



# NEWSLETTER

## ISSUE TWO ~ JULY 2024

### *President's Message*

*by Sharon Gottovi*

#### *Greetings!*

The Friends of the Centreville Regional Library welcome you to a fun-filled summer of many exciting programs for all ages planned at our Centreville Regional Library. We are so pleased to see so many members of our community enjoying both the adult and children's programs that are scheduled. Follow our Facebook page for more information on upcoming events.

Since our last newsletter, we had a record-setting Spring Book Sale in April. Everyone who attended was pleased with the extensive selection of fiction and non-fiction books for all ages. We are thankful to all our volunteers who make these sales possible. All our combined efforts help support library programs and unfunded library needs.

We are looking forward to our Back to School Sale planned for August 2nd to August 4th . We hope you join us in making this sale a huge success.



## Friends of the Centreville Regional Library

### Board Members

#### Officers:

- President: Sharon Gottovi**
- Vice-President/Treasurer: Tara Lassiter**
- Secretary: Rhonda Savage**

#### Committee Chairs:

- Book Sales: Cathy Pluchinsky**
- Book Sorting: Cathy Pluchinsky**
- Volunteer Recruitment: Dennie Knox**
- Volunteer Records: Dora Martinez**

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# BOOK SALE DATES 2024

**Back to School Book Sale**

**August 2-4**

**Fall/Holiday Book Sale\***

**November 15-17**

\*Due to the close dates and amount of work to set up for sales the Board decided to combine the Fall and Holiday Sales. This year and going forward we will have three book sales a year instead of four.



## SPRING BOOK SALE UPDATE

**Total**

**# of Books Sold: 3,798 Friday & Saturday  
+ 110 bags at BagSale on Sunday**

**Income:**

**\$8,371**

**Total # of volunteers: 31**

**22 Adults + 9 Students**

**Total # of volunteer hours: 385**

Thanks to all the Friends volunteers who helped with our Spring Book Sale in April! We had a good turnout, and had plenty of positive feedback from the patrons who came to our sale. Our sale hours were Friday 1-5, Saturday 10-5, and Sunday we held our bag sale from 1-4. We brought in a total of \$8,731, beating all of our previous sales!

We can't thank our volunteers enough for all of their hard work and dedication to our efforts to support the library. It is because of YOU that we have been able to hold these successful events over the past three years.

The community appreciates having a place to donate books and having the opportunity to attend our book sales.

Cathy Pluchinsky

Sales Manager



# 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, 2023, to present we have sold 118 books online for a total of \$3,761 which is an average of \$31.87 per book.

## Book Sorting Refresher Training

We had a great turnout for the refresher session held on June 8th for our book sorters. Thanks to all of you who attended. We reviewed some of the most important aspects of sorting the book donations and provided some updates to our procedures.

**Here are some of the key points to remember:**

### 1) **Most important things to do when SORTING:**

- a. Check condition of each book: outside cover AND inside pages!
- b. Flip through pages:
  - ◆ Recycle books that are smelly, have too much writing, torn pages, very yellowed pages, or out of date books
  - ◆ If keeping, remove book marks, sticky notes, random papers, price stickers
- c. Excellent quality books:
  - ◆ Check publication dates
  - ◆ Check for inscription on inside cover (we do not bump up books that have names or inscriptions inside)
  - ◆ Place on appropriate Bump Up shelf
- d. Check for bar code on back: library book (or local school) still in circulation? If bar code is not blackened out, give to library staff member.

### 2) **Most important things to do when RESTOCKING Ongoing Book Sale:**

- a. Do NOT re-stock with quality books. If you find what appears to be an excellent-quality book on the regular sorting shelves in the back or on the Ongoing Sale shelves, check for the following:
  - ◆ Inscription or name on inside cover (this is NOT a bump up)
  - ◆ Writing or poor condition inside (this is NOT a bump up)
  - ◆ Publication date: if published in recent years and excellent quality inside and out – place on appropriate Bump Up shelf in the back room
- b. Remember to place a yellow price sticker on the top right corner of cover for the following books:
  - ◆ \$2 – Adult Nonfiction paperback
  - ◆ \$1 – Teen & Preteen tall paperback



# Volunteer Hours

Why is it necessary to record volunteer hours incurred by the Friends of Centreville Regional Library? I'm sure that has been a question you as a volunteer have been wondering and asking yourself.

In answer to that question, all Library systems in Fairfax County are required to submit volunteer hours on a monthly basis to the County. As part of her job, our library volunteer coordinator, Jyoti Shirke, submits a tally of volunteer hours and the number of volunteers each month. Why does the County want these hours? The services the Library is able to provide within each community including volunteer hours, book sales, and other programs is a criteria used by the County to determine where to allocate resources. Continued support to the library by volunteering, contributes to how our library is positively viewed by those responsible for making improvement and allocation decisions.

