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President's Report

Thank you Friends! It occurred to us during this past year that we don't do enough to thank our generous members. We have a core of volunteers who take care of the business of keeping a small non-profit group alive and we appreciate and thank them. We also have a larger group of members who donate money to support our library through the purchase of new material (above and beyond what is provided by the library system) and by underwriting library programs. Many civic and cultural organizations acknowledge their donors publicly and we want to do that, too. So in this newsletter you will see a list of our generous supporters. Without getting too complicated in using our computer software programs, we present a simple list of our members who made donations above the basic membership level. We apologize in advance if we've left your name off the list. Please let us know and we'll correct our records.

Chalk one up for the "squeaky wheel" theory of change. A second catalog computer will be installed in the Independence Branch. In our last BiblioFILE we described

the need for a second catalog computer and the frustration of library patrons when the single existing catalog computer was unavailable. The Friends lobbied library staff and administrators at Central for another catalog computer. As computers at the Central library are being updated and replaced, one of the older computers will be moved to the Independence Branch and dedicated to catalog use. The Friends thank all the library employees who helped facilitate this change.

We are planning our annual open house for Friends members and for all supporters of the Independence Branch on April 7th. This is our annual get together where we review the year's activities and elect new officers. It's time for a change in leadership and we'd like to increase the involvement of the many talented individuals in our community. Of all the worthy causes you can contribute your time to we hope one that supports your local public library will be high on your list. We invite your participation. For more information on how you can help, contact us at indyfriends@verizon.net.

Free Author Podcasts!

Michael Pollan, Ruth Rosen, John Richardson, Anthony Bourdain, Joseph J. Ellis, Beth Wenger, Oliver Sacks, Carl Bernstein, Bill Bryson, Paul Krugman, Gary Kasparov and more!

Visit the Free Library of Philadelphia's Website to download author lectures and listen to them on your computer or portable listening device. First, log on to www.freelibrary.org and then click on "Author Events". Next, click on the "Free Library Podcast" link and follow the posted instructions to start downloading.

Friends Annual Meeting and Open House

Please mark your calendar for **6:00 pm, Monday, April 7, 2008**, for the Friends annual open house. Join with us as we discuss the Friends' work during the past year, plan for the year to come and elect new officers.

This is also your opportunity to ask questions of library staff and learn more about all that the Free Library offers.

Thank You All for Your Generous Support in 2007!

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Suggestions for Winter (or anytime) Reading from Friends and Staff

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards
Debut novel I kept reading until finished. In 1964 a snow storm forces husband and doctor to deliver twins from his wife in his office. Son is fine but daughter has Down's syndrome. He asks his nurse to take the daughter to an institution. Instead the nurse raises the daughter on her own, in another city! Suggested by Lee Gutman, Friends' Book Sale committee chair.

Become a Better You: 7 Keys to Improving Your Life by Joel Osteen
Osteen offers seven simple yet profound action steps that will help readers discover the better things they were born for... their individual purpose and destiny. Suggested by Lee Payne, Independence Staff

The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals by Michael Pollan
An investigative journalist looks at four types of meals and traces them from the table back to their origins in soil and sun. Suggested by Joe Baker, Friends' president

The Devil in the White City by Eric Larson.
A fascinating history of the 1893 World's Fair, combining the stories of the architect who was the mastermind behind it and a serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims. Suggested by Tom Culbreth, Friends' treasurer

Code of Conduct by Rich Merritt
Don Hawkins has spent the better part of his life as a U.S. Marine. Ten years now since his lover died in Beirut Don falls headlong for Patrick, a handsome young helicopter pilot. As their relationship develops, Don lets his guard down--in potentially dangerous ways because

forces are at work in the Naval Investigative Service, in Congress, and even in the bars and clubs that Don views as his turf, with a vicious agenda that will have unforeseen consequences... From Amazon.com. Suggested by Lee Payne, Independence Staff

The Crossworder's Gift and A Crossword Murder & others in the series by Nero Blanc
Mystery series often involve a gimmick (e.g., the alphabet, cooking, etc.). The one here is crossword puzzles. The two protagonists are a newspaper crossword editor and a former police detective. Suggested by Bill Clossey, Independence Staff

Train Man--Densha Otoko by Hitori Nakano and Hide-nori Hara
A Boy meets a girl on a subway of Tokyo. He posts an urgent query on the web--How to steal her heart? His pals on the web forum respond amazingly. It's a multimedia Japanese fairy tale romance. Eventually published in book format to become a best seller, a blockbuster movie, a hit TV series, as well as a manga adaptation of a whole online community longing for love. Suggested by Julien Lee, Independence Staff

The Magical Life of Long Tack Sam by Ann Marie Fleming
A fascinating scrapbook-told journey of a multi-ethnic filmmaker to find her Chinese magician grandfather--and her own roots. Later in 2008, look for **The Fortune Cookie Chronicles**, by Jennifer 8. Lee, more than you ever imagined about Chinese restaurants and why fortune cookies nearly broke the Power Ball lottery in 2005. (Yes, that's her middle name, 8.) Suggested by Martha Cornog, Friends' secretary



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Event Highlights at the Independence Branch Library

Call 215 685-1633 to confirm programs

For a complete listing check the branch calendar at <http://www.library.phila.gov/>

Chess Club every Monday, 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Tai Chi Demonstration for Kids, February 22 at 4:00 pm

Chinese Lion Dance Performance, February 13 at 12:30 pm

Toddler Story Hour for children ages 1-4 years with parent/caretaker, Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Knitting Class, February 20, 5:30-7:30 pm

One Film, in partnership with One Book, One Philadelphia presents Steven Spielberg's *Empire of the Sun*, March 1 at 2:00 pm

One Book, One Philadelphia Book Discussion of *What is the What* by Dave Eggers for adults and teens, Monday, February 25 at 5:30 pm

Chinese Tutoring – join this free Chinese language class, Saturdays, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Chinese Web Class – Learn about computers with a teacher who speaks Chinese, Fridays 1:00-2:00 pm

English as a Second Language Class. No preregistration required, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

United States Citizenship classes in Chinese – call for more information, Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

United States Citizenship Classes in English, Wednesday, February 27 3:30-4:30 Please call the library at 215 685-1633 to register.

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