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# Newsletter

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## New Assistant Branch Manager Brings Strong Credentials, a Paperback Copy of *Pride and Prejudice*, and a Willingness to Tackle Tough Topics and Tasks

This spring, we welcomed a new Assistant Branch Manager, Ha Hoang. Ms. Hoang has a background in academic libraries, specifically information literacy, instructional design, and research. She transitioned to public librarianship about three years ago. Ha comes to us from Richmond Public Library, where she worked as an Emerging Technologies Librarian. Prior to working in Richmond, she was an Adult Services Librarian at Eugene Public Library in Eugene, Oregon. She has a BA in English and Political Science from Trinity College in DC, an MS in Comparative Politics and Economics from the London School of Economics, and a Masters in Library and Information Science (the coveted MLIS) from San Jose State University.

We asked Ha to talk a little about herself and her experiences since coming to Reston Regional Library; her answers confirmed our sense of good fortune. We are so lucky to have her talent, experience, and dedication as part of our Library. We hope you'll take a moment to say Hello and Welcome the next time you're at RRL.

### **FRRL:** *What's the best book you've read lately? Why is it so good?*

**HH:** I've just reread Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*. It's on the (PBS) "Great American Read" list of the 100 most-loved novels. I remember reading it in high school, but in rereading it, I've discovered elements of the narrative that I don't think I fully comprehended before. There are so many ways to read it — as a riveting adventure story, as a turn of the century attempt at a critique of imperialism. It's both, really. And it's certainly a challenging and controversial read, especially the language and word choices used to describe the peoples of Africa. In short, it's a good book because it's sure to elicit thoughtful discussion. And there's very few things I enjoy more than a heated literary debate.

**Ha Hoang Answers More Tough Literary Questions:**  
*Paperback or Hardcover?*  
 "Paperback."  
*Hunger Games or Harry Potter?*  
 "Harry Potter."  
*Jane Austen or James Patterson?*  
 "Jane Austen. I'm a proud Janeite."

### **FRRL:** *What's a part of your job most folks probably don't know about?*

**HH:** I deal a lot with restroom and other facilities issues, from minor ones to the get-the-heavy-duty-gloves-and-caution-tape ones. All the managers do. It's not something that I dealt with while in academia, and they don't teach you these thing in library school. It's an important part of the job, though, and it certainly teaches you humility.

### **FRRL:** *Quick! Say something nice about the Reston branch.*

**HH:** Aside from having the most incredible and awesome Friends group ... it's one of the most diverse branches I've worked at, both in terms of staff and patrons.

And when I talk about Reston's diversity, I'm not just speaking of ethnic, cultural, or racial diversity. Diversity here also encompasses age, socio-economic statuses, educational backgrounds, etc. And with the immense diversity, Reston is also very inclusive. That combination of diversity and inclusion is arguably one of Reston's biggest strengths. 



## 2018 FRRL Board Elections

Please join us in congratulating our recently elected FRRL Board members for the upcoming 2018-2019 term.

Returning to the Board are Brian Jacoby (President), Rob Evon (Vice President), Mai Nguyen (Treasurer), Helen Fedor (Secretary), Rik Karlsson (Member-at-Large), and Dennis Hays (Member-at-Large).

Also joining the Board for the first time is longtime volunteer Karin Richardson, who also capably produced our recent successful Charly's Attic Sale earlier this month. Welcome to Karin, and many thanks to our Board members for agreeing to serve in these valuable and important leadership roles.

Board Members are elected at the FRRL annual meeting. The Board consists of seven members. They meet quarterly to discuss matters of the organization, such as funding requests from the Branch Manager, book sale operations, and community outreach activities.

## FRRL Signs Updated MOU with Fairfax County

On July 29, the Board voted to join at least 17 other Friends groups across the county in signing the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which governs the relationship between Friends groups, the Fairfax County Public Library system, and the Library Board of Trustees (BoT). Although the document still has some flaws, most of our concerns were addressed in written and verbal clarifications from the BoT, conversations with other parties to the MOU (including other Friends groups), and consultation with our legal advisers. The Board's majority opinion is that the MOU will not be harmful to our group, our book sales, or our charitable purpose, and we are therefore signing and focusing our attention back on FRRL operations and business as usual.

