



Friends of the
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Interested in serving on our Board? Contact us at FRRLBoard@gmail.com

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK - FCPL ACCESS FAIR

In September 2017 the Friends provided a grant to the **FCPL Access Services Assistive Technology and Disability Resource Fair**. The fair brought together representatives from county agencies and organizations, and vendors from companies that can assist the low-vision and differently-abled communities, including the FCPL Access Services branch and the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), which is a part of the Library of Congress.

FRRL Board President, Brian Jacoby, was on hand to say a few words to the attendees, and to receive warm thanks from and from Access Services for our support. With 35 exhibitors and over 200 participants, the Fair was a resounding success.

Here are some of the comments Access Services received on the event, indicating the importance of this outreach event to the community:

From a fair exhibitor:

- “Thank you for a job well done! What a great day, showcasing Access Services and NLS service to the community. Speaking on behalf of the VIP (Visually Impaired Persons group) table, Reston and Vienna/Oakton, we had a great time and made many new and useful contacts. It was a great networking day for us. Thank you for all of your hard work behind the scenes to pull this event together. Also thank you for the hospitality, lunch, and water you provided to help us stay on our feet and talking all day.”

From attendees:

- “Thank you for putting this fair together. My parents do not have insurance, so I was happy to take advantage of the free glaucoma screening; and they did not need to wait in line.”
- “The fair is very informative. It was nice to listen to Karen and also learn about other services you have at Fairfax County Public Library.”
- “I was able to sign up for a library card and register my mother for the Talking Book Program in one day. Great job.”

Plan Ahead for the Charly's Attic Sale This Summer - July 27-29!



Do you know that feeling when you hold a beautiful old book in your hands? The elegant drawings in a pre-war novel? The warmth of a matched set of well-loved leather bound classics? Then this is your sale!

Every so often we offer up a special sale of the lovely old editions that didn't quite make the cut for our Charly's

Corner antiquarian collection at our regular sales. Featuring boxes of affordably priced, gorgeously made, but no-longer-quite-pristine books, this sale will also include some of the intriguing ephemera we've collected over the years.

Email us at RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com for more info as the sale draws closer...

Semi-Annual Sale April 25-29

MEMBERS' NIGHT

Wednesday 5pm to 8pm

OPEN SALE

Thursday 10am to 8pm

Friday 10am to 5pm

Saturday 10am to 4pm

Sunday Noon to 3:30pm

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteering with the Friends is great fun with a great purpose!

We're on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers in all areas, including community outreach, membership, Amazon sales, in-kind donor relations, book sales, and more.

Call

703-829-5467

Email

RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com

OTHER 2018 SALE DATES

March 15 - 18

*Children, Teens, Educators**

July 27 - 29

Charly's Attic

August 16 - 19

*Children, Teens, Educators**

September 26 - 30

Fall Semi-Annual

**NO Scanners at Children's Sales*



2017 FRIENDS' CHOICE AWARDEES

The Friends' Choice Awards "honors the hard work, dedication, and continued service of FCPL Friends groups." Each year, the awards are presented to the winners by the Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees. We're so proud of our own team, and all of our fellow Friends from around the County. Pictured here (l to r) are our 2017 Friends' Choice Award Winners Mikhail, Westy, Karin, Val, and Rik. In front is our indefatigable Book Sale Chair, Charly!



Mikhail Rabinovitch - Mikhail joined our book sale team in 2004 and has been a valuable player ever since. Loyal and dedicated, he has proven his value sale after sale. When Mikhail shows up, the stress goes down and the pace picks up! Despite working a full time job, Mikhail puts in hours and effort that make him an inspiration!

Charles "Westy" Westenhoff - Westy joined our team in 2007. Retired after 30 years with the Air Force, he brought a wealth of relevant experience, discipline, and a great sense of humor to our organization. He has been a consistent volunteer for our adult sale, and also a key contributor on our sorting team, brainstorming to document best practices and making it easier to train new volunteers.

Karin Richardson - Karin is an essential member of the behind-the-scenes team that makes our sales possible. From researching to sorting, from hours at a computer to hours on her feet, Karin contributes brains and muscle to make our sales even better. Recently, Karin was instrumental in researching those WWII savings bonds we found in a donated book. She found the rightful owners, secured donation of the bonds, and then found a dealer to purchase them. Karin's persistence literally paid off for the Friends!

Val Wendling - Valerie joined our team several years ago as a book sale volunteer and was quickly ready to do more. She became a dedicated member of the sorting team, even though she also holds down one and a half paid jobs! Each week Val also boxes up the week's donations and holds the reigning title for most boxes packed during a single shift. She has worked every sale position from setup to checkout and consistently brings fun and energy to the business of selling books.

