for a special gift!

September 10 Friends of the Library Board of Trustees Meeting (7 p.m.)
All Members are Welcome!

September 11 The Friends of the Library will be at Second Street Market handing out treats. Come say hi!





Spotlight on a Friend



In this issue, we're shining the spotlight on Lynne Schill, current President of the Friends of Moorestown Library.

What's an early library memory?

I've always been a reader, and I love libraries!

When I was in junior high, my mother had to give permission for me to check out adult books, because I'd already read everything in the children's section. I read all the Ian Fleming books at an early age.

Favorite Reading Category?

I love political intrigue and thrillers. I read almost any mystery as well.

My favorite book is Middlemarch by George Eliot. I first read it in college and was, perhaps, the only person in my Lit class who loved it. Her prose is so beautiful that, although I know the story, I reread it every 5-6 years just to enjoy her writing.

Why do you recommend joining the Friends?

Friends of the Library allows the librarians to do all the things they do that tax dollars cannot cover. Friends pay for, among other things:

- Most of the youth and adult programming that our neighbors enjoy
- All the furniture for the library: chairs, tables, lamps, etc.
- All museum passes
- Book Club in a Bag
- Art and craft supplies, including the grab-and-go crafts.


Library users should definitely consider joining the Friends of the Library. Our main sources of income are memberships and semi-annual book sales. We offer members a few perks as a thank you, including "Friends Members Only" preview nights before book sales and an invitation for our annual member appreciation event.


Favorite Friends Fact?


Something people may not know is that the Friends sponsor Manhattan Shorts, which is a worldwide viewing of short films that are seen around the world the same week of the year. Last year, the film we in Moorestown voted as our favorite won an Oscar for best short film.

Want to Get Involved? Volunteer With Us!

We're always looking for helping hands, and we'd love to have you join us! If you're interested in volunteering, we currently have several great options:

 **Book Sales** – Help out during our book sales and connect with fellow book lovers.

 **Book Sorting** – Lend a hand behind the scenes organizing donated books and media.

 **Membership Tables** – Assist at events by helping people learn about and join the organization.

Whether you have a few hours or want to be more involved, there's a spot for you. It's a fun way to give back, meet people, and support a great cause!

Interested? Reach out to us to learn more or sign up! Email us at:
volunteering@moorestownlibraryfriends.org

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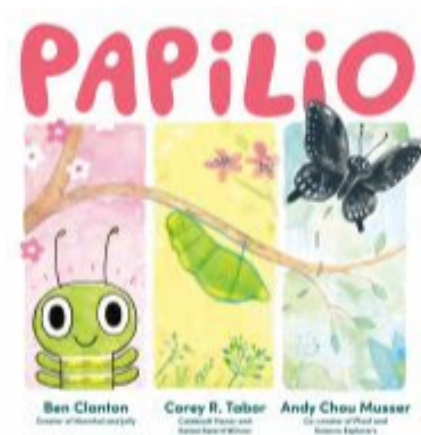


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Friendly Book Review: Papilio by Ben Clanton, Corey R. Tabor, and Andy Chou Musser

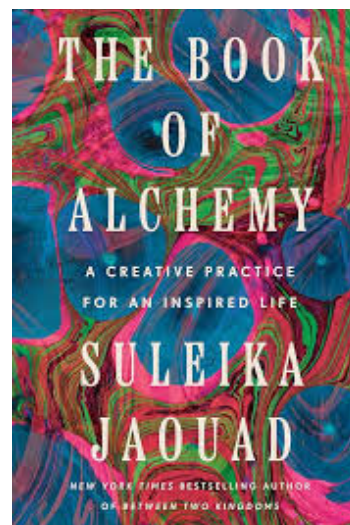
Papilio is a unique picture book/chapter book told in three parts by three talented author/illustrators. Each short chapter focuses on a different phase of Papilio's development, from bursting out of her egg with great excitement to take on the world as a caterpillar to gaining the confidence to spread her butterfly wings and fly. Along the way, Papilio learns that the world is topsy-turvy and full of surprises, and that growing up can be a bumpy ride. But with help from a friendly mouse to face the challenges along the way, Papilio discovers how sweet the world can be.



Submitted by Jen Dunne, Head of Youth Services at Moorestown Library

Friendly Book Review: The Book of Alchemy by Suleika Jaouad

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Between Two Kingdoms*, Suleika Jaouad's second book calls us to pick up a pen and paper and rediscover the power of journaling. Born out of the "100 Day" project she began during the pandemic and while being treated for leukemia, Jaouad explores the art of journaling and how it helps us tap into the divine creativity that exists in each of us. *The Book of Alchemy* features 100 essays and writing prompts from a wide range of contributors, organized by key themes and introduced beautifully by the author. Whether you're a seasoned journaler or new to the practice, this book gives you the tools and encouragement you need to start writing!



Submitted by Colleen Ijalana, Friends of the Library Member and Committee Volunteer

History Tidbit

Did you know that the **Moorestown Free Library Association** is the official name of the Friends of the Moorestown Library?

Moorestown Free Library Association was chosen by a group of Moorestownians in 1853 who wanted to create a Library for the town after a first attempt (called the Moorestown Library Company) failed in 1808.

Coming next issue: How did the first town librarians decide the length of a library book loan?



Friends In Action Photo Scrapbook



Grab and Go Crafts are super popular all year and are funded by the Friends!



Daniel Bennett Group plays for a full house during an April 12, 2025 jazz concert at the Moorestown Library.

Concerts are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Wegmans.

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BIG SPRING BOOK SALE

Thursday, May 29 6-8 PM*
Preview night for Friends of the Library members. No scanners, please

Friday, May 30 10 AM- 4 PM

Saturday, May 31 10 AM - 4 PM

GREAT LOW PRICES ON USED BOOKS, DVDS, CDS AND MORE!

Held at Moorestown Library
111 West 2nd Street, Moorestown, NJ

All proceeds benefit the Moorestown Library

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Scan to learn more

Spring book sale coming soon! Members get early access on May 29, 2025.

Don't forget that you can always get reasonably priced books (and support us!) by shopping our lobby carts and, coming soon, our new book room.



Some Friends enjoying our Member Appreciation Event- November 2024



Chatting, eating, drinking and enjoying Jazz Sanctuary during the Member Appreciation Event at the Community House Library Room- November 2024