

Alumni Spotlight: Beth Margolies Meyer

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Being involved with the Noyes Library for Young Children is a tradition in the Meyer family of Kensington. Beth Margolies Meyer (MSLS 1992) is on the board of the Noyes Children's Library Foundation; older daughter, Hannah, has been making and selling chocolates to raise money for Noyes for five years and volunteers in the library two hours a week; and younger daughter Sarah, helps with the chocolates and frequently assists with Noyes events. The Noyes Library is a charming, cottage-like library that serves infants through early readers. It is the oldest public library in the Washington, DC area, and one of the only public libraries in the U.S. dedicated exclusively to children.

Beth took both girls to the Noyes Library for story times and events from the time they were just a couple of months old through the early elementary school years. When Hannah had to come up with an idea for her Bat Mitzvah project she thought back fondly on her early years. Always a big reader, she wanted the theme of her project to be literacy. Remembering the molded chocolates her mother made for each of her birthday parties, Hannah combined these traditions and created molded chocolates in the shapes of owls (the symbol of the Noyes Library). At first the chocolates were sold at two local stores—JennyCakes and Kensington Row Bookshop and eventually were sold at all the Noyes Foundation events. The Meyers have raised \$2800 so far; even though the chocolates sell for just 50 cents and \$1.

Beth jokes that she is the first person ever to be elected on a board because of her daughter. Noyes Foundation members got to know Beth, through Hannah and after a stint getting food donations for their Gala in 2013, she was nominated as a Board member. Since then, she has gotten local authors involved in events, written a bimonthly feature spotlighting local authors, and served as a liaison to the Library Advisory Committee.

Hannah will be off at college next year pursuing a career as a children's librarian, inspired by her experiences at the Noyes Library. Beth is looking forward to working on the April 14, 2018 Noyes Library Foundation Gala. The Noyes Library Foundation is currently raising funds for the Make MORE Noyes Campaign for a significant renovation to the library, which will include a new programming room.



Hannah selling chocolates at a fundraising event at the Noyes Library.

For more information on Noyes Library: www.noyeslibraryfoundation.org/.

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