

2010 was also a sad year for the department and the Library as we lost two extremely valued staff members – Weezie Lietzau who returned to her native city Baltimore with her family and Joyce Kinoshita. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!



*Meanwhile the hardy band of shoppers were prepped and ready to go to find just the right book at the annual Friends of the Library book sale.*

## FRIENDS OF THE CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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With more than 900 members and volunteers, the Friends fund additional library materials, performances and programs not otherwise provided for in the library budget. If you have checked out a video, visited a museum on a library pass or attended a concert or poetry reading, you have benefited from the work of the Friends.

In 2010, the Friends provided:

- Adult and children's CDs and DVDs for the Main and Fowler libraries.
- 16 museum passes, checked out by individuals or groups.
- Poetry readings: Helena Minton, Kathleen Agüero, John Hodgen, June Beisch, Ellen Steinbaum, Dan Chiasson, Len Krisak and Ron Slate.
- Author talks: Robert Phelps, Mike Carpenter, Gillian Gill, Katherine Howe, Ken Lizotte, Larry Tye, Harriet Reisen, Mark Robbins, Leslie Wilson, Jayne Gordon, Stephanie Stillman, David Wood, Jacob Albert, John Tittmann.

- Chamber music concerts: Slowind, the Slovenian woodwind quintet; classical guitar virtuoso Eliot Fisk; the Genzinger Quartet performing string quartets by Haydn and Mozart on eighteenth-century period instruments; internationally acclaimed pianist Geoffrey Burleson performing music by Franz Liszt.

- Adult and teen movies: Adult films brought viewers to Australia, Canada, Italy, France, Uruguay, China, South Korea, Japan. Teen films are shown regularly at

the Main Library, supported by a license purchased by the Friends.

- Summer lawn concerts: More than 300 people danced and sang along at the summer lawn concerts.
- Funding for Chinese Music Night and the Adult Summer Reading Program.

Annually, the Friends honor an American historian. In 2010, Pulitzer Prize winner Bernard Bailyn received the Ruth Ratner Miller Award for Excellence in American History.

In 2010, the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library published *Historic Concord and the Lexington Fight* in honor of our Town's 375th anniversary.

Historic Concord showcases the resources of our library. In this way, Historic Concord epitomizes the mission of the Friends of the Library, a nonprofit volunteer organization: to support the Library and to promote its vital role in our community. *Historic Concord* is for sale now at the Library, stores and historic sites around Town.

The Friends' gifts and programs are funded primarily through book sales and memberships. Throughout the year, Concord residents donate books and other materials. The Friends organize these materials and sell them at two extremely well-attended and popular book sales in June and December. Books also are for sale every day on the Friends' shelves the Main Library. The next book sale is Saturday, June 4, 2011 (rain date June 11).

In 2010, 55% of Friends revenue came from sales of donated books. Some 20,000 books were offered for sale in June, raising \$18,650, despite a rain postponement.

The Holiday Book Sale in December raised more than \$8,000. To donate books, bring them to the reference desk at the Main Library, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Other Friends revenue came from memberships, gifts and memorial gifts. The Friends has nearly 900 members. Memberships are tax deductible. To join, pick up a brochure at the library or visit the Friends page at [www.concordlibrary.org](http://www.concordlibrary.org).

If you love the library, the Friends offer many volunteer opportunities. Volunteers sort donated books for sale; publicize, set up and staff the book sales; and handle publicity, marketing, membership, database management and finances. To volunteer or learn more, email [friends@concordlibrary.org](mailto:friends@concordlibrary.org).

To keep up with Friends activities, you can follow the Friends on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn as well as at [www.concordlibraryfriends.org](http://www.concordlibraryfriends.org). Everyone is welcome.

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This year was marked by the beginning of a new era for the Library with a new Director, Kerry Cronin, as well as the renovation of the Fowler Branch Library.

The primary task of the Trustees is to maintain the two Library buildings and grounds – the Main Library in Concord Center and Fowler Branch in West Concord. This year we were able to also financially support library services with funds totaling over \$100,000.

The community embraced the Fowler project by supporting the Library with \$3,300,000 in contributions, including \$375,000 given by the Town through the Community Preservation Act. We are optimistic about raising the remaining \$200,000 by the time the Library opens in the spring. We encourage citizens to support this exciting project since the newly-renovated Library

promises to be a Town treasure, preserving the intimacy of the original building while bringing the facility into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with state-of-the art technology, “green” systems and accessibility. Highlights include an expanded Children’s Room, Young Adult space, quiet study areas, collaborative working spaces and a large community room. (Contact the Development Director Sue Gladstone at 978-318-3355.) We are also pleased to report that the project is on-time and on-budget!

A newly-renovated space was also added to the Main Library with the Morss Classics Alcove on the second floor adjacent to the Art Gallery. If you haven’t had the opportunity, we encourage you to visit this beautiful and reflective space created in memory of Chuck Morss.

We also did some work on the grounds of the Main Library by replacing three maple trees that had died or rotted on the front lawn. These new red maples promise to provide much pleasure through shade and rich autumn color for many years to come.

As Trustees of the Williams Scholarship Fund, made possible by a bequest from Charles H. S. Williams, we continue to award grants to several college students currently pursuing studies in the arts.

This past year and decade have been busy and productive for the Library and the next decade promises to be equally full and exciting, especially with the re-opening of the Fowler Branch.

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The Concord Cultural Council (CCC), whose members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, supports community cultural projects through its grant program. Funds are received from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) whose mission is “to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts