



Newsletter 2018

Dear Friends:

I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the last days of summer. Here is our annual newsletter, giving you a briefing on our activities this past year (see reverse), and a look into our plans for the future. Thank you for your continued support; we couldn't do it without you!

We are looking forward to a busy fall. On September 15 our participation in Mount Vernon CityFest will kick off our activities. As usual, our Friends' booth will be loaded with children's books. Please stop by to say hello and buy. On Friday, October 26, we will have a Sip'n Paint fundraiser event which will be a great way to have fun, get to know one another, and support the library. Watch for a flier about the event, and an e-mail. We hope to see you there!

On November 3, the Friends will sponsor a program commemorating World War I -- we will delve into the history of Mount Vernon residents who joined up for the "Great War," and who were soldiers in the storied 369th Infantry Regiment -- the Harlem Hellfighters. (See reverse for further details.) Early December will feature our well known and loved semi-annual Book and Bake Sale. A full schedule!

As always, the Friends need your help to continue to help support our wonderful library. Please return your membership renewal or an additional donation in the envelope provided.

Thank you, *Charlotte Schachter, President, The Friends of the Mount Vernon Public Library*

CODING FOR TWEENS



The Friends were proud to make a generous contribution to a computer coding class for young teens at the Library. The children learned an essential skill for today, and for the future, by using computers to program a small robot -- an "Ozobot." The very successful program continues this month.

Read on for more information on how your support of the Friends helps the Library.

HELP US HELP YOUR LIBRARY

In addition to the Ozobots computer coding course for Tweens, your dollars enabled the Friends to support the Library in many other important ways this year. For example, we helped provide:

- Museum fees for the Museum Pass Program;
- Snacks for children at the Chat n' Snack Book Club;
- The Children's Summer Reading Program;
- "OutrageHiss Pets" -- an animal program that took place in April, in the children's room

We keep our administrative costs to a bare minimum, so the bulk of your money goes directly to library support.

Your dollars help ensure that the library can do as much as possible for the Mount Vernon community. Libraries need Friends! Please take a moment to return your contribution in the enveloped provided, or visit mtvpl.org/friends to donate via PayPal.

VOLUNTEER WITH US



We are always eager to meet new members who can give not only financially, but also with their time. We need help to sort books, sell them, recruit new members, and come up with new fundraising ideas. Our monthly meetings of the executive committee take place on the third Saturday of every month. You are welcome to attend. We would love to hear from you at friendsofmvpl@gmail.com, or, call Charlotte Schachter at (914) 668-4293.

UNCOVER MOUNT VERNON HISTORY



National Archives and Records Administration, Records of the War Department

On November 3, the Friends will sponsor a special program commemorating 100 years since the end of World War I. In what became known as the Great War, many residents of Mount Vernon volunteered to "join up." Some became part of the famous Harlem Hellfighters Regiment.

Does your family have a long history in Mount Vernon, and a connection to one of the heroes of the 369th? If so, we would love to highlight your history in the program on November 3. Please e-mail mtvpl369@yahoo.com if you have any World War I history to share.