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A Report to our Members and to the Community

By Charles Draper

President, Friends of the Salem Library

This is the first issue of the Friends of the Salem Library (FOSL) Newsletter. We plan to publish twice yearly to keep our members and our community informed about our activities. In another article in this newsletter, Joyce Foster, Treasurer of FOSL, gives an excellent overview of our organization, our goals, and our projects. See page 2.

To accomplish the things Joyce lists takes money. Our major fund raising activity for the year is our annual Book Sale, coming up next month. We hope our members will step up, as they always do, to assist our Book Sale Chairman Sara Ahalt in conducting another successful sale. We also encourage everyone to donate books for the sale and to encourage their friends to do the same. Then we hope you all come to the sale and replenish your book shelves. Read Sara's article starting on this page for the details.

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Friends of the Salem Library Book Sale

By Sara Ahalt

Book Sale Chairman

Book Sale season is upon us! The annual Friends of the Salem Library Book Sale will occur the weekend of September 10 during Olde Salem Days. Of course members of the Friends of the Salem Library can get first selection of books at the Members Only Sale Friday, September 9. Members are also invited to the Members Luncheon on the same day hosted by the staff of the Salem Library. *Mark your calendars:*

- Friday, September 9; 12:30 PM, *Members Luncheon* in the Library followed by:
- The *Members Only Sale*, 1:30 to 4:00 PM in the Library Meeting Room
- Saturday, September 10; *Book Sale* open to the general public during Olde Salem Days, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Sunday, September 11; *Clearance Sale* open to the general public, 1:30 to 4:00 PM

Of course, book sales don't just happen. It takes hundreds of volunteer hours to put one together, and it takes thousands of donated books.

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The Salem Library is hosting a luncheon for the Members of the Friends on September 9 prior to the Members Only book sale. We want to thank Janis Augustine and her staff for their consideration. I hope to see you all there. See Sara's article and page 4.

If you would like to assist us in supporting the Salem Library, we welcome you to join the 70 plus members of the Friends who are already contributing. Membership dues are:

\$10 annual – Individual

\$15 annual – Family

\$25 annual – Sustaining

\$75 – Life

Dues may be paid at the Salem Library. Make check payable to Friends of the Salem Library.

Our next regular meeting date is Wednesday, October 12 at 5:30 PM in the Library meeting room. It is the last meeting of 2005. It will be especially interesting as we will be recapping the book sale and discussing plans for 2006. I hope to see you there. ◇

Who We Are, What We Do

By Joyce Foster

Treasurer, Friends of the Salem Library

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.

Over the years, FOSL has provided the Library with a great many items that were wished for, but were not able to be budgeted. The items include:

- United States flag
- T-shirts or other desiderata for the yearly Summer Reading program
- Personal computers and printers
- Morning coffee for library patrons
- Film series for high school English classes

- Display cases (one of which houses the 'dolls of the world' collection donated to the Library by FOSL member Grace J. Thomas)
- After-hour book return bins
- Television set
- Film strip projector
- Video tape cleaner
- World globe
- Typewriters
- Ellison die cutter and dies
- Plaques
- Bulletin boards
- Christmas tree
- Digital camera and printer
- And more!

The Friends receive donations on behalf of the Library. We also maintain a Memorial Book Fund, which allows donors to specify certain books to be purchased for the Library in honor or memory of their honoree, and a special bookplate is affixed.

A collaboration of the Library and the Friends is the yearly purchase of age-appropriate books to be given to children in the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) program. Maureen Harrill, Youth Services Librarian, chooses the books and FOSL pays for their purchase, affixes a bookplate in each, and delivers them to CASA for distribution.

In addition to direct purchase of items for the Library, the Friends participate in the Campbell's Labels for Education (LFE) program. Citizens drop off labels from participating products at the Library, and then FOSL members and volunteers trim the labels and count, bundle, and ship them off to the LFE address, where the points are credited to the Friends account. Library staff members choose items from the yearly LFE catalog, for which the points are redeemed. FOSL member Carol K. Coughlan (d. 2000) started the Library LFE project, which the Friends have pursued for nearly 20 years now. Items acquired by the Library through the LFE program include children's videos (the 'Ramona' series of 10 tapes, and Curious George and Ralph S. Mouse tapes), a laminating machine, reading series software for grades K-1, stereo headphones, and sets of color markers.

If you would like to support the Salem Public Library's activities, monetarily or in another way, the Friends will be glad to assist you in the endeavor. ◇



Lots of books to sort!

“I cannot live without books”

Thomas Jefferson to John Adams, 1815

Volunteers: If you are interested in helping with sale preparations or helping on sale days please call me or come to the library at the times and dates shown below. The preparation schedule is:

- Monday, August 1; 1:00 PM. Arrange tables and distribute signs that indicate book classification
- Tuesday, from August 2 until the book sale; Full range of sale preparation. During the busiest times, we usually work from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM *weekdays. Note; volunteers who help with sale prep *can buy books on the spot. How can you get a better first look at the inventory?*
- Thursday, September 8: Cut off date for donations of books.
- Monday, September 12: Clean up and pack up remaining books starting at 9:00 AM

Last year there was a request for *Saturday work dates. We can do that if anyone is interested. Also last year, some folks indicated that they would have liked to have helped in the prep, but they needed “sit down” jobs. We have several “sit down” tasks, and the further into the prep we go, the more of this type of job we have.

Book Donations: Donated books are the life-blood of the book sale. Please cull your own book shelves and encourage your friends to do the same. Donate the books to the Friends by bringing them to the library between August 1 and September 8; the earlier the better. You may deposit them in the marked receptacle in the front foyer.

Here are some reminders of what we need:

- Fiction and nonfiction, hardbacks and paperbacks, LP's, CD's, tapes, videos, and DVDs.
- Always a special need: children's books, large print books, and Bibles (various translations)
- Please **NO** magazines, no Reader's Digest Condensed Books, textbooks, or encyclopedias.

Last year we sold one book for \$150.00; its re-sale value after some restoration was around \$1,000. It will be interesting to see if we hit the jackpot again.

We have one ‘leftover’ from 2004. It is a 1968 reprint of a 1963 political map of India. It was published by the Surveyor of India Office, copyright Govt. of India. It is printed on fibrous map stock, folds up and has a book jacket cover. It is in good shape. The value appears to be about \$40. If you know anyone who might be interested, we will be happy to entertain offers.

If you have any questions, please call me at 389-3802. ◇

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MEMBERS LUNCHEON

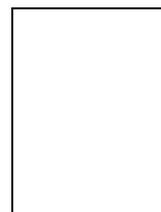
Members of the Friends of the Salem Library are invited to the Members Luncheon on

Friday, September 9 at 12:30 PM

Please RSVP to 375-3089

The Members Only Book Sale will follow at 1:30 PM immediately after the luncheon.

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