



# NEWSLETTER

## FRIENDS OF THE PCI LIBRARY

### JUNE 2007

#### THE VALLA AND GUSTAVE AMSTERDAM PCI LIBRARY FRIENDS' LECTURE SERIES VI

**CRIME** comes to the Philadelphia City Institute Library. Six lectures at the Library on Rittenhouse Square will focus on the many facets of crime. Featured participants will be: Donald J. Goldberg, Esq., dauntless defender of those accused of white-collar crimes; Robert Sadoff, MD, "the mind of the murder," expert witness; Donald Scott Richards, FBI agent for twenty-two years and author of *Deadly Betrayal: the CBS Murders*; Richard W. Goldberg, Esq. Assistant US Attorney, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; The Hon. Lynne Abraham, Philadelphia District Attorney; The Hon. Benjamin Lerner, Judge, Court of Common Pleas; George Anastasia, Philadelphia Inquirer crime columnist and best-selling author of *The Last Gangster* and *Blood and Honor*. To add suspense, there may well be surprise additions to Lecture Series VI. The first lecture is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2007 at 6:00 PM. The lecture series will continue on the first Monday of each month through Monday, March 3, 2008.

Fifty dollars per person is a special price for paid-up members of the Friends of the Philadelphia City Institute Library. Proceeds from the lecture series fund augmented collections and such programs as *Monday Matinee Movies: Free Movies at the Free Library on Rittenhouse Square*. Seating capacity is limited. For those unable to climb stairs, special arrangements can be made, in advance, for elevator access through 220 West Rittenhouse Square. We thank the 220 Condo Owners' Association. [pcfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:pcfriends@yahoo.com) PCI Library 215-685-6621. Amsterdam Foundation 215-665-0989

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Please make Amsterdam Lecture Series checks payable to:

Friends of PCI, Series VI

and send to:

Amsterdam Foundation

135 South 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200,

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Enclosed is a check (\$50 per person) to enroll for Amsterdam/PCI Series VI **CRIME**

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## SPRING FLINGS

The PCI Friends sponsored two successful events in April. A Wine and Cheese Hour on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> gave us an opportunity to thank members for their support. Amy Dougherty, Executive Director of all the Friends groups in the Free Library's system, attended and gave us an overview of the good works being done citywide. Thank you Lenore Gorenstein for heading the Wine & Cheese Hour Committee. On Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, a full bus traveled from 19<sup>th</sup> and Locust to Times Square in NYC. It was a beautiful day. (Lucky for us.) We had considered scheduling the trip for April 15<sup>th</sup>, the day of that nasty northeasterner. Day-trippers lunched, went to the theatre, visited museums, shopped, walked around the city, and everyone returned promptly to the pickup point for our return home. Thank you Joe Paradin, PCI Library Supervisor for all your work on this pilot project. Another trip has been scheduled for the fall. Stay tuned for further details..

## SUMMER PLANS OF MISS KAREN, CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE

The first annual DADDY AND ME STORY HOUR! Monday, June 11 at 6:45 p. m. Dads and children ages 3-8 are invited to a special story program with yummy refreshments included! At PCI Children's Room.

Summer Reading 2007 is a game for kids and teens from June 18 to August 10 This year's game is GET A CLUE !!!! The kick-off event is Marilyn Price's Puppet Show, on Monday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. This night, library patrons will seek adventures from the classics in the library and find clues that will lead you to a summer full of reading and entertainment.

The reading game for preschool to age 12 encompasses earning weekly prizes, reading books and magazines, using library computers, and attending library programs.

The Teen Summer Reading is for grades 7-12. Earn prizes and chances to win cool stuff when you read books or magazines, surf the web, read to a younger child, borrow and use library materials, and attend a library program.

And, not least but last, is Science in the Summer, a free summer program for kids. This summer come learn about GENETICS. What is this program? Science in the Summer is a fun and free science education program sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline and the local libraries that helps elementary-school children in Philadelphia "grow into science." Through classes held in libraries and taught by certified teachers, this program gets kids excited about studying science with hands-on experiments. .Course Dates at PCI: June 26-29 (p.m. only) Four day classes are offered at these times—Afternoon Level 1 2:00 to 2:45, and Level 2 3:15 to 4:00. Register at the library.

## MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR JULY

The film series for July highlight the music scores composed by Ennio Morricone. Films are shown 2:00 p.m. as follows:

July 2, 1900-Part I

July 9 1900-Part II

July 16- Days of Heaven

July 23-The Mission

July 30-Cinema Paradiso

## KAREN KILIMNIK, ARTIST AND CLOSE FRIEND OF OUR LIBRARY

An internationally known artist, Karen Kilimnik, is a native Philadelphian, and a contributor of many gifts to the library. A new show at the Institute of Contemporary Art will run through August 5. Quoting from a review on the Arts section of The New York Times ..."[she] merges popular culture, personal fantasy, history and current, often violent events."

The review goes on, "In a sense, the show's first gallery, with its little boxy, art-filled house on the cement prairie, says it all: suggesting both the barrenness of everyday life and the wistful yet grandiose stories with which we keep it at bay

## MOVIE EVENT

The Friends invite you to view "The Dead" on Friday, June 15 at 3:00 p.m. and meet Brendan Kilty, owner of the James Joyce House of *The Dead* at 15 Usher's Island, Dublin 8 on the south bank of the river Liffey. Hear how he celebrates and recreates the atmosphere of the dinner party of the century as described by James Joyce in *The Dead (Dubliners)*. Over the past 18 months, some 450 Million people around the globe have read about the restoration of No. 15 Usher's Island. Not bad for what was intended to be no more than the fulfillment of one man's dream.

## BOOK REVIEWS by Evelyn Alloy

### *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss

The ingredients of exceptional writing: a mystery within a mystery of hidden family relationships, and a book whose authorship is hidden and assumed by another, and concealed by translation into another language – and set across generations who yearn to solve the mysteries of hidden identities in the book – and claim the book as their own – will keep you enthralled. The loneliness of old age, the attempt to bring companionship and a second love to a widowed mother, sibling relationships, are all sensitively depicted. Both heartbreaking and hilarious, it is a book I would recommend to anyone.

### *Unbowed* by Wangari Maathai

In 2004, the Nobel Prize was given to Wangari Maathai of Kenya for her efforts as an environmentalist who established the Green Belt Movement. *Unbowed*, a memoir, is the inspiring story of a poor girl thirsting for an education that took her from Catholic missionary schools to universities in the U.S.A. to obtain a Ph.D. Always in danger from the brutal Moi dictatorship, always subject to demeaning actions by “macho” men, and economic pressures to halt reforestation by women at the village level, she persisted. The movement has spread to other African countries. Today she is assistant Minister for the Environment and has been elected to Parliament in Kenya’s first free election in 2002. An inspiring story that women should read for empowerment, and men should read to overcome any residual anti-feminine attitudes they may harbor!