



Summer's End, 2019

Happenings

THANKS TO YOUR DONATIONS, THE FRIENDS WERE ABLE TO SPONSOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

ALL CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS INCLUDING:

Eyes of the Wild	Sew It	Yoga
STEM programs	Learn to draw	Magician Joe
Morris Co. K9	Touch of Music	Mad Science

ADULT PROGRAMS

Barynaya Balalaika Duo's Russian Music
 The Leonieka Duo (scheduled 10/15/19)

Our Fundraisers:

Murder at the Malt Shop Spring Festival Book Sale



The Friends of the Library

is a non-profit organization of volunteers from our community. We raise funds to support the library by underwriting children's and adult educational programs and by purchasing items to enhance the library building and its services.

Members of the *Friends* enjoy discounts from local vendors.

Our Retail Partners:

Dante's Italian Cuisine, Rockaway
 Red Hut Diner
 Rockaway Bagel and Deli
 Gencarelli's Restaurant
 Atlantis Sports Club and Spa

We meet on the third Friday of each month at 10am in the meeting room of the library. We welcome new members so please consider joining us.

Save the Dates:

Check the library's Web and Facebook pages for updated details on these programs.

Also, stay in touch with the *Friends* on Facebook.

Our Upcoming Events:

Five Below—8/25 through 8/31/19

Name that Tune—10/5/19

Annual Book Sale—10/18, 19, 20/19

The Prom (Songs of the Sixties) 11/19

Miller's Ale House—12/19

All proceeds from our fundraisers go directly to the library

Who Knew:

Libraries are Fighting to Preserve Your Right to Borrow EBooks

(CNN.com 8/19)

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/02/opinions/libraries-fight-publishers-over-e-books-west/index.html?fbclid=IwAR38mnnVDwPXGUvG-LxyA-mTkwp1KG3iQPt5FhOX-2QV25sHM3XdmFlmtQAC:\Users\Owner\Documents\AZPictures>

WHAT'S NEW:



We added pollinator plants to the front garden

Lantana (Lantana)

Shasta Daisy (Leucanthemum)

Salvia (Lamiaceae)

Lavender (Lavandula)

Bee Balm (Monarda)

Dr. Natasha

Recently, as a Literacy Volunteer and a *Friend of the Library*, I bid farewell to my student of seven years. The “student”, a pediatrician even before we met, had achieved her goal of passing the required tests to become a licensed physician in the U.S.

Natasha, born in New York City, grew up in the Dominican Republic in an extended family of doctors, including her mother and aunt. Natasha said, “being a doctor was in my DNA”. She became a pediatrician and practiced for 12 years. She and her family moved to Rockaway in 2011. Natasha began to independently study in the library soon after she arrived. Positioned in a carrel near the new quiet room, she spent many hours almost every day researching, listening to lectures, studying, and making notes in the required books necessary to prepare to pass each exam.

I started to meet with Natasha in 2012 and was immediately struck by her determination and drive. I didn’t have to help her with study skills; she knew that her learning style required her writing out answers to be studied later. She also re-read and listened to lectures. My role at that point was to assist with pronunciation of English words and teach her basic phonetic skills. Concurrently, Natasha and her family were adapting to American culture, learning English and generally getting used to life in America.

Natasha persisted and passed all of the required tests the first time she took them. She is now a pediatric resident at Richmond University Hospital, Staten Island.

During the countless hours that Natasha was a fixture at the library, she sought assistance from personnel, helped other medical students and borrowed ESL material for herself and books for her children. The quiet library atmosphere enabled her to concentrate on her studies and meet weekly with me.

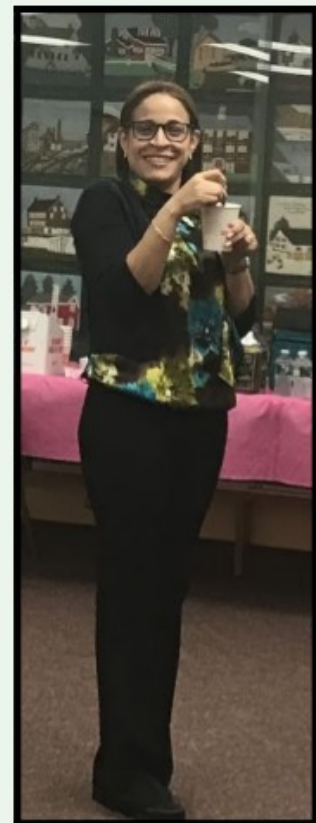
Rockaway Township Library proved to be a valuable resource for this student as she achieved her goals and transitioned to being a physician—yet again!

Pat Libak, tutor and proud Friend

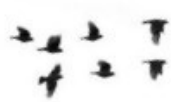
OUR COMMUNITY

As a community center, the library is a source of information, education, entertainment, media resources and socialization.

Dr. Natasha’s rich and successful experience during this time demonstrates the value of a public community library.



Friends and Fun



FEATHERS FLEW

Each morning they enter Mt. Hope Avenue
headed for the receiving basin
single file large to small
stopping traffic.

They make a proper parade
like a family
with fuzzy hairdos
headed to Sunday services.

So it could not have been preordained
that tires squeal
and a Buick strikes
the one in the lead

Nose down
like a fallen treble clef
it sweeps its wide wings
arched with frenzy

Its back to me
imitating a prayer
its body
can no longer answer

D. Feula, *Friend*