

NEWSLETTER – FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

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President's Letter

Charlie Draper, President, Friends of the Salem Library

It's been a year of change; a year of change for the Salem Library and for the Friends of the Library. The Friends welcome Ann Tripp as the new Director of the Salem Library. Our friend, Janis Augustine has entered a well-earned retirement. Twenty five members and guests celebrated Janis' retirement with punch and cake after the July meeting.

We lost two dear members this year, Dr. Bob and Alice Paine. Bob and Alice joined the Friends soon after its founding. They were regular participants at our meetings, even when I'm sure their health made it difficult to attend. At the meeting, July 12, 2014 meeting, their Daughter, Emily, made the following presentation:

Dear "FOSLs" and Staff of our Salem Public Library,

You know that my dear parents would love to be at this gathering. The library was so important to them, and they enjoyed their volunteer hours. Please accept these two bequests from their estates (\$2,000.00 each) in memory of Dr. Robert E. Paine, Jr. and Alice Parson Paine.

They lovingly remembered you in their wills, and I hope that you will remember them. KEEP UP YOUR GOOD WORK!

Peace, Emily Paine Carter

And we will remember.

A book on flowers was purchased in the memory of Dorothy Davis, also lost this year. We miss Dorothy and her beautiful flower arrangements.

Ken Soznowski, our Vice President, has put on an additional FOSL hat. Ken is now the Book Sale Chairman. Ken replaces Sara Ahalt. Sara has directed our annual book sale since I joined FOSL and longer. She did a wonderful job making the book sale a Salem event. It's looked forward to by FOSL members, other book lovers, and book dealers alike. Join me in supporting Ken as he continues that tradition. See Ken's comments on page 2. ♦

The Baton is Passed



Janis

Ann

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for the lovely reception and gifts in honor of my retirement at your July meeting. I was very touched by how many of you came out then and also to my reception at City Hall.

I am enjoying retirement, and I hope most of you have been able to meet Ann Tripp, the new library director. Ann is a graduate of Roanoke College and received her Master's in Library and Information Science from the Catholic University of America. She worked at the Library of Virginia, County of Henrico Public Libraries, Roanoke Public Libraries, and most recently as the branch librarian at the Hollins Branch Library in Roanoke County. Ann is married to Salem native Ben Tripp, and they have a three-year-old daughter named Maggie, who loves books and reading just as much as her mother.

See you at the book sale!

Thank you again, Janis Augustine ♦

BOOK SALE TIME

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We have Books!

By Ken Soznowski, Book Sale Chairman and VP

Want a book?

We could have it. We have more books this year than in recent years, an estimated 15,000 and they are still coming in. We had to use an off-site storage location when we ran out of room in the library.

Right now our dedicated members are busy unpacking hundreds of boxes and sorting the contents and some of those contents are unique, one-of-a-kind.

Remember, we take credit cards. And also remember the members' lunch on Friday. A good book, good friends and a good lunch; does it get any better? ♦



Donated books on Library mezzanine



Janis and Margaret hard at work sorting books

Member's Book Sale and Luncheon

By The Editor

MEMBERS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY GET FIRST CHOICE. The Member's Sale is FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 12 between 9:30 and 11:30 am. Be at the Salem Library Meeting room during that time and find the book, or maybe the book on tape or CD, that you have been looking for at a price you can't believe. As in the past, we also have DVDs, and even some fine old LP records. Of course, we have tons of fiction, non-fiction, biography, history, and a large assortment of children's books. You will also find science, reference, computers, self-help books and much, much more.

And, as Ken reminded you, you can pay for your books with your major credit card.

If you are not a member of the Friends or have forgotten to renew your membership in January, you don't have to miss the sale. You can join at the door during the Member's Sale.

After you find all of those books you were looking for, stay for the delicious lunch the Library Staff has prepared for the Friends. The lunch will be served between noon and 1 pm. **RSVP is required. See page 4.♦**



Patrons enjoying a Friends Book Sale in years past

2014 Summer Reading

By Maureen Harrill, Children's Librarian

FIZZ, BOOM, READ! This was the theme at this year's Children's Summer Reading Program. Over 500 children signed up, read lots of books, earned prizes and came to many family programs from June 18 through July 30. The children read over 3,000 hours during this period.

The reading incentives were given out for every 5 hours of reading starting with a wind-up ladybug toy and proceeding with a variety of prizes including a plastic compass, sunglasses, etc. The final and most exciting prize was a 6 inch floppy black bear. It was awarded to 152 children. The children were excited to receive their prizes and our library staff enthusiastically helped them all.

Our kick-off program took place June 18 with Wes Iseli's **Party Magic**. Wes entertained 240 very happy children and their parents at morning and afternoon performances. We had two animal programs including the **Wildlife Center** from Waynesboro and the local **Little Critter Petting Zoo**. The **Salem Art Center** offered a creative painting class for ages 8-11. Later in the month, **Backpack Puppets** performed to happy squeals and laughter! Craft Days and Story Time classes each week were also part of the fun.

Thanks to the Friends of the Salem Library and the City of Salem for funding our wonderful Summer Reading Program. ♦



Children's Library window recording reading success

Art Show

By The Editor

On May 18, the Salem Library and the Friends hosted the annual Art Show and Reception. More than 100 pieces of art, created by Salem elementary school students, were displayed. The library meeting room was crowded by the student artists, they're friends, and family. The Friends provide refreshments for the event. ♦



Refreshments



MaKenna proudly shows her art

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Membership dues (other than Life) are payable **January 1 of each year**. Consult your mailing label. If the date shown is **prior to 2014**, please renew your membership. You may pay by check (payable to FOSL) at the Library desk, by mail, or the Member's sale.

Important Dates

FOSL holds four regular meetings each year. They are on the 2nd Sunday of the scheduled month starting at 2PM and last for approximately one hour.

- August 18 through September 11, Book Sale preparation in Library Meeting Room
- September 12 through 14, **FOSL Book Sale**
Member's Sale: Friday 12th 9:30 - 11:30
Member's Luncheon: Friday 12th Noon - 1
Public Sale: Friday 12th 1 - 4
Public Sale: Saturday 13th 9 - 5
Public Sale: Sunday, 14th 1:30 - 4
- September 15, Meeting Room Cleanup
- October 12, regular meeting:
- January 11, 2015, regular meeting: **Election of Officers**

Members are encouraged to attend and contribute to regular business meetings and to volunteer to help make activities such as the Book Sale a success.◇

Member's Luncheon

The Staff on the Salem Library invites the Members of the Friends of the Salem Library to the Member's Luncheon on:

Friday, September 12 at 12:00PM
Right after the Members' Sale

Please RSVP to 375-3089 or e-mail library@salemva.gov