

# NEWSLETTER – FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

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## Friends of the Salem Library Annual Book Sale

By Charles Draper, Editor

*It's time for the twenty-third annual FOSL Book Sale.* Twenty-three years - that's a lot of years. The sale starts Friday, September 9 and runs through the 11<sup>th</sup>. 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**



The schedule is the same as last year; *the Members' Sale is on Friday morning, September 9, followed by the Members' Luncheon.*

### Schedule:

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

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



# Members' Sale 10:00 AM

# Campbell's Electronic Labels

*Charlie Draper, Editor*

Many of us have supported the Salem Library by saving Campbell's and other product labels for many years. We have redeemed over 113,000 labels since 2000. See the FOSL website for a detailed list.

If you are a "label saver", there is now a way you can double your contribution. If you are not a "label saver", there is a new and simple way to contribute. Labels for Education has an electronic version of Campbell's Labels for Education, which awards points for qualifying product purchases. Points can be redeemed for items ranging from scissors to flat panel TVs. Accumulating points off-line requires participants to remove UPC labels from participating products and depositing them in the Library where volunteers sort and mail them in for redemption.

E-labels are much less laborious. They can be collected by Kroger shoppers who enter their loyalty card number and designate Friends of Salem Library at [elabelsforeducation.com](http://elabelsforeducation.com). Every time you purchase a participating item, FOSL automatically receives at least 1 point. Select products earn up to 5 points.

But you must register. It's easy to do:

- Log on to [www.elabelsforeducation.com](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com). Click on "Sign up now".
- Complete the Required Fields
- Click "NEXT"
- Enter your Shopper Card number
- Click "add"
- Select school, in this case "Friends of Salem Library"

Now, every time you use your Kroger Card on a qualified product, FOSL will get one or more points. You can keep track of your contribution by logging on the web site with your email address and password. ◇

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## Friends of Library Workshop

*By Ken Sosnowski, VP, Friends of the Salem Library*



On June 1st, Ken Sosnowski and Janis Augustine attended a training session in Danville, provided by the Virginia Public Library Directors Association. This was part of a series of workshops offered around the state. The goal of the workshops was to provide organizations such as our Friends of the Salem Library with information and suggestions in an effort to stimulate activity in groups that support public libraries. With the decreasing financial support by the state, these local groups will be come increasingly important to the viability of local public libraries. This workshop brought together several groups from this area of the state in order that they become aware of each other's existence and to allow them to share ideas for both

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Kim Armentrout of the Library of Virginia with raising and publicity.  
Ken and Janis

We discovered that Salem fell in the middle of the pack. The organizations ranged from one group that only had a single active member, the one attending, to another that had raised almost \$50,000 in one day. During the workshop many different techniques for increasing the public visibility of the organization were presented and

discussed. Although not all of these ideas fit an organization of our size, others will be considered for future implementation. ◇

## **The Big Read**

*By Janis Augustine, Director, Salem Public Library*

Last year the Friends were among the sponsors of the Big Read, which featured **A Lesson before Dying** by Ernest J. Gaines. This year the community-wide read is called Roanoke Valley Reads and the Friends are again among the sponsors. The book is **Outcasts United: A Refugee Team, an American Town** by Warren St. John. It is the story of a soccer team of teen-aged refugees organized by an American-educated Jordanian woman, Luma Mufleh, in the Georgia town of Clarkston, which has become a refugee center. Because Roanoke is also a refugee center, the book will resonate with our population.

The very first event featuring the book is a discussion of it at our own Salem Library Book Club on Sept. 15. The author of the book, Warren St. John, will give a talk on Oct. 5 at Hollins University at 7:30. Then, the coach, Luma Mufleh, will speak at William Fleming High School on Nov. 13 at 2 PM. Also there will be a tournament of local refugee soccer teams, and discussions at churches, one of which will take place at Salem Presbyterian Church on Nov. 7 at noon.

All events are free and open to the public. For a complete event listing, go to <http://roanokevalleyreads.com>. ◇

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## **Summer Reading Program 2011 – One World Many Stories**

*By Maureen Harrill, Youth Services Librarian*

**One World Many Stories** was the theme for the 2011 Summer Reading program at the Salem Public Library. 548 children joined the SRP this year. One of the highlights of the SRP was Little Critter's Petting Zoo which included a family of Alpacas and adorable miniature horses, some pygmy goats, and more! Around 350 children, parents and bystanders visited this exciting 3 hour program on the grassy area in front of the library.

Multiculturalism prevailed all summer with our focus on educating children to books and programs from around the world. The Barefoot Puppets performed a fantastic show called Dreamland: Tales from Down Under featuring a platypus family and other Australian creatures. Egyptian and Japanese craft days were lots of fun for the kids, parents, teen volunteers and library staff who assisted and made it possible to have 60 to 110 in attendance each week.

Story Times were packed with wonderful children and parents. Some of our volunteers: Taylor Giorno, Tessa Foley, and Kelsey Fechko read during Story Times. Overall we had 20 wonderful 'tween and teen volunteers to assist with weekly crafts and other programs. It is so rewarding to plan these activities and then see how creative and involved the children are.

