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Friends of the Library 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring

# BOOK SALE

April 1 - 9

Gordon Ave. Library

10am-7pm all days

Half-Price days: April 8 & 9

Educators & Bargain Bag Day: April 10, 10am-7pm

Educators can select up to 10 grocery bags of free materials.

\*\*\*Public can fill grocery bags for \$5. Bring your own bags!\*\*\*

Members only Pre-Sale: March 31, 5-7pm

No scanners allowed at this event

NO SCANNERS, 10AM-1PM, on April 1!

[www.jmrlfriends.org](http://www.jmrlfriends.org)

434-977-8467

Please: No donations Mar 24-Apr 14

Spring is almost here, and too the Friends' Book Sale.

We look forward to seeing all of you again!

Your membership dues, donations of books and funds, your valuable volunteer time, and of course your purchases support the great work JMRL and its stellar staff does for our communities .

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kids Book Swap

With the closing of Oakley's Book Shop in the fall, 25 years of Kids Book Swaps came to an end in York Place downtown.

But fear not! Chris Oakley donated the shop's books to the Friends and the Kids Book Swap will now take place at Central Library in the Children's Room on Saturday, March 25 from 10-12. Young folks may bring books in good shape and swap them one:one for books from a great selection.

### Volunteer Thank You Reception

Please join us in celebrating and thanking our loyal volunteers, without whom the book sale and the Friends group would not exist. The gathering will once again be at the Gordon Avenue Library, on **Thursday, April 20 at 4:30 PM**. There will be food and friends. Please plan to join us!

### Fridays After Five

Want to help the Friends in a new way? Here are the dates the Friends will be volunteering at Fridays After Five this summer:

4/21 ID checking, (10 volunteers)

6/2 Bottle Beer Cart (6 volunteers)

8/25 Draft beer truck (10 volunteers)

For each we can bring 2 extra volunteers to provide breaks.

We volunteer and Fridays After Five pays the Friends money for our time.

Please contact Krista Farrell, [kfarrell@Jmrl.org](mailto:kfarrell@Jmrl.org) if you are interested!

## **JMRL STARTS NEW DELIVERY SERVICE**

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library and Meals On Wheels of Charlottesville/Albemarle have teamed up to deliver books to local residents who are homebound. The new service started in October. Local residents using the services of Meals on Wheels may have JMRL library items delivered right to their door by Meals on Wheels volunteers. The volunteers will also pick up the items for return. The library's Bookmobile staff will provide all the books and other items, filling requests for specific titles or subjects in multiple formats including large-print and audio.

Meals on Wheels of Charlottesville/Albemarle started in 1977 and currently serves over 270 clients utilizing 185 volunteers each week delivering hot meals on weekdays. The JMRL Bookmobile has served Albemarle and Charlottesville since 1947, and visits assisted living facilities, preschools, and rural neighborhoods.

For information, contact Willow Gale, Bookmobile Manager, 434. 973.7893 x2.

## **JMRL PRESENTS THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL BIG READ**

A program of the National Endowment for the Arts, NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. This initiative offers grants to support innovative community reading programs designed around a single book. With matching funds from the Jane and Art Hess Foundation, the Friends of the Library enables JMRL to present our eleventh NEA Big Read title, *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones.

*Silver Sparrow* unveils a breathtaking story about a man's deception, a family's complicity, and the two teenage girls caught in the middle. Set in a middle-class neighborhood in Atlanta during the 1980s, the novel revolves around James Witherspoon's families—the public one and the secret one. When Witherspoon's daughters from each family meet, they form a friendship, but only one of them knows they are sisters. It is a relationship destined to explode when secrets are revealed and illusions shattered. At the heart of it all are two girls whose lives are at stake, and like the best writers, Jones portrays the fragility of her characters with raw authenticity as they seek love, demand attention, and try to imagine themselves as women. Full details can be found at [jmrl.org/bigread](http://jmrl.org/bigread). Whether you're a regular reader already or making up for lost time, thank you for joining JMRL's eleventh annual NEA Big Read.

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**In Memoriam**

The Friends suffered a sad loss with the death of long-time volunteer and board member Charity Haines in January. Her graceful presence, her kind and loving disposition and her quiet wisdom are deeply missed.

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