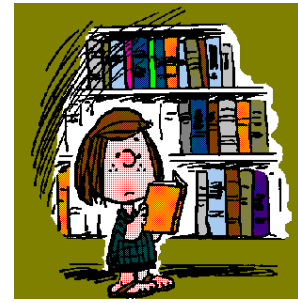
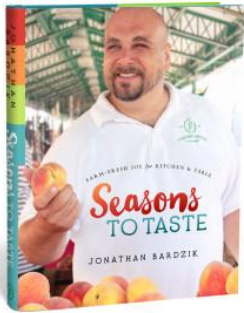


KENSINGTON PARK FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

November 2015



LEADERSHIP NEEDED: Help fill out the KP FOL Executive Committee for 2016. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time to our cause. The KP FOL Board meets approximately every other month to sync up on activities and brainstorm on additional ways to support the library. It's a reasonable time commitment for such a fabulously rewarding feeling! If you are even slightly interested, please email Chapter President Liz Brennan for more info: kensingtonpark@folmc.org. We are so grateful to outgoing board members Alison Skeel and John Doherty for their contributions for the past year!

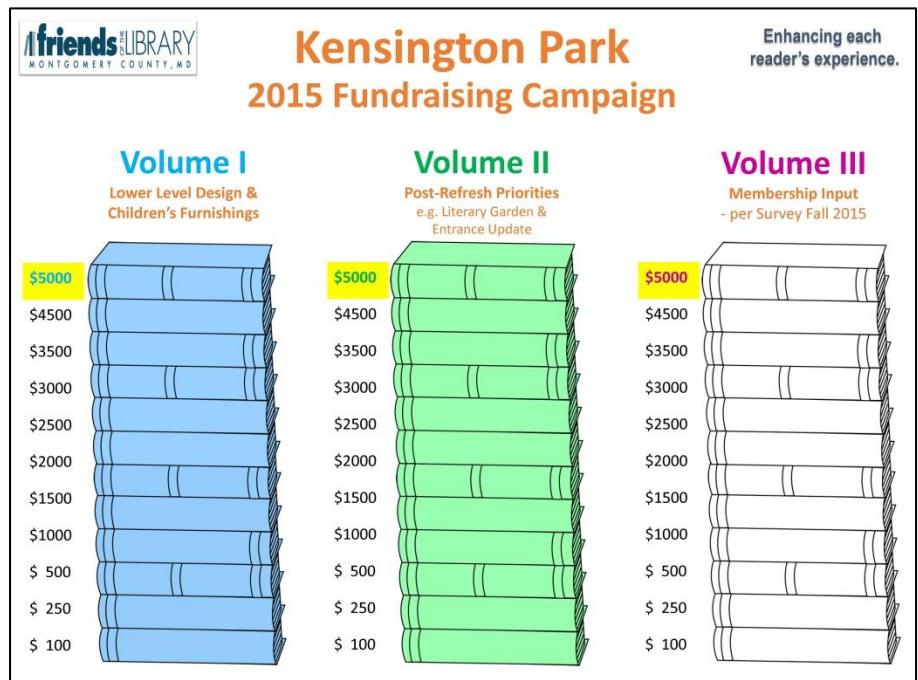


AUTHOR SERIES: November 19th @ 7 pm: Join us for the final author event of the year. Just in time to prep for the holidays, we are pleased to invite you to hear from local cook, author and storyteller, **Jonathan Bardzik**. Self-trained with more than 20 years in his home kitchen, Jonathan is inspired by the seasonal, local ingredients he grew up with and finds today at the farm market. Jonathan's culinary passion is to explore those farm and garden-fresh flavors, create food for friends and family, and share his adventures to help others find joy in their own home kitchens. Jonathan's professional culinary career began in 2011 when he started offering weekly cooking demonstrations at DC's historic Eastern Market. Since then, Jonathan has

made more than 150 live appearances at Eastern Market and other local venues, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Geographic Museum and has developed more than 600 recipes. His second book, **Seasons to Taste**, will be available at the event. *We very much hope you can join us – and please feel free to share this invitation with a friend!*

ANNUAL GIVING: As you consider your annual giving options for this year (or next!) please remember the KP Chapter of the Friends of the Library. We currently are raising money for new furnishings and the Literary Garden. We set a goal of \$15K for this year and we are more than half-way there.

[Click here for the donation form.](#) You can designate how you'd like your donation applied. You also may donate in honor of a family member.





