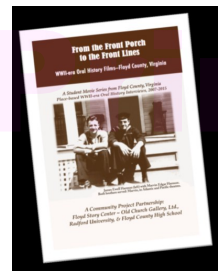




Library News | Spring 2018

From the Friends of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

We are extremely excited about an event taking place at Jessie Peterman Library on Saturday, April 14th and, on a smaller scale, at all the branches later in the summer. “From the Front Porch to the Front Lines: Rural Virginia on a Threshold of Change” is an all-day film premiere of movies made from the *Roots with Wings* oral history project over a period of 9 years... **[Continued on page 3]**



A warm welcome to all our many new members! We are so happy to join with you in supporting the extraordinary programming at the four public libraries in Montgomery and Floyd Counties.

I am frequently asked by prospective members if these libraries are not already being supported through their taxes. They are indeed! The counties pay for salaries, books, magazines, furniture, computers, and more. But you, dear Friends, add frosting to that cake by supporting the exceptional programming for children and adults.

Thank you for making a significant contribution to the cultural life of our communities!

By Ellen Hall: (President, Montgomery Friends)

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Spring Calendar

March
Saturday
24

Author Daniel Thorp reads from his novel *Facing Freedom* | Blacksburg Library, 2 PM

March
Sunday
25

Author Noley Reid reads from her book *We Are Lovely* | Blacksburg Library, 2 PM

April
Saturday
14

“From the Front Porch to the Front Lines: Rural Virginia on a Threshold of Change” | Peterman Library, Floyd.

April
Saturday
15

Author Angie Smibert will discuss her new book *Mining Family History (for Stories)* | Blacksburg Library, 2 PM.

April
Saturday
28

Author Dr. Mary McDonald will discuss her book *The Magneton* | Blacksburg Library 2 PM.



May
Saturday
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EastMont Garden Day & Tractor/Lawn Mower Show | Meadowbrook Center, 9 AM - 1 PM.

May
Saturday
12

Music on the Lawn Series featuring Ron Ireland | Christiansburg Library.

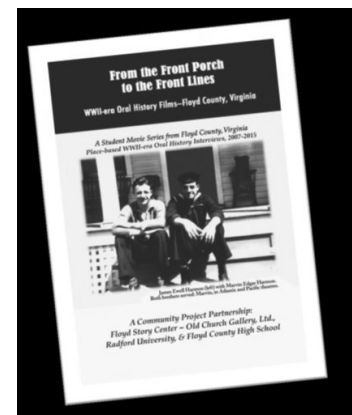
Branch Updates

FLOYD | [Continued from page 1] The subjects are all Floyd County residents who came of age during the Great Depression and WW II. The collection has been funded in part through a grant from the VA Foundation for the Humanities. The event will last from 10 AM to 3:30 PM with refreshments served, and many of the subjects will be present. A 2-DVD set of short films and a 12-page biographical booklet is part of the project. All branches of the library will receive a copy of the DVDs. We invite everyone to drop in for any or all of the day and hear these amazing recollections.

The Floyd Friends of the Library held an extremely successful membership drive in late January and were rewarded with many renewals and a large number of new members. Thank you to all of you who have renewed

or joined for the first time! We so appreciate your support. A special thanks goes out to those who joined at the gold level or higher: Bob and Rita Cricenti, Wayne and Cathy Driscoll, John Hopkins, Susan McCrea, and Anne Wilmot.

By Cathryne Whitten (Branch Supervisor)



Branch Updates Cont'd

BLACKSBURG | Hello Friends! The Blacksburg Library has so many fun and interesting programs lined up for the spring. We are highlighting several local authors during the next few months. On Saturday, March 24th at 2 p.m., Shawsville author, **Daniel Thorp**, will present his book, *Facing Freedom*, which relates the experience of Montgomery County, VA's African American community in the four decades following the Civil War. **Noley Reid** will be here on Sunday, March 25th at 2 p.m. to talk about her new book, *We Are Love-ly*; which is set in Blacksburg. **Angie Smibert** will discuss her new book *Mining Family History (for Stories)* on Saturday, April 15th. And local author and veterinarian **Dr. Mary McDonald** will discuss her book *The Magne-ton* April 28th.

We will host three other events that are sure to be popular with our community. For those of us with too much yarn, paint, and ribbons, etc., the Blacksburg Library will host a Craft Supply Swap on April 14. Spruce

up your garden by attending our Spring Plant Swap on April 28th. Finally, we are very excited to announce that the Blacksburg Library will hold a Book Sale from Thursday, April 19 to Sunday, April 22. For \$5, our community will be able to fill a bag with great books. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library. Stop by and help make this sale a huge success!

By Monena Hall (Branch Supervisor)



CHRISTIANSBURG | The Christiansburg Library is continually grateful for the support of the Friends of the Library. Our winter programming has been very successful and we have been taking advantage of the unseasonable warm weather.

In December, Mrs. Claus stopped by to read stories to children and their families and we had 69 people in attendance. We also had 24 participants in our January Art Club, where the young artists made 2018 themed collages inspired by Jasper Johns. In February, we were lucky enough to have three presenters come in for programming. Logan Doughty of Personal Self Protection led a self-defense workshop, Larry and Daphne Patty presented an ASL workshop, and Daniel Thorpe presented from his new book *Facing Freedom: An African American Community in Virginia from Reconstruction to Jim Crow*. All three programs had excellent attendance.

