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Friends of the Library 12th Annual Fall

BOOK SALE

November 4-12

Gordon Ave. Library

10am-7pm all days

Half-Price days: Nov. 11 & 12

No donations October 20 - November 18

Members only Pre-Sale: Nov. 3, 5-7pm

Members who have paid their dues may purchase up to \$50 in materials before the official opening of the sale on Saturday. "Valuable and Attractive" list items not available.

NO SCANNERS: Pre-Sale and 10AM-1PM Sat, Nov 4

Jump Start Your Holiday Shopping!

"Great Books, at Great Prices, for a Great Cause!"

FULL SPEED AHEAD TO THE FALL SALE!

Peter Manno, Book Sale Manager

It's going to be a great Fall Sale! We're looking forward to seeing everyone here in just a few weeks. Book donations have surged back to at least normal levels, after what for us was a quiet winter for incoming materials (perhaps people's thoughts and energies were elsewhere then).

The breadth of our book-loving community and its willingness to bring us a flabbergasting number of books of all kinds amazes me daily. The commitment, dedication and enthusiasm of our many volunteers helps make it fun to come and dive into those incoming books. And it's all capped off for me when I see eager people line up each morning during the Sales to see what treasures they may find, and happy shoppers thrilled with what they've spent and what they're taking home.

I can't wait!

New Bookmobile

Thanks to a grant of \$100,000 from Friends of the Library, JMRL has a new Bookmobile. This more energy-efficient vehicle will keep providing Albemarle and Charlottesville residents with the Bookmobile service they've enjoyed since 1947. Currently, the Bookmobile serves assisted living facilities, preschools, recreation centers, and several neighborhoods.



Willow Gale, Bookmobile supervisor:

Thank you, thank you, thank you again for your support of the new bookmobile! It is a wonderful vehicle and the patrons are as happy as I am that it's here. It was a long year "making do" in the minivan and everyone is glad to be able to come inside and browse the shelves once again.

We've been on the road with it since mid-June, figuring out switches and buttons and surprising people when we show up at their stops. We just had the outside decoration added, though, so wanted to show you what it looks like now. Abby Harris, our PR/Communications person, created the design and it's been a big hit with all ages! If you ever see me parked out in the community somewhere, feel free to pop in. I'd love to give you a tour!

Collections

Meredith Dickens, Collections Manager

To support the talent and share stories from our community, JMRL is establishing the Local Voices Collection. Self-published or independently-published authors, musicians, and filmmakers who live within JMRL's service area are invited to donate copies of their work to this collection, which will be housed at Central Library. Full information can be found at jmrl.org/localvoices.

JMRL Director Retiring

Director of Jefferson-Madison Regional Library John Halliday announced he will retire at the end of the calendar year after 20 years of service. Halliday said, "It has been a joy to work with the Friends of the Library all these years. No library has a more dedicated and supportive group of Friends than JMRL." Halliday expects to stay in the area and will continue to shelve and checkout at FOL book sales.

The Library Board of Trustees has advertised the position, plans to interview candidates in October with a final decision in October or November, and have the new Director on board by January 1.

Children's Programs

Angela Critics, Children's Services Coordinator

The Central Children's Department partnered with C-ville Pride to offer two programs during Charlottesville's Pride Week. On Monday, September 11, the Central Library hosted local drag artist Dreama Belle for a Queens Who Read Storytime. The enthusiastic audience was the largest ever for an evening storytime at Central. On Saturday, September 16, members of Central Children's staff presented an All Kinds of Families Storytime at the Sprint Pavilion during the Pride Festival.

Donuts With Dad on August 19 was a huge success, as always. Kids of all ages came with Dads, Uncles, and other favorite guys – and some Moms, too – for stories, songs, rhymes and, of course, Donuts!

Central Children's has added some new school-aged programming this summer and fall. For 3rd and 4th graders, Zap! Graphic Novel Book Group provides a chance to enjoy some fun graphic novels with their parents. And for those interested in exploring technology, Tech Encounters for Curious Kids provides an opportunity to try out Ozobots, Makey Makeys, Snap Circuits and more.

New Friends Website Debuts

Thanks to retired JMRL staffer Jackie Lichtman and local web developer Debra Weiss, the Friends of JMRL website has a great new look. In addition to improved performance, the information is now much better organized. AND there are profoundly cute animal pictures on every page! Check it out at info@jmrlfriends.org

Spring Sale 2018 scheduled for March 31 – April 8 at Gordon Ave. Library



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The Next 50 Years – Give Us Your Input

Tony Townsend, Friends' President

The Friends of JMRL recently celebrated fifty years of providing much-needed support to our regional Library system. Through our book sales and memberships, we contribute well over a hundred-thousand dollars a year to support the Library and other literacy projects. While our models for both funding and contributions have worked amazingly well for half-a- century, this seems like a good time to ask you – our members – for your ideas.

We're interested to hear:

- Things the Friends do now that could be done differently
- Projects or worthy causes the Friends could support
- Things we've supported in the past that might no longer be relevant
- Better ways to get the word out about the Friends of JMRL. Those bullet points are not meant be constraining – the Friends Board wants to hear about anything that's been on your mind about our efforts, and our future direction. You can send all your great brainstorm to info@jmlrfriends.org.

Many thanks for helping us think ahead!

and, a Reminder. . .

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. We hope to see you there!

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