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BIGGEST BOOK SALE EVER



Rosemary Sosnowski stands in awe of the book donations in FOSL's off-site storage

By Ken Sosnowski, VP & Book Sale Chairman

This year will be the **biggest book sale** we've ever held. It's getting difficult to maneuver between the stacks of donated books. In addition to the usual topics, this year, we have received sizable donations from two veterans of the Second World War. These gentlemen wanted their collections of military books to become available to others who share their interest in **military history, equipment and tactics**. If **art** is more along your line, we have several multi-volume series. Naturally, we can offer **cooking** guidance in virtually any style from classic French to backyard grilling.

Last year, we had to expand our selling area by moving the **children's books** into the library proper. This year, we need even more space and will move the older books out there also. This will give us added space for the many **specialty** and/or **unusual** books that have been donated.

So come early and fill that empty space on your book shelf. It's not too late to find that summer reading you've been searching for (if you're a student, it's too late!) or stock up for good reading in front of the fire this winter. **Credit Cards Welcome.** ◊

Book Sale Schedule

FOSL Member's Sale: September 11, 9:30 to 11:30 am. Followed by the Social. See Pages 2, 4 and 6

Public Sales: Friday, September 11, 1 to 4 PM

Saturday, September 12, 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday, September 13, 1:30 to 4 pm, Clearance. Buy 'um by the bag or box. ◊

President's Letter

Charlie Draper, President, Friends of the Salem Library

It's that time again. Ken Sosnowski, our Book Sale Chairman, has informed us that this will be the biggest FOSL Book Sale ever. It takes an enormous number of people-hours to put this affair together. By the time you read this, if you haven't been sorting books at the library weekday mornings, come in and help. Also, let Ken know what hours you can help on the sale weekend, too. Call Ken at 389-7037 or me at 387-9824 for information on how you can help.

This is our major fund raising event. It permits us to fund the myriad projects we do each year for the Salem Library. Without Book Sale money in the bank, we are limited in what we can do to support the library. So please HELP.

This year we are dialing back the Member's Luncheon. Instead of a "thank you" to the Friends from the Library Staff, it will be a joint celebration between the Friends, the Staff, and Library volunteers. It takes all of us to make things work so let's thank each other and shake hands all around.

About projects! What are some of the things we've done so far this year?

- We allocated \$850 to support the Summer Reading program and Summer Reading Program for teens.
- We allocated \$300 for food and invitations for the Elementary Student Art Show.
- We purchased and helped to install two wireless microphones and associated equipment for the Library Meeting Room. The system is expandable to four microphones. Cost about \$1100.
- Funded the purchase of a new Outside Book Drop for about \$1000.

At the July meeting we welcomed Hilary Kennard. Hilary is the new Children's Services Manager. Hilary replaces Maureen Harrill. We look forward to working with Hilary as we enjoyed working with Maureen for these many years. See the article opposite and on Page 3.

I want to thank Helen Robertson for locating an off-site storage facility for our donated books. Also, kudos to Ken Sosnowski for all his hard work moving carloads of books from the library and from donors' homes to the storage location. Thanks to the volunteers and the Boy Scouts who helped Ken move the books to the library on August 15. (*See Page 1, Ed.*) Also Ken, thanks for preparing and publishing the January newsletter while I was out of the country.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Member's Book Sale, September 11. ♦

Hilary Kennard Joins the Library Staff

By Margaret Heutematte

The Friends welcome Hilary Kennard, the library's new Children's Services Manager.

Hilary was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. She received a Master's degree in Library Information Science from the University of South Carolina.

Kennards, parents of two busy teens, have been in the Roanoke Valley for almost 20 years.

Hilary comes to us with experience gained from work on the staff at the Forest Library in Bedford County and service as the Youth Services Librarian with the Roanoke Public Libraries. She already has a number of plans and programs underway to further her goals of having children of all ages excited about coming to the library and making them "lifelong readers." These include expanding fall storytime programs so that all children under five have a literacy-based program designed to meet the needs and interests of specific age groups.

Storytimes is a great way for parents and caregivers to connect with other families, give children an opportunity to learn and grow in a supportive environment, and make new friends! For school-age children, a number of afterschool and weekend programs are scheduled, including hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities, LEGO Club, and special event programming.

