

Suggestions for drawing higher attendance of Haitians include buying Haitian movies and music CDs, celebrating Haitian holidays (notably January first, May 18 and November 18), and having a Creole speaker on staff. The need for a welcoming Newcomers Group for recently-arrived Haitians was discussed. A media list from an attendee is expected so that we will be able to advertise our events more effectively.

A contact list was created and we look forward to many more fruitful, lively discussions.

-Ina Rimpau, Manager of Hilton Branch

**I REMEMBER WHEN...**

A coin called a nickel was used in a phone booth that actually

returned it if the line was busy. The same coin took me to Manhattan on a subway and to Bensonhurst on a trolley to buy new piano music. Often I walked a block to the Woolworths to see what I could get for the dollar I had left.

On one such trip I picked up three books for that one bill – Heidi, Hans Brinker and Tom Sawyer. They remain among my favorite literary experiences. That dollar introduced me to Mark Twain for about thirty-three cents.

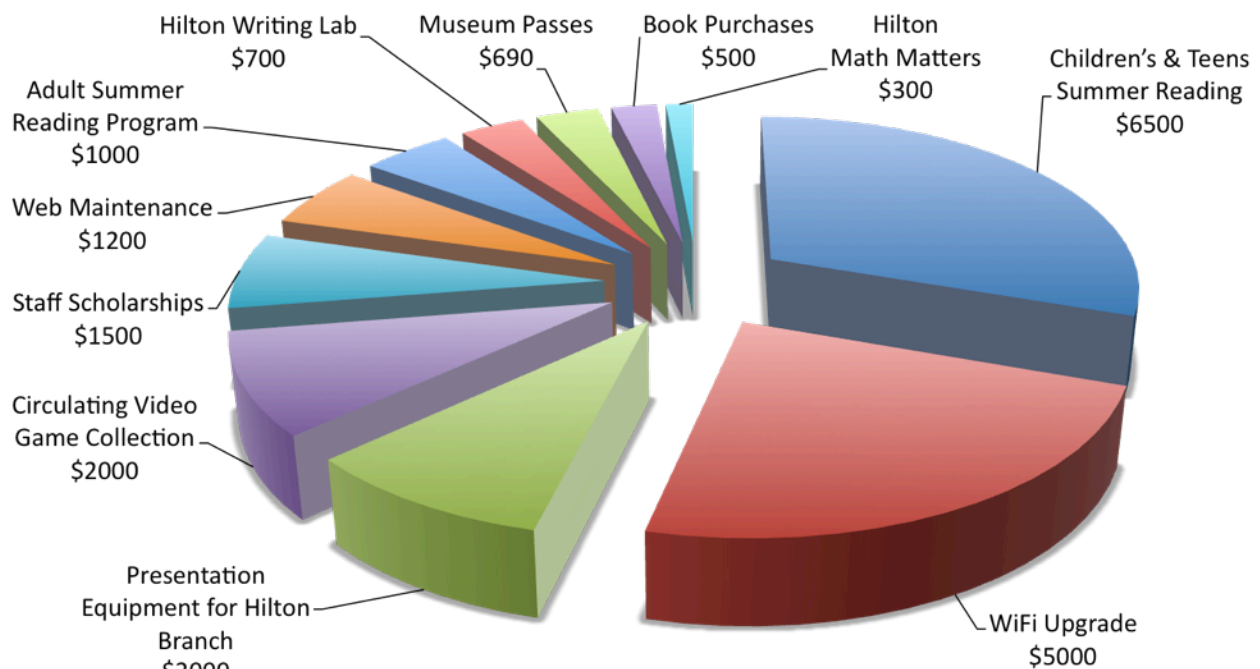
In the early fifties milk was delivered three times a week by 5 a.m. by a horse-drawn wagon. Summer evenings brought the ice cream man on a bike-driven refrigerator. For ten cents you had a delicious choice.

Fast forward – my Christmas gift last year brought on all these memories – the treat was theatre tickets for my grandchildren and me. It was a matinee, on a gray day – and the lights in Times Square blew me over. Once or twice a year, as young teenagers, my friends and I went to Manhattan for a movie and a big band stage show. The big attraction in Times Square was the mechanical head blowing smoke-rings and the larger than life Mr. Peanut. They’re gone now, replaced by an incredible display of electrical technology.

It took a lot of nickels to buy those theatre tickets, but thanks to that gift I have some very new memories.

-Teresa G. Helmkamp

FRIENDS’ BUDGETED EXPENDITURES 2013-14



-David Nial, Treasurer



*A scene from our most recent booksale*

**TRIBUTES**

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 -Donna D’Amato, Tribute Chair

**NEW BOOKBAGS**  
 Did you know we have new Friends of the Maplewood Library tote bags available for only \$3 each? Stop by the front desk at Main or Hilton and pick one up for your books.

