

Newsletter

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YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

Friends Announce First-Ever Literacy Grants

In November, the Friends of the Reston Regional Library (FRRL) announced the opening of the application window for a block of one-time grants **to local organizations that support and promote literacy in the community**. Timed to coincide with the Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) theme for 2022, “the Year of Literacy,” these grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000, will be given to organizations with hands-on programming that directly impacts literacy in Reston, Herndon, and the County at large.

The Committee charged with creating this funding initiative said, *“The Friends of the Reston Regional Library was founded with the intent of supporting our local library branch, our library system, and our community. In light of the recent increase in challenges faced by many populations, including the difficulty in accessing information and educational resources, we seek to strengthen and improve our involvement in the community at large. To that end, we have determined to open a grant opportunity for local organizations who directly facilitate literacy programming. We seek partners in promoting, encouraging, and increasing literacy in our community.”*

Why literacy matters in our community:

From heads of state to local school boards – there seem to be a lot of individuals and groups attempting to control public access to information and to limit education and exploration, all under the guise of caring about the community.

But the truth is, we don’t need decreased access, and we don’t need censorship. We need exploration and education, and the chance to find answers, to learn about ourselves and others. **As Friends of the Library and as literacy advocates, we know literacy increases a person’s ability to access information and to improve their own circumstances.** It also increases their ability to **contribute to the world around them**. Many of us take for granted our own literacy, which enables us to understand a credit card bill, to read an email from a friend, to fill out a medical questionnaire, to cast an informed vote. But there are people in our community who don’t have access to the resources they need not just to learn to read and write, but to read and write well, to think critically, to understand context, to articulate their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas. ***Literacy helps people fully participate in the world around them, as students, as neighbors, as citizens.***

Why we decided to offer these grants:

It’s easy to say “Shouldn’t the schools do it?” or “Let the libraries do it!,” but most people who say that don’t want to ‘pay more taxes’ (literally or figuratively) to make it happen. Now more than ever there simply aren’t enough good teachers, or librarians, or schools, or libraries. We hope there will be some day. In the meantime, there are local organizations that are trying to bridge the gaps.

As Friends of the Library, we know literacy is essential for people to fully participate in -- and contribute to -- the world around them. Libraries and literacy efforts are drastically underfunded for the role they can and should play in making our communities better. We want to help.

Completed applications must be received by January 11, 2023. Interested parties can find the application on the FRRL [website](#), or [contact FRRL](#) for more information on grant applications and criteria for the program.

Your Donations at Work

Thank you For Your Donations! – Beyond “Paying Your Dues”

The Friends Board of Directors appreciates the loyal support of our community. To be considered a Member of the Friends of the Reston Regional Library, a person must have donated \$15 within the last calendar year (\$5 for persons 65 and over). See page 9 for instructions on how you can make a donation or renew your membership online. The Board extends special thanks to all those who contributed financially since our last newsletter, especially those who went above and beyond the minimum “dues” amounts for your household. Your support means so much!

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Extra Special Thanks....

We especially want to thank **JP and Judy Villedrouin**. Their unprecedented donation of \$4000 is the largest single private donation we’ve ever received! With their generous gift, the Friends will be able to fund even more great library programs at Reston Regional Library, like *An Afternoon with Mark Twain* and *Sing Books With Emily*; to sponsor an author talk at next year’s Fall for the Book; or to continue to support the expansion and strengthening of the FCPL collection.

We are so grateful to be supported by wonderful patrons like the Villedrouins, who recognize the importance of literacy and the value of libraries in our community.



Pssst! We Also Accept Book Donations!

Donated books are the lifeblood of our organization. Without them, we couldn’t raise money the way we do. This year, we received tens of thousands of good condition used books from generous patrons. We want to thank in particular some folks who gave us large numbers of books.

- Melanie Alem, Reston
- Bruce and Jean Boston and Friends, Reston, Boston MA, Seattle WA
- Colonel Brad Bemish and Captain Sally Wilbur, The Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University
- Family of author and journalist Don North
- Marion Smedberg, Sterling
- Dick Stillson, Reston
- Bill and Helen Teachout, Herndon

Interested in donating books? Not sure if we can take the books you’ve got? You can find our [Donation Guidelines on our website](#). Please review them before bringing your books to the library!

Putting Books in Readers’ Hands – Sharing With Others

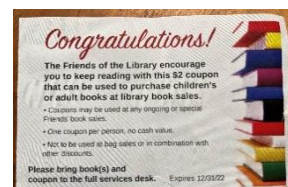
In addition to selling books at our sales, we also share our resources with other groups in the community by sharing some of our donated books. Here are some of the groups we supported in 2022:

- Other Friends groups in Fairfax County, including the Friends of Centreville, Chantilly, Great Falls, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, and Tysons-Pimmit Libraries
- Little Free Libraries in Reston and Herndon
- Friends of the Library of Montgomery County
- Reston Hospital’s Inpatient Rehabilitation Center
- Instructional Programs Support Center, FCPL School and Classroom Libraries collection of books in other languages
- Thomas Balch Library
- Fairfax County Dept. of Corrections

Pardon Me, Do You Have Any Book Coupons?

