



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

by Sharon Gottovi

Welcome to 2025!

I would like to reflect and acknowledge all that there is to be grateful for at the end of this year.

- We were fortunate to have three very successful book sales last year- each one more successful than the last.
- Our ongoing monthly sales continue to increase.
- We were able to provide the library staff with everything they requested and even encouraged them to use more money to make improvements to their soon-to-be Teen Zone.
- We were able to establish a scholarship with the Fairfax County Library Foundation for a few deserving staff.
- We were again able to help sponsor the Children's Reading Festival at the Chantilly Regional Library.

None of this could be accomplished without the dedication and hard work of our invaluable, hard working volunteers. Every book that is donated has to be checked, sorted, boxed, stored and eventually put out for sale. This is an ongoing process that takes a lot of time and effort.

Our community also plays a vital role in our accomplishments. They bring us their gently used books all year long so we have inventory for our sales. They also peruse our ongoing sales and larger book sales for reasonably priced books.

Lastly, a shout out to all the library staff who are always so kind and helpful. They are very appreciative of all we do.

I can only expect that 2025 will even be better!

Friends of the Centreville Regional Library

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FALL BOOK SALE NOVEMBER 2024

**Total
Income:
\$11,485**

**# of Books Sold: 4,508 Fri & Sat
+ 135 bags at Bag Sale on Sunday**

Total # of volunteers: 34

Total # of volunteer hours: 409

We had a fantastic book sale in November, bringing in \$11,485 to benefit Centreville Regional Library! This is our highest amount of income from a single book sale since our group began holding book sales in August 2021.

Our thanks go out to the community for their donations. With the thousands of gently used books that are received at the library, the Friends group can hold book sales throughout the year in order to raise funds for the library's programs and other needs.

A huge thank you to all of our Friends volunteers who helped make the November sale such a success! We couldn't have done it without you.

We have a dedicated team, all of whom love books and enjoy working together to support the library. From our book sorters who manage the incoming donations to those who help with our periodic book sales, our volunteers work many, many hours in order for us to maintain our Ongoing Book Sale and hold our Spring, Summer and Fall sales. Thank you to all who contributed their time and effort to make our operations run smoothly. We look forward to another productive year in 2025!

Cathy Pluchinsky

November Book Sale Chairperson



**FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY
AND FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR BOOK SALES**

[FRIENDS OF THE CENTREVILLE LIBRARY](#)





Online Book Sales

Some of the donated books we receive have recent publication dates and are in excellent condition. These books are posted on Amazon for sale at a higher price than we charge at our book sales.

Since July 1, 2024, to present we have sold 43 books online for a total of \$1,791 which is an average of \$41.65 per book.

Have You Visited Our Website?

The Friends of the Centreville Library has a new website where we share current information about our book sales, donation and volunteering opportunities as well as upcoming library events.

There is also a page to signup for our quarterly newsletter as well as our newsletter archive for downloading past or current issues.

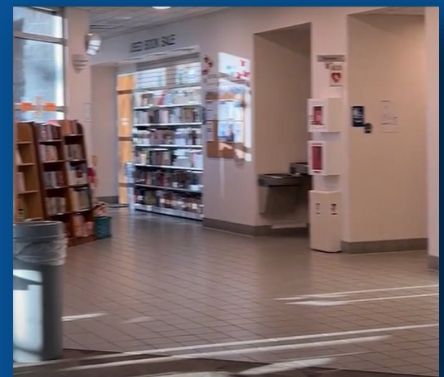
Visit us at: www.centrevillefriends.org



Ongoing Book Sales

Our Centreville Friends Library Group has an ongoing book sale area with many shelves containing books for sale.

- ◆ Our ongoing bookshelves are located to the left as you enter the Library.
- ◆ Prices and payment details are posted on signs near the shelves and at the payment kiosk.
- ◆ Shelves are restocked weekly with new donations so stop by often.
- ◆ We carry a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction, similar to our special book sale events.



2025 BOOK SALE DATES

	Set-up (Mon.-Thurs.)	Sale days (Fri, Sat., Sun.)	Clean-up (Monday)
Spring Book Sale	April 28 – May 1	May 2, 3, 4	May 5
Back to School Book Sale	August 4 - 7	August 8, 9, 10	August 11
Fall Book Sale	Sun.-Mon. Nov. 9-10 Wed.-Thurs. Nov. 12-13 (Library closed Tues. Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day)	Nov. 14, 15, 16	Nov. 17

I don't have to go far to look for treasures. I discover them every time I visit the library. Michael Embry

On October 26th our Friends Group had a fun gathering at the Eavesdrop Brewery in Manassas. We wanted to show our appreciation for all the hard work our team has done this year to make our fund-raising efforts so successful, increasing our ability to support the Centreville Regional Library and its programs in our community.



FRIENDS CHOICE AWARDS

On Oct 9, 2024, the Friends Choice awards for 2024 were held at the Chantilly Regional Public Library. The Friends Choice Award was established by the Library Board of Trustees in 2008 and honors the hard work, dedication and continued service of members of the various library Friends groups. Recipients are selected by their peers.

Of the twenty-nine Friends that were selected from all library branches in Fairfax County, two were from our Centreville Regional Library: **Tara Lassiter and Rhonda Savage**.