Please stop by Hilary's office and say hello. ♦



Hilary with Library Director, Ann Tripp

Elementary Art Show and Reception

By The Editor

The art show on May 17 was an incredible success this year. It seems to get bigger and better attended every year. Ann reports receiving many compliments and expressions of gratitude from teachers and families. ♦



Maureen Harrill Retires

By The Editor

The library staff and Friends of the Salem Library helped Maureen Harrill celebrate her retirement with cake and refreshments on May 13, 2015. Maureen sent a note to the Friends. Read it on Page 4. ♦

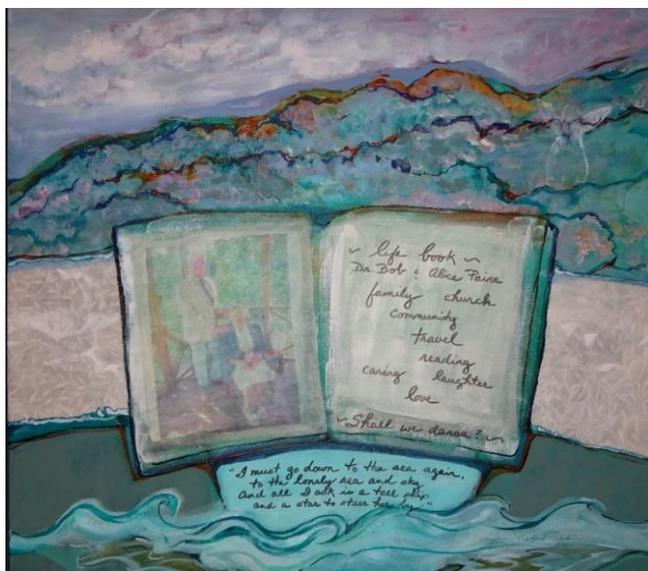


Memorial for Bob and Alice Paine

By Janis Augustine

The Friends commissioned a painting by Jane Winders Frank in memory of Charter Members Dr. Bob and Alice Paine. This painting and an accompanying plaque are hung in a prominent place in the library, just to the right of the library desk.

The artist conferred with Bob and Alice's daughter, Emily, on what elements would best display her parents' personalities and values. With the backdrop of our beautiful mountains above and the sea below, we see an open book showing their portrait and a list of things important in their lives.



The Paines were tireless supporters of the Friends and the Salem Library. This artwork will remind us of their devotion for a long time to come. ◇

Tellabration

By Leisa Thompson

November 22, 2014, the Salem Library held our first TELLABRATION day. The Virginia Storytelling Alliance, VASA, and FOSL supported. The event was a success. About thirty people took part. Along with the VASA, we heard stories told by all ages of the public.

Mark your calendars with November 21, 2015 and join in a full day of fun and laughter at **TELLABRATION 2015**. Come and share a short five minute story or just enjoy the fun and laughter of a good thing. ◇

Friends of Salem Library

I want to thank you for all the support you gave me over the years. You approved my requests for Summer Reading T-Shirts and other prizes for the reading program which encouraged many to read more to earn those prizes. In so many ways you have supported me in my job.

I also thank you for being good friends and I plan to continue to see and work with you as a volunteer for the book sale. It may not be real often but as often as I can.

The retirement party was wonderful-I never saw such a fruit display and the cake was perfect with the story-time theme.

Jay and I have not been to the Blue Apron but with your generous gift card, we look forward to dining there.

So thanks to all of you.

Fondly, Maureen

Member's Sale and Social

By The Editor

MEMBERS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY GET FIRST CHOICE. The Member's Sale is FRIDAY MORNING,

Remember, FOSL now accepts credit cards at the book sale.

If you are not a member of FOSL or have forgotten to renew your membership in January, you don't have to miss the sale. You can join at the door during the Member's Sale. An Individual membership is \$10 per year.

Note: After the sale, **stay for the Social**. Join the Library Staff and volunteers to celebrate our joint achievements. Rather than the luncheon of years past, this year we will have hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. Enjoy them in the company of the Library Staff and volunteers between noon and 1 pm. **Members Only. See page 6.** ◇

Volunteers Move the Books to the Library, August 15



Photos by Pat Draper

Thanks to Boy Scouts Brandon Pugh, Brennen Micheal, and Necholas Jenkins for their hard work moving thousands of books. Thanks too to Greg Micheal, Brennen's dad, and to Roger and Brenda Barnett, Brandon's Grandparents for pitching in. Our Book Sale Chairman, Ken Sosnowski, orcastrated the whole process.

The library staff was great. Ann Tripp left a family camping trip to move boxes. David Butler and Robert Moore were indispensable as usual. ◇

Loading at the off-site storage location



Boy Scouts from BSA Troop 352 unload the truck at the Library

The inside crew celebrates completion of the transfer. Books are ready to sort.



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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 2015**, please renew your membership. You may pay by check (payable to FOSL) at the Library desk, by mail, or at the Member's Sale.

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.

- August 17 through September 10, Book Sale preparation in Library Meeting Room
- September 11 through 13, **FOSL Book Sale**

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

Social: Friday 11th Noon - 1

Public Sale: Friday 11th 1 - 4

Public Sale: Saturday 12th 9 - 5

Public Sale: Sunday, 13th 1:30 - 4

- September 14, Meeting Room Cleanup
- October 11, 2 pm, regular meeting:
- January 10, 2016, 2 pm, regular meeting: *Election of Officers*

Social

This year everyone, Friends, Library Staff, and volunteers, will celebrate our achievements together. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Friday, September 11 at 12:00PM

Right after the Members' Sale

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