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Friends of the Library Annual Fall

BOOK SALE

November 3 - November 11

Gordon Avenue Library

10am-7pm all days



Pre-Sale (Members only): Fri, Nov 2, 5-7pm

NO SCANNERS: Pre-Sale and 10AM-1PM Sat, Nov 3

Half-Price days: November 10-11

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

FALL SALE!

Fall has finally made an appearance, and with it comes the Friends Fall Book Sale! We're eager to see all of you again. It's been a strong season of donations; it may be more books than ever!

There is now an "Ancient Greece and Rome" section. Here you will find Plato and Aristotle, Aristophanes and Sophocles, Ovid and Sappho, Cicero and the Caesars; greek and latin; and works on history, art, architecture, etc. The section is in the Academic Room, next to Business and across from English.

We received an unusual quantity of genealogy and related books. These will be in the reference section in the central room ("Middle Earth").

Come on down and shop 'til you drop!

Same Page

Abby Cox, Reference Librarian, Central

Same Page is a community reading initiative offered throughout the month of March by the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library. This initiative provides citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their community by an author appearing at the Virginia Festival of the Book.

JMRL is pleased to announce the selection for the 2019 Same Page community read: *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See. The Library will offer a variety of thematically linked programs throughout the month of March including several book discussions. Look for details in the new year.

Bookmobile

Willow Gale, Bookmobile supervisor

Thanks to the JMRL Bookmobile branch, the Charlottesville/Albemarle Meals On Wheels now delivers books along with hot meals! The MOW volunteers deliver about 200 meals, every Monday through Friday, to folks in the Charlottesville and Albemarle communities. MOW also provides special services: in the fall, they deliver "Blizzard Bags" which include several days' worth of nonperishable food, they celebrate holidays and birthdays with gifts and cards - and they can bring library books to those who are interested!

MOW already had a solid structure, a good staff, and a dedicated group of volunteers, so it was easy to plug in. Knowing I would not meet these new library patrons, I created a "back" side of our usual library card application form to ask what types of materials would be of interest and in what formats. I communicate with the MOW clients over the phone, through email, and via notes. It seems to work well enough!

Friday mornings I go by the MOW office to pick up any returns. At my office, I then process all the accounts. On Monday mornings, we deliver new materials to the MOW office and they are distributed over the next few days. All new clients are informed of the program and offered the application form. I have reassured the MOW folks that numbers don't matter, we're happy to provide the service!

Food Drive

Evan Stankovics, Adult Programming librarian, Northside

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library is conducting a Fall Food Drive to help stock local food banks to run from Monday, November 5 through Saturday, November 17. Donations bins will be inside all JMRL libraries.

Some of the most needed items are: (No glass please!)

Canned soups, stews, chili (low sodium)
Peanut or almond butter (low sodium)
Pasta and rice (whole grain)
Canned veggies (low sodium)
Spaghetti sauce (low sugar)
Cereal (low sugar, whole grain)

Baby food, formula, diapers
Soap and feminine products
Paper products
Toothbrushes
Boxed mac & cheese
Canned tuna and chicken

Please note that all donations will go to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank with the exception of those collected at Louisa County Library (these will go to the Louisa County Resource County).

(We will also be accepting Food Drive donations at the Fall Sale from Nov 5-11)

Renovation News from Gordon Avenue Library

Glynis Welte, Children's Librarian, Gordon Avenue

This spring, while the dedicated Friends of the Library continued their hard work downstairs, a different kind of work took place upstairs in the Gordon Avenue Library. Michael Goddard, City of Charlottesville architect, and Virginia A & E Architectural Firm redesigned the children's room into a place for imagination and discovery. With soaring sculptural wooden trees, a bright, open ceiling, and playful carpeting, they brought the woods of Charlottesville inside the library. Large acoustic tile leaves, suspended over the space, create a magical experience. Children are enjoying this exciting new space, and adults are popping in to admire the transformation. The renovation project also included redesigned and more accessible public restrooms.

The new children's room is a special place to host some of the programs generously funded by The Friends of the Library. In August, we celebrated our woodsy room with an after-hours, family camp-in. We made s'more snacks, binoculars, went on a bear hunt, and snuggled under blanket tents to read by flashlight. Each Saturday at 11 am, we welcome families to share Drop-In Storytime in our waterfall window alcove. Once a month, therapy dogs visit the new space to hear stories read by budding readers. UVA Madison House volunteers help out with open house STEM activities. Of course, the most wonderful moments are the ones that happen every day, as children and parents discover the amazing things the library has to offer.



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President's Message

Anne B. Hemenway, Friends of the Library President

As we all work together to insure another successful and enjoyable 2018 Fall Book Sale, the Friends of the JMRL Board recently reflected on the many programs throughout the JMRL system that the Book Sales support and/or make possible. These include the extremely popular summer reading programs for all ages; funding for movie nights; individual library special projects and enhancing different types of library collections. In addition, the Friends administers, through dedicated volunteers, the Books Behind Bars Program which over the past year shipped out to correctional facilities around the Commonwealth of Virginia nearly 12,000 books to meet specific inmate requests.

The Friends are also supportive of the needs of the individual libraries in the JMRL system who are considering changes in their space and collections and other capital improvements. I just visited the Nelson Library and heard about that its plan to nearly double the size of its space so that it can meet the needs of its local citizens. Both the still relatively new Crozet Library and the North Side Library continue to thrive.

This is a good time to remind yourself to renew your Friends of the JMRL annual membership. Your membership dollars, in addition to the Book Sale revenue, also support the many JMRL programs in each of the libraries, and enhances the strong and positive direction each library is taking at this time. If you have not done so already, please renew now (individuals - \$10.00/families - \$20.00). Membership allows you to attend and purchase up to \$50.00 in materials at the Members Pre-Sale on Friday, November 2, 2018!

You may pay online at jmrlfriends.org, send us a check, or you may pay at the door on Pre-Sale night.