Friends of the Waretown Library

Friends Mission Statement
The Friends of the Waretown Library advocate for the library in the community. They also raise funds to support programs and equipment not supplied through the Ocean County Library System.

SUMMER READING BASKETS DONATED BY FRIENDS
Three baskets were prepared by the Waretown Library Staff as prizes for the summer reading program. Participants who read books in the adult, teen, and children’s categories had their names entered in a drawing. Funds for the prizes were donated by the Friends of the Waretown Library. The winners in each category are shown below.

Friends Monthly Book Sales
The Waretown Friends hold their monthly book sales in The Book Stop, the small white building behind the library. Look for the red and white stop sign if you go. The book sale offers great bargains on hard covers in fiction and non-fiction, paperbacks, and books for children and young adults. Look for the blue and white sign to know about sales, or pick up a Friends brochure in the library.

Ocean County Friends Hold Mah Jongg Tournament Fundraiser
On September 28, 2016, the Ocean County Friends Steering Committee held their fifth Mah Jongg Tournament at Mancini Hall in the Toms River Library. The tournaments have been very successful and have raised seed money to fund author visits. Judy Sylvester, Waretown Friends president, has been a member of the Steering Committee for the past five years.

Our Waretown Friends Fundraiser
On October 19, Kristy’s Casual Dining hosted a fundraiser for the Friends of the Waretown Library. For those who dined for lunch or dinner and presented a coupon, Kristy’s kindly donated 15% of the check to the Friends.

The Library now has a new sign that displays special program announcements. The sign was a gift to the library from the Waretown Friends and was purchased with proceeds from our monthly book sales, fundraisers, and membership dues. The sign is shown above.

Waretown Branch Recent Activities
♦ Will hold the December 2016 Tree Lighting program featuring the Ocean Township School Choir.
♦ Purchased baskets for summer reading.
♦ Provided the funds for an outside signboard to advertise programs being held in the library meeting room.
♦ Assisted with the purchase of materials for the Paint the Town Pink program.
♦ Provided funds for the branch manager to use for supplies, programs, and equipment not covered in the Waretown Branch budget.
♦ Hosted a staff dinner in June 2016.

Consider attending our monthly Friends meetings on the second Monday of each month from September to June. We do not meet in July and August. Meetings are about an hour and are held in the Waretown Library meeting room from 7-8 p.m.

2017 Membership Drive
The Friends 2016 membership drive is still ongoing. Single membership is now $3.00 and Family membership is now $5.00. Support the Friends with a renewal or become a new member.

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