

ANNUAL **Friends of the Ridgewood Library** FUNDRAISER
February Reading Marathon

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 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.

- **Award Ribbon** 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.



Join us for three exciting Reading Marathon events!

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

Singer Patricia Shih celebrates the beauty and fun of the season *and* the start of our Marathon! You'll have a chance to **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 readings of Dr. Seuss books and others featuring 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!



Preschool Awards Ceremony

Fri., April 6 @ 4:00 pm

Children who read 9 or more books will receive a special Award Ribbon at our Annual Preschool Awards Ceremony in Belcher Auditorium. Great photo op!



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!**

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

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.

