

December 2008

Dear Friends of the Heritage Public Library,

Thank you for your participation in the Friends of the Heritage Public Library. During the past year many changes have occurred at the Heritage Public Library most notably the move to the present location near Colonial Downs. Members of the Friends were very helpful in facilitating this move. Now that our library has a new home, albeit a temporary one, we would like to share some fresh and exciting ideas for the library with you.

Last summer an election was held to select officers for the Friends. The new officers are:

Donna Friend	President
Chris Wells	Vice President
Denise Morris	Treasurer

We still do not have a secretary. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Donna Friend (966-1961 or difriend@cox.net) or you may leave your name with any staff member at the library.

Thank you to outgoing officers Jan Haviland and Kathy Bomwell for their leadership. Together they initiated and organized the Friends of the Heritage Public Library. Their hard work enables us to be where we are today in this organization.

The new officers and executive board are in the process of organizing a membership drive for 2009 and will be asking again for your support. The drive will kick off on January 20. As you know, money raised through the membership drive and other fundraisers helps the library defray the costs of programs and activities.

Our goal for 2009 is to introduce new fundraising and activity initiatives. One exciting new project will be an adult literacy program at the New Kent and Charles City branches of the library. We will seek volunteers willing to be trained in mentoring participating residents of New Kent and Charles City counties. Our hope is to recruit and train these volunteers in the first half of the year and to have them begin working with program participants by summer/fall of 2009.

We have added a new fundraising program which we believe will be very successful. As of December 1st Magazines have been added to the used book sale rack. Imagine getting a slightly used issue of Food & Wine, Gourmet or Good Housekeeping magazine for 25 cents just to name a few. If you would like to donate a current copy of a magazine they can be dropped off at the Library Check out desk. This will ensure we manage our inventory of magazines.

As in the past we will continue to support the library staff with the summer reading program, fall festival and volunteer teachers for computer literacy.

These are some of the activities and programs we are exploring for the coming year. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact one of the Friends' officers or a library staff member. The Friends organization is here to offer community assistance to our library.

Thank you again for your help and support in the past and I look forward to working with you this coming year. Together we can ensure the continued success of our Heritage Public Library.

Sincerely,

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