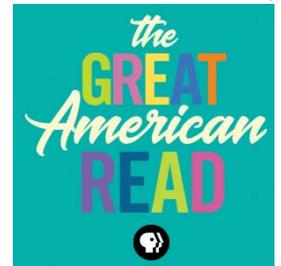
**To read the Board of Trustees article on the MOU and download the actual document visit the FCPL website:**

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/library-board-trustees-approves-updated-memorandum-understanding-library-friends-groups>

## FRRL is one of Only 50 Libraries in the Country Awarded a Great American Read Grant

"The Great American Read", presented by PBS, is an eight-part series exploring and celebrating the power of reading. Over the course of the series, which began in May, and will end in October, the program will discuss a list of 100 of the best-loved novels in America, and will culminate in Americans selecting the top book from the list to be crowned #1.

The Reston Regional Library staff were awarded a competitive grant from the American Library Association (ALA) and PBS to support additional programs and activities in conjunction with the series and its books. The Reston branch has the support of, and will be working with, local PBS station WETA. Events include ongoing in-library voting for patrons to cast their ballots for their choice for #1 best-loved novel, a lecture series by local scholars, including a roundtable debate on what makes a "great novel," writing workshops for adults and teens, and a green-screen photo booth for people to take pictures superimposed onto famous scenes from their favorite of the 100 best-loved books in America.



**With additional funding from the Friends**, the Library will also be using its grant money to host local Newbery Award winner and New York Times bestselling author Kwame Alexander for an all-ages presentation on September 8 from 2 to 4pm.

## Charly's Attic Sale a Great Success

In spite of the beautiful weather outside on the weekend of July 27-29, the Library lobby was packed with people looking for the perfect gift for themselves or others. You may recall "Charly's Corner" from our huge semi-annual sales. Tucked in the back of the room each spring and fall, the Corner typically features the rare, the unusual, the hard to replace. It's no coincidence the Corner is named for our all-star book sale chair, Charly Karlsson.

Over time, the Friends tend to build up a stock of donations which would normally go to Charly's Corner, but have been set aside for one reason or another. Our "Attic" sales are devoted solely to some of the more well-worn, well-loved, "maybe battered, possibly tattered," old and antiquarian editions, and to some of the most unusual or difficult-to-display ephemera.

This was the first Charly's Attic Sale to be held in about ten years, which means the Friends had accumulated quite the impressive collection. Buyers came from near and far to peruse cloth-bound sets of Harvard Classics, vintage knitting patterns, German language primers, mechanical guides, postcards, and more. It seems no two items, and no two shoppers, were alike, and one person's trash was indeed another's treasure. It wasn't unusual to hear someone remark, "I was just planning to grab a couple..." as they added another book to their already-full shopping basket.

Sale coordinator and newly-elected board member Karin Richardson described the event: "No one knew quite what the reception would be, but people loved it. We heard patrons squealing when they found treasures, and many stopped to tell us how excited they were to have found a cookbook like their mom's, or a book they had as a child. I really enjoyed seeing younger kids clutching elaborately illustrated books that were over 100 years old, amazed that they could buy things with such history behind them."

A big "thank you" to Karin and her talented daughters who donated so many hours of their time, Juliana Gordon who worked the sale and contributed to this article, and to everyone who helped make this sale a success!



### 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](http://www.restonlibraryfriends.com/membership)

**First and Last Names:**

**(Includes primary family members)**

<b>Street Address:</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>ZIP Code</b>
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<b>Email:</b>
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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.

<b>I want to volunteer:</b>						
	<b>Book Sale</b>	<b>Sorting</b>	<b>Public Affairs/ Legal Counsel</b>	<b>Accounting</b>	<b>PR / Community Outreach Events</b>	<b>Other (write in)</b>

Type of Enrollment	Annual Membership Donation	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 August 2018, Friends totaled 226 active members. (Your membership expiration date is printed on the mailing label of this newsletter.)

