

Library News

From Friends of the Montgomery - Floyd Regional Library

Spring 2016 Edition

Preserving History at Home

Friends of the Library Joint Regional Annual Meeting
April 14, 2:00 PM, Christiansburg Library

Have you been wondering how best to take care of your family treasures? We are so fortunate to have Sherry Wyatt present ***Preserving History at Home*** at our Regional Meeting. As Collections Manager at the Montgomery Museum and Lewis Miller Regional Art Center, Sherry is responsible for the care and preservation of the Museum's objects.

On April 12th she will share her expertise by introducing us to the proper care and storage of documents, textiles, photographs, wood, metals and ceramics. You'll receive tips on the effects of temperature, humidity, and when and how to clean. This is a wonderful opportunity to improve our ability to care for our own most valuable possessions.

There will be a short business meeting followed by Sherry Wyatt's talk. Refreshments for this program

are provided by the Friends of the Library. Please join us at this new time, 2:00 pm at the Christiansburg Library located at 125 Sheltman Street.



The January Membership Drive was a Great Success!

We now have 223 Members.

MANY THANKS to all the following volunteers who made the January membership drive such a success!

Don Creamer, Virginia Jedda, Susan Keith, Ann Grove, Julee Farley, Jane Thorp,
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Sandy Cox, Marg Modlin, Ruth Heinzelman, & The Shawsville Library Staff.

From the desk of ...

Paula Alston, Director, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library



Happy Spring to everyone. Punxsutawney Phil predicts an early spring this year and I'm going to hold him to it. I'm tired of cold weather even though it is the perfect time to curl up with a good book, a cup of tea and a cat. I've decided you can do that in the spring, too. If you need help finding that good book, just ask a staff member or use our **"Looking for a good book"** service on our website. We will soon be adding a database called Dear Reader that will help you as well.

We started taking passport applications at the Christiansburg, Blacksburg and Jessie Peterman Libraries in December. It has been very successful. In three months, we have taken 222 applications. Please

help us spread the word. We do it by appointment only, so call 382-6969 ex 210.

We are excited to welcome the latest addition to our reading garden at the Meadowbrook Library — Elwood the Frog (pictured on the Meadowbrook News page). Elwood was installed and dedicated on February 20 and has been a hit. Thank you to our many donors who contributed money so we could buy him. He loves his new home! Elwood wants everyone to know how important it is to read. Read to yourself, read to someone else, it doesn't matter, so Elwood joins me in saying.....**whatever you do, keep on reading!**

Ellen Hall, President, Friends of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

Be sure to mark April 12th on your calendars. We all have family treasures that need tender, loving care. Here's an image of a dress jacket of my grandmother's. It's more than a hundred years old. I'll bet you all have at least one treasure in your attics or closets or drawers. Perhaps it's the family Bible, an old photo, a Civil War document, a beloved tea cup. Preserving these objects is critical to the preservation of family histories and is a true gift to our children, nieces or nephews. We are so fortunate to have Sherry Wyatt share tips on the preservation of these objects.



And did you notice our April 12th meeting will be at 2:00 pm instead of in the evening? We will all be able to enjoy a safer drive to the program.

Our January membership drive was a big success. We welcome the 37 new members that joined as a result. It couldn't have been done without the help of the many volunteers at each library inviting everyone to join or renew.

Finally, a big thank you to Mary North, outgoing president of the Friends. Over the last five years she has enabled the Friends to provide significant, ongoing financial resources for the Library.

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Floyd Friends

Spring is almost here and we don't know about you but we're ready to leave home not dressed like the Michelin Tire Man and to see those flowers coming up in the yard. **Thank you to all the returning and new Floyd members who made our membership drive a success this year!** We appreciate every member but particularly want to thank our gold members, Susan McCrea and Bob and Rita Cricenti. For those of you who haven't yet renewed, it's not too late but this will be your last newsletter without a renewal. Membership forms are always available in the library (*and enclosed in this newsletter*). Thank you again to those of you who have shown your generosity and support. Every penny you donate to the Friends stays in Floyd for our needs.