There were many other programs including magic, music, face painting and a special weaving/spinning program for older kids and 'twins with two volunteer presenters and Mona's Ark therapeutic llamas and angora rabbits.

Our goal of promoting reading and giving prizes to the children is a success with 2920 hours of reading done at the time of this writing in August. Lions and giraffes and hippos line the walls of the library with the names of the children who have reached three levels of reading over the summer!! We are so proud of this family effort of reading to toddlers and to encouraging school age children to

read themselves. One World Many Stories provided educational fun for so many this year – thanks to all who volunteered and gave of their time for this very important library function. ◇

## Teen Summer Reading Program

*By David Butler, Teen Services Librarian*

Wow!!!! We had another successful Teen Summer Reading Program. Ninety Four teens participated in the Teen Summer Reading Program. We did the tried and true and added some bold and new. Three of our most successful programs each year are Teen Mystery Night, The Amazing Race and our annual Duct Tape Program. The Teen Mystery Night and the Duct Tape Program set new records for attendance. The Amazing Race was simply amazing. The teens who participated showed great enthusiasm for the programs. It was wonderful to hear “thank you” from the teen participants as they left each program. We also did two new programs. Katherine Devine did a Pop-Up-Art program. Kim Weitkamp came and did a Creative Writing Workshop. Ms. Devine showed the teens how to make pop-up books. There were several unique cuts that made interesting pop-ups. Kim Weitkamp did a three hour workshop. It was one of the first times I had ever seen fifteen teens sit on the edge of their seats for three hours as Kim shared humorous stories and focused on how to help the teens tell their story. We also had a couple of game days that provided hours of fun for the teens.

I always enjoy the Summer Reading Program because you can tell that the ones who really get into it have a great time. I am so heartened when I see the teens give so much of their time. They are the ones who make it all happen. All the teens that faithfully showed up to assist with the children’s programs were so helpful. We could not do the Summer Reading Program without them.

The teens received “You are Here” T-Shirts for their first prize and book bag and key chain for the second prize. The grand prize will be picked the last Friday in August. It is hard to believe how quickly the summer passed. I guess the old adage is true, “time flies when you’re having fun”, and I believe the teens had a great deal of fun. I know I did! ◇

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## Buseum Visit

*By John Long, Salem Museum*

The Buseum of the TRACES center in Minnesota rolled into Salem on April 18th, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Library and the Salem Museum. The converted school bus travels the nation (and, if plans pan out, will soon go international) informing visitors about a forgotten chapter of WWII history. During the war, 380,000 German and Italian prisoners of war were held on the American home front, where they were hired out to farms or factories to alleviate the wartime labor shortages.



Here in the Roanoke Valley, there were two German POW camps. One was in the Catawba area (site of Ward Haven Church Camp today) and the other a compound now used by the City of Salem street department. Artifacts, documents, and photos illustrating the history of the local camps were on display at the museum during the Buseum's six-hour stay. Overall, more than 160 visitors experienced the exhibit, including a large number of students from Salem schools and Roanoke College. Several older residents recalled the stay of the POWs in town, and shared their stories with Irving Kellman, the TRACES tour guide. When the Buseum left Salem at the

end of the day, it left behind a community more aware than ever of an untold chapter of its history.◇

## FOSL Spring Art Show

By *Charlie Draper*

On May 15, the Friends again sponsored the Salem Elementary School Art Show at the library. This has become an annual event. As in the last year, over 100 pieces of art were displayed. Teachers Sarah Meadows and Ashley Harmon selected the art. The students' parents and school administrators were invited to the show and reception. As you can see from the picture, quite a crowd showed up.

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



Parents, student artists, and visitors enjoy the Show



Your editor, David Butler, and Nancy Collins chat with art teacher, Sarah Meadows

### **Our Mission:**

The Friends of the Salem Library organized in 1988 to pursue the following mission: *To maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to focus public attention on the library, its resources and services; to rally public support to ensure adequate library funding at municipal and state levels; to receive and encourage gifts and bequests to the library; to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community.* FOSL is chartered as a non-stock corporation under Virginia law and holds tax-exempt status for Federal taxation purposes under Section 501C3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Officers of the Friends of the Salem Library:**

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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 2011*, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday\* of the scheduled month starting at 2PM and last for approximately one hour.

- August 2 through September 8, Book Sale preparation in Library Meeting Room
- September 9 through 11, FOSL Book Sale (Sept 10 is Olde Salem Days)
- September 12, Meeting Room Cleanup
- October 9, regular meeting
- January 8, 2012, regular meeting, *election of Officers and Board*

Help us support the Salem Library

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in May

**Member's Luncheon**

The Staff on the Salem Library invites the Members of the Friends of the Salem Library to the Members' Luncheon on

Friday, September 9 at 12:15PM

Please RSVP to 375-3089 or e-mail [library@salemva.gov](mailto:library@salemva.gov)