



FRIENDS • NEWS

Newsletter of the Friends of Huntingdon Valley Library

Prepare to Pass Your Next Big Test With *Learning Express Library*

Need to study for an important test and want some good help? **Thanks to funds provided by the Friends**, you can go to www.learningexpresslibrary.com and prepare for that important exam, free of charge. Included in this interactive online database are more than 300 practice tests based on official school and career exams – SAT, ACT, GED, TOEFL, ASVAB, Firefighter, Police Officer, Paramedic, EMT Basic, U.S. Citizenship, Postal Worker, Cosmetology, and Real Estate Agent and Broker Exams, and others. Also available are programs to help improve reading, writing, and math skills. These programs are specifically designed for students from elementary to postgraduate levels.

Log onto one of the computers at the Huntingdon Valley Library or from your computer at home and take the test you want. You'll get immediate scoring and detailed answer explanations. You will also get recommendations for additional practice and online courses that will help improve your performance on a subsequent test. Your information will be stored in your secure personalized account so you can go back to it anytime you want. **This service is available to any Lower Moreland resident with a valid library card.** Stop by the Library for more information on how to access Learning Express Library and a full list of tests and courses available.

Who are the Friends?

The Friends of Huntingdon Valley Library is a group of interested members of our community who donate their time and/or money to make our Library an important center of learning and enjoyment. Please help the Friends help the Huntingdon Valley Library maintain its edge on excellence as it promotes literacy and learning for the entire community. When you join the Friends, you have the sat-

isfaction of knowing that your support helps our township's most valuable asset – the Library. Send your tax-deductible contribution in the enclosed envelope, then come to the Library and see your membership dollars at work. Thanks to Friends like you, the Huntingdon Valley Library will continue to be an important community resource.

2004-2005 Your Membership Dollars at Work *In the past year, your financial support helped purchase . . .*

- wireless router and upgraded software
- tech support to facilitate circulation of new materials
- children's educational software
- Muzzy II Collection for children's language education
- 2 computers for the children's area
- parent/teacher resource material
- DVDs, audio books, large print books, and music CDs
- special collection items such as New York Times bestsellers, travel, art and gardening books
- subscription to *Bookpage* Newspaper – free to the public
- family memberships to 6 area museums (newest addition- Morris Arboretum)
- memorial and honor books
- materials for the reference collection (see page 2)
- magazine protective covers

We sponsored . . .

- an extended summer reading program with entertainment and enrichment for our children including the end of summer party (\$1800)
- a children's knitting program
- year-round teen programming
- a monthly adult book discussion group
- CPR & AED course for the staff
- fall film series with Dr. Moylan Mills
- spring international film series with Dr. Maurizio Giammarco
- three children's holiday programs – Magic Workshop, Nutcracker, Decorate Tot Faces
- library programs such as flower arranging and geranium sale
- refreshments at the Art Auction



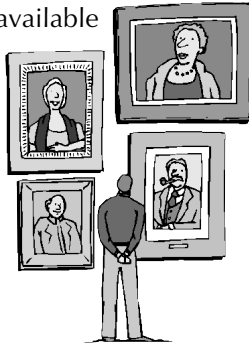
New Additions to the Reference Collection

- Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine (4 vols.)
- Gale Encyclopedia of Neurological Disorders (2 vols.)
- Gale Encyclopedia of Clothing and Fashion (3 vols.)
- Encyclopedia of Religion (15 volumes)
- Arts and Humanities Through the Eras (5volumes)
- Facts on File: *The Nineties* (2 volumes)
- Salem Press: *the Fifties* (3 volumes)
- Great Lives from History (6 volumes)
- Great Events from History (6 volumes)

Family Museum Passes

Do you enjoy spending the day at a museum? This year The Friends have made passes available to the . . .

- Philadelphia Museum of Art
- University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
- Please Touch Museum
- Morris Arboretum
- National Liberty Museum
- Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts



How to borrow

Library patrons who reside in Lower Moreland and/or are members of the Friends may **reserve** and check out museum passes at the desk just as one would borrow a book. Stop by the library and ask about the museum passes which entitles you to admission and a 10% discount in the museums' shops. **Remember to check the return date.**

In the Children's Area

Parlez-vous Francais? Habla Espanol? Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Soon you will be able to say oui, si, or ja because the Friends have purchased the second level of MUZZY Language Development programs, published by the BBC, for use by patrons and their families. Two years ago the Friends contributed the first of these language sets containing a 10-part series that includes videos, cassette tapes and booklets to teach children French, German, Italian, Spanish and English as a Second Language.

These programs proved so popular, the Friends have now given the second level of the sets to be used as an additional source of language literacy for the Huntingdon Valley Library community.

The sets are available for a three-week loan and are catalogued and shelved in the Children's Department.

Book Discussion - September 15

Our highly successful discussion group will continue this year with books that are chosen by the members. At the first meeting on September 15th, we will discuss *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo.

Monthly meetings will be on Thursday afternoons at 12:30 PM beginning in September. Call the library at 215-947-5138 for subsequent dates and titles.

Silent Book Auction

Sold to the highest bidder! Join the fun! Be the lucky winner of one of the treasures from the Friends' book room. It's better than ebay and there is no shipping fee. The monthly display is located near the library's magazine area. Follow the directions, and bid on your favorites.

