

Among Friends

The *Friends* of the
Roxbury Township Public Library



The Library's 1st Ever Audience-Participation Murder-Mystery: "My Fatal Valentine" was a success!

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The Adult Summer Reading Program wrapped up on the evening of August 24, 2007, with an audience-participation murder-mystery, "My Fatal Valentine," by Eileen Moushey and directed by Laura Stanzilis. The cast was comprised of members of the Adults Summer Reading Program and library staff. The cast played the roles of romance writers who were nominees for the Love Knot Award for the Best Romance of the Year ceremony. During the ceremony, one of the nominees is murdered.

As this was an interactive event, each cast member (in character) introduced themselves to members of the audience. Each audience member was en-

couraged to ask questions so as to get a feel of the characters the actors were playing. Then the audience was seated to enjoy the awards ceremony and watch the play. In between breaks, door prizes were given out. After the murder occurred, the audience members assisted the "police" in the investigation by interviewing the cast again to find out who killed the winner.



Friends President Kate Morgan & Hospitality Chair Judy Gazzoli

This was a successful event for the library as it made for a fun evening for all. The turnout was good as people attended to support their family and friends and of course, our Library.

The Adult Summer Reading Program is underwritten by the Friends. **Look for another audience participation mystery coming soon.**



Cast of "My Fatal Valentine"

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National Friends of the Library Week

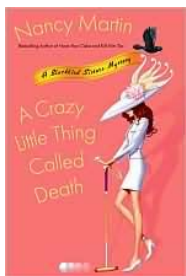
Friends of Libraries groups now have their very own national week of celebration! The Friends of the Roxbury Township Public Library were established in 1995 and have raised over \$130,000 for the library to date. Currently close to 300 community members contribute annually to the Friends and nearly 25 of

these contributors actively volunteer their time to assist the group with fundraising efforts that include the annual used book sale held every spring.

"The library has always played such an important role in my life," said Friends Vice-President Kim Armstrong. "I truly

enjoy being able to give something back – and being an active member of this group is fun **Please contact the library at (973) 584-2400 to learn more about the week's activities and to find out how to become a member of the**

Another Book Sale Record Set!



Quick fun read, like Janet Evanovich.”

Kim Armstrong
Vice President

The Fall Book sale was a huge success and record breaker – once again. Under the direction of Book Sale Chair, Dorina Van Guilder, the volunteers on hand for sorting were there almost daily, keeping the books under control. A special thanks to all those members, whose regular involvement make the management of this event so much easier. We raised

approximately \$5600. We donated the unsold books to the Roxbury Day Care Center.

Our Spring Book Sale is scheduled for May 15–18 Donations will be accepted April 24th thru May 12th. Mark your calendars!



Now on Sale!

The Friends of the Library Book bags are available at the circulation desk. The bags cost \$8 and all proceeds go to the Friends of the Roxbury Public Library.

Services & Events Supported by the Friends

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Adult Audio Book *	Adult Services
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2 Microphones & 2 stands	Youth Services

Programs and Projects	Department
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2008 Membership Drive

Starting in 2008, our membership year will coincide with the calendar year. The Friends of the Roxbury Township Public Library is a group of people who are interested in supporting and promoting our excellent library.

Our goal is to “stimulate community awareness and use of the Free Public Library of the Township of Roxbury... and to support the Library in developing its facilities.”

We are grateful to the many of you who have given your time, your expertise, your books and your money so that we in turn have been able to give thousands of dollars each year to support special programs for children and to improvements in the collections and facilities of the library.

Money raised by our semi-annual book sales and membership dues has enabled us to do some wonderful things this past year.

Our contributions have started the library's new DVD collection. Programs such as Books for Babies, Read Across America, Volunteer Appreciation, Library Recognition are underwritten by the Friends. Once again we have also provided funds for the audio book collection.

If you would like more information about donating your time or money to the library, visit our website at www.roxburylibrary.org/friends.