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 January through June 2018.

#### Special Friend (\$250+)

Ralph Broom

#### Best Friend (\$100-\$249)

Pamela Chin Yee

Elizabeth Davison

Chritine Lanphere

Judith Thorne and Mike Musick

Victor and Victoria Meleski

Allison Pilger

Ann and Ross Rimicci

#### Good Friend (\$50-\$99)

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Melvin Kay

Karen Knox

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Daniel Newlon

John Pastoral

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Mark Tilmes

Juli and Barry Westfall

Ronghui Zhu

**Matching Funds, Corporate Contributions, Grants:** Benevity Community Impact Fund - Fannie Mae, Raytheon

### Other Ways to Give

- Shop for the things you need anyway, using **Amazon Smile** and designating the Friends of the Reston Regional Library as your charitable recipient. When you shop on **Amazon Smile**, the Friends can receive 0.5% of your purchase. Designate the Friends as your recipient when you log in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) today!
- Take advantage of your investment firm or bank's charitable savings account programs, such as **Schwab Charitable** or **Fidelity Charitable**. These accounts let you set aside funds for charitable purposes now, and distribute the funds at a time of your choosing. You can designate FRRL as your chosen recipient any time!
- Find us on **Network for Good** and other charitable contribution websites.
- **Ask your employer!** Some businesses offer matching donations when their employees make a cash contribution to our organization. Some employers even offer "free" volunteer hours to encourage their employees to become involved in the community. Ask your employer if such a program exists. If you're a company interested in donating, or would like more information, please contact the Reston Friends at [RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com](mailto:RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com).



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## Recent Book Sale Results

March 2018 – Children's Sale: \$14,410.74

April 2018 – Semi-Annual Sale: \$37,428.91

July 2018 – Charly's Attic Sale: \$3468.77

Aug 2018 -- Children's Sale: \$16,000+ (final amt TBD)

**Thanks for supporting FRRL!**

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

Our efforts go towards funding literacy and education materials, programs, and equipment in the library and our community.

## Corporate Sponsors / Corporate Donations

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. These In-Kind Donations are made possible by the year-round efforts of dedicated FRRL volunteers **Helen and Bill Teachout**.

Helen and Bill build and maintain relationships with community-minded local businesses like the ones listed below, who want to support the FRRL mission. Thank you, Helen and Bill!

### Thank you, 2018 Spring Semi-Annual Book Sale Sponsors

**Amphora Restaurant**, Elden Street, Herndon

**Baskin Robbins**, Franklin Farm Shopping Center

**Cheesecake Factory**, Fair Oaks Mall

**Corner Bakery**, Fair Ridge Drive, Fairfax

**Costco**, Chantilly Crossing Lane Chantilly

**Costco**, West Ox Road Fairfax

**Harris Teeter #85**, Highland Crossing Drive, Herndon

**Harris Teeter, Inc., #81**, Spectrum Center, Reston

**Home Depot**, Price Club Plaza, Fairfax

**Houlihans**, Centreville Road, Herndon

**Hunan East**, John Milton Drive, Herndon

**Lucia's**, John Milton Drive, Herndon

**Moe's Southwest Grill**, Highland Crossing, Herndon

**Mon Ami Gabi**, Democracy Drive, Reston

**Office Depot**, Spectrum Centre, Reston

**Papa John's Pizza**, John Milton Drive, Herndon

**Rubino's Pizzeria**, Centerville Road, Herndon

**Shoppers Food Warehouse**, Centreville Road, Herndon

**Target**, Sunset Hills Road, Reston

**Trader Joe's**, Killingsworth Ave., Reston

**Tyson Bagel Market**, Leesburg Pike, Vienna

**Whole Foods**, Plaza America Drive, Reston

**Willard's Barbeque**, Baron Cameron Ave., Reston

### Did you know?

We advertise corporate sponsors on our website:  
**[RestonLibraryFriends.com](http://RestonLibraryFriends.com)**

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!