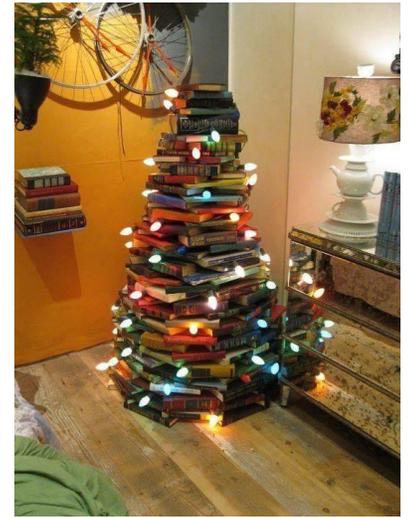


KENSINGTON PARK

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

December 2015

ANNUAL GIVING: This is the time of year that many people contribute to worthy causes; it's the season of giving. We very much hope that your community library is on your giving list. In an effort to augment the Library Refresh we are fundraising to outfit our new library with functional and fun furnishings and a literary garden that all library patrons can use and enjoy. Each dollar you donate goes directly to the cause. The KP FOL has no overhead; it runs on 100% volunteer effort and has a 501 (c) 3 designation. You can see your support in action every time you visit the new library!



If you plan to donate, please use the form provided at the end of this newsletter and send to:
Kensington-Park Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895

And on behalf of the KP-FOL Board: Wishing you a great holiday season!



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES & THE KP FOL LITTLE FREE CONTEST:

Looking for a library fix while our Kensington Parkwood branch is closed? Consider Little Free Libraries, tiny collections that are always open. At their essence, these pop-up libraries invite booklovers to take a book or leave a book as they go about their day. 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." 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 **[KP-FOL Little Free Library Contest!](#)** (deadline April 18, 2016). This program is a super-fun way to expand your love for libraries and book lending.

2016 AUTHOR SERIES: We are off to a good start with both January and February events confirmed!

January 13th, 7:00 pm: Ruth Guyer, [A Life Interrupted: The Long Night of Marjorie Day](#)

February 24th, 7:00 pm: Paul Dickson, [Contraband Cocktails: How America Drank When It Wasn't Supposed To](#)

We will continue to host our Author Events at Kensington Town Hall (3710 Mitchell Street) during the Refresh. We are very grateful for the support from the town Mayor, Pete Fosselman and staff member, Shirley Watson, during this time.

KP-FOL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: We have one seat remaining on the KP FOL Executive Committee for 2016. We are specifically hoping to fill the remaining slot with someone with kids in middle or high school so that we can focus on programs for that age group. Please email for more info: kensingtonpark@folmc.org.

KP BOOK GROUP: During the Refresh this group will meet at the Davis Library: 6400 Democracy Blvd. Bethesda. 240-777-0922. The January book is "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah. Copies available after Dec 16th at Davis.



WHAT ARE LOCAL BOOK CLUBS READING? There are dozens of book clubs in Kensington 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:

- Country Driving: A Chinese Road Trip, Peter Hessler
- Elephant Company, Bicki Croke
- The Righteous Mind, Jonathan Haidt
- The Lowlands, Jhumpa Lahiri
- The Sixth Extinction, Elizabeth Kolber
- Where Angels Fear to Tread, E.M. Forester
- How We Go to Now, Steven Johnson



HOW TO ENJOY & SUPPORT THE KP FOL DURING THE REFRESH

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

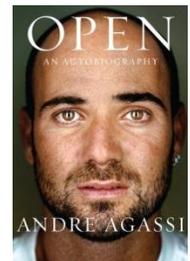
- Save a box of used books to donate for FOL used book sales when we re-open.
- Invite a friend to an upcoming Author Series event.
- Renew your FOL membership – reminder notices were sent out this week!
- Recruit a friend to join - Download an FOL [membership form here](#).
- Identify an author to invite 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
- Participate in the Little Free Library / KP FOL Little Free Contest



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.

Open, by Andre Agassi and J.R. Moehringer - autobiography

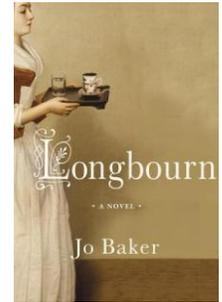
The title says it all. Yes, it's a tennis pun. But it's so much more. While it's nowhere close to being a tell-all, feel sorry for me, drama-mama expose, this memoir is so very, very open. Sure, you get full-disclosure on Agassi's tennis. Even better, you also get well-crafted, thoughtful, humor-laced treatises on parenting(non-examples included), religion, philosophy, training, loyalty, mental health (and stupid self-medication 'tricks'), sports psychology, education, coaching, physiotherapy/athletic training, family (biological & otherwise), the value of hindsight and of tunnel vision, setting priorities, and even a delightful love story. Agassi's intelligence and passion shine through. Kudos to Agassi's autobiographical style and the mutual respect shared with his co-author.





The Art of Crash Landing: A Novel, by Melissa DeCarlo I loved this book because the writing style was engaging (sucked in on page 2) but not simplistic and in places, laugh-out-loud funny. Even better, this is a first offering from an author on her third career. The story centers on 30 year old, Mattie and her downwardly spiraling circumstances that result in her need to travel to her mother's hometown, Grandy, Oklahoma. The small town offers an interesting cast of characters and a mystery surrounding Mattie's mother who as happy, talented teenager inexplicably skipped town thirty-five years prior with nothing but the clothes on her back. The story explores family and community ties and is unexpectedly wise.

Longbourn by Jo Baker, Fiction I almost never read book blurbs and so reading the first page left me expecting a light touch for this 'under the staircase' version of *Pride & Prejudice*. And there were many light, sweet and humorous scenes. But overall, *Longbourn* pokes deeper and provides a very realistic-to-harsh look at the underbelly of a servant's life and the stark social inequalities of the day. I appreciated the intricacies and depth of the plot as well as the impressive wealth of social & historical detail (research without pedantry). This book maps quite nicely to the original *Pride & Prejudice* with just enough interactions with P&P's main characters to both help the reader keep track of the 'real' timeline as well as to develop serious and interesting plot points and subplots in the *Longbourn* narrative.



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



Kensington Park Friends of the Library Membership Renewal & Donation Form

Yes, I/We want to **renew** my member the **Kensington Park Chapter** of the Friends of the Library!

Membership Levels:

- Student/Teacher/Senior* \$15 *Senior: age 55 & up
- Individual \$25
- Family \$50

In addition to my membership, I would like to donate \$_____ to the Kensington Park Chapter, Friends of the Library and I would like to designate to:

- The literary Garden
- Inside Furnishings & Programs

My donation is in honor of/ memory of:

The KP FOL was established in 2012 to strengthen and promote the Kensington Park Library to ensure that meets our community's needs. We are not funded by the county and with member dues & donations we support programs and provide materials to augment county funds for the library. KP FOL is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

Planned Gifts: Please consider the Friends of the Library Kensington Chapter when plan your Will, Trust, IRA, or other plan, you help to ensure we can continue to provide support for our library for years to come.

___My contribution will be matched by my employer. I have enclosed the matching form provided by my employer.

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Please note that all contact information will be used solely for Friends of the Library communications.

Please make your check payable to: Friends of the Library Montgomery County, Inc.

Mail to: Kensington-Park Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895 **OR**

Charge my credit card ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ American Express

Renew online: <http://www.folmc.org/kensington-park-chapter>

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