Tara is a charter member of our Friends organization. She serves as Vice President as well as filling in the role of Secretary and most recently, as Treasurer. Tara has willingly stepped up and assisted whenever there has been a need and is an invaluable asset to our organization.

Rhonda provides critical skills to the Friends in graphic design, newsletter creation and is on the Centreville Friends board as Secretary. She has willingly offered her many talents and dedication to our organization.



Centreville Friends who received this award in prior years were Sharon Gottovi (President), Cathy Pluchinsky (Book Sales Chair), Dennie Knox (Storage Coordinator) and Dora Martinez (Volunteer Records).

Did You Know?



FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (FCPL) statistics for 2024 (July 1, 2023 thru July 30, 2024) were recently published in the FCPL annual report).

Did you know that FCPL is one of only 37 library systems in the world to achieve 3 million digital checkouts in a single year! You might also be amazed at some of these additional statistics:

- ◆ Total FY2024 circulation came to 11,966,801 (a 6.6% increase over the year before)
- ◆ 3,671,894 e-books were circulated – a whopping 22.4% increase over 2023! Print book circulation came to 8,294,907 – a 0.9% increase from the previous year.
- ◆ Total WiFi connections came to 317,459 and total public computer sessions were 223,407 – 11.7% over 2023.
- ◆ Total website visits were 1,505,505 and total database usage was 2,435,450 for a total of 3,216,857 visits (including curbside services), a 13.6% increase over 2023.
- ◆ 62,712 residents opened up new library accounts – 5.5% increase - for a total average of 646,723 cardholders which is an 11.9% increase from the previous year! (Our county population is a bit over 1.1M residents).
- ◆ The average monthly LEAP cards used were 199,948. LEAP stands for Library Equity Access Pass and is available to all Fairfax County Public School students (K-12). This pass allows students to check out library books without a library card by just using their name.
- ◆ Total program attendance at all events came to 263,074, an increase of 21% from 2023.
- ◆ Library volunteers (including our Centreville Friends Group) contributed 72,299 hours an increase of 1.2%.

Children's Summer Reading Festival a Resounding Success!

On August 18, 2024, Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) and the Fairfax Library Foundation (FLF) sponsored a Children's Summer Reading Festival at Chantilly Regional Library, our sister Sully District library.

For the second year, Centreville Friends contributed to this event as a \$2,500 sponsoring organization! Your volunteer work with our book sales allowed this to happen.

This event celebrates FCPL's Summer Reading Adventure and approximately 2,700 people attended.



Attendees enjoyed face painting, a balloon artist, caricature artists, educational displays, a moon bounce, popcorn, candy, crafts, etc. Chantilly Friends gave out free children's books. Much joy and opportunity for learning was had by the participants.

As part of Centreville Friends, you can be pleased that you played a part of this wonderful, annual children's reading festival.

30 YEARS of LIBRARY JOY

FAIRFAX LIBRARY FOUNDATION'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 29, 2025 | 5:30 - 8:00 pm

BURKE CENTRE LIBRARY

5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke, VA 22015



WITH SPECIAL GUEST: **TikTok** SENSATION
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Centreville Regional Library Hours of Operation

Monday - Wednesday

10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Thursday - Sunday

10:00 am to 6:00 pm

2025 Library Closing Dates

1/01 — New Year's Day — Wednesday, January 1, 2025

1/20 — Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day — Monday, January 20, 2025

2/17 — George Washington's Day / Presidents' Day — Monday, February 17, 2025

4/20 — Easter — Sunday, April 20, 2025 (Library closed, not a county holiday).

5/26 — Memorial Day — Monday, May 26, 2025

6/19 — Juneteenth — Thursday, June 19, 2025

7/04 — Independence Day — Friday, July 4, 2025

9/01 — Labor Day — Monday, September 1, 2025

**9/12 — Staff Day — Friday, September 12, 2025
(Library closed, not a county holiday).**

11/04 — Election Day — Tuesday, November 4, 2025

11/11 — Veterans Day — Tuesday, November 11, 2025

11/27 — Thanksgiving Day — Thursday, November 27, 2025

11/28 — Day After Thanksgiving — Friday, November 28, 2025

12/24 — Christmas Eve — Wednesday, December 24, 2025

12/25 — Christmas Day — Thursday, December 25, 2025

**12/31 — New Year's Eve (Close at 5pm) — Wednesday, December 31, 2025
All library branches open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., not a county holiday.**

The library presents and hosts events on a range of topics of interest to the Fairfax County community. We strive to sponsor events that educate and entertain while connecting people with others who share common interests and goals. Our events include author talks, book clubs for all ages, English conversation groups, technology workshops, writers' groups, preschool story times, STEM-related children's activities and much more. Many of our events occur outside library branches at venues such as schools, parks, theater spaces and senior centers. Library events are always free to the public; some require registration in advance.

Look for events at the following

[Library Events | Library \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events)

Did you know that you can use the Library's online tool to book public meeting rooms and group study rooms in the library?

[Book a Space](#)

To request reasonable ADA accommodations or alternative format of materials, please call 703-324-8380 or TTY 711.



Friends of the Centreville Regional Library, Inc. is an all-volunteer, registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Proceeds from our sales go to funding library and literacy materials, programs, and equipment in our community library.