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FOSL Book Sale

By Charles Draper and Sara Ahalt

Book Sale time is here; Friday, September 10 through the 12th. Paid-up members of FOSL can get first selection of books by attending the Members' Only Sale on **Friday Morning, 10 AM 'till 12 Noon**. The members are also invited to the **Members' Luncheon following the sale at 12:15** hosted by the staff of the Salem Library. See the invitation on Page 6.

Remember to RSVP. NOTE, your FOSL dues must be current to attend the Members' Sale and Luncheon

Again, the Members' Sale is on Friday morning followed by the Members' Luncheon.

Schedule:

- **Members-Only Sale** - September 10, 10 AM to noon
- **Members' Luncheon** - September 10, 12:15 PM(Please **RSVP**, see page 6)
- **Public Sale** - September 10, 2 to 4 PM.
- **Public Sale,** - September 11, 9 AM to 5 PM.
- **Public Clearance Sale** -September 12, 1:30 to 4:00 PM.

Volunteers: Many of you reading this have been working at the library these August mornings helping prepare the sale. See the photos on Page 2. There is still much more to be done before, during, and after the sale. We hope you will help. We need more volunteers:

- Now through Thursday, Sept. 9 - Preparation - 9:00 – 12:00 am. Unpack and sort, arrange tables, and mark items that are specially priced. Sit-down jobs are available.
- Friday, September 10 - Members' and Public Sales – Tally and bag sales. Keep tables full and neat and straighten up after 4:00 pm.
- Saturday, September 11 – BOOK SALE - 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Distribute shopping bags, tally and bag sales and keep tables full and neat.
- Sunday, September 12 - Clearance Sale - 1:30 – 4:00 pm. Explain how the sale works and keep tables as neat as possible.
- Monday, September 13 - Cleanup – 9:00 am. Pack up remaining items, collect odds and ends that must be stored for next year and generally restore order to the community room.

Book Donations: *It's not too late to donate books.* Please cull your own book shelves and encourage others to donate. *But hurry, we can only accept books up through September 8.* We need:

Fiction - non-fiction. Hardback and paperbacks	Audio: CDs and Audio books
Cookbooks	Video DVDs
Sheet music	Please, NO magazines, no Reader's Digest Condensed Books, textbooks, or encyclopedias

Questions? Please call FOSL's Book Sale Chairman, Sara Ahalt at 389-3802. ◇



Hundreds of hours are required to get ready for a book sale of this size. Above, FOSSL members volunteer their time to sort donated books and prepare them for the sale.

Top to bottom:

- Gale Evans keeps an eye peeled for valuable books for Special Books table.
- Ken Sosnowski, our digital media expert and all-around handy guy.
- Margaret Heurtematte studies the hard-back book rack.
- Betty Waldron organizes the Children's Table.

President's Letter

Chris Gladden, President FOSL

Dear FOSLs: The annual book sale is right around the corner and the volume of volumes is staggering. Past president Charlie Draper says this year's donations are the most he's seen yet. Ironically, most all of them came in before the sale room's doors opened. Sara Ahalt says 250 boxes were waiting on volunteers the first day work began.

Few have come in since though but there's still time. There's the usual eclectic assortment. Plenty of James Pattersons, Danielle Steeles and Clive Cusslers. Some of the hot sellers include Stephenie Meyers "Eclipse" and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows."

Both sides of the Mason-Dixon line are represented among the pricier items. They include Douglas Southall Freeman's four-volume biography of Robert E. Lee and Carl Sandburg's set on Abraham Lincoln. Ahalt says a lot of credit goes to Helen Robertson who has spent the summer tracking down donations from church yard sales.

Remember, members who volunteer to help prepare for the sale can buy books before the sale begins. Those who don't volunteer will have to wait for the Member's Sale the morning of Sept. 10. Our thanks go those who donated books as well as to the volunteers who are trying to impose order on the avalanche of books.

Best wishes, Chris ◇

Labels for Education

By The Editor

Labels from Campbell soup cans and other products are recycled into important library equipment through this popular, successful project. Patrons place qualifying labels and symbols from Campbell, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, and other products into a collection box in the front foyer of the library. FOSL volunteers sort through the labels and symbols and assemble the correct quantity and type for redemption. The result: Products now in service at the library.

See the complete list of product labels and symbols at the library. Products have different ID requirements. All require the UPC code and some require additional info. For instance, Campbell's requires the picture of the "Campbell's Kid". All the information you need is on the collection box in the front foyer. ◇

Summer Reading Program

By Maureen Harrill

Make a Splash – READ. This was the 2010 theme for ages 2-10. It was a very busy time here at Salem Public Library with 500+ registering for the programs & reading.

The Kick-off took place on June 18th with face painting by Katherine Devine. There were 80-100 children looking adorable with dolphins, mermaids and other sea-life painted on their faces. The Salem Red Sox mascot Mugsy strolled through the building shaking hands with many excited kids.

We had very talented program presenters who attracted around 70-90 participants at most of the shows. Some of these included Daisy the Pig, the C-Shells, Magic & Puppetry.

I did many in-house programs with the children including Craft days each Wednesday making a variety of ocean-themed items from paper bag puppets & a fish windsock to a sea-life mural which took over the side wall of the meeting room. I offered a Little Mermaid Tea Party this year with 32 children dressed up and happy to be served cookies and lemonade by our wonderful teen helpers. Story times were well attended with 50-71 participants each week.

All in all **Make a Splash – Read** was a great success. Twenty-nine programs were presented with just under 1200 participating. This was a record for us! The children have received around 400 prizes for reading so far! The seals, sea horses and dolphins on the walls in the children's area are a visual reminder of all the reading that took place.

