



# AMONG FRIENDS



---

NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY

---

Volume 52 No. 1

Spring 2019

---

\* Central \* Gordon Ave. \* Northside \* Scottsville \* Crozet \* Greene \* Louisa \* Nelson \* Bookmobile \* Monticello Ave \*

---

Friends of the Library Annual Spring

## BOOK SALE

March 30 - April 7

Gordon Avenue Library

10am-7pm all days



Pre-Sale (Members only): Fri, Mar 29, 5-7pm

NO SCANNERS: Pre-Sale and 10AM-1PM Sat, Mar 30

Half-Price days: April 6 - 7

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

## **SPRING SALE!**

Spring is finally here! We can't wait to see all of you and share another great booksale! Members, donors, shoppers and volunteers all come together to make the JMRL Friends Booksale one of the fun and successful events that help our communities and libraries thrive. Read about some ways you are contributing below!

### **Same Page**

*Abby Cox, Reference Librarian, Central*

JMRL invites the community to read and discuss a book written by an author appearing at the Virginia Festival of the Book each year in March. Thanks to the Friends, JMRL purchased hundreds of copies of Lisa See's *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* to hand out to members of the community during the month of March in the second annual Same Page community read. Ms. See will visit the Northside Library on Wednesday, March 20th, at 6pm. This event, as well as all related programming throughout the month, is free and open to the public. The library invites community members to attend a variety of free events at all of its eight branches in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson counties. Find out more at [jmrl.org/samepage](http://jmrl.org/samepage). Same Page is generously funded by the Friends of JMRL and supported by the Art and Jane Hess Fund of the Library Endowment.

### **Grow Nelson Library**

*David Plunkett, JMRL Director*

The Nelson Memorial Library is expanding! Located in Lovingston, this 4361 square foot facility has served the Nelson community well since 1988. In the fall of 2018, the Nelson County Board of Supervisors showed vision and foresight about the needs of this community and voted unanimously to expand the facility to more than twice the current size. The renovated building is on schedule for completion in 2020. The Grow Nelson Library committee of dedicated local citizens is working hand in hand with the Friends and JMRL to raise funds to provide over 10,000 new books and audiovisual materials for the new space, as well as IT hardware for a new computer lab, business center, and connected meeting rooms. Grow Nelson Library needs your help to raise \$500,000 towards these goals. More information can be found at [grownelsonlibrary.org](http://grownelsonlibrary.org), where tax deductible donations can be made to the Nelson Memorial Fund of the Charlottesville Community Foundation. Alternately, checks made payable to CACF- Nelson Memorial Library Fund can be sent to:

Grow Nelson Library, P.O. Box 321, Lovingston, Virginia 22949

### **Laundromat Libraries**

*Pat Dogil, coordinator and Krista Farrell, JMRL Ass't Library Director*

Laundromat Library is an early literacy community outreach project that provide children's books in Laundromats where children are often waiting with nothing to do. This project will help enhance literacy, encourage reading, and provide books for children who may have limited books at home. In April 2018 the FOTL approved of the Laundromat Libraries Project and a committee of volunteers who share the love of reading was formed. This committee selects books and places labels in each book indicating that FOTL donated the books also includes a Guideline to Parents as they read the book together. Currently we have four Laundromats in the Charlottesville area participating in this project. A crate of thirty books was place in each Laundromat on June 2, 2018 by five volunteers who now replenish the books monthly. In six months over 600 books have been distributed.

For more information, questions or if you would like to become a volunteer to select books, place labels on books, adopt a Laundromat and/or donate new or gently used children's books for ages babies to 13 year old please e-mail or call: [laundromatlibraries@gmail.com](mailto:laundromatlibraries@gmail.com) or 434.260.7780

This project requires a small commitment but the benefits to the children in our community are boundless!

## **Central Library: Talking to Children About Racial Injustice**

*Angela Critics, Children's Services Coordinator, JMRL*

On Tuesday, January 22 the Central Library hosted authors and child psychologists Dr. Marianne Celano and Dr. Marietta Collins as they read and discuss their book "Something Happened In Our Town: A Child's Story about Racial Injustice." At this event Dr. Celano, PhD, ABPP, and Dr. Collins, PhD, presented techniques for talking about difficult racial issues with children and hosted a Q&A.

