

Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation

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SPONSORED ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUNDATION:

The Foundation annually underwrites youth programming for **Hispanic Heritage Month**, **African-American Heritage Month** and **Asian Heritage Month** celebrating the diversity of Mount Prospect.

In November 2005 the Foundation sponsored its first annual musical interlude. This **free** concert is a thank you to our community for its support of the Foundation. The **Rosewood Trio** brought us a very pleasant afternoon of smooth jazz. The 2006 concert by the **Canterbury Carollers** presented traditional Christmas carols written before 1870. The Carollers were in period dress and were very well received. The weekend following their Library concert they were entertaining at the White House in Washington, D.C.

For the annual **Teddy Bear Walk**, which celebrated its 25th year in 2005, the Foundation provided a gift to each of the children who participated in recognition of this milestone.

An activity introduced in 2005 is **Coffee and Conversation**. This is a 3rd Friday of the month gathering to discuss topics of contemporary interest in a non partisan, non judgmental environment giving all viewpoints an opportunity for expression. Topics have included financing public schools, qualifications to become a Supreme Court Justice, who pays to rebuild after Katrina, and Intelligent Design, Evolution, and the Religious Right.

MONEY RAISING ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUNDATION:

The "**Mad Hatter's Bash**" the first annual fall family activity (Fall 2003), included activities for all members of the family including a raffle, silent auction of hats donated by celebrities, "theme baskets" donated by community members and other specialty items.

"**Come to the Fair With Charlotte and Wilbur**" on November 13, 2004: This event provided activities for people of all ages and culminated with a Quilt/Laptop raffle for which we sold tickets at the Farmer's Market and in the Library lobby.

The Foundation partnered with the Mount Prospect Historical Society for their third annual family activity, "**Haunting Legends Walk: A Tale of Two Marys**," which was held on October 29, 2005. English Halloween legends told in a special setting beneath the Library, lent an aura of mystery, suspense, and foreboding.

The Foundation again partnered with the Mount Prospect Historical Society for **The Saturday Night Event, An Evening of Storytelling Featuring Jim May**. Held on October 7, 2006, the community was entertained with an evening of stories told by talented story tellers from the Library and Historical Society and highlighted by professional story teller, Jim May.

A program by "academic entertainer" **Barbara Rinella** was sponsored by the Foundation on October 11, 2005. A nearly full house demonstrated the attraction she has in our community. She reviewed two books, "1776" by David McCullough and "The World is Flat" by Thomas Friedman, making a very interesting connection between them. Ms. Rinella's 2006 performance on October 16 featured "Mayflower: a Story of Courage, Community, and War" by Nathaniel Philbrick. Ms. Rinella became William Bradford's wife, Dorothy, to tell of the 65 days aboard the *Mayflower*.

Book/gift wrapping at Border's Mount Prospect has been an activity for the last several years generating about \$1300 annually in contributions.

Sales of incidental items: note cards both general use and seasonal including two cards picturing the library, teddy bears and teddy bear key chains, Moravian stars, cookbooks containing recipes donated by community volunteers and elected officials, hand crafted items by local artisans, and popcorn sales using the Foundation's popcorn machine.

Semi-annual solicitation to Library supporters in June and December.

Annual Raffle: Tickets are sold on weekends at the Farmer's Market through October and in the lobby of the Library through mid- November.