Director's Corner—Staff Development Day

This is the annual opportunity for all Roxbury Library staff to come together, to sharpen organizational skills, gain knowledge, and acknowledge years of service. Programs are traditionally given by those from our community, as is the case with two internationally-known authors who are presenting this year.

First up, a workshop on "The High Performance Team" will be given by Howard M. Guttman. Mr. Guttman is principal of Guttman Development Strategies, Inc (GDS), a Ledgewood, NJ-based management consulting firm. His next book, *Great Business Teams: Cracking the Code for Standout Performance*, will be published in 2008.

Roxbury Library Staff will then receive "An Introduction to Islam", presented by Fawaz A. Gerges, is senior analyst for ABC Television News and a commentator for "Morning Edition," NPR. Having just returned from the Middle East, Fawaz Gerges will share his recent experiences. A resident of Roxbury Township, he is an active patron of the Roxbury Library.

Internationally known, these keynote presenters are highly sought-after, both Mr. Guttman and Mr. Gerges are generously donating their time to Roxbury Library Staff Development Day. The Library would be fortunate to have these speakers under any circumstances. Freely sharing their knowledge with

library staff is a testament to the value of libraries and library service.

Awards for years of service will also be presented. Celebrating her 20th year is Joan Cholish. Those celebrating their 5th year are: Diane Sebastian, Valerie Smith, and Barbara Williams.

Sponsored by the Friends, Staff Development Day is one component of continuing education that includes all library staff, at every level of the organization.

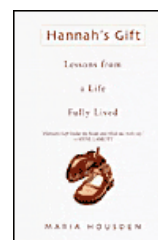
This day would not be possible without the generosity of Howard Guttman, Fawaz Gerges, Panera Bread, No Sweat Fitness, and financial support of the Friends of the Roxbury Township Public Library.



Mary Romance
Library Director

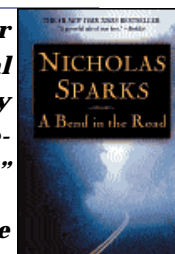
"This one's a keeper"

Ruthann Wilkins
Friend



"Another emotional love story page-turner"

Jane Valdez
Publicity Chair



Roxbury Roundtable: *A Woman in Jerusalem*, by A.B. Yehoshua Reviewed by Dorina Van Guilder

This odd book called to me at a recent visit to B&N. I picked it up and put it down several times since its not something I would normally read. At our Friends Book Sale, I discovered a copy. It was only \$1. I still heard it calling and now I know why...

Sadly, we see it on the news all the time and most of us have become somewhat nonchalant about violence,

death. This novel could have been about any woman living alone, in any large city, whose family is far away, and who spends her time working hard to save her money.

This touching novel questions identity, belonging, kindness and humanity. A woman in her 40s is a victim of a suicide bombing. Her body is nameless in a hospital morgue with only a pay stub to identify her.

The human resources manager takes on the task of identifying the woman & her story begins to take shape. We are touched by this woman's life as we learn more about her.

I hope I have inspired you to pick up a copy of this book. If not this book, then perhaps one you wouldn't normally read because you might be pleasantly surprised like I was.



"If you've ever wanted to join the circus, this is a must read"

Judy Gazzoli
Hospitality Chair

How can your holiday shopping benefit the Roxbury Library?

Who hasn't uttered the words, "I wish there was something I could do to help"? Now you can. Start shopping! At www.iGive.com/LibraryFriends, you can buy the items you've always wanted—like that CD box set, expensive cologne, or the oversized, coffee-table photography book you've had your eyes on, only without the guilt.

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Upcoming Events

Staff Appreciation Day	Sept 21
Teen Read Week	Oct 14-21
National Friends of the Library	Oct 21-27
Children's Book Week	Nov 12-18
Spring Book Donations	4/24-5/12
Friends Spring Preview Sale	5/15 6-9pm
Spring Book Sale	5/16 5pm-8pm
Spring Bag Day	5/18 Noon-3pm
Volunteer Appreciation	5/19
Fall Book Sale	Sept 4-7

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