"Something Happened in Our Town" is an illustrated book for children ages 4 to 8 that follows the story of a police shooting from the perspective of a white family and an African American family. The children question their parents about an incident in their community in which a police officer shot an unarmed African American man. These questions lead to conversations with the parents and older siblings about racial bias, and what the children can do to confront acts of racial injustice. The book's story models productive conversations about racial-ethnic socialization and racial injustice, and provides an excellent platform for discussing social justice and race relations with children in both home and educational settings and includes information for parents and other adults about ways to handle discussions of race with young children.

An abridged recording of the program is available on the JMRL On the Same Page Broadcast Season 2 Episode 11: <http://onthesamepage.blubrry.net/2019/02/01/s-2-ep-11-a-visit-from-the-authors-of-something-happened-in-our-town/>

## **Library Endowment Fund**

*Anne Hemenway, Friends of the Library President*

The mission of The Friends of the Library Endowment Fund (established 1995) is to accept and administer funds as endowment for various charitable and educational purposes and organizations. An Advisory Committee recommends distributions from the Fund. This Committee is made up of the President and Vice President of the Friends, the President and Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the JMRL, the Director of the JMRL and the Treasurer of the Friends. While the Endowment Fund started very modestly, there is now over \$2.4 million in the Fund thanks to the generous contributions of our friends of the Friends!

The Friends of the Library Endowment Fund is held and administered by the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation ("CACF"). Recently, organizational modifications were made to the Agency Endowment Fund Agreement with CACF, with the approval of the Advisory Committee. First, rather than having several different agreements with CACF, the parties agreed to consolidate into one agreement, called the Agency Endowment Fund Agreement between the Friends of the JMRL and CACF. Second, the Endowment Fund was expanded to designate individual "funds" for each branch library and the Bookmobile, so that fundraising could be conducted more easily by the various branches. The Endowment Fund also maintains the original funds previously established by individual donors. This organizational process was successfully concluded last fall.

With the successful completion of this new consolidated and expanded Friends of the JMRL Endowment Fund, CACF has established online donations to the specific "funds" within Friends of the JMRL Endowment Fund. Donors can specify the particular branch (or Bookmobile) they wish to benefit. If you are interested in giving, search the CACF donation website or see <https://cacf.iphiview.com/cacf/GivingOpportunities/tabid/516/dispatch/givingopportunities/Default.aspx#dispatch=GivingOpportunities> and the site will direct you to the specific Friends "fund" you may be interested in.

Thank you to all friends of the Friends!

Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library  
1500 Gordon Avenue  
Charlottesville, VA 22903

NON-PROFIT ORG  
US POSTAGE PAID  
CHARLOTTESVILLE VA  
PERMIT NO. 138

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

### **President's Message**

*Anne B. Hemenway, Friends of the Library President*

As announced above, the Spring 2019 Friends of the JMRL Booksale is almost here! Mark your calendars now, and plan to come over to JMRL's Gordon Avenue Library any day (or every day!) between Saturday March 30, 2019 and Sunday April 7, 2019.

Each day of the Spring 2019 Book Sale the doors will be open between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. And each day you are sure to find an incredible selection of books, recordings, games, and puzzles, as well as many friends and neighbors you might not have had a chance to visit with since the November 2018 sale!

Also, please plan to come to the Members-only presale held on Friday March 29, 2019 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. All Friends of the JMRL who are up to date on their yearly membership dues may purchase up to \$50.00 worth of books and other items that evening before the crowds descend the next morning.

Finally, as you know, half price days are the last weekend of the sale – Saturday April 6, 2019 and Sunday April 7, 2019. Educator and Brown Bag Day is Monday April 8, 2019. During that special Spring-only hold-over day, anyone may purchase a bag of books for \$5.00 and Educators and Non-Profit Organizations may take up to ten bags of books and materials (a \$50.00 value!)

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!