I hope this has answered that burning question - Why volunteer? and Why record hours?

- ⇒ **March - Total 134 hours by 19 volunteers**
- ⇒ **April - Total 539 hours by 32 volunteers.**  
**Book Sale setup/sale/takedown 385 hours, ongoing sorting/replenishment 154 hours.**
- ⇒ **May volunteer - Total 74 hours (after book sale) for 14 volunteers**

**Dora Martinez**  
**Volunteer Records Manager**



**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.**



# Children's Summer Reading Festival



We have Expanded our Support to our Libraries!!

For the second year, our Centreville Friends group has become a sponsor of the co-hosted Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) and the Library Foundation Children's Summer Reading Festival. We have done this in conjunction with a few other Library Friends groups.

Our sponsorship level is at \$2,500 and is only possible because of the hard and dedicated work of you, our volunteers!!! We thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to support our children and their interest in this foundational skill of reading.



This Festival is a wildly popular annual event attended by over 2,500 children and families last year. Last year FCPL recorded a record-

breaking 15,000 summer reading program participants! It is usually a two-day event held at two library locations.

The first day for 2024 is already behind us, but you have an opportunity to attend this free activity (especially if you have family and friends with children) at Chantilly Regional Library on Sunday, Aug 18 from 12 to 3 PM.



What to expect? Games, crafts, Bounce House, snacks, facepainting, photobooth, food trucks, mini zoo and more!

Thank you again for helping us support children's literacy in our community.

See you there!



# Friends and Advocates Network (FAN)

Is it Time to "Up" Your Support to our Libraries?

We know you are a serious supporter of our libraries because of the work you do as a volunteer with Centreville Friends. Did you know you can join the Friends and Advocates Network (FAN) that the Library Board of Trustees established in 2023 to help advocate for our libraries?

FAN is an impact group comprised of the Library Board, Foundation Directors, Friends groups and individual community members, who "share a collective voice during times of need such as budget season. FAN works to provide a concise and clear message for all to use with individuals adding their unique stories and experiences."

FAN participants communicate with their Fairfax County Board of Supervisors when requested by the Library Board. To make it easier on our FANs and to ensure similar messaging, the Board of Trustees provide sample communications to modify and personalize as needed.



The Sully District Supervisor is Kathy Smith and she has been very supportive of funding for our libraries. However, since COVID and the reduction in commercial property tax receipts, the county has been struggling to fund all the resource demands on our county government. FANs can play a significant role advocating for maintaining and/or increasing funding for our library system.


We believe that because of the advocacy efforts of our FAN community, the county has added to our book collection budget with special monies over the last two years! This has amounted to a total of \$800,000!!!


Won't you consider being a part of our FAN community? If yes, please email [lizwalker2@icloud.com](mailto:lizwalker2@icloud.com) with your email and phone number (preferably cell). When we have a need for your advocacy, we will be in touch.


Liz Walker  
Sully District Representative  
Board of Trustees, Fairfax County Library


# ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

Participating is as  
easy as **1-2-3!**

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**JUNE 12-AUG. 18, 2024**



## LEARN MORE



[bit.ly/FCPL-SRA](https://bit.ly/FCPL-SRA)

- 1. SIGN UP!** Starting **June 5**, register for the **Summer Reading Adventure** at [fairfaxcounty.beanstack.org](https://fairfaxcounty.beanstack.org).
- 2. READ!** The Adventure begins **June 12!** Track the books you read, minutes you spend reading and activities you complete.
- 3. GET PRIZES!** Once you complete your reading goals, visit your neighborhood library branch and receive prizes for finishing the program.

  
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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

## ***2024 Library Closing Dates***

07/04—Independence Day—Thursday, July 4, 2024

09/02—Labor Day—Monday, September 2, 2024

11/05—Election Day—Tuesday, November 5, 2024

11/11—Veterans Day—Monday, November 11, 2024

11/28—Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, November 28, 2024

11/29—Day After Thanksgiving—Friday, November 29, 2024

12/24—Christmas Eve (half day)—Tuesday, December 24, 2024

All branches, Community and Regional, will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, 12/24.

12/25—Christmas Day—Wednesday, December 25, 2024

12/31—New Year's Eve (Close at 5pm)—Tuesday, December 31, 2024

All branches, Community and Regional, will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, 12/31.

Help your library find just the right books for you — handpicked for pickup.

For more information go to <https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/library-to-go> and take a couple minutes to complete the form.

We'll be in touch when your handpicked items are ready for pickup at your branch.



# Library TO GO

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