Each year, the Friends also donate hundreds of dollars in books right back to the community, through various coupons associated with library and community programs. These coupons are used by patrons at our book sales.

In 2022, we honored over 100 patron coupons including participants in FCPL’s Summer Reading, *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* programs, and the Southgate Community Center book club.



Your Donations at Work

Friends Sponsored Events and Activities at the Library

Summer Reading / Back to School Bash

In August, we sponsored the End of Summer Reading/Back to School Bash. The library timed the event to coincide with the Friends Book Sale for Children, Young Adults, and Educators. The staff planned and carried out an excellent program for kids and families, celebrating the end of Summer Reading and preparing to go Back to School. Over 900 patrons came through the door on a sunny Saturday to enjoy the different activities available. Staff really knocked themselves out to organize different activities including story time and an arts and crafts activity, plus the added workload of directing people to all the various offerings, handing out food truck tickets, etc. (All of this while also handling their usual duties supporting the regular library visitors who had just come to check out books or use the wifi.) The Friends provided the funding for the day's programming, including live music, balloon artists, and food trucks to provide free refreshments. Readers who completed Summer Reading goals also were given coupons for Friends book sales. They were able to shop the sale and find old favorites and new surprises!



Nothing like finding the perfect book...or a whole bag of them!



Free grilled cheese and ice cream! Yum!



Local music school students provided live music.



Super readers from Southgate Book Club earned book sale coupons and shopped the Kids Sale for their own books.



Grandmas make great reading buddies!



A patron who brought his family to pick up a book that was waiting on hold was surprised to find a book sale, balloon animals, story time, and more!



A box full of books from the Kids Book Sale, plus reading with Dad under a tree. A perfect Saturday at the library!

Your Donations at Work

Friends Sponsored Events and Activities at the Library, cont'd

3D Printing Supplies for Other Branches -- Taking Printing to a Whole New Dimension

The Friends of Reston Regional Library were proud to help other branches expand their 3D printing services to more patrons this year. FRRL picked up the tab for rolls of filament, the all-important material needed to “print” 3D objects, for Burke Centre, Chantilly, George Mason, Martha Washington, and Pohick branches.



FRRL President, Brian Jacoby and Michael Skalecky from George Mason

“Thank so much to you and the Friends of Reston Library for providing 5 rolls of 3D printer filament to go along with our new JellyBOX 3D printer. This will assist us with fulfilling our steady stream of public 3D print requests from the public, and also with our staff 3D print projects that we sometimes take on to support programming here.

All of our slicers / printers here at Pohick know of your generous donation, and it added to the cheered spirit we all have with the new printer. Thanks, again.”

- Andrew Pendergrass, Branch Manager, Pohick Library

“Hello Reston Friends,

Although Burke Centre is a little late in joining the 3D printing fun going on in FCPL we were delighted to finally be able to attend a JellyBOX build training this past weekend. Much to my surprise, as I was leaving with my brand new JellyBOX after the training, Margaret Kositch handed me 5 boxes of colorful 3D printing filament and explained that they were a gift from the Friends of the Reston Library to help us get started.

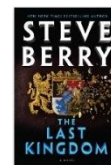
Hopefully we will be going live in the public area in a couple of months and we will be sure to let our very first printing customers know where the colorful filament for their printed projects came from!

Thank you so much for your generous and thoughtful gift to a branch of printing newbies!”

- Jill Johnson, Branch Manager, Burke Centre Library

Coming Up: Author Talk with Steve Berry

On February 24, 2023, the Friends will sponsor an event by best-selling author Steve Berry, just in time for the release of his new novel, *The Last Kingdom*. Our neighbors from Bards Alley Bookseller in Vienna will be on hand with signed copies of the book for purchase. There will also be some books given away as prizes. *The Last Kingdom* is Steve Berry’s latest Cotton Malone adventure, in which the discovery of a lost historical document could challenge the global might of the United States. More details will be available closer to the event.



Friends Sponsored Activities in the Community

Fall for the Book – Author Talk: Behind the Veil of Cult Life



In October, FRRL sponsored a discussion featuring best-selling authors Sarah Edmondson (*Scarred*) and Amanda Montel (*Cultish*) and moderated by author Bethanne Patrick. All three authors also have successful podcasts, and Edmondson is also part of a recent award-winning documentary series on HBO, entitled “The Vow.” Our sponsorship allowed us to introduce the speakers, and to say a few words about the Friends. We also distributed FRRL informational brochures to all attendees – about 50 audience members.

Fall for the Book is one of the largest festivals of its kind, bringing readers and writers together, celebrating the power of the written word in hundreds of events, at George Mason University, local library branches, and online.

