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## President's Letter

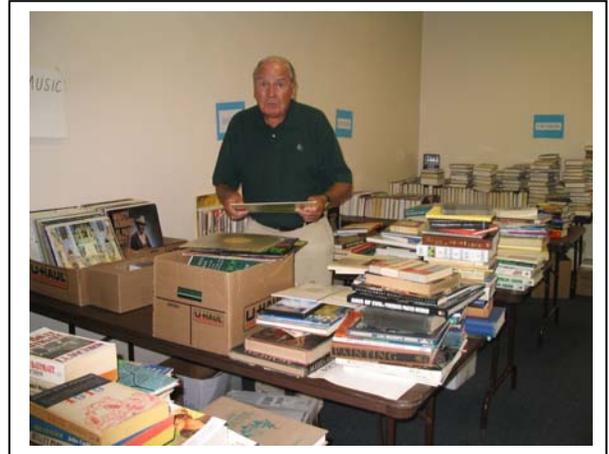
*By Charles Draper, President*

Another Old Salem Days book sale is almost here. It's the Friends of the Salem Library's principle funding activity. As you'll discover when you read Sara Ahalt's article, *Up-Coming Book Sale*, that it's not just a one-day affair. It kicks off on Friday, September 8 at 12:30 p.m. with the **Member's Luncheon** hosted by Janis Augustine, Library Director, and her staff. All FOSL members are invited. Please RSVP to Janis if you intend to come. Then come to the meeting room after lunch (at 1:30) for the **Member's Book Sale**. As always, you must be a member of FOSL to enjoy the luncheon and to get first pick of the books at the Member's Sale.

All day Saturday and on Sunday afternoon, the Book Sale will be open to the general public

Many of our members have been working weekdays since the beginning of August to put the sale together. The turnout of volunteers has been wonderful but there is still much more to be done before, during, and after the sale. Sara lists the needs in her article.

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**Bob McClanahan has tons of LPs to sort**

## Up-Coming Book Sale

*By Sara Ahalt, Book Sale Chairman*

If you are one of those folks who has been saying to yourself, "This year I'm going to put together some things to donate to the Book Sale." now's the time! Here's a rundown on what the sale can use:

**Hardbacks** - fiction and nonfiction. Some of the "best sellers" are large print books, cookbooks, mysteries and children's books.

**Paperbacks** - fiction and nonfiction. Best-selling writers include Nora Roberts, Mary Higgins Clark, James Patterson, Zane Grey and Louis Lamoure.

**Audio Books** - These sell very well.

**DVDs**

**Videos**

**Albums** - CDs and old LPs. which appeal to collectors. Please be sure to have your donations in by Wednesday Sept. 6.

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## President's Letter (Cont.)

**Memberships:** FOSL memberships run by calendar year. If you haven't renewed your membership this year, now is the time so that you may enjoy the luncheon and take part in the Membership Sale. Annual membership dues are:

- \$10 – Individual
- \$15 – Family
- \$25 – Sustaining
- \$75 – Life

Dues may be paid at the Salem Library. Make your check payable to Friends of the Salem Library or FOSL. You may also pay your dues at the door of the Membership Sale but we hope you avoid the crowd and do it earlier. Tell your friends and neighbors about FOSL. They may wish to participate.

**Meetings:** Note that we have changed our meeting date in October from the traditional Wednesday evening to Sunday afternoon. This is an effort to increase attendance. See *Next Business Meeting*. . . elsewhere in this newsletter. Our next regular meeting, therefore, is **Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 PM** in the Library meeting room. It is the last meeting of 2006. We will be recapping the book sale, discussing meeting schedules, as well as planning for election of officers in January 2007. I hope to see you there.◊

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## The Salem Library Book Club

*By Janis Augustine, Library Director*

The Salem Library Book Club is in its third year of existence. It started as an offshoot of the Roanoke Times Book Club. The Times stopped sponsoring that club at the end of 2005, but the members decided to keep the Salem club going. In the last three years, over 70 different individuals have participated in the discussions. Titles discussed include Pride & Prejudice, Nickel & Dime, Confederates in the Attic, Prayer for Owen Meany, and Last Car to Elysian Fields.

The Salem Library Book Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 7 PM except for August and December. The remaining books and dates for 2006 are:

- European Dream, by Jeremy Rifkin – Sept. 28
- The Atonement, by Ian McEwan – Oct. 26
- The March, by E.L. Doctorow – Nov. 30

We are getting a new list of titles together for 2007. Please call 375-3089, or e-mail [library@ci.salem.va.us](mailto:library@ci.salem.va.us), to reserve a space at the meeting.◊

(FOSL supports the Book Club by paying for refreshments the members enjoy at meetings. Ed).