Blacksburg Library News

Book-Making Program and Art at the Blacksburg Library

Recently the Blacksburg Library hosted an evening program of book-making. Using funds provided by the Friends of the Library, we secured Becca Imbur, a local artist, to lead a workshop in the art of creating a small, handmade accordion-style book. Supplies were provided for the first twenty adults who registered and registration was full with a long waiting list! All who attended made a small book to give as a Valentine's Day gift or to keep for their own enjoyment. Many inquiries have been made since if we'll be able to offer another program with Becca, and we certainly hope so.



Becca Imbur is a mixed media book artist who lives in Blacksburg. She sells book-making kits online through *Etsy* – you can find her offerings at *Bimbur Books & Design*. Becca is committed to community building and engagement and also had previously offered a free book making workshop to local teens at the Blacksburg branch. We were very thankful not only for the funding from the Friends to make the adult book-making program available but also that Becca is a bibliophile and a library supporter, which means she gave us a superb discount! Keep your eyes peeled – we hope to repeat this program in the near future!

The Blacksburg Library continues to highlight local artists in a variety of ways including constantly having artwork on display. Our ***Meet the Artists series*** has brought many local artists in to talk about their work, provide a demonstration and even lead workshops on occasions. Local wood turner Harold Lambert recently displayed his work and talked about his craft. P. Buckley Moss's work has been on display throughout February and she offered a presentation and demonstration on Sunday, March 6 at 2:00 PM.

The Textile Artists of Virginia (TAVA) group will display their "Everything Nature" creations in July through August. A fabric postcard workshop will also be offered during this time, and the date will soon be announced. *Check our website, subscribe to our online newsletter, and visit the library to learn more about upcoming programs!*



Meadowbrook Library News

Meadowbrook Public Library celebrated its 10th Anniversary on Saturday, February 20. Guest speakers included Tom Angleberger, Cece Bell, Gary Creed, and Michael Hemphill. Elwood the Frog courtyard sculpture was unveiled and he made a splash with all. Afterwards attendees enjoyed music by Fort Vause and refreshments. Special thank you goes to the Friends of the Library, volunteers, and speakers for their support for this wonderful occasion.



Formal/Prom Dress Drive

We are preparing for our upcoming annual *Prom Dress Extravaganza*. Last year we had a good turn out and we are looking forward to another wonderful program. Juniors and seniors had the opportunity to select a dress. We had a large variety of dresses for them to choose from. You can help us. Do you have a formal dress you'll never wear again taking up valuable real estate in your closet? Donate your gently worn, clean formal to Meadowbrook Public Library. **Look for more information to come about our Prom Dress Program Thursday, April 7, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

EastMont Garden Day & Tractor Show

Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Meadowbrook Center

Join us for Garden Day in the courtyard of the Meadowbrook Center. Perennials & vegetable plants for sale; arts and crafts booths; music, master gardeners; Learn to propagate plants; Farmers Market; NRV Beekeepers; Garden Olympics; Friends of the Library Book Sale; Free activities for kids courtesy of Meadowbrook Public Library, and much more! This event is sponsored by EastMont Garden Club. **Tractor 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 tractor. If you would like to enter your tractor please call the library at 268-1964.



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Over two hundred of our members have already renewed for 2016. *Are you one of them?*

Please check your mailing label.

It will include the line **"Renewed through 2016"** if you have already renewed.

Christiansburg Library News

A Message from Monena

Hello! I am so excited to be back in a vibrant public library! The Christiansburg Library team is busy cooking up lots of programming ideas for the spring and summer and we look forward to sharing those ideas with you, our Friends of the Library! I love how invested our Friends are in the success of the Montgomery County libraries and I want to say THANK YOU for your continued support! I would love to meet you, so stop by and say HI!

