Highlights from 2011

The Friends of the Newark Public Library is a community-based membership organization dedicated to supporting and promoting the Newark Public Library through programs, advocacy and financial support.

The Friends of the Newark Public Library would like to thank all of our members, supporters and contributors who have helped make our fund-raising activities this year, a success.

FRIENDS FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

Friends 20th Annual Book Sale

This year the Friends celebrated their 20th Annual Book Sale and raised $4,102.15. We will soon have at our disposal, new rolling bookshelves, designed by Library Director Wilma Grey, to transport our books from one area of the library to another. Our on-going book cart sales, assisted by Maureen Ritter, has also been successful.

Newark Songbirds Jazz Program

On May 18th, the Friends presented a special musical fund-raising tribute: Newark Songbirds: Jazz through the Years with supporter and Mistress of Ceremonies, Barbara Kukla. The Newark songbirds who performed complimentary with the Radam Schwartz Trio were: Yvette Glover, Denise Hamilton, Cynthia Holiday, Carrie Jackson, Jackie Jones, Lady CiCi, Madame Pat Tandy, Antoinette Montague and Pam Purvis. This event raised $2,451.48.

Titles For Teens

This year the Friends launched “Titles for Teens”, a fund-raising project with the goal to purchase 2011 much needed books for the library’s teen population. To date, The Friends have given the NPL $10,000 towards this effort. Receipts from our book sale and special spring event, Newark Songbirds: Jazz through the Years, were combined with generous donations from the following individuals and matching gift programs: Jared B. Ash, Patricia Ann Bender, Kay Nardone Black, Steven Blum, Joseph C. Casale, Doris M. Chamberlain, Heidi Lynn Cramer, Timothy J. Crist, William J. Dane, Comlavi M. Romain Goerke, Carol Jenkins, Elizabeth King, Barbara Kukla, Gail Malmgreen, Mary E. McCarthy, Anzella K. Nelms, Nell Irvin Painter, Henrietta S. Parker, Prudential Matching Gifts, Sony Electronics Matching Gift Program.

MEMBERSHIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

This year to date, the Friends have received $1,510 in memberships and $1,395 in donations. We have also garnered $133.38 from our donation box in the Library lobby.