Friends of the Library Annual Fall

BOOK SALE

November 2 - November 10

Gordon Avenue Library
10am-7pm all days

Pre-Sale (Members only): Fri, Nov 1, 5-7pm

NO SCANNERS: Pre-Sale and 10AM-1PM Sat, Nov 2

Half-Price days: November 9-10

"Great Books, at Great Prices, for a Great Cause!"
Albemarle County Celebrates 275 years and JMRL is There!

The Bookmobile happily represented JMRL at the celebration for Albemarle County’s 275th anniversary! The morning was overcast and drizzly, but the sun soon came out for a beautiful day. There were tents full of helpful people with information about the County’s history and the current services available. Visitors could check out a police car or fire engine, children could decorate their own school buses, and everyone could enjoy delicious snacks cooked up by the students of CATEC. Members of the Municipal Band provided a background of popular music for the event, and the County had a booth set up to record stories and memories of residents.

I was kept busy on the Bookmobile with 97 folks coming through! Many had never been on a Bookmobile before, some had fond memories from their childhoods, and one young Head Start student brought his mom aboard to show her where he chooses books when we visit his school. I related the history of the vehicle within JMRL and talked about the services we currently provide. It was a lovely event all around!
Thanks to the commitment of Nelson County, the expansion of Nelson Memorial Library is well-underway. The Grow Nelson Library community group is working diligently to secure funds to complete the project by providing books, computers, media equipment, and other items essential to creating a vibrant community hub.

The Friends of the Library helped jumpstart the fund drive with a $30,000 contribution, and the Friends Family of Funds at the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) gave $100,000. The group is a little closer to reaching their $500,000 goal with The Perry Foundation’s generous award of a challenge grant of $100,000. In order to receive the $100,000 from the Perry Foundation, Grow Nelson Library must raise $150,000 by July 2020, and is asking for the community’s support to make this happen. Every donation counts!

Donations are tax exempt and can be made at www.grownelsonlibrary.org, dropped off at the Nelson Memorial Library, or by check to the Nelson Memorial Library Fund (Nelson Memorial Library, PO Box 321, Lovingston, Virginia 22949).

For more information and to view the expansion progress, check out www.grownelsonlibrary.org.
Fall Sale!!

The 2019 Fall Book Sale is here, and it looks like another great selection of books, LPs, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games, prints, maps, postcards and ephemera! This year’s Fall Sale will take place November 2-10 at the Gordon Avenue Library from 10am -7pm each day. Our Fall and Spring Sales provide most of the income for the Friends and support:

- Summer Reading Programs for children, teens, and adults, with reward and achievement prizes;
- Funding for the enhancement of JMRL’s collections;
- Additional funding for each library branch’s needs and special projects;
- Financial support for the Virginia Festival of the Book;
- Funding for the monthly book review/newsletter, Book Page;
- Occasional large endeavors such as the current drive to Grow Nelson Library.

In order to help us continue funding these programs, please take a minute to renew your membership. It's only $10 for an individual membership or $20 for a family membership, which includes up to four family members under 19 years of age living in the same household. Your membership also entitles you to attend the members-only night, when you can choose books and other materials before the sale is open to the general public. Members Preview night is Friday, November 1, from 5-7pm.