

August 2009 Friends of the Heritage Public Library Newsletter

Dear Friends of the Heritage Public Library,

Thank you for your participation in the Friends of the Heritage Public Library and most importantly thank you for supporting the Friends 2009 membership drive. This year's drive was even more successful than last years and now the Friends community has grown to 85 members raising over \$2650. Due to your generosity the Friends were able to give \$2000 to the Library in support of the Summer Reading Programs as well as other children's programs.

This year has been one of change. The most notable was the retirement of Alan Bernstein who was the Director at the library for over 20 years. We are all sorry to see Alan leave but wish him well in his retirement.

While the Trustees searched for a new Director, Kathy Wills filled Alan's role as acting director. We want to express our sincere thanks to Kathy for her leadership during this transition.

The officers of the FOHPL would like to welcome our new Director Barbara Winters. Barbara was the Dean of Libraries for Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. Barbara comes to us with a wealth of experience. If you have not had the chance to meet Barbara, please take the time to stop in and do so.

Events Planned for the Coming Months:

August 26 7:00PM - Friends of the Heritage Public Library Annual Meeting – This is meeting open to all Friends; light refreshments will be served.

September 3 - Author's Reception for Phyllis Levison, the author of On The Porch. Ms. Levison's book shares the experiences of four friends who meet for one weekend every year to get away from the bonds of everyday life and just spend time together.

September - Yellow Bus Story Time - date to be announced.

September 12 – Heritage Public Library Fundraiser with EVB Bank (9:00am – 12:00pm)

October 3 – Clean out of the old Heritage Public Library – Please contact Barbara Winters 966-2480 or bwinters@hpl.hrcoxmail.com by August 27 to sign up to help.

November 10 – Author's Reception for Harold E. Russell Jr., the author of Company I 366th Infantry. Mr. Russell's book shares his experiences as an African-American soldier, serving in WWII.

Spring of 2010 - Roadshow for Books

I hope to see all the Friends of the Heritage Public Library at our Annual Meeting on **August 26 at 7:00 pm at The Heritage Public Library in New Kent**. It will give us an opportunity to share some information on new library programs.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support through the year and encourage you to think about serving on our board or one of its committees. The terms of many of our officers will be ending soon and we truly need your help. Together we can ensure the continued success of our Heritage Public Library.

Sincerely,

Donna J. Friend
President, Friends of the Heritage Public Library