

## KidsFest Leads Up to Renovation of Children's Library

*photos by Judy Silberstein and Joan Macfarlane*

(June 5, 2008) Larchmont's Constitution Park was jammed with families on Sunday, June 1 at the Kidsfest held to celebrate the upcoming renovation of the Larchmont Library Children's Room. (See: [New Plan Adds Drama, Light & Space At Children's Library.](#)) Filling the park were authors and books, music and books, drawings and books, bookmarks and books - and most of all children and books.



Tom Curnin hands out chocolate ice cream from Longford's (above). Discerning shoppers select items from the book sale. (right)



While their parents scrutinized architectural sketches of the the new room, the children kept busy creating bookmarks, rummaging through the books for sale, singing along with Armelle or the musicians from the Groove and helping author/illustrator Alexander Stadler compose an impromptu story about a girl who lived in a donut. Adults and children also lined up for the free ice cream from Longford's.

The purpose of Kidsfest was to raise awareness of plans for the library - but the event also managed to raise part of the \$250K still needed to pay for the \$2.7 million renovation.

According to the Library's director, Diane Courtney, the event grossed \$3,859.

Author Alexander Stadler signs a book for a shy fan (right). Children help him compose a story (below).





Community leaders were at the Kidsfest in support of the library and to meet and greet the voters. Among them was State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer (below left), who is running for re-election, and Larchmont Mayor Liz Feld (below right), who is challenging her for the Senate. (See: [Feld Officially Enters NY Senate Race Against Oppenheimer.](#))



**Senator Suzi Oppenheimer**



**Mayor Liz Feld**





Armelle



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