

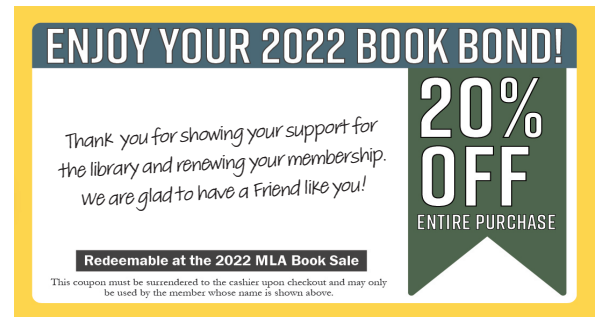
# GET YOUR 2022 BOOK BOND

Traditionally, the Manhattan Library Association hosts an annual book sale every year to raise funds for the library. The Friday of the sale is a special preview night, open to MLA members only. All of the money raised at the annual sale is used to fund library programs and purchases such as new books, book giveaways, furniture, special events, and the summer reading program.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the library **will not** have an annual sale in 2021.

Since we will not be hosting an annual sale, we still want to demonstrate that you matter and offer a special “Book Bond” for the 2022 Book Sale after you renew your 2021 membership. The “Book Bond” coupon will be good for 20% off your entire purchase at the 2022 MLA Book Sale.

Your support today will help us be successful tomorrow. Help carry us through to ‘22!



*Example of the 2022 Book Bond, allowing 20% off your entire purchase at the 2022 Book Sale.*

*While we all struggled with how to cope and move forward during these unprecedented times, Manhattan Public Library was undaunted in finding ways to protect library staff as well as serve, protect and support the community – for those who needed book in hand-to incredible online resources-to new and exciting activities and programs for all ages. There are so many knowledge rich and fun options!*

*Having been involved for years with both the annual Friends of the Library (MLA) Book Sale and Rosie’s Corner Used Book Store, we know how much the community supported and looked forward to both venues-through donations, membership and participation. For safety concerns, Rosie’s Corner shelves are bare and the February book sale postponed. Regardless, continuing community support for expansion of library collections and facility enhancement is still needed. Please consider joining or renewing your Friends of the Library membership. In return, once it’s safe to accept book donations, library volunteers promise to provide you with a robust Rosie’s Corner for year-long purchases and an exciting book sale in 2022.*

**Bob and Barb Newhouse**

## ANNUAL MEETING

All members of the association are invited to participate in the annual meeting to be held on **Wednesday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom**. A link will be sent out by email one week prior to event.

We will vote on a new slate of officers for the executive board, evaluate the current bylaws, hear the annual financial report, and celebrate the contributions of our many volunteers.

*Our gem of a library is a one-stop site that provides free access to educational, news, and government related resources. Libraries are a repository of truth. Libraries are an essential community resource. Our library helps families flourish, providing enriching resources to keep family units engaged.*

Our Manhattan Library Association, or Friends of the Library, is committed to supporting library programming. The resources gained through fundraising efforts provide materials for Summer Reading, teen programs, Books for Babies, and many more. While we await the return of the Annual Book Sale in 2022, there are other ways to be involved. A variety of memberships are available; please join today!

**Elaine Shannon**

# SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

Friends of the Library Newsletter

February 2021

The pandemic has been challenging, but you can still rely on your library for your favorite books and materials, digital resources, and programs. Your library is still here for you in new and different ways. The following list includes highlights of the past year's services and new resources.

## 2020 | YEAR IN REVIEW

- **Library Goes Fine Free**  
As of July 20, 2020, all existing overdue fines were cleared from patron accounts.
- **Titles Added to Sunflower eLibrary**  
The library added more titles and copies of digital ebooks and audiobooks to the Sunflower eLibrary collection.
- **Book Sale Supports Library Programs**  
The 2020 Book Sale raised \$11,699 to support library programs and activities.
- **Virtual Programs Available**  
Nearly 600 craft kits were distributed to kids, teens, and adults thanks to the Manhattan Library Association (MLA) support.
- **Lynda.com is Back**  
Thanks to the generous donation from the 1998 Jack Goldstein Charitable Trust.
- **New Resource: Creativebug**  
Creativebug gives you access to 1000+ online art and craft classes. With a wide array of subjects you can learn how to knit, crochet, sew, screen print, paint, and more!
- **More Magazines Available on Flipster**  
With your library card you have access to 40+ past and present issues of best-selling digital magazines. Read the latest issues from magazines like *Bon Appetit*, *National Geographic*, *People*, *Rolling Stone* and many more.
- **Temporary Library Carryout Service Offered**  
When the library remained closed for browsing, staff worked hard to organize a temporary carryout service.
- **Wi-Fi Extended to Parking Lot**  
New access points have been installed, meaning Wi-Fi access has been extended to the parking lot. This service is available from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily.



- **Summer Reading Success**  
More than 1,500 readers this summer who read 1.6 MILLION minutes! Plus, through Pop-Up Book Giveaways, the library gave out several thousand books to kids and teens.
- **New Resource: Brainfuse HelpNow and JobNow**  
The library introduces its newest student support service, Brainfuse, an on-demand, anytime, anywhere, eLearning module. It offers cardholders of all ages and levels free access to live, online tutoring, job help, career, and other skill-building resources with two services, HelpNow and JobNow.  
  
We hope to see you soon, either in the library or online through our wide variety of online library offerings. None of this would be possible without you.

DIGITAL CIRCULATION AT THE END OF NOVEMBER WAS ALREADY **37.24%** HIGHER THAN END OF YEAR 2019\*

\*Based on 2020 Progress Goals calculated each month.