Congratulations to all involved! ◇



Children's Librarian, Maureen Harrill, Makes a Splash

Teens Reading Program

By David Butler, Teen Services Librarian

The teens sure did “make waves” at the Salem Public library this summer. This year we had 112 teens sign up for the summer reading program. We had fifteen programs for the teens this summer and attendance was good. Maureen and I added a new program this year. We decided to try a “tween book club” and we are very glad we did. We averaged seven tweens in our book club and enthusiasm was high.

Every summer we are given a unique opportunity to develop a summer reading program that will appeal to our teens. It was great to see some familiar friends and I met some new teens as well. Programs ranged from some past year favorites, Teen Mystery Night, Amazing Race and Duct Tape program, to new ones like the Wii Super Smash Brothers Brawl tournament and Caleb Johnston’s magic workshop.

To keep cost down, many of the programs were in-house. Katherine Devine and Caleb Johnston were our only two outside presenters and they did remarkable jobs. The teens were also great in helping out Maureen with her craft times, programs and registration. At the end of the program, a *very motivated group of young people helped move all the books for the Friends of the Salem Library book sale into the meeting room. (A great help to us. Thanks! Ed.)*

It really feels good to see the teens react in such a positive way to all the work that was done leading up to the summer reading program. Salem is fortunate to have such wonderful teens. “Make Waves” at the Salem Public Library was a success because of the people who participated. I thank them for making this year’s summer reading program one of our best ones yet. ◇

Library Sets Records By Janis Augustine

July 2009-June 2010 has been the busiest year in the Salem Library’s history. Library staff checked out almost 300,000 items, and about that many had to be checked back in. Patrons visited the library over 245,000 times, and there were over 58,000 internet sessions on the public workstations.

Video recordings continue to gain more and more of the share of library circulation. They comprised more than 1/3 of the total checkouts. However, circulation of children’s books also grew.

The new fiscal year looks to outpace last year’s, so we look forward to another record-breaking year. ◇



Teens and Tweens

The Big Read

By Janis Augustine, Director Salem Public Library

The Friends of the Salem Library was one of the sponsors of the valley-wide Big Read event held during January-March 2010. The Roanoke County Library Friends organized the event with the help of all the area libraries and their Friends, the school systems, the Taubman Museum, Jefferson Center, and most of the valley’s bookstores. The Big Read was centered on the novel, **A Lesson before Dying**, by Ernest J. Gaines.

Twenty-five events, attracting 1,141 attendees, were held across the Roanoke Valley.

At least 228 people discussed the book in local book clubs.

Over 4,833 copies of the book were either sold at bookstores or checked out from the libraries during the course of the event.

The Big Read steering committee considered the event a big success, and another book (title to be determined) may be chosen for 2012. ◇

FOSL Spring Art Show

By Janis Augustine

On May 16, the Friends sponsored the Salem Elementary School Art Show at the library from 2-4 PM. Over 100 pieces of art, which had been chosen by art teachers Sarah Meadows and Ashley Harmon, were displayed. The students' parents and school administrators were invited to the show and reception, and over 220 attended.

Library staff members Nancy Collins, Maureen Harrill, David Butler, and Janis Augustine set up the reception financed by the Friends. ♦



L to R: Amanda Gibson, Salem School Admin. Janis Augustine, David Butler, Maureen Harrill, and art teacher, Sarah Meadows.



Spring Reading Program for Adults, 2010

By Lisa Dinkle

The Salem Public Library held its second annual Spring Reading Program for Adults. The program, which ran from March 14th – May 1st, 2010, had 63 participants who read a total of 419 books. The prizes were obtained through money provided by the Friends of the Salem Library.

Each week one reader's name was drawn from the entries to win a gift certificate to a local Salem business. Businesses included Olde Salem Mercantile, Teaberry's Restaurant, Given's Books, Mac and Bob's, Countryside Classics, and Nancy's Candy Company. A grand prize certificate of \$100 dollars to Kroger's was awarded to Liz Williams.

While the prize winners were randomly drawn from a box, it should be noted that Liz Williams read 20 books during this six week period. Barbara Martin read the most books, a total of 33. She also won the Week 6 prize certificate to Nancy's Candy Company. Other winners included Week 1- Gail Metro, Week 2 – Reva Kesling, Week 3 – Wanda Thompson, Week 4 – Mary Chesnut, and Week 5 – Louise Yopp. In addition to the gift certificates, three other readers, Betty Dickerson, Helen Robertson, and Alexandra Zmudka were awarded journals for their outstanding number of books read. Thank you to all the participants and to the Friends of the Salem Library from the Salem Public Library staff. ♦

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Membership dues (other than Life) are payable January 1 of each year. Consult your mailing label. If the date shown is *prior to 2010*, please renew your membership. Your dues must be current to attend the Members' Book Sale and Luncheon. You may pay by check (payable to FOSL) at the Library desk or by mail.

Important Dates

FOSL holds five regular meetings each year. They are on the 2nd Sunday of the scheduled month starting at 2PM and last for approximately one hour.

- August 2 through September 9, Book Sale preparation in Library Meeting Room
- September 10 through 12, FOSL Book Sale (Sept 11 is Olde Salem Days)
- September 13, Meeting Room Cleanup
- October 10, regular meeting
- January 9, 2011, regular meeting, *election of Officers and Board*

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MEMBER'S LUNCHEON

After the Member's Sale, Members of the Friends of the Salem Library are invited to the Members' Luncheon on:

Friday, September 10 at 12:15 PM

Please **RSVP** to 375-3089 or e-mail library@salemva.gov

Members' Sale 10:00 AM