

# The FRIENDS



## David & Joyce Milne Public Library

December 2010

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Dear Friends,

Each December the Friends of Milne Library appeals to the residents of Williamstown and neighboring communities to become new or renewing members for the following year. Through annual dues and our traditional April Book & Bake Sale, the Friends help keep the library thriving by funding non-operational items not covered by town, state, and trustee funding. Director Pat McLeod says she could not open the library doors without our help, especially in times of fiscal challenges.

In 2010 the Friends gave \$26,116 to provide or contribute to:

- Replacement of four staff and lab computers
- Staff attendance at national and state conferences and workshops
- Children's Department Early Literacy Station
- "GO Green/Think Green @ the Milne" Summer Reading Program
- Children's programs: Service Dogs in Training; Native Drumming & Dancing; Attainable, Sustainable Energy; Butterfly Guy; No-Sew Bags
- Tween & Teen programs: Wearable Art; WilliNet Video Explorers; How Green is Your Town? photography workshop; Food for Thought cooking class & tasting experience
- *Words Are Wonderful* festival author/illustrator-in-residence Grace Lin at Williamstown Elementary School

This year we said goodbye to long-time Friend and Board member Josie Eusden who moved to Maine, but the tradition of Josie's Café at our annual Book Sale & Silent Auction continues on. This year we'll be selling a compendium of *Friends Favorite Recipes* dedicated to Josie. Save the date: April 22 and 23. Our year-round sorters have been busy since Labor Day and we have lots of good books waiting for some voracious readers!

Goals for the coming year include increasing our visibility and expanding our membership. We're working with Children's Librarian and website designer Mindy Hackner to develop the Friends' presence on the library web page. We have a new membership brochure and, in addition to membership dues, we're always looking for people who want to help.

At last year's Annual Meeting we celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. We hope you'll help us move into the future and kick off the next 10 years by joining or rejoining the Friends!

Sincerely,

Ginny Sheldon, Friends President