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Volunteers Are Our (Not-So-Secret) Weapon

The Friends of Reston Regional Library (FRRL) would be nothing without our team of 80+ regular volunteers. FRRL volunteers donate over 10,000 hours of their time every year to help with everything from book sorting and box hauling to repairing furniture to taking photos at community events. **They process over 30 tons of donated items per year.** They are teachers, techies, doctors, den mothers, and diplomats; lawyers, librarians, sailors, and cyclists; bakers, business leaders, authors, and more. One thing they all have in common is a love for and willingness to support literacy and to keep the library a strong community resource. *Read on to learn about some of the stellar volunteers who make our success possible.*

Dorcas D. Dorcas has been a volunteer with the Friends for four years. She volunteers weekly with our Kids/YA/Educators sale team, sorting children's and teen books into various categories. These books can be a challenge to categorize! Dorcas is also a key player in the setup of the Kids/YA/Educators sales. She always volunteers to set up some of the most difficult areas of the sale. She is extremely flexible, and willing to tackle any challenge thrown her way. Dorcas adds fun to the weekly work sessions with her positive energy and enthusiasm.

Margarite K. Margarite has been an important part of the Kids/YA/Education book team since 2016. This team meets weekly to hand clean, price, sort, and pack donated books. Margarite is not afraid of hard work or long hours, and will support any task that needs to be done. In addition to working the weekly sale preparations, she spends long hours working the children's book sales twice a year, helping make these popular sales a success.

Julie M. Julie joined us in 2014. She began working at the children's sale and immediately spread her wings with more involvement. She stepped up to help without hesitation, sorting, cleaning, and pricing with the Kids team at their weekly prep sessions, and as co-chair for the organizing, setup, and pricing of Sets and Odd Lots for our big adult sales. Julie brings 13 years of Library experience with the Kent Library of Western Michigan.

Michelle N. Michelle has been with the Friends for eight years and has proven herself a "jack-of-all-trades". Our most valuable volunteers fall into this category – people who are willing and able to tackle the myriad tasks of a book sale without being too specialized or territorial. Michelle is a great example; every Wednesday she cleans, prices, and packs up books for the next sale. During Kids sales she manages the "nightmare" nonfiction section, which requires intensive sorting with lots of judgment calls. None of this work can be done on "autopilot". It requires a volunteer willing to put in energy, intelligence, and experience throughout the process, and Michelle is that person.

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2019 Fall Sale

September 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

OTHER UPCOMING SALE DATES

October 2019 - Puzzle Sale

December 2019 - Holiday Sale

March 26-29, 2020 – Kids' Sale

April 29-May 3, 2020 - Adult Sale

CONTACT THE FRIENDS

Interested in volunteering?

Current and Upcoming Volunteer Roles Include:

- ♥ General Book Sale Worker
- ♥ In Kind Donations
- ♥ Community Outreach
- ♥ Publicity
- ♥ Membership
- ♥ Financial Operations
- ♥ eCommerce
- ♥ Secretary (Board Member)

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FRRL is an all-volunteer,
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**VOLUNTEERS, cont'd from Page 1**

Shirley P. Shirley has been with us for four years. She comes every Wednesday to process books for our sales. She handles all of our “vintage” books, and often takes boxes of them home to research and price these difficult-to-categorize books, none of which have “ISBN” numbers or other easy ways to look them up. She then faithfully sets up the Vintage section at each Kids/YA sale and stays onsite through most of the sale to restock and reset the section as needed, as well as to answer questions from patrons and serve as a general sale monitor. Shirley has travelled all over the world and knows something about almost every topic – another great characteristic for a key volunteer!

Tom P. Tom joined the Friends almost four years ago and quickly became indispensable. He works all seven of our sales and spends significant time managing our infrastructure between sales. He packs the books we process every Wednesday and moves them to the shed. He manages our “sound books,” repairing them and replacing batteries as needed. He researched and found a way to de-mildew our musty smelling books, using ammonia and turning his own garage into a chemistry lab in the process. A dedicated volunteer, Tom has been known to schedule his vacations around sale dates!

Lauren and Katie R. This sister team of teen FRRL volunteers have contributed hundreds of volunteer hours. They worked with their mom, Karin, to tackle the daunting task of Reston Friends’ first “Attic” sale in several years – sorting through piles and piles of off-the-wall and off-the-beaten-path donated materials. They’ve learned how to price everything from player piano rolls to 1950s promotional note pads. They’ve also supported author events, wrangling tables and chairs, and ushering with a smile.