KP LIBRARY STAFF CAN BE FOUND....During the Refresh our beloved staff has scattered to various near by libraries. Be on the look out for: Alessandro Russo and Susan Modak at Chevy Chase Library; Paulette Johnson at Wheaton; Winston Wong at Aspen Hill and Renee Blumenkrantz at Davis. Head Manager, Kathie Meizner and Assistant Manager, Demeke Seyoum remain on-site during the work.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES & THE KP FOL LITTLE FREE CONTEST:

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You can get involved a LITTLE bit by learning a little bit about these libraries and touring the libraries in this region. Or you can get involved in a BIG way by creating your own little free library and entering it in

The Kensington Park Friends of the Library (KP FOL)

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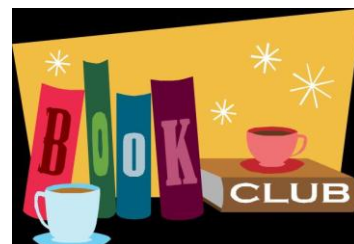
KP BOOK GROUP:

During the Refresh this group will meet at the Davis Library:
6400 Democracy Blvd. Bethesda. 240-777-0922

Nov. 18th @ 11:15am Keith Fleeman, former head of Kensington Park Library, will discuss *Our Souls at Night* by Ken Haruf. The book is set in the same fictional Colorado town as his National Book Award nominated *Plainsong*, a town with its fair share of gossips. Addie, a widow, and Louis, a widower, embark on an unlikely friendship, an antidote to the loneliness they most exquisitely feel at night. Inspired, in part, by Haruf's own marriage and the intimate, late-night conversations he and his wife relished, this book proves you are never too old to re-invent yourself.

Dec. 16th @ 11:15am Anneli Levy, retired librarian, will discuss a memoir by Rox Chast, *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant*. In this National Book Award finalist, Rox Chast brings her signature wit to the topic of aging parents. Anneli likes looking at this book from the perspective of the parents and as a way to help us understand what our children think and feel. Told through four-color cartoons, family photos, and documents, this is a narrative as rife with laughs as it is with tears.

Copies of these books are available at Davis.



WHAT ARE LOCAL BOOK CLUBS READING? There are dozens of book clubs in our area and it is always interesting to see who is reading what. In the spirit of sharing we are providing the list below of books that are currently being read:

- *The Bartender's Tale*, Ivan Doig
- *100 Words for Love*, Diane Ackerman
- *What Alice Forgot*, Liane Moriarty
- *The Girl With All The Gifts*, Mike Carey
- *Dear Life*, Alice Munro
- *The Invention of Wings*, Sue Monk Kidd
- *An Officer and a Spy*, Robert Harris



TEEN WRITING GROUP: The KP FOL is pleased to support the Teen Writing Group, which provides an opportunity for area teens to flex their writing muscles in a congenial environment. Activities include:

- Discovering techniques for creative writing
- Experimenting with writing exercises
- Getting constructive feedback on your own writing
- Learning how to revise your own work
- Meeting others who share your love of writing



No need to register – just show up!

- Upcoming meetings: December 3 and January 7 (Thursdays) at 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- During the Refresh, The Kensington Row Bookshop will host the group @ 3786 Howard Ave Kensington, MD 20895
- Please visit: <https://sites.google.com/site/teenwritersclubkp/> or contact group leader: Carolee Noury caroleenoury@gmail.com for more information.

HOW TO ENJOY & SUPPORT THE KP FOL DURING THE REFRESH

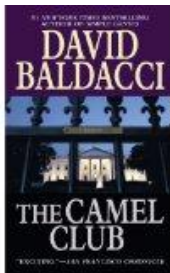
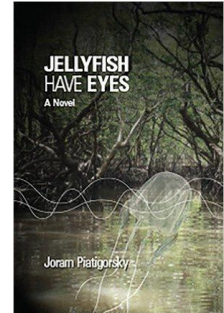
The doors may be closed for now, but the Friends never shut down!

- Save a box of used books to donate for FOL used book sales when we re-open.
- Invite a friend to an upcoming Author Series event.
- Renew your FOL membership – reminder notices were sent out this week!
- Recruit a friend to join - Download an FOL [membership form here](#).
- Identify an author to invite for the 2016 Author Series. Email ideas to kensingtonpark@folmc.org
- Participate on the Literary Garden Committee contact kensingtonpark@folmc.org
- Write a Reading Rave or submit a title you'd like reviewed: kensingtonpark@folmc.org.
- Communicate with us about your requests/wishes for the library @ kensingtonpark@folmc.org. All input will be forwarded to the KP Library Advisory Committee (LAC) chair, Katie Engen.
- Participate in the Little Free Library / KP FOL Little Free Contest (see rules & application below).



READING RAVES: Have you read a book recently that you really liked? In the spirit of sharing book recommendations, we encourage members to participate in the Reading Raves program. Tell us what you liked and why. Reading Raves are anonymous. Email your Rave to kensingtonpark@folmc.org.

