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Jump Start your Holidays at the
Friends of the Library
11th Annual Fall

Book Sale!

November 5-13

Half-Price Days November 12 & 13

No scanners or other electronics 10am-1pm on Nov.5

10am-7pm all days

Gordon Ave. Library

Charlottesville, VA

Please, no donations October 22 – November 15!

Members only Pre-Sale on Friday, November 4 from 5-7pm.

All members of the Friends who have paid their dues will be entitled to purchase up to \$50 worth of materials before the official opening of the sale on Saturday. No scanners or other electronic devices. Items from the "Valuable and Attractive" list not available.

FULL SPEED AHEAD TO THE FALL SALE!

Peter Manno, Book Sale Manager

We're looking forward to seeing everyone here at the Fall Sale in just a few weeks. What we're not looking forward to is the retirement of Bill Davis, who has managed the Book Sale for 25 very successful years. I've been fortunate to be able to work with Bill for the past nine months and absorb some of the institutional knowledge and wisdom he has accumulated over those years. I would be more concerned about Bill's departure were it not for the many dedicated volunteers, members, donors and buyers who make the Friends and the Book Sales what they are.

LIBRARY NEWS

John Halliday, JMRL Director

Another Busy Year - Fiscal year 2016 (ending June 30th) was another record-setter for JMRL. More books and other library materials were checked out than ever before. Nearly 1.7 million items were circulated to local readers. Attendance at the library's programs funded by the Friends of the Library was also at an all-time high, up 24% compared to the year before. During the year, JMRL began keeping track of the number of people using their smartphones, tablets, and laptops with JMRL's WiFi service---so far, average monthly logins exceed 10,000.

New Bookmobile Coming Soon - Thanks to a grant of \$100,000 from Friends of the Library, JMRL will be acquiring a new Bookmobile. The new, more energy-efficient vehicle will replace the Bookmobile purchased in 2005. Albemarle and Charlottesville residents have enjoyed continuous Bookmobile service since 1947. Currently, the Bookmobile serves assisted living facilities, preschools, recreation centers, and several neighborhoods. It is hoped the new, custom-made vehicle will arrive before Christmas.

BIG READ

Sarah Hamfeldt, Adult Programming and Reference Services Manager

The 2017 Big Read is Silver Sparrow by Tayari Jones. In addition to discussions and programs throughout the March 2017, JMRL will host Ms. Jones at Northside Library on March 17. More details will be posted on jmrl.org/bigread in the months to come. Many thanks to the Friends for their 11 years of support of the Big Read.

Spring Sale 2017 scheduled for April 1 - 9 at Gordon Ave. Library...



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FRIENDS and 'BOOKS BEHIND BARS' AFTER ONE YEAR

Our initial year of operating the Books Behind Bars Program has been a great success. Over 4500 books have been sent to inmates across the state, and both demand and fulfillment are increasing. A small core of dedicated volunteers make it happen along with the generous financial support of Red Light Management and others. The Board voted unanimously at the June meeting to extend an open-ended commitment to the program.

Show your support for Virginia libraries...

Pre-order your library license plate today!

You don't need to work in a library to participate, so if you are a Virginian, order now! To have a bill sponsored in the General Assembly in the 2017 session, VLA must pre-sell 450 license plates by December 31, 2016.

Cost: \$10 non-personalized, \$20 personalized

Visit the VLA License Plate Portal online at <http://www.vla.org/vla-library-license-plates> for forms, detailed instructions and frequently asked questions.

MONTICELLO AVENUE COMMUNITY NETWORK

Stella Pool, Coordinator

Among the many library services offered by JMRL, this network has served the Charlottesville/Albemarle community for more than 20 years and may be one of the best kept secrets in town. The staff maintains a community information website at <http://avenue.org> and offer free web hosting for non-profit organizations in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Scouting groups, neighborhood associations, churches and civic groups are among the organizations hosted on the Mont Ave server. Coordinator, Stella Pool and Internet Specialist, Matt Breckinridge are available to assist organizations in the design and maintenance of a website and all services are free of charge. For more information contact Stella at spool@avenue.org or call 434-797-7151 ext 6662.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Toy Lift Charities is seeking volunteers to coordinate books donated for children during the 2016 Toy Lift gift drive. The Toy Lift takes place on Friday, Dec. 2 and volunteers will be needed to sort, review, and pack donated books for distribution to area children. Date and time availability will be flexible and range from Nov 21st through December 9th. Library experience is not necessary but helpful.

If you have the interest, ability and availability to assist, please email Cindy Payne at cindy@toylift.org.

A REMINDER

Tony Townsend, Friends' President

As we get ready for another blockbuster Fall Book Sale, I'd like to remind you to renew your membership. Although book sales provide the bulk of our funds, your membership dollars also support many JMRL programs. From summer reading programs to the enhancement of library collections and the provision of major grants plus numerous other endeavors, your membership boosts the health of an excellent library system. If you have not done so already, renew now (individuals-\$10/families-\$20). Members may attend and purchase up to \$50 in materials at the Members Pre-Sale, November 4, 5-7pm. We hope to see you there!

FAREWELL FRIENDS

Bill Davis, Retiring Book Sale Manager

When Jane and Art Hess asked me in 1991 if I'd be interested in getting paid to move boxes of books a couple of hours a week, I never imagined I'd still be working for the Friends 25 years later. I look forward to my last book sale this fall with mixed emotions. It has been a wonderful job surrounded by wonderful people. I feel very fortunate to have been a part of a huge community effort. With the fantastic quality and quantity of the donations, the support of the JMRL staff, and the hard work of volunteers who are the true movers and shakers, we have managed to keep alive a worthwhile enterprise. I will miss so many who have been a big part of the book sale, but then again, I will see you at the sale.

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