



ANNUAL **Friends of the Ridgewood Library** FUNDRAISER

February Reading Marathon

2012
Elementary

Foster your child's love of reading *and* support the Ridgewood Library by having your child participate in this year's Annual Friends Reading Marathon. Your generous donations, especially in light of our significant budget cuts, make all the difference. In the past, Reading Marathon funds have purchased books and materials including for the **fiction & nonfiction, special needs and audiobook & Playaway collections; World Book Online and Video Games** as well as the extraordinary programming including **Family Fun Events, Writing, Movement & Art Workshops, Parenting Programs, Summer Reading Club and author visits.**

It is because of the Friends that we have been able to maintain the collection and programming that you deserve. We thank you for considering making a contribution to the Reading Marathon again this year!

Here's how it works:

Read ... during the month of February.

Record ... the books/pages read on the back of this form.

Return ... this form to the Library, your teacher or mail (PO Box 174, Ridgewood, 07451) by **Friday, March 2, 2012.**
***Forms must be returned on time** this year so we can order the prizes for all participants.

Rewards ... will be distributed through the schools in April.

- **Gold Medal for students who read 12+ books or 500 pages.**
- **Ben & Jerry's Coupon** for each participant who returns their form in on time, by Friday, March 2.

The Friends of the Library would like to say a hearty **thank you** to **Sibel Berberoglu, Serena Gluckman** and the entire team at Ben & Jerry's for their generosity in providing:

- **free ice cream coupons** and
- **ice cream sundae parties for elementary classes with 100% participation.**



We appreciate your loyal support of the Library and its mission to promote literacy and serve our community with such generosity and good spirit!

Join us for two exciting Reading Marathon events!

Both events open to all Marathon participants, Preschool-Gr. 5



Special Marathon Kick-off Event
Magical Musical Winter Wonderland
Wed., February 1 @ 4:00 pm

Join award-winning singer-songwriter Patricia Shih to celebrate the beauty and fun of the season *and* the start of the Marathon! **Ice skate around an imaginary lake, have a fun snowball fight**, play a book game and of course sing snowy songs!



Marathon Closing Event

Hats off to Dr. Seuss

Fri., March 2 @ 4:00 pm
Come to our Annual Read Across America Celebration featuring great Seuss readings by the RHS New Players and other surprise readers! Be sure to hand in your form by March 2 to get a Ben & Jerry's coupon!

The Reading Marathon is organized and facilitated through the Friends of the Ridgewood Library. Friends is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the support and enrichment of the Ridgewood Public Library. **If interested in becoming a member of Friends, please visit www.ridgewoodlibrary.org.** Membership dollars fund numerous materials and exciting programs in addition to what is provided through the Library's municipal budget. New members are also welcome to join our volunteer board and help produce various events and projects.