Upcoming Events

The first day of spring is Saturday, March 19th! In celebration, Master Gardener Erica Jones and the Christiansburg Library will host a **Welcome Spring event** from 2-4, offering crafts, seed planting, leaf rubbings, and other activities for all ages.

Bill Jamerson Presents: Dollar-A-Day Boys; a fun, nostalgic look at the 1930's Federal Works Program that gave employment to 3.5 million men. This musical tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps will include hilarious stories, foot tapping songs, and a short video, making this a "must see" experience!

The Christiansburg Library, Friends of the Library, and Warm Hearth present this unique performance on Friday, April 8, at 7pm at Town Oaks Hall – 2607 Warm Hearth Drive, Blacksburg. Light refreshments will be provided.

Christiansburg Library is partnering with the Montgomery County Museum to bring two April events. Samantha Parish Riffin will present **Antique Speak on Saturday, April 10** from 2-4, featuring general information on the identification of antiques, including terms and category definitions, aiding in a better understanding of the popular and fascinating pastime of antique collecting. Light refreshments will be served. The second event, **Preserving Community Heirlooms**, will take place on *Saturday, April 23rd* at the Christiansburg Library. Attendees will be invited to bring up to three items each to be digitally recorded, and they will be provided with preservation and identification advice for those items. The Museum requests that items brought to digitization days be the property of the attendee, and not so large as to need assistance to bring them inside to be viewed and digitized.

We have two exciting **Artists in Residence** for April, May, and June. The Christiansburg Library will host an Artists Reception for Sam Bower, local watercolorist, on *Saturday, April 2nd at 1pm*. During the months of May and June, we will host the art of Ann Sinderman and Marilyn Bayer. Their art will celebrate their birthdays and their life-time of friendship. Their reception will be held on *Sunday, May 1 from 1-2*. Save the date! Our summer Music on the Lawn series begins *Saturday, May 21st at 7pm*. We will share more information in the summer newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support!

thank you!

The following businesses have already committed to sponsoring major events in 2016.

Summer Garden Tour

Collison Plus, Crow's Nest Greenhouses, Main Street Inn, The Oaks Victorian Inn, and Warm Hearth

Summer Reading Program

Adventure Club and Rainbow Riders

THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to all who donated, attended, bid, and supported the 3rd Annual Bountiful Baskets Auction.

The auction raised over \$10,000 for the Foundation and couldn't have done it without your help!

Also, a big THANK YOU to our Sponsors:

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Save The Date!

4th Annual Bountiful Baskets Auction

***NEW Date:* Friday, November 4th**

***NEW Location:* Blacksburg Library!**

MFRL Foundation News

Information from the MFRL Foundation

March 2016

We Love Our Libraries!

From the Frog Sculpture to the Butterfly Garden and the Nanie Hariston Project, the MFRL Foundation provides a way in which donors can give to specific projects or give generally to the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Libraries.

And while most of our donations are unrestricted and used for Library development, we also receive gifts throughout the year designated for specific projects.

We keep a pretty low profile most of the year, but this past year we were very excited to raise over \$27,000 for the MFRL Foundation!

The vision of a long-term Endowment is our ultimate goal to help make our libraries financially stable for generations to come.

We love our libraries!

Cordially,

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Join us for the 4th Annual
Bountiful Baskets Auction
Friday, November 4
at the Blacksburg Library!

We are looking forward to our new venue and being able to host this fun, lively event in the spacious, wonderful Blacksburg Library.

Join us for over 100 unique baskets, many of them one-of-a-kind, yummy munchies, and a great conversation.

Look for details in this summer's Friend's Newsletter.

Not familiar with the MFRL Foundation? We are a nonprofit, charitable organization that works to enhance the collection, facilities, and programming opportunities for all public libraries in Montgomery and Floyd counties. The Foundation provides funding for projects that complement, but do not supplant, the counties' responsibility for continued operation of the MRFL system.

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