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## Book Sale (Cont.)

Please Do Not donate magazines, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, textbooks and encyclopedias.

Think of the benefits of donating to the sale. You are providing help to the library. You create space at home. You have space for what you buy this year.

If you are one of those folks who would like to be more involved in the sale beyond donating, there are several ways.

**Preparation** - from now through Thursday, Sept. 7. Tasks included are unpacking and sorting, arranging tables and marking items that are specially priced.

**Help during the sale** on the following days:

Friday, September 8 - Members' Sale - 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. We need volunteers to tally and bag sales and to straighten up after 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 9 – BOOK SALE - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We need volunteers to distribute shopping bags, tally and bag sales and keep tables full and neat.

Sunday, September 10 - Clearance Sale - 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. We need volunteers to explain how the sale works and keep tables as neat as possible.

Monday, September 11 - Cleanup - We need volunteers to pack up remaining items, collect odds and ends that have to be stored for next year and generally restore order to the community room.

If you have any questions about donating or helping, please call Sara Ahalt at 389-3802.◊



Anne Peyton has tons of books to sort

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# Next Business Meeting Changed to Sunday

By Charles Draper

The Friends of the Salem Library hold a general membership meeting five times a year. For the last several years, these meetings have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on a Wednesday evening. Helen Robertson and others have pointed out this is an inconvenient time for many members because:

- It's during the dinner hour.
- In the winter at that time it's dark. A number of members who would like to attend cannot drive at night.
- Some members have difficulty getting from work to the meeting at that early-evening hour.

In early July, a survey was mailed to each FOSL member asking for meeting day and time preferences. The choices were; Sunday afternoon, Monday through Friday evening, and all day Saturday. Twenty-two members responded, about 27% of the membership. Multiple choices were encouraged. Of 35 choices, 10 favored Sunday afternoon, 7 favored Wednesday evening, and the remainder were scattered over the other days.

The results of the survey were presented at our July, 2006 business meeting. It was moved and seconded to hold the next meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 8 as a *one time event*. The motion carried.

At the October meeting we will discuss future meeting dates. We will consider the affect this change has on attendance. Of course, the goal is to increase participation in FOSL activities. In October, we hope to see some new faces and some others we haven't seen for a long time.◇

## Friends of the Salem Library, 2006 Officers

**President** – Charles Draper, ph. 387-9824

**Vice-President** – Bob Paine

**Secretary** – Susan Ahalt

**Treasurer** - Joyce Foster

## Committee Chairman

**Book Sale** - Sara Ahalt, ph. 389-3802

**Historian** – Marcia Kelly

**Newsletter Editor** – Charles Draper

<http://www.salemlibrary.info/friends.html>

# FOSL Reception for Art Students

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By Joyce Foster and Charles Draper

On Sunday, May 21, FOSL welcomed Robin Richardson and her art students from Andrew Lewis Middle School. The students were from the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Their art was displayed in the Library meeting room. More than 50 people attended including many FOSL members and the student artist's parents and friends. Dorothy Davis brought a lovely flower arrangement that included mountain laurel in bloom. Helen Robertson and Joyce Foster served fruit punch and cookies.

All enjoyed viewing the art and meeting the attendees. We were extremely impressed with the quality of Robin's student's work.◇

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## Summer Reading Program

By Maureen Harrill, Youth Services Librarian

Once Upon a Time was the theme for the 2006 Summer Reading Program which ran for six weeks from June 20 through July 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Kick-off on June 20<sup>th</sup> starred a Beauty & the Beast marionette show performed by Stevens Puppets with 248 children and parents attending the 2 performances. Face painting par excellence was done by artist Katherine Devine of Salem with dragons, fairies, butterflies appearing on the delighted faces of the children.

The library was very busy all summer with over 30 programs designed to keep children reading all summer. The FOSL's support the Summer Reading Program each year by providing the funding for the main incentive: this year a 6" white bear called Sir Reads A Lot. The bear was a big hit with children & parents alike. A special Mad Hatter Tea Party on July 25<sup>th</sup> had 48 children ages 3-10 attending in their party gear: girls in party dresses & hats and boys in suits with ties. Others chose to be more casual, in shorts and shirts and sporting a simple paper plate hat they could make during the party.

Young pre-teen and teen volunteers assist with many programs from craft days to story times. With over 600 children & teens from ages 1-16 registered and attending programs, the volunteer help is needed and appreciated. We heard many positive comments about our program and hope it has helped encourage parents to read to their toddlers and up as well as children who read by themselves.◇

## MEMBERS LUNCHEON

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

**Friday, September 8 at 12:30 PM**

**Please RSVP to 375-3089 or e-mail [library@ci.salem.va.us](mailto:library@ci.salem.va.us)**

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

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