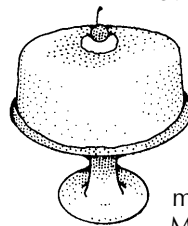
Shopping at Bloomingdale's to Benefit Children's Area A Tuesday in October

This fall, the Friends of HVL will again be participating in Bloomingdale's annual "Charity Day". A donation of \$10 will entitle you to 15% savings on most items in the Willow Grove and King of Prussia stores. In addition, **we get another \$5 when you turn in your ticket at the store that day.** If the day is not convenient, you may pre-shop up to one week in advance and your purchases will be held and rung up on the day of the sale. Along with your discount, the day will feature entertainment, fashion events, raffles and cooking demonstrations (with free samples). Have fun shopping at Bloomie's and support the Friends at the same time. **Stop by the Library to purchase your tickets.** Proceeds from this event will continue to benefit the children's area. Last year we raised \$700.



Election Day Bake Sale Tuesday, November 8th

Bring out those pots, pans and mixing bowls. It's time for our annual bake sale at Pine Road School. If you like to bake and would like to donate some home-made goodies, you may drop them off at Pine Road on the morning of the sale or at the library the day before. And don't forget to stop by to purchase some yummy treats. Even if you vote elsewhere, you may still come to Pine Road to make a purchase. For more information call Michele at 215-947-5138.



Interested in HVL happenings? Log on to the library website @ www.hvlibrary.org to find out about upcoming events.

From the Desk of Library Director Joyce Wemer

It was a dark and stormy night. While this may sound a lot like the beginning of the latest Snoopy novel, it really was a dark and stormy night on April 2, the evening of our Art Auction, co-sponsored by the library and our local Rotary Club. And, at 6pm, as the flood waters continued to rise, and roads were closing all around us (including both ends of Red Lion!), I realized that our target of 100 in attendance did not look very likely.

First, our diehard Friends of the Library and Rotarians made their way in, puddles forming behind them. And, as the weather started to improve, others followed.

And, believe it or not, by the time of the auction, 86 people were there.

Disappointed that we had not reached our goal of 100, which would have guaranteed a commission of at least \$1,000, I still tried to look on the bright side. After all, people did seem to be enjoying themselves. At the end of the night, the auctioneer informed me that we had sold over \$10,000 of art. So without the 100 people, that means we still would get 10% - \$1000 right? Noooo, because we reached \$10,000, we received 20% and 25% on anything over!

Even with the weather and road conditions working against us, we made almost \$2400 in net proceeds for the children's collection. This is a story with a very happy ending!

Thanks to all of you who supported us on that very "dark and stormy night," through your attendance and your sponsorships. And while we can never promise good weather, we can promise many more fun library events coming up in the future.

Trash to Treasure **We want your books!**

Moving? Redecorating? Reducing clutter? We can help you to accomplish your goals and help the library at the same time. Your used books are valuable to us and can be a tax deduction for you. Just donate your books to the Friends' used book sales. Bring fiction, non-fiction and children's books **in good condition** to the circulation desk during regular library hours. **Please do not leave them in the foyer or outside the building.**

Sorry, but we cannot accept the following:

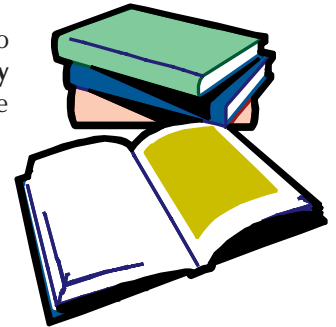
- Magazines
- Old textbooks
- Encyclopedias

Thank you, thank you, thank you for continuing to donate and purchase books. Our used book sales are our most profitable fund raisers.

Remember: The best time to donate books is **immediately after a sale** when we are restocking our shelves. We ask that no books be donated within 2 weeks before a sale.

The sales are held three times a year with the next one from September 29th to October 1st. If you become a Friend, you are entitled to attend the special preview on September 28th from 7-9 PM.

Our sales depend upon volunteers who help sort, stack and arrange donated books as they arrive. If you can help, call Mary at 215-947-5138



Get involved – Be a Friend

By becoming involved, you help ensure the growth of the Library. If you would like to help at any time during the year, please check below and return this form with your tax-deductible contribution to the **Friends of Huntingdon Valley Library**.

If your company has a Matching Gifts Program that supports libraries, you can increase your gift to the Friends. See your Human Resources Office for details.

YES! I would like to help the Friends of Huntingdon Valley Library during 2005-2006. I can:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Friends afternoon meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Help in the used bookroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Be a bake sale baker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend adult book discussion group | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with programs or publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Be a library volunteer |

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Membership Renewal Enclosed!

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Won't You Join Us? Meet your neighbors and make new friends. **All are welcome** to join the Friends at their monthly meetings. We meet on the second Thursday of each month (September to June) at 12:30 PM. Come find out how you can be a part of our exciting programs. Please RSVP to Linda – 215-947-5138.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 8, 2005
- September 15, 2005
- September 29-October 1 (Friends' preview September 28)
- October 6, 2005
- October 15, 2005
- October ? (to be announced)
- November 1, 2005
- November 8, 2005

- Friends' meeting 12:30 PM
- Book discussion 12:30 PM
- Used Book Sale
- Friends' meeting 12:30 PM
- Appraisal night at the Library
- Bloomington's Charity Shopping Day
- Cooking Night at Gerhard's
- Election Day Bake Sale at Pine Road

Please park in the Lower Level lot when attending any Library Program.

Library Hours

Monday through Thursday • 10 am to 9 pm
Friday and Saturday • 10 am to 5 pm

June through Labor Day
Saturday • 10 am to 2 pm



Don't forget to sign up for your library card.