Rik Karlsson - Rik stepped forward over 20 years ago to relieve some of the original Reston Friends leaders as they retired. He has been a wealth of information on management due to his expertise in the field, and was a key contributor to the growth and innovation mindset that prevails today. He has worked tirelessly at every book sale in multiple roles. Rik also served as President for a number of years, then Vice-President, and continues today as an at-large member of the Board.

Judy Konnert (not pictured) - Judy, a sorter and longtime volunteer, saw the need for getting the right price for special and unique donated books. In 2017, Judy celebrated her 10th year of selling online at our Amazon store online! Judy stores hundreds of books in her own home, and sells hundreds of them online -- generating as much as \$28,000 a year! It doesn't take much math to see how Judy's efforts add up!

Thank you, everyone, for your amazing contributions to the Friends.

Update On New Reston Library Plan

Although there is little "new news" on this, we thought we'd provide a brief recap on where things seem to stand at present.

The last published material from the County (from 2018) seemed to indicate a developer would be selected early in 2018. This may be very optimistic, given that as of this publishing, initial designs are still under review and none have been provided yet for public comment. If the plan does move forward later in 2018, the earliest construction could start is 2019 -- but in our opinion, this is highly unlikely. Therefore, we expect the current library to be in full swing until the early 2020's.

That said, the Request for Proposals (RFP) sent to potential developers last August does shed some light on the County's plans for our library. Below are some key points to ponder, assuming the County's requirements do not change (a big assumption at this stage, but it's all we have to go on at present):

- The new library will be located somewhere in the Town Center North redevelopment...possibly, but not necessarily, on its existing site.

- It will be part of a larger building, and will be approximately 39,000 square feet in size, located on one or two levels (one is preferred). The facility will have its own FREE parking spaces (most likely in a covered parking garage). For the Friends' purposes, it is important to note the requirement that "a convenient drop off area for library customers and books shall be identified" (good), but that the new library will follow the county's library design manual, which only provides 200 square feet dedicated to Friends' activities (bad).

- An additional 4,000 square feet of "Flexible Community Space," which includes meeting rooms will be located in close proximity to, or adjacent to, the library. Knowing little about it at this stage, it's nonetheless possible this could become our new space for book sales.

- The developer will be required to maintain library services throughout the redevelopment project, and will have to provide a temporary replacement library during construction, with a minimum of 4,000 square feet of space, and no farther than 2 miles from the existing Reston library. This is likely to be too small to maintain our donation activities and book sales, so we will have to explore alternate temporary space for the Friends as well during new library construction.

- Comparison libraries (for desired "quality and finish") are currently listed as **Pohick**, **Woodrow Wilson**, and **Dolley Madison** libraries, so if you want to get a "feel" for our potential new space, those are good places to visit and take a look around.

We will continue to provide updates as new information reaches us, and we encourage all our Friends to stay alert and engaged in this process as the County moves forward. Your interest and advocacy are crucial to our future!





Membership Application / Renewal

Mail To: Friends of the Reston Regional Library, Inc. (Attn: Membership)
11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston VA 20190-3306

Apply or Renew Your Membership Online:
www.restonlibraryfriends.com/membership

First and Last Names:

(Includes primary family members)

Street Address:	City	State	ZIP Code
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Email:

Email addresses are used to provide notice of upcoming sales and FRRL events. FRRL does not give member email addresses to anyone outside our organization.

I want to help:							
	Book Sale	Sorting	Public Affairs/ Legal Counsel	Accounting	Membership	PR / Community Outreach Events	Other (write in)

Type of Enrollment	Annual Membership Dues	Additional Donation (includes standard membership)
New Member	\$5 Senior (65 and over)	\$50 Good Friend
Renewal	\$15 General Household Membership	\$100 Best Friend
Information Change		\$250 Special Friend
		Other Additional Donation - Please write in

Make checks payable to: **Friends of the Reston Regional Library, Inc.** Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law for a 501(c)(3).

Membership Status and Friends News

The Friends Board of Directors appreciates the loyal support and generosity of its members, donors, and volunteers. As of December 31, 2017, Friends totaled 243 active members.

Please use the membership form above to apply for or renew your membership. If you received this newsletter at your residence, your membership expiration date appears on the mailing label.

Many of our members continue to provide financial support above the minimum level required for membership to the Friends. To those persons, the Board of Directors expresses special thanks. Names listed are donors from July 1 through December 31, 2017.