Elena S. Elena joined our Team in 2016. Bringing her organizational skills to areas in need of such, we soon discovered how lucky the Friends were that she ventured into Reston Regional Library. She became a valuable player stepping up in other positions: sorter, book researcher, co-chair for the Sets and Odd Lot sales. She also works weekly on cleaning and organizing with our Kids/YA/Educators Team.

Pat S. Pat has been a part of the Kids/YA/Educator sale team for seven years. She works every Wednesday, and also puts in long hours during the sales. Pat makes work seem like fun with her upbeat personality, and never-ending enthusiasm. She pitches in to help wherever and as long as she is needed. Pat is a direct contributor to the success of our Kids Sale team.

Josie S. Josie has been a volunteer with the Friends for three years. She is a retired elementary school librarian who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our Kids/YA/Educator Sale team. Josie is in charge of all of the education books. Every week she researches the value and rankings of these books and prices them accordingly. When she is not working on education books, she always volunteers to help others with the cleaning and pricing of the children’s books. Josie is a great team player. Her warm and friendly personality make her a wonderful ambassador at our sales and a pleasure to work with.

Suzy T-K. Suzy also appeared on the scene with the Reston Friends in 2016. Her prior experience with volunteering was with the Salvation Army, Reston Trust, and other local organizations. On arrival she quickly became involved as a sorter, a Kids Sale key-player, and supporter of the Puzzle and Mystery Sales. She currently works all positions and is considered by all a ‘top-quality’ volunteer.

Mollie W. In 2017, Mollie accepted the challenge of co-chairing both the Mystery Book and Jigsaw Puzzle sales. She stepped into these roles with fresh ideas and minimal guidance. Co-chairing a sale is a year-long effort. Throughout the year, Mollie takes donated puzzles and games home for checking, taping, pricing, and flattening. Her duties as a co-chair during the sale include transporting sale items to the library; setting up and taking down the sale; leading efforts during the intensive four-day sale; and working to identify and disperse left over items to community organizations. Although less time consuming, the Mystery Book Sale requires a similar dedicated approach. Since Mollie joined the leadership team in 2017, annual revenues have increased significantly in both sales! Coincidence? We think not.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK – Did You Know?

Only 0.75% of the Fairfax County budget goes to the Library. (That’s less than 1 cent of every tax dollar!) *Reston Regional is one of more than 20 branches sharing that fraction of a cent.* Anything not covered by the budget is paid for by the Friends of Reston Regional Library, and other community foundations, grants, and donations. From story time to ESOL classes, the Friends fill the gaps to keep our library the strong community resource we need. To date, FRRL has contributed over \$750,000 to library materials, programs, and equipment in our community.

At the May 2019 Board Meeting, the FRRL Board reviewed the branch funding wish lists from Reston Regional Library Branch Manager Katilyn Miller, and Herndon Fortnightly Branch Youth Service Manager Mary Fox. Upon review of both lists, the Board unanimously voted to approve both lists in their entirety. Funding for both branches will go towards materials and programming for children’s literacy activities, the new Memory Depot, free author events, free English instruction, and more.



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

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Email: _____

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	General Book Sale Worker	In Kind Donations	Community Outreach	Publicity	Membership	Financial Operations	eCommerce	Secretary	Legal Counsel

Type of Enrollment	Annual Membership Dues	Additional Donation (includes standard membership)
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Renewal	\$15 General Household Membership	\$100 Best Friend
Information Change		\$250 Special Friend
		Other Additional Donation - Please write in

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Friends Membership and Donation News

The Friends Board of Directors appreciates the loyal support and generosity of its donors and volunteers.

Your membership expiration date is based on the date of your last donation, and appears on the mailing label of this newsletter.

To apply or renew your membership, use the form above. Or you can save a stamp and visit our website:

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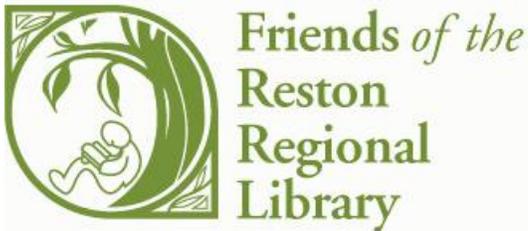
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OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

- 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 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.

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2019 Spring Book Sale Sponsors

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 Regional Library!

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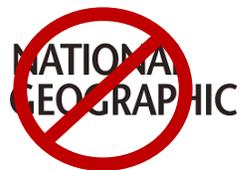
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