**TANZANIA**

Friends of the Maplewood Library donated discarded books to help establish a library at Sullivan Provost Boys Secondary School, which is located at Mikongeni area in Kibaha, Coast Region, Tanzania. On receiving the books, the Headmaster of the School, Mr. Balaam Baluku, sent a letter of appreciation with assurance of instilling the culture of reading books. Mr. Baluku also sent a thank-you to the Tanzanian family

of Mr. Edwin Waluye and Mrs. Lydia Jengo-Waluye of Maplewood, who connected the school to Friends.

**JERSEY CITY LIBRARY**

Thanks to all of the book donations, book buyers and our volunteers, Friends was able to send a check for \$800 to the Jersey City Free Public Library from our one-day book sale in January. This money will help offset the damage incurred from Hurricane Sandy and the flooding in their basement storage area. The President of the library, Priscilla Gardner, sent her “heartfelt gratitude” for the donation and Friends was happy to help a fellow library in need.

## ULYSSES GRANT DIETZ

### INSIDE THE MUSEUM

No, not the film where exhibits come to life. Instead, Friends of the Maplewood Library will have the REAL thing at our annual meeting on Monday, April 29, at 7:30 pm in Memorial Hall when Ulysses Grant Dietz, Senior Curator at the Newark Museum, will be our guest speaker. He will provide a behind-the-scenes look at the museum and discuss some of its important holdings, including American and European masters and this country's premier Tibetan art collection.

Mr. Dietz has been associated with the Newark Museum for more than 30 years and is the author of many publications on decorative and other arts about which he lectures in the US and abroad. He graduated from Yale and received an advanced degree in museum studies from the University of Delaware. As the great-great grandson of Civil War general and eighteenth president of the United States Ulysses S. Grant, he is a leading authority and spokesman on the legacy of his illustrious ancestor. He also has written two vampire novels.

The annual meeting will include a brief business session. It is open to the public free of charge.

-Anne Smith, Program Chair

## BOOK REVIEWS

### **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce**

*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* is a first novel by a very talented author. Harold, a staid man in a loveless marriage, lives an uneventful life in a small village in England. One day Harold receives a letter from his old and dear friend Queenie telling him that she is confined to a hospice, dying of cancer, and that she wants to say "goodbye." Harold decides to visit her by travelling 600 miles on foot, convinced that Queenie will stay alive as long as he walks. He sets off on his journey without proper clothes or shoes, a toothbrush or a cell phone, and although his life up to then has not prepared him for such an adventure, he faces every obstacle with dignity, courage and determination. This is a lovely book about ordinary people, but it is never dull. Joyce's many insights into humanity and life will

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 -Rae Paltiel, Membership Chair

spark discussion among book club members about their own lives and the world in which we live.

-Rae Paltiel

### **Honor in the Dust by Gregg Jones**

*Honor in the Dust* is the story of a lesser-known chapter in US history, the occupation of the Philippines and the war that took place in that country from 1899-1902. The story begins with the Spanish-American War and covers the military operations between the US and Spain in Cuba and the Philippines. At the conclusion of that war, the US found itself in possession of overseas territory, namely, Cuba, Guam and the Philippines. It was a time when a mood of expansionism and imperialism temporarily took hold in the country, with one of the loudest proponents being Teddy

Roosevelt, the Secretary of the Navy at the beginning of the war. There was a belief among some leaders in the country, and some of the populace, that the US was going to be left out of the land grab that had been taking place in the late 19th century, with the big European powers grabbing colonies in Asia and Africa, and that it would cost the country in the long term. So after the Philippines were ceded to the US, they were retained as a colony. The leaders in the Philippines, who had been fighting for independence from Spain, had different ideas. A brutal civil war was ignited that was only put down by ruthless measures. When the stories of the atrocities were published back home, the outcry was so great that several of the commanders who served in the Philippines were charged with war crimes, and Teddy Roosevelt, now President of the US, would face his first major, front-page

crisis. None of the accused was found guilty of those charges and most emerged from this period with their reputations intact, especially Teddy Roosevelt.  
- Bill Donovan

**Objects of my Affection by Jill Smolinski**

This is the perfect time to read *Objects of My Affection*. Hoarding may strike a familiar note and it is Spring-cleaning time.

Lucy Bloom is a single mother with a troubled son in rehab. She has had to sell her home to pay for rehab and needs a place to live. While writing a book called "Things Are Not People," Lucy is offered a job to clear out the home of Marva Meier Rios, an eccentric, reclusive artist. Lucy moves into this huge, cluttered home. She has trouble dealing with the artist who fights her all the way and cannot part with her treasures.

There is a new romance in Lucy's life, an ex-boyfriend, a secret in Marva's and maybe some inspiration for many of us that need help dealing with our own treasures. It is an enjoyable read.  
-Barbara Sanok

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