

Library News | Winter 2019

From the Friends of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library



Friends Update

Dear Friends,

You are the best! **Thanks to you the Friends of the Library was able to contribute \$30,000 this month to the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library system.** You are providing the critical funds that make program enhancements a reality.

- You contributed \$9,000 in membership dues and donations.
- Five Garden Tour sponsors (**Blacksburg Breakfast Lions Club, Bonomo's, Brown Insurance, Crow's Nest Greenhouses, and The Oaks Victorian Inn**) donated \$1,000 each, covering the

costs of the tour and resulting in a net profit for library programs of \$6,600.

- Some of our volunteers work with the book sales at the four branches. They made over \$1,600 in sales this year.

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Winter Calendar

January
Saturday

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Bring your work for small-group feedback and editing. This group will meet the first and third Saturday each month | Meadowbrook Library

January
Sunday

27

Wild Garden Club: Climate Change. Fred First and Jane Cundiff present most recent climate change info, global and local. | 2-4pm, Jessie Peterman Memorial Library.

January
Monday

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Local author talk by **Alexander Dickow**, poet and Associate Professor of French Language and Culture at Virginia | Blacksburg Library

January
All Month

Adult Winter Reading Program. Snow better time to read! All month-long, come to the front desk and fill out a slip to be entered into our weekly drawings for prizes | Christiansburg Library

January
Saturday

5, 19, 20, 26



So you want to be a beekeeper? Now is the time to start for 2019. Get all the answers to your questions.
Saturday, January 5, 1:30 - 2:30 PM at the Jessie Peterman Memorial Library
Saturday, January 19, 1:30 - 2:30 PM at the Christiansburg Library
Sunday, January 20, 1:30 - 2:30 PM at the Meadowbrook Public Library
Saturday, January 26, 1:30 - 2:30 PM at the Blacksburg Library

General News

Friends Update | [Cont'd from 1]

- Contributors and sponsors of the Summer Reading Program for children (**Collision Plus, McMillion and McMillion CPA, Rainbow Riders, and The Adventure Club**) paid the costs of four professional entertainers, attracting an attendance of over 1,400 very delighted children. These entertainers found special ways of incorporating books and reading into their performances.
- The library staff provided a continuous array of additional educational events for adults and children throughout the summer. One favorite was a visit from the Mill Mountain Zoo.
- The staff organized hundreds of events throughout the school year including talks by authors, such as Beth Macy, as well as symposia, book clubs, story times, and musical performances.
- Your contributions paid for the supplies, publicity, prizes and refreshments for the above programs and events.

In addition, the Friends funds

- Pay for four issues of the Newsletter with a circulation of over 300 households
- Subsidize the cost of providing coffee for all patrons at the four libraries reading in 2019!

Wishing all of you the best of health and the best!

By Ellen Hall (President, Montgomery County Friends of the Library)

General News Cont'd

2019 Garden Tour | SAVE THE DATE! The 2019 New River Valley Garden Tour is July 6, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. rain or shine.

Plan now to visit these seven lovely gardens:

Alisa Colpitts

2902 Stradford Lane, Blacksburg

Margie and Warren Kark

245 Diamond Avenue, Christiansburg

Deb and Greg Miller - Willow Springs Farm

3673 Peppers Ferry Road, Radford

Bonnie and Franklyn Moreno

995 Carson Drive, Christiansburg

The Oaks Victorian Inn

311 East Main Street, Christiansburg

Carole and Philip Pappas

1903 Meadowview Circle, Blacksburg

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

1301 Gladewood Drive, Blacksburg



Tickets will be available on June 1 at MFRL libraries—Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Jessie Peterman, and Meadowbrook—as well as at Salem and Radford libraries. This year, tickets will also be available from our website www.newrivervalleygardentour.org as of June 1. Also be sure to check out the website for previews of next summer's gardens.

By Frieda Bostian (Garden Tour Committee)

Help Wanted: Treasurer

Help manage the financial assets and record the transactions of the Friends of the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library. Make 2-4 deposits per month, write 1 - 4 checks per month, and make reports to the Montgomery Friends monthly. QuickBooks files and Excel files available to make it easy. Please consider volunteering and giving back in this unique way. Contact Ellen Hall, efdhall@gmail.com, or Sam Hicks, shicks@vt.edu.

Branch Updates

MEADOWBROOK | Memorial Barn Quilt Dedication in memory of Linda Wilson was held on a beautiful – Saturday, November 17 in the Meadowbrook Courtyard.



The memorial barn quilt was unveiled in the garden of the Meadowbrook Courtyard, and Linda's love of quilt-

ing, gardening, and art are reflected in her years of dedicated service to the Meadowbrook Center. The barn quilt was created by artist Gaetan Desombre. The quilt represents her love of family, quilting, gardening, nature, and the community. **Linda Wilson was instrumental in the creation of the Meadowbrook Public Library.** Immediately following the dedication we had a program called *Quilting Treasures* with Kevin Womack. Textile artist, Kevin Womack, presented examples of his quilting work spanning the last 30 years, including examples of traditional quilting, art quilting, hand dying, and surface design techniques. Linda would have enjoyed the program and we are thankful for the beautiful barn quilt that will keep her memory alive.

By Cindy Minnick (Branch Supervisor)



BLACKSBURG | Hello to our wonderful Friends!

Let me start by thanking everyone for their support of the Fall Book Sale. Together, we sold 328 bags of books and made \$1,640 for the Friends of the Library. What a huge success! Due to the success of our two book sales this year, we have decided to continue to do two sales in 2019, in April and September. Plan ahead *and* donate your books to the library!

Can you believe 2019 is just a few weeks away? **Each month we will host a Family Fun Day with crafts, snacks, and a kid friendly movie.** Our first movie of 2019 will feature *The Incredibles 2* on January 3. We will continue to highlight local authors each month, starting with Alexander Dickow, poet and Associate Professor

of French Language and Culture at Virginia Tech on January 28.

April will be busy for the Blacksburg Library as we host a Clothing Swap, a Craft Supply Swap, and a Book Sale. Clear out your shelves, your closets, and your craft stashes... new treasures await!

Don't forget that we are happy to help with any new technology you receive for Christmas, and to provide excellent reading recommendations all year long. We are so grateful for all that you do to support the libraries!

Best wishes for a happy and restful holiday season.

By Monena Hall (Branch Supervisor)

General News Cont'd

Sponsorships | The following businesses have already committed to sponsoring events in 2019.

Summer Garden Tour:



Summer Reading Program:



Rainbow Riders
childcare center

Also, thanks to the **Van Tyne Family** for their sponsorship of both the Summer Garden Tour and Summer Reading Program.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Friends in Montgomery County: over a hundred of our members have already renewed for 2019. Have you?
Please check your mailing label.
If your mailing label includes the line "Renewed through 2019" or if you've already done so, please disregard.



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