



Friends of the  
Reston  
Regional  
Library

# Newsletter

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## Friends Board of Directors

Brian Jacoby, President	John Filippini, Vice President	Robert Evon, Treasurer	Ariel Welt, Secretary
Karen France, At Large	Dennis Hays, At Large	Rik Karlsson, At Large	Karin Richardson, At Large
Tom Skirbunt, At Large	Charly Karlsson, Valerie Little, Book Sales		Eileen Evon, PR & Community Outreach

## Express Services Now Open at Reston Regional Library

Express services are now available at all locations: **Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** and **Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** All library branches are available for "express" services. Library patrons are able to once again use their local branches (except Lorton branch). There are some modifications in place:

- Express services are focused on grab-and-go activity; **visits are limited to 30 minutes.**
- Each branch will have a **capacity limit** to support social distancing.
- Library users may browse the shelves or pick up holds.
- Public computer usage, copying and printing will also be offered; **computer usage is limited to 30 minutes per day per person.**
- Virtual programming will continue; only limited in-person programs will be provided.
- **Items may be returned any day to exterior book drops** (staggering no longer required).
- Social distancing features include plexiglass shields at customer service desks, social distancing floor stickers, every other public PC disabled, and some furniture removed from the public floor or moved to support six feet of distance between users.
- **Returned library materials will continue to be quarantined for 72 hours.**
- **Meeting rooms are not available.** These spaces are housing furniture removed from the public floor as well as quarantined library materials.
- **Face masks covering your nose and mouth are required in the building.** Curbside pickup (see below) is still available for those who can't or don't want to wear a mask.

The popular curbside services continue, even as express interior services have begun. This provides an option for residents who are not comfortable using library facilities. Curbside services continue to be offered Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Prepare for Your Next Library Visit

To watch a video on what to expect when you go to the library building, visit the FCPL website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/express-services>

## New Due Dates for Items Checked Out Before The Library Closed

Normal enforcement for due dates, fines, and holds resumed August 1<sup>st</sup>. Items will now be due after their normal circulation period, fines will be applied to overdue items, and holds will expire if items are not picked up. Most checked out items were automatically renewed and the due date reset to August 22<sup>nd</sup>. However, "14 Days Only" items were NOT automatically renewed, and were due back to the library August 1<sup>st</sup>.



## So Long, Farewell! RRL Bids Goodbye To Our Branch Manager

After almost three years at Reston Regional, Branch Manager Katilyn Miller has announced she will be leaving the library. During her time here, the Friends have been inspired by her dedication and enthusiasm for the library, working to strengthen and expand resources and programming for the community. She's been a true "friend of the Friends" and will be greatly missed!

## BOOK DONATIONS REMAIN CLOSED THROUGH 2020

## NO BOOK SALES SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

We hope you will continue to support the Friends during these times, as the Library and community need us more than ever.

To support the Friends while book sales and donations are closed, see page 3 of the newsletter for *Other Ways to Give*.

To support other local organizations serving the community during the crisis, see *More Ways to Help Your Community* on page 2.

**For the most current information, please keep an eye on our website**

[www.RestonLibraryFriends.com](http://www.RestonLibraryFriends.com)

If you want to receive Friends email updates when we send them, **please make sure we have your correct email address.**

You can contact us at [RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com](mailto:RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com)

## Want to Receive FCPL Email Notices about your Library account?

Log in to your account in the [library catalog](#) and select Contact Information and Preferences under My Account to add email addresses and/or phone numbers to your account and update your notification preferences. Otherwise, email and text notification may be requested in person at any library branch. Have your ID and library card ready and ask a staff member for assistance.

## Follow FCPL and the Reston Friends on Social Media



/fairfaxcountylibrary  
/RestonLibraryFriends

@fairfaxlibrary

@LoveBooksReston



## Your Donations At Work

Since our last newsletter, as the library has gradually reopened, Reston Regional staff have been able to make good use of equipment funded by the Friends to continue their hard work.

