



• ***THE BOOKWORM.***
• ***NEWSLETTER***
Friends of the Santore Branch Library
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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER

This is the first in what we hope will be a regular (quarterly?) Newsletter to keep our patrons informed on what's going on in the library. Residents can help rebuild the library by *joining* the Friends or by donating money or time (application is attached). We hope to get feedback from you all, and look forward to working more closely with everyone in the coming year. We'll try our best to keep you posted.

A LITTLE HISTORY

In January, 2005 the Santore branch of our library experienced a funding cutback that caused a severe reduction in library hours and the replacement of its two librarians and full-time guard by part-time clerks. Many of you in the community came together to protest this action and succeeded in getting funding restored to original levels, enabling reinstatement of staff and hours (including Saturdays!) The Friends of the Santore Library was formed in the summer of 2005, to be a support system for the staff and to create programs and improvements needed to make our library the best it can be.

SOME RECENT HAPPENINGS

Book drop: The Friends were instrumental in obtaining an outside book drop box, which you may have noticed at the back of the library building (on Beulah Street). This is meant to make it more convenient to return books . . . on time?

Removal of iron grating from windows: This was part of a goal of the Friends to make the library look more welcoming, especially to children. We've been promised new windows, as well, replacing the current ones with impact resistant glass. (Coming soon!)

Glare proofing of most windows: We were able to enlist funding from the Main Library to install sun filtering film on the windows that caused the most trouble, enabling more comfortable computer use during sunny afternoons.

Friends sponsored programs: A children's party last fall at the Fleisher Garden, a Halloween Party for the children, a Christmas buffet for the staff . .

WHAT'S "IN THE WORKS".

ST. PATRICK'S DAY festivities March 13th.....**CRAFTS AND CANDY** April 3rd
Watch for news about **"THE SECRET GARDEN"**



THE INCHWORM'S CORNER

(information for children and parents of the Santore Branch)

THE LEAP AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

(Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, afternoons 3:00-5:00 PM – Monday and Wednesday, 3:00 - 6:00 PM.) The LEAP program provides homework assistance, computer literacy, library skills and multicultural enrichment activities for school-age students in grades 1-12. LEAP is in operation after school on weekdays from September through June. It's an open drop-in program, so no registration is necessary. For more information, please call The Charles Santore Branch of the Free Library (215-686-1766), or The Office of Public Service Support (215-686-5372). LEAP is funded by the City of Philadelphia.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Every Tuesday at 10:30 AM in the Children's Section of the Library, Join the Children's Librarian, John Crimmins, every Tuesday for children's book readings and "Fingerplay" activities. This program is for children five and younger accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

March 13th starting at 10:30 AM THINK LEPRECHAUNS AND FAIRIES:
Please join us for St. Patty's day fun at Santore's children's library. Children's librarian, John, will read children's stories for St. Patrick's Day for his Pre-School Story Hour. At **11:15**, go to the meeting room for St. Patty's Day art activity. Have your young one wear green and get a snack and a green drink. (For five years and younger only)

Join us on April 3rd from 11:15 TO 12:00 to CELEBRATE SPRING with candy and crafts.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD FIVE OR UNDER? WE NEED YOU

to fill out a short questionnaire to help us plan programs and events for your young ones at the Santore Branch of the Library. Please take a moment to fill it out. (See John in the children's section)

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SANTORE LIBRARY

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE (H) (W) (C) _____

E-MAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

- FRIEND \$10
- PATRON \$25
- SPONSOR \$50
- BENEFACTOR \$100
- ADDITIONAL _____

Please make checks payable and mail with completed form to:
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Would you like to volunteer? _____ yes _____ no

What is your area of interest?

The official registration and financial information of the Friends of the Free Library of Philadelphia may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

CHARLES SANTORE BRANCH LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 12:00PM to 8:00PM
Tuesday 10:00AM to 5:00PM
Wednesday 12:00PM to 8:00PM
Thursday 10:00PM to 5:00PM
Friday 10:00PM to 5:00PM
Saturday 1:00PM to 5:00PM
Sunday Closed

NOTE: Library hours may change . Please call for current hours . 215-686-1766.

LIBRARY STAFF

John Crimmins – Acting Branch Manager & Children’s Librarian
Ann Dougherty - Adult & Teen Librarian
Joyce Cocco - Library Assistant
Jean Ermack - Library Assistant
Patrick Sweeney – Library Assistant
Timothy McLemore - Municipal Guard

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