Very Special Friend

- Anonymous (\$1500)
- Anonymous (\$1002)

Special Friend (\$250+)

- Dorothy DuBois
- Susan McCrackin
- Barbara and Russell Sorenson

Best Friend (\$100-\$249)

- Stephanie Abbott
- Ann Bohlander
- Ingrid and William Dickens
- Rik and Charly Karlsson*
- Jeanne Loveland
- Arielle and Shawn Masters
- Lynda and Wendell Ose
- Diane and Thomas Stanley
- Richard and Eloise Williams

Good Friend (\$50-\$99)

- Jane and Robert Anthony
- Cecilia Brown
- Kelly Crespin
- Freya DeCola
- Wade and Lorraine Gatling
- Janine and Ralph Greenwood
- Dennis Hays*
- Diane Huddleston
- David and Julia Jones
- Joan Kenney
- Alan Nathanson (via Network for Good)
- Mike and Lois Olson
- Mai-Lan Pham
- Stefanie Psarakis
- Robert Storck
- Chris and Don Sylvester

*Donation made by FRRL Board Member

Matching Funds, Corporate Contributions, Grants: Exxon, Raytheon, and Amazon Smile

Shop on Amazon and contribute to the Friends. When you shop on **Amazon Smile**, the Friends can receive .5% of your purchase. Designate the Friends as your recipient when you log in to **smile.amazon.com** today!

The Friends of the Reston Regional Library Book Club	<i>FRRL Book Club meets on the second Thursday of every month, from 7:30pm to 8:45pm. All are welcome! Here is this year's 2018 book list and meeting dates:</i>
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April 12 <i>Before the Fall</i> by Noah Hawley	Sept. 13 <i>The Nightingale</i> by Kristin Hannah
May 10 <i>The Nix</i> by Nathan Hill	Oct. 11 <i>The Oath</i> by Jeffrey Toobin
June 14 <i>A Nation of Nations</i> by Tom Gjelten	Nov. 8 <i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i> by Amor Towles
July 12 <i>The Cat's Table</i> by Michael Ondaatje	Dec. 13 Book Selection Night
Aug. 9 <i>The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao</i> by Junot Diaz	Jan. 10 <i>Endurance: A Year in Space</i> by Scott Kelly



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Recent Book Sale Results

August 2017 – Children's Sale: \$17,065.98

September 2017 – Semi-Annual Sale: \$34,319.60

October 2017 – Puzzle Sale: \$4,923.75

December 2017 – Holiday Sale: \$7,115.00

February 2018 – Mystery Sale: \$2,977.00

Thanks for supporting FRRL!

Friends of the Reston Regional Library, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Proceeds from our sales go to funding library materials, programs, and equipment.

Corporate Sponsors / Corporate Donations

In addition to individual donations via memberships and books, FRRL also welcomes corporate donations in a variety of formats. Some area businesses provide in-kind donations of food and supplies to help keep our volunteers up and running during book sales.

Did you know?

We advertise corporate sponsors on our website:
RestonLibraryFriends.com

2017 Fall Book Sale Sponsors

7-Eleven - Soapstone Drive, Reston

Amphora Grill - Elden Street, Herndon

Baja Fresh - Fairfax Towne Center, Fairfax

Baskin-Robbins - North Point Village Center, Reston

The Chantilly Donut Shop - Henninger Court, Chantilly

Eggspectation - Westone Plaza, Chantilly

Giant Food #747 - North Point Village Center, Reston

Giant Food #153 - Fox Mill Shopping Center, Herndon

Great Harvest Bread Company - Station Street, Herndon

Gregorio's Trattoria - North Point Village Center, Reston

The Home Depot - Price Club Plaza, Fairfax

HoneyBaked Ham - North Point Village Center, Reston

Jerry's Subs and Pizza - North Point Village Center, Reston

La Ong Thai Bistro - Fox Mill Shopping Center, Herndon

Lucia's Italian Ristorante - Fox Mill Shopping Cntr, Herndon

Office Depot #339 - Spectrum Center, Reston

Papa John's Pizza - Fox Mill Shopping Center, Herndon

Potbelly Sandwich Shop - Sunset Hills Road, Reston

Safeway #1570 - Hunters Woods Village Center, Reston

Starbucks - Fox Mill Shopping Center, Herndon

The Chantilly Donut Shop - Henninger Court, Chantilly

Wal-Mart - Fair Lakes Drive, Fairfax

Wegman's - Monument Drive, Fairfax

Whole Foods - Plaza America, Reston

Vapiano Reston, LLC - Explorer Street, Reston

And special thanks to **Myers Public Relations** for help and advice in spreading the word about our sales!

If you have the opportunity, we encourage you to support these fine folks and their local businesses. Be sure to mention you heard about them from the Friends of the Reston Library!