Using the 3D printer paid for by the Friends, staff members created personal protective equipment (PPE) to distribute to the community. The 3D printer made it possible to “print” plastic mask extenders, which attach to the over-the-ear loops on cloth or disposable masks, and effectively extend the fit, making it more comfortable and longer lasting for front-line folks who need to wear masks for long periods of time. PPE supplies were distributed to area healthcare organizations in need, in partnership with a local, youth-run organization called Youth COVID-19 Relief Organization (YCRO). To learn more about YCRO and how you can help them in their efforts to reach the community, visit their website:

<https://www.projectycro.org/about>

Using iPads provided by the Friends, our staff have been able to more rapidly and safely process returned materials to check them back into the system and make them available to patrons again. Once materials have completed their quarantine period, staff members can use the iPads to connect directly to the catalog system. The branch was originally issued one iPad for all of the staff to use. The Friends funded 12 iPads, plus cases, and hand held scanners for staff use. Having multiple iPads allows the staff members to spread out throughout the building to do their work. The iPads also let staff members assist patrons more readily throughout the building, now that Express Services have begun and patrons can browse the shelves in person.



Printing mask extenders using the 3D printer



Scanning and processing books.

“During my time volunteering with FRRL I have come to appreciate the dedication and work of the group, so much of which is behind the scenes. The support FRRL provides the Reston Library, and the library system in general, is critical to the continued success of the library’s mission.”  
– Karen France, Newly Elected Board Member-at-Large

## More Ways To Help Your Community

<https://www.fcps.edu/news/coronavirus-update-food-resources>

During summer break, Fairfax County Public Schools [continue to feed students in need](#). They need help to provide food and supplies to the nearly 60,000 students in Fairfax County who live in poverty. [Donate](#) to the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools.

In addition to students, there has been an increase in the overall number of people in our community struggling to put food on the table for themselves and their families. There are many hunger assistance organizations in our area working to keep Northern Virginians healthy. Because of the increase in demands, their resources are severely strained. If you are able, we encourage you to consider supporting these worthwhile organizations. The links below will take you to their websites for more information.

[Capital Area Food Bank](#)   [Northern Virginia Family Service](#)   Searchable list of [Fairfax County Food Banks and Pantries](#)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

PLEASE APPLY OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

[www.restonlibraryfriends.com/donate](http://www.restonlibraryfriends.com/donate)

*Membership lasts for one calendar year after your last recorded donation.*

*Wondering if your membership is expired? Email us at [RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com](mailto:RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com) to check!*

Given our current limitations, we ask that if you wish to renew or apply for membership at this time, please do so online.

Alternatively, you can submit a paper application at the library branch. To renew or apply online, please fill out an online donation form at our website. There is no separate “membership” form or page, so you simply [click here to go to our general Donations page and then take the following steps:](#)

1. Once you’re there, **click on the DONATE button.**
2. To enroll (or renew), **click on the amount you want to donate and the payment method you want to use.** Annual Membership Fees are \$5 for Seniors 65 and over and \$15 for a General Household Membership. When you donate at least these amounts, you are automatically entered into our membership rolls.
3. **On the next page that appears**, there will be a field near the top of the donation page that says “Add a note” or “Write a note” (depending on which payment method you select). In that space, **please indicate the following:**
  - Is this a RENEWAL or NEW MEMBERSHIP?
  - Your mailing address (if you want us to have it)
  - Your email address (if you want us to have it)

*Email and mailing addresses are only used to provide occasional newsletters and notices of upcoming sales and FRRL events.*

*FRRL does not share member addresses with anyone outside our organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law for a 501(c)(3).*

## Meet the 2020-2021 Board of Directors of the Friends of the Reston Regional Library

Some say service to others is the rent you pay for the privilege of living here on earth. Some say libraries are essential resources. Some just love books too much to stay away. (Some of them might be in it for the cool t-shirts.) Whatever the reasons, we are fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers who put their time and effort into supporting the Friends, and helping us do the most good for the library and its community. Elections for the FRRL Board of Directors were held June 17th. At this time, we marked the retirement of our longtime Secretary (Helen Fedor), a few role changes, and two new board members. The Board is elected annually for a period of one year. All board members are FRRL members in good standing, and volunteer for the organization in other ways in addition to serving on the board.