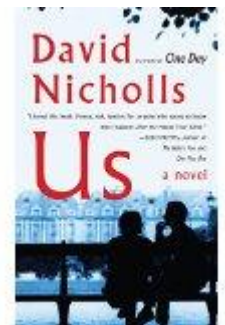
***Jellyfish Have Eyes* by Joram Piatigorsky. Fiction.** Piatigorsky's debut novel is a suspenseful thriller mixing the biological sciences – research into the surprisingly fascinating world of jellyfish eyes – and politics. The story provides a dive into the large government research world and the impacts of political winds and demands for immediate 'practical value' for taxpayer support – value in terms of cures, treatments, drugs – and the outcomes of impoverishing basic research which is critical for such cures. The story is told through the eyes of protagonist, Dr. Ricardo Sztein, a biological scientist perhaps reminiscent of the author himself, who battles the politicians and bureaucrats in his energetic search for scientific truth, but facing enormous odds comes to a sad end. It is a rollicking tale nevertheless, and deserves a wide audience.



***The Camel Club (series)* by David Baldacci. Fiction.** The series consists of *The Camel Club*, *The Collectors*, *Stone Cold*, *Divine Justice*, and *Hell's Corner*.

The first book is not as exciting as the rest of the series but I do recommend that they are read in order. The unusual crew of misfits that band together to deal with government intrigue, abuse, murder and mayhem are effective and show that their patriotism is not blindly tied to agency, individual or cause. They would make a great movie series and I have the cast all set in my mind!

***Us: A Novel* by David Nicholls. Fiction.** The story focuses on soon to be empty nesters, Connie and Douglas, married for over 20 years with a son getting ready to leave for university (set in the UK). Just before the family is to depart on their last trip as a unit – a Grand Tour of Europe - Connie tells Douglas she wants a divorce. Douglas uses the trip to reclaim his family. At times, this book reads like a comic caper, at times it is a loving reflection of a marriage, at times it features the maddening disagreements couples have and the impacts raising children can have on a marriage. The descriptions from the various places in Europe are also a treat. A good read.



Thank you for being a Friend of the Library!

Your annual dues & donations support:

Author Series

Story Time

Teen Writing Club

Book Discussion Group

Facility Upgrades

Summer Reading Program

Day of the Book Festival

Reading Recommendations

Local Book Club Reading Lists

Grounds Beautification

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Anyone can set up a free library. Folks use homemade shelving units, repurposed phone booths, crafty kiosks, and all sorts of other book-holding paraphernalia to house these free-rein book exchanges. See [this gallery of Google images](#) for clever examples. Some are sophisticated and others are simple; all serve to promote a love of books.

There is a well-organized hub to this grassroots initiative that welcomes newbies everyday. The 'official' Little Free Libraries network aims...

“To promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide and to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.”

To get involved at any level you can...

Read a **LITTLE** more to get the full idea.

- [See the history, mission, goals](#)

Get a **LITTLE** inspiration.

- [Orlando neighbors connect](#)
- [Good news travels...Milwaukee to Savannah](#)

Take a **LITTLE** tour of some LFLs:

- In Kensington – the [Fawcett Street Library](#) (near the Marc train station)
- [In the DC Metro](#)
- [Anywhere in the World](#)

Add a **LITTLE** something of your own.

- Build your version of a book exchange boutique
 1. [General directions](#) (kits available, too)
 2. [10 Things to Know First](#)

Spread out a **LITTLE**.

- Join the LFL hub to [register your own LFL and get an Official Charter Sign](#)

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Go BIG and make your own LFL. Then enter it in the Kensington Park Friends of the Library (KP FOL)

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The Rules:

1. Create your own Little Free Library (official Registration with LFL.org is *optional*)
2. Include a sign or similar that features the KP FOL. Offer access to KP FOL membership information.
 - Option: print on heavy paper the attached bookmarks to share
 - Option: print and share the attached membership application <http://bit.ly/1M7rwV9>
3. Submit your entry to **kensingtonpark@folmc.org** by **April 18, 2016**.
4. Entries must include:
 - a. Up to 3 photos of your LFL. The KP FOL promotional material must be visible in at least 1 photo.
 - b. Address/location of your LFL
 - c. Up to 10 sentences about how your LFL was made.
Optional: Names & ages of anyone who helped build your LFL.
 - d. Up to 5 sentences to explain OR a chart to show how your LFL is expected to be used or has been used to date.
 - e. A statement that the submission is being made by an adult (18+)
5. The KP FOL Board will select the Grand Prize Winner by reviewing each entry for:
 - Compliance to all rules
 - Overall design/appeals – including how KP FOL is featured
 - Practical function/ease of use for visitors
 - Apparent durability of the LFL structure
 - Use/traffic potential (based on location choice and/or any submitted use 'data')