We are very excited about our upcoming programming

in the spring and summer. **We will be hosting our annual Music on the Lawn series through the support of the Friends. Mark your calendars now so you remember.** These outdoor concerts are a lot of fun and great way to spend a Saturday evening in the summer. Bring a blanket and a picnic and enjoy. The schedule for the 2018 series is as follows.

May 12th | Ron Ireland

June 16th | Piedmont Bluz

July 7th | Amber Collins

August 26th | Adam McPeak Band

Thank you so much for your continued support!

By Selena Sullivan (Branch Supervisor)

Branch Updates Cont'd

MEADOWBROOK | EastMont Garden Day & Tractor/Lawn Mower Show. Saturday, May 5, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Meadowbrook Center, Shawsville.

Join us for Garden Day in the courtyard of the Meadowbrook Center. Perennials & vegetable plants for sale, arts and crafts booths, farmers market, Friends of the Library book sale, free craft activities for kids courtesy of Meadowbrook Public Library, and much more! This

event is sponsored by EastMont Garden Club. **Tractor/Lawn Mower Show Sponsored by Meadowbrook Public Library and Montgomery County Parks and Recreation.** Prizes will be awarded for people's choice, most original and most unique riding lawn mower. If you would like to enter your tractor or lawn mower or have questions, please call the library at 268-1964.

By Cindy Minnick (Branch Supervisor)



Remembering Linda Wilson | Linda Wilson was a great friend to the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library. She gave greatly of her time and talents, making her contributions to the community while working quietly in the background.

Among her contributions was chairing the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees from 2001 – 2003. She was also president of the Friends of the Library and edited the Friends' quarterly newsletter for several years.

Linda served on the committee that crafted the old Meadowbrook Nursing Home into the Meadowbrook Center which houses our Meadowbrook Public Library, Meadowbrook Museum, and Waldron Wellness Center. She was also a member of the Eastern Montgomery Garden Club and the Eastmont Arts Association.

Known as an excellent quilter, Linda presented many quilting programs at the Meadowbrook Public Library. Her first quilting program launched the formation of the Meadowbrook Quilters which is still very active in

Eastern Montgomery.

Her friendship and soft spoken ways will not be forgotten.

If you would like to make a donation in Linda's memory, please contact the Meadowbrook Public Library at 540-268-1964.

By Linda Spivey (Outreach and PR Coordinator, MFRPL)



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General News

Membership Drive | The January membership Drive was a Great Success!

Many thanks to all these volunteers who brought in 91 new members during the January membership drive:

Marilyn Bowman, Lynn Brammer, Judith Chase, Piper Durrell, Phyllis Eschenmann, Linda Greaver, Ann Groves, Ellen Hall, Connie Heindel, Ruth Heinzelmänn, Virginia Jedda, Erma Jones, Susan Keith, Beldon Langford, Mary Elizabeth Lindon, Susan Marchi, Susan McMains, Evelyn Melia, Elva Miller, Marg Modlin, Pat Monroe, Franklyn Moreno, Lindsay Phipps, S.J. Ritchey, Jana Ruble, Phyllis Salom, Jill Songer, Marilyn Spencer, Ken Vaughan.

Thanks also to Linda Greaver, Ruth Heinzelmänn and Piper Durrell for organizing the drives at Christiansburg, Meadowbrook and Blacksburg, and to the library staff at each branch who were helpful in so many ways.

By Linda Greaver



Newsletter Editor | With this issue, Jeanette Staats is stepping down as the editor of our newsletter. She has successfully produced four issues a year for seven years and shepherded us through changes in format and the addition of color.

Taking her place is Ken Vaughan. Ken has been serving on the Membership Committee this past year. His background is in technical writing, marketing, customer

satisfaction analytics and software. Thank you, Ken, and welcome!

By Ellen Hall

[Editor's Note: Most importantly, though, he's a book lover!]

Sponsorships | The following businesses have *already* committed to sponsoring major events in 2018.

Summer Garden Tour Sponsors:



Summer Reading Program Sponsors:



...Now's the perfect time to join the list!

General News Cont'd

SAVE THE DATE! | The Friendly Garden Tour is July 7, 2018. Plan now to visit these beautiful Blacksburg gardens:

Sue and John Brilliant | 1501 Trillium Ln
Eric Effinger | 710 Harding Ave
Ellen and Philo Hall | 603 Draper Rd SW
Christine McCann | 802 Gracelyn Ct
Kathy and John Pinkerton | 401 Edgewood Ln
Jeanne and Dave Roper | 1001 Auburn Dr
Elissa and Harry Steeves | 704 and 706 York Dr



Tickets will be available on June 1 at MFRL Libraries (Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Jessie Peterman, and Meadowbrook) as well as at Salem and Radford Libraries.



For additional information, see www.newrivervalleygardentour.org.

By Ellen Hall

Friends in Montgomery County: over a hundred of our members have already renewed for 2018. Have you? Please check your mailing label. If your mailing label includes the line "Renewed through 2018" or if you've already done so, please disregard.

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