Cares About the Community	
Values the Library	
Willing to Work for Both	

**Brian Jacoby – President.** Brian has been a Friends volunteer for over 20 years, sorting books as well as prepping and staffing sales. He's been a member of the board for more than 12 years, serving as President, Vice-President, and member-at-large. Brian is also a Founder of Nova Labs, and has been a part of the NoVA Maker Faire organizing team since its inception in 2014. He also volunteers with Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, the FCPL STEM Advisory Committee, and the Children's Science Museum. Brian describes the library as a "... *public institution which offers equal access to all citizens, no matter their age, (or) educational or social background. This seems to me to be something rare these days, and it should be preserved.*"

**John Filippini – Vice-President.** John has volunteered as FRRL's *pro bono* counsel and for book sales and events since 2017. In 2019, he served as an elected Board Member-At-Large. John also has volunteer experience as *pro bono* counsel for the *Chesapeake Legal Alliance*, a regional environmental group. John received his JD from Syracuse University.

**Robert Evon – Treasurer.** Rob has been a Friends volunteer for 8 years, including 5 years as VP and 1 year as Treasurer. He has also volunteered with Travelers Aid International (Dulles Airport), the George Mason University Capstone Program, NoVA MakerFaire, Scouts BSA, Leadership Fairfax, and other community events and activities. Rob has a background in business operations, including financial oversight, business development, and operational responsibility in sensitive national security environments.

**Ariel Welt – Secretary.** Ariel has been a Friends weekly Book Sorter volunteer for several years. She has also volunteered with Loudoun Hunger Relief, Grace to Go, and the Rotary Club of Leesburg.

**Karen France – At-Large.** Karen has been a sorter, book sale, and event volunteer since 2019. She also volunteers with Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center. Karen's background is in collections and history, including the Department of the Navy, Naval History & Heritage Command, and the National Park Service's White House Liaison.

**Dennis Hays – At-Large.** Dennis has been a book sale volunteer and member of the Board since 2014. He also volunteers with the Library Committee of the Fairfax Federation of Civic Associations, the Fairfax Library Advocates, Reston Citizens Association, Community Living Alternatives, and Reston Runners. A retired US Ambassador, Dennis continues to consult in international relations.

**Rik Karlsson – At-Large.** Rik has been volunteering with FRRL since 1997. In addition to book sale volunteering, he has served on the board as Vice-President, President, and At-Large member. Rik volunteered with the FCPL Friends Handbook Development Committee in 2007 and the update committee in 2019, developing/revising a set of instructions, guidelines, and policies for starting, developing, and succeeding as a library Friends group in Fairfax County. A retired Navy Captain, Rik currently serves as a professor at Prince George's Community College.

**Karin Richardson – At-Large.** Karin has been a Friends Volunteer for over 7 years, sorting books, assisting with book sales, and volunteering at events. She served as the sale chair for our 2018 Charly's Attic sale. Karin has also volunteered with FCPS PTA and classrooms activities, as well as with So Others Might Eat (SOME) and Miriam's Kitchen. Karen has a professional background in international financial systems consulting.

**Tom Skirbunt – At-Large.** A 40-year Reston resident, Tom has been a book sale and event volunteer since 2019. He also volunteers with St. Anne's Reston, and Readers are Leaders. Tom has a professional background working for the Office of Management and Budget, the GSA, and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

## Other Ways To Give To The Friends

- You can DONATE ONLINE any time at our website: [www.RestonLibraryFriends.com/donate](http://www.RestonLibraryFriends.com/donate)
- Donate by SHOPPING ON AMAZON. When you shop on Amazon for the things you need anyway, use **Amazon Smile** and designate the Friends of the Reston Regional Library as your charitable recipient. The Friends can receive 0.5% of your purchase.
- Donate through CHARITABLE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS. 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 us at [RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com](mailto:RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com).

## FRIENDS VOLUNTEER BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Looking for your next favorite read? We asked Friends volunteers for recommendations from their own book lists. As you can imagine, we have some avid readers in our group – we had dozens of recommendations, from recent best sellers to time-tested classics, in all genres. With so many suggestions it was hard to narrow down the list, but we think we've arrived at a fair sampling of recommended books. All titles here are available through the Library!

