

NEWSLETTER

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SALEM LIBRARY BOOK SALE

MEMBER'S SALE:

- Friday, September 9th 9:30 to 11:30 AM followed by the member's social and lunch. Please RSVP. (See Page 4.)

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL TO SHOP: This year, the Public book sale will be open extra hours:

- Friday, September 9th 1 to **8 pm! That's right, 8 PM.**
- Olde Salem Day, September 10, 9 am to 4 pm
- Sunday, September 11, 1:30 to 4 PM

President's Letter

Ken Sosnowski, President

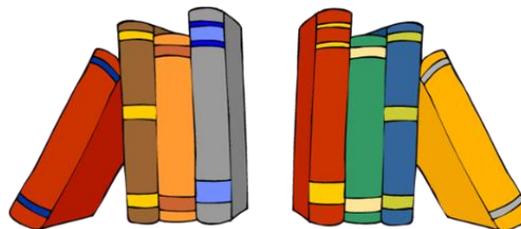
As I write this, we are alternating between hot & humid days and continual rain, I can't wait for some cool, crisp autumn weather. Fortunately, it's coming and with It, the Book Sale. This year, we have found a way to answer a continual complaint, "I hate having to carry my purchases several blocks to my car, so I don't go on Olde Salem Day and I work Friday!" With the fantastic cooperation of the library staff, we will be able to offer a public sale on Friday evening. No longer do you have to take off work on Friday afternoon or park blocks away; this year, you can park nearby and shop in comfort.

This summer has seen a plethora of activity at the Salem Library; computers, knitting, cooking, and even lessons in "Tidying". And that is just the adults! Meanwhile, the children have also been busy. If you thought that libraries only involved reading, you are sadly out of date. All of these activities and more were supported by your FOSL organization. When you attend any program in the Library Community Room, you will quickly notice that the visual and audio equipment has been updated. We were pleased to be able to supply this much needed improvement. *(Cont.>)*



(Cont.) Over the past 3 months, there have been a number of columns and letters to the editor in the Roanoke Times debating the need for the continued existence of the public library. The initial disparaging column generated a flurry of letters in defense of libraries. Amazingly, the author of the original column submitted a second column in which he admitted that he was behind the times and had not recently visited a library. Now that he has, he retracted his earlier comments. Libraries are alive and vibrant and FOSL is proud to assist in this vital community function.

I look forward to seeing you at the Member's Sale, 9:30 to 11:30, Friday September 9 where **MEMBERS GET FIRST CHOICE.** Enjoy the lunch that follows between noon and 1 PM. Please RSVP at the library if you plan to attend the lunch. Ken ◇



Cambell's Labels for Education Ending

By the Editor

On March 23, 2016, Campbell's announced: "Campbell's is ending their label collection program! In the past few years, participation in the *Labels for Education* has declined and as a result, Campbell has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the program."

Members of FOSL have volunteered hundreds (thousands?) of hours processing labels over the years. This effort has yielded many items in the library that are used every day

Thanks to all who have participated. ◇

Children's Art Show

By the Editor

The Salem Library displayed the work of Salem Elementary School artists on May 15. This was the 8th annual Children's Art show.

Each of Salem's four Elementary schools were represented. Parents, grandparents, teachers, and friends viewed the art and enjoyed the refreshments provided by the FOSL. Your Editor didn't do a head count but I would guess that the attendance was at or near a record.◇

Announcing our new Children's Librarian: Emily Metrock

By Ann Tripp, Director of the Salem Library

Emily Metrock will start as our new children's librarian on Monday, August 29th! Emily holds a bachelor's degree in English from Willamette University, earned her Master's degree in Children's Literature from Hollins University, and has a great deal of experience working with children's literacy and library services. She is coming to us from the Vinton Library in Roanoke County, where she earned great acclaim as their children's librarian for her enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication to providing exceptional service to children and patrons of all ages. Please drop by to wish her well as she starts her next chapter at the Salem Public Library! ◇



Ann's Notes

By Ann Tripp, Director of the Salem Library

- **New computers at the Salem Public Library**

We will be getting new computers for the public AND new laptops for our technology programs at the end of summer 2016! Our new computers will have Windows 10, the newest version of the Windows operating system, and will also have the latest versions of Microsoft Office software. In conjunction with our new computers, we will offer computer classes for the public and for City of Salem employees. We will also continue to offer computer classes on a variety of topics, including Microsoft Excel, Intro to Email, and beginner iPad classes. Keep an eye out for posters detailing the dates and times of our computer class offerings! ◇

- **Summer Reading Recap**

The Summer Reading Program 2016 is over, and we had a great year of programming and fun! Our programs for children, teens, and adults were very successful, thanks in large part to the continued support of our wonderful Friends of Salem Library. With 412 kids, 73 teens, and 74 adults registered for our reading program, and a fantastic number of attendees at nearly all of our programs, it's easy to say it was a fun summer for everyone! ◇



- **Adult Program Partnerships coming up this fall**

The Salem Public Library will be partnering with several organizations this fall to offer programs for adults. The first program is a partnership with the Salem Police Department, featuring Detective Todd Cheyney. Detective Cheyney will present a workshop for adults (parents, adult family members, etc.) entitled “Social Media and Internet Safety for Parents”. Detective Cheyney presented this workshop last winter in response to growing fears regarding the presence of online predators, and will present new and updated information at our upcoming workshop. Please note that this program is only for adults; it is not intended for children or teenagers.

We are also partnering with the Lisa Devries from the Roanoke VCE Master Gardeners on two gardening workshops. The first is “Herbs: Drying and Freezing” on Thursday October 13 at 6:30 PM, and the second is “Composting Basics” on Thursday November 3 at 6:30 PM.

All of these programs are free and open to the public, and they do not require registration. We hope to see you there! ◇



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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 2016**, please renew your membership. You may pay by check (payable to FOSL) at the Library desk, by mail, or at the Member's Sale. Dues rates are: Individual \$10, Family \$15, Sustaining \$25 and Life \$75. You will find more information on the FOSL web page. See the URL above.

Important Dates

FOSL holds four regular meetings each year. They are on the 2nd Sunday of the scheduled month starting at 2PM and last for approximately one hour. Members are encouraged to attend and contribute to regular business meetings and to volunteer to help make activities such as the Book Sale a success.

Dates:

- August 20 through September 8, Book Sale preparation in Library Meeting Room
- September 9 through 11, **FOSL Book Sale**

Member's Sale: Friday 9th 9:30 - 11:30

Member's Social: Friday 9th Noon - 1

Public Sale: Friday 9th 1 - 8

Public Sale: Saturday 10th 9 - 5

Public Sale: Sunday, 11th 1:30 - 4

- September 12, Meeting Room Cleanup
- October 9, regular meeting:
- January 8, 2017, regular meeting: **Election of Officers and Board**

The reading of all good books is like a conversation with the finest men of past centuries.

Rene Descartes 1596-1650

Member's Social & Luncheon

Members of the Friends of the Salem Library are invited to a Social with Luncheon immediately after the Member's Book Sale. RSVP required.

Friday, September 9 at 12:00PM

Right after the Members' Sale

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