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FOSL's Annual Book Sale

By Charles Draper, Editor

Its book sale time again. The annual Friends of the Salem Library Book Sale is just a few weeks away:

- **Members Luncheon Friday, September 12; 12:30 PM,** in the Library. Please **RSVP** to the Library. (See Page 4.)
- **Members Only Sale; 1:30 to 4:00 PM,** right after the luncheon.
- **Book Sale Saturday, September 13; 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.** Open to the general public.
- **Clearance Sale Sunday, September 14; 1:30 to 4:00 PM.** Open to the general public.

President's Letter

By Bob McClanahan, Jr., President
FOSL

When our marching orders came in the mail from our Book Sale Chairman, Sara Ahalt, it was hard to realize that the time for our annual book sale was just around the corner. It caught me in a philosophical mood. I recalled a line from an old favorite hymn, "Time, like an over-rolling stream...". Time passes quickly and philosophizing doesn't sell books, so it's time to go to work.

Last year we netted over \$6,200 which really sets a high goal for us to equal or exceed this year. With the downturn in the economy, this may be more difficult, but there is no better entertainment bargain than a good book at greatly discounted price. With Sara's leadership, perhaps we can work harder and equal last year.

None other than Walt Disney said "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island and, best of all, you can enjoy these riches every day of your life". ♡



Paid-up members of the Friends of the Salem Library can get first selection of books by attending the Members' Only Sale. The members are also invited to the Members Luncheon on the same day hosted by the staff of the Salem Library. See the invitation on Page 4. *Remember; RSVP if you plan to attend the luncheon.*

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

- Now through Thursday, Sept. 11- Preparation - 9:00 – 12:00 a.m. Unpack and sort, arrange tables, and mark items that are specially priced. Sit-down jobs are available.
- Friday, September 12 - Members' Sale - 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Tally and bag sales and to straighten up after 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 13 – BOOK SALE - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Distribute shopping bags, tally and bag sales and keep tables full and neat.
- Sunday, September 14 - Clearance Sale - 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Explain how the sale works and keep tables as neat as possible.

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BE A FRIEND.....

BE A VOLUNTEER

By Margaret Heurtematte

Show your appreciation for our outstanding Salem Public Library. How? ... by sharing your time and talents in helping the Library's staff deliver the quality services we have all come to know and expect. Currently, twelve adult volunteers have kindly offered their services but there is an **ON-GOING NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS**. Look around you. There are many areas where you can support Library staff.

- Volunteers check in the books received from other libraries per patron requests. These volunteers work from 9:30 to 12:30 or 1:00, Monday through Friday.
- Volunteers are needed to call patrons to let them know their requests are available. These volunteers work in the afternoon, sometimes in the evening, for two or three hours at a time on Monday through Friday. A volunteer is currently needed to call people on Tuesday afternoons.
- Volunteers are needed to wrap Holds material prior to placement in the Holds bookcase to insure patron confidentiality.
- The staff checks out an average of 250 DVD's a day. Volunteers are needed to assist staff with re-shelving DVD's. The hours where help is needed most are Monday through Friday from 10:00 to 12:30. Help is also needed on weekends.
- A volunteer is needed to come in about once a week to assist in repairing DVD's.
- Finally, the staff is always happy to have some help in the various "shelf-reading" tasks that must be routinely performed at the Library. This is a great task for you detail-oriented types who love to work alone.

- Monday, September 15 - Cleanup - Pack up remaining items, collect odds and ends that have to 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 10. Some reminders of what we need:

- Fiction and nonfiction. Hardbacks and paperbacks
- Cookbooks
- Sheet music
- Audio: LPs, CDs, and Audio books
- Video: DVDs and VHS tapes
- 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.

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

Volunteers cont.

Many members of our community have already made a personal commitment of their time and talent to our Salem Public Library. Won't you join them?

If you are interested in volunteering, please ask for an application at the front desk. Please contact staff member Benita VanCleave at 375-3089 for more information. ◇

Student's Art Show and Reception

By Charlie Draper

The Friends of the Salem Library sponsored a Student's Art Show and Reception on May 18, 2008. Elementary children from the Salem school system submitted over 50 pieces of art. Kenny Simms and Amanda Gibson of the Salem Schools Gifted Children's Program did a marvelous job in coordinating the show with art teachers Helen Bennett and Sarah Meadows.

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By Maureen G. Harrill, Youth Services Librarian

Catch the Reading Bug; the theme for the **2008 children's Summer Reading Program** here at the Salem Public Library. It all started on June 18th with Joe Pipik's Backpack Puppet Show, which entertained a very large audience both in the morning and afternoon. Katherine Devine came once again as part of our Kick-off to face-paint our Summer Reading Program children. Her art included graceful butterflies, flowers and many insect motifs. What a fun and busy day it was!

Craft days kept many children busy and creative making insect puppets, ladybug hats, paper chain caterpillars, and other fun projects. The children and parents also came for a special morning of creativity July 2nd making things for our insect mural which formed a backdrop in the meeting room for events all of July. Our teen volunteers cheerfully helped the children with their craft projects.

Some of the other programs included an animal/insect program from Mill Mountain Zoo; 2 Magic programs including Fish the Magish & Caleb Johnston; J. Austin's fantastic unicycle/juggling act; a musical morning with the McKenzies; Barefoot Puppets Trickster tales, partially funded by the Va. Commission for the Arts and Bug Tales with Storyteller Susan Clark; and an additional very special bird program featured Belle the Macaw & other feathered friends. Storytimes took place on Thursday mornings for toddler and pre-school groups, and were very well attended.

Program attendance was higher than in any recent year, breaking records. Registration for the SRP was up 20% over last year. The incentives or prizes were very buggy with stuffed insects, bug jugs and finger puppets in many varieties: butterfly, ladybug, dragonfly, grasshopper or bee. The children loved this theme and read a lot of books: over 2200 hours have been read as of 8-8-08. I am very proud of all this reading going on. I hope lifelong friends are made with some of the characters in our collection of books.

I want to thank the FOSL's for their generosity in providing funding for the Summer Reading Program and this year they paid for many of those buggy prizes! Congratulations go out from me to all the children & parents who utilized their local library to such an extent and made the staff feel good doing our jobs helping them. ◇

The Friends furnished refreshments and decorations. Janis Augustine and her library staff mailed invitations and did an excellent job with the physical arrangement of the show. Many of the artists and their families attended the show.

The art show was deemed a success and we hope to do it again next year. ◇



Kids and Parents enjoy the show



Lilly Butler and her impressive art



Our President discusses the show with Sara Ahalt. The flower display by Dorothy Davis.

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Membership dues (other than Life) are on an annual basis and are payable January 1 of each year. Consult your mailing label. If the date shown is prior to 2008, please renew your membership. Remember, your dues must be current to attend the Member's Luncheon/Book Sale.

Important Dates

By the Editor

The FOSL meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the scheduled Month. Meetings start at **2 PM** and last for approximately one hour.

- **August 1 through September 11,** Book Sale preparation in Library Meeting Room
- **September 12 through 14, FOSL Book Sale** (Sept 13, Olde Salem Days)
- **September 15,** Meeting Room Cleanup
- **October 12,** regular meeting
- **January 11, 2009,** regular meeting, election of Officers and Board

Remember, the more we participate, the better support we can render the Salem Library. ◇

MEMBERS LUNCHEON

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

Friday, September 12 at 12:30 PM

Please RSVP to 375-3089 or e-mail library@ci.salem.va.us

The *Members-Only Book Sale* will follow at 1:30 PM immediately thereafter.