*An Anthropologist on Mars by Oliver Sacks*

*Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life by Marta McDowell*

*Catch and Kill by Ronan Farrow*

*Cheaper by the Dozen and Belles on Their Toes by Frank Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey*

*Citizens of London by Lynne Olson*

*Dead Wake by Erik Larson*

*The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes*

*Hero of the Empire by Candice Millard*

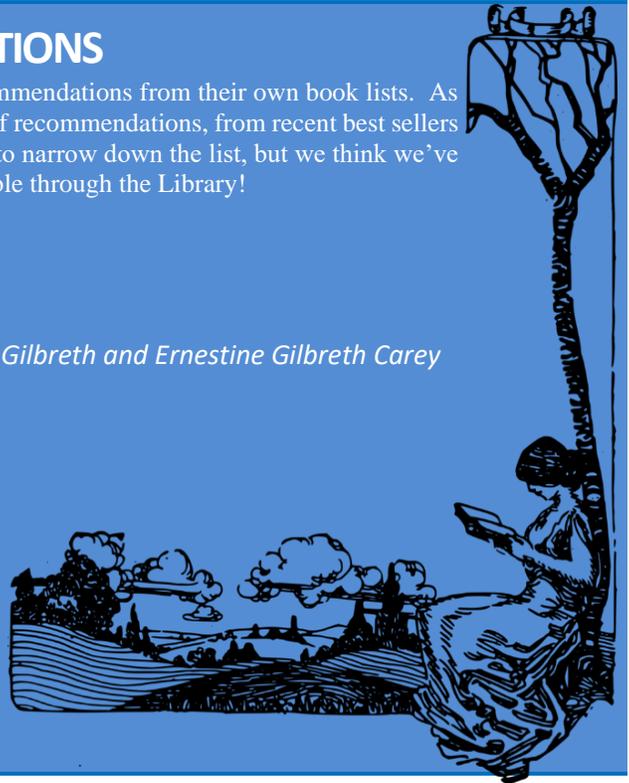
*The Hundred and One Dalmatians by Dodie Smith*

*The Only Women in the Room by Marie Benedict*

*The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore*

*Pachinko by MinJin Lee*

*Redhead By The Side Of The Road by Ann Tyler*



## SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

The businesses on this list have supported FRRL in the past, and we hope you will support them now. From front-line grocery stores staying open to provide essentials to local restaurants offering takeout, delivery, or safe in-store seating so we can get our favorite treats, please show them some love if you can. Be sure to mention you heard about them from the Friends of the Reston Regional Library!

shop  
local

7-Eleven, Reston

Amphora Restaurant, Elden Street, Herndon

Balducci's, Reston Town Center

Baskin-Robbins, North Point Village, Reston

The Chantilly Donut Shop, Henninger Court, Chantilly

The Cheesecake Factory

Costco, West Ox Road, Fairfax

Eggspectation, Westone Plaza, Chantilly

Einstein Brothers Bagels, Fountain Drive, Reston

Giant, Fox Mill Shopping Center, Herndon

Giant, North Point Village, Reston

Glory Days Grill, Fox Mill Center, Herndon

Great Harvest Bread Co., Station Street, Herndon

Gregorio's Trattoria, North Point Village, Reston

Harris Teeter #81, Spectrum Plaza, Reston

Harris Teeter #85, Highland Crossing Drive, Herndon

Home Depot, Price Club Plaza, Fairfax

HoneyBaked Ham, North Point Village, Reston

Houlihan's, Centreville Road, Herndon

Hunan East, Fox Mill Plaza, Herndon

Jason's Deli, Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Fairfax

Jersey Mike's Subs, Hunter Woods Plaza, Reston

LA ONG Thai Bistro, Fox Mill Center, Herndon

Ledo Pizza, Hunter Woods Plaza, Reston

Lucia's, Fox Mill Plaza, Herndon

Mon Ami Gabi, Reston Town Center

Office Depot, Spectrum Center, Reston

Papa John's Pizza, Fox Mill Plaza, Herndon

Pollo Peru, Reston Parkway, Reston

Potbelly Sandwich Shop, Sunset Hills, Reston

Reston Copy Center, Herndon

Rubino's Pizzeria, Centreville Road, Herndon

Trader Joe's, Killingsworth Ave, Reston

Walmart, Fair Lakes Drive, Fairfax

Wegmans, Monument Drive, Fairfax

Wegmans, Newbrook Drive, Chantilly

Whole Foods, Plaza American Drive, Reston

Willard's BBQ, Home Depot Plaza, Reston



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