Community Day at Southgate Community Center

In October, several Friends volunteered at the Community Day Celebration and Information Event held at Cathy Hudgins Community Center at Southgate, Reston. This annual event is put on for local residents to introduce them to / inform them about a variety of local organizations and services.



Attendees went to every table to get a “passport” checked for raffle chances. FRRL volunteers were constantly busy answering questions and providing information (sometimes in Spanish) about the library and the Friends. Some facts that seemed to catch our visitors’ attention were: the library is near the hospital and Reston Town Center, with which many folks were familiar; library cards are free to local residents; individual children can get cards as well as parents, and also have access to their own FCPL accounts through the public school system. The Friends provided printed materials in English and Spanish, including maps to the library from the Southgate neighborhood, information about all the free children’s programming available at the library, and literacy activity sheets for families. We also provided free books for all ages, giving away about seven boxes’ worth over the course of the morning.



Friends News in Reston and Around the County

Friends Choice Awards

Thoreau said, "not only must we be good, but we must also be good for something." Each year, Friends groups from all of the branches of the Fairfax County Public Library nominate volunteers they feel have truly been good for MANY things, and worth special celebration for their contributions to the library community. At a ceremony at the Library Board of Trustees meeting, awardees are presented with a small gift, a certificate, and a lapel pin in the shape of (what else?) a book.

If you spot these volunteers at the library (and given all the time they spend there, you probably will), you can congratulate them on the honor and thank them for all of their hard work.

Befitting the size of our organization, FRRL was well-represented with 9 awardees. We thought it was worth sharing with you excerpts from their nominations, as they appeared in the program for the evening:

First out of the gate (and on her second or third award...honestly, we've lost track) was **Charly Karlsson**, our fearless Booksale Chair Extraordinaire! We often say our organization has strong arms, legs, and even brains. Charly is our Heart. She personally recruited and sustained a large majority of our core volunteer team, every one of whom has a story about how they started. The stories all begin with "I had no idea what the Friends did before I met her, but Charly inspired me to show up and keep coming back." Charly's committed personal effort, love and encouragement for her volunteers, deep knowledge of every aspect of our operations, and ability to inspire others is truly an example for anyone wanting to build and sustain a Friends group anywhere.

Terrill Evon: Since 2017, T has jumped in with a willingness to help, to learn, and to pitch in wherever needed to make our sales a success. The Friends always welcome willing hands, but we got a bonus when T also turned out to have a great mind for History, and a willingness to train new volunteers. As if that wasn't enough, it's also thanks to T that a little more of the playful spirit of the Friends now shows through – in everything from hand-lettered fluorescent signs for our Book Bites project, to custom nametags for our volunteers, to our ever popular wizarding wands at every Kids Sale. She puts a big bedazzled "T" in Team and makes us shine even more brightly!

Karen France: Karen has a couple of things every good library volunteer needs: She herself loves to read, and she loves to learn new things. It's the second one that got her in trouble. Karen's first volunteer role was helping with our sale for Children, YA, and Educators...and she was soon on the Board, on an Opportunity Exploration Committee, and also working a regular shift as a Sorter. All of these different roles give her an important and valuable perspective on the whole cycle of Friends support. And even after all of this, Karen is still ready and willing to help when a new need arises. She's a keeper!

John France: We lured John in nice and easy --- "come help us with sale set up and take down." First, it was the Kids Sales. Then the Big Fall and Spring sales. Move some boxes, fold some tables.... But before you know it, John was hooked. He started contributing long hours to sale set up and take down, then sale operations. Then he made the mistake of showing he had a good eye for books, and the next thing he knew, he was on our Super Star Sorting Team (this is the Major Leagues for the Reston Friends!) As if that wasn't enough, even during the pandemic, John was pitching in, sometimes on freezing cold days, to help us sort and prepare books offsite for distribution at local schools. The moral of the story? If you're smart, and talented, and hard working – don't let us find out!

Beverly Greenblatt: Since 2016, Bev has been supporting our Children's book sale team – faithfully volunteering every Wednesday for 5 hours to clean, price, sort, and pack the children's books donated to us during the week. This time-consuming work is part of what makes our children's sale unique in the area. We also have a separate section just for Young Adult books and Bev is a key part of that -- researching and pricing the young adult books for every sale. When the time comes to set up our book sales, Bev uses her creativity to set up the children's board books in a clever and inviting display. We're so lucky to have Bev on our team.

Kerry Hum: It's not uncommon for a young person to get 'volunteered' by their parents to help at one of our sales. It's less common for them to stick with it for several years and to take on a role of their own as an adult. Kerry started coming to volunteer with her mom, and just kept on coming! She's willingly worn many hats for our organization: sharing in operational requirements for setup and take down, working all sales, and serving as our own resident Comic/Manga expert guru for pricing & selling. She's truly a Jill of all trades.

Michael Hum: The things people will do for love --- of books! Michael came on the scene when he and Kerry started dating, but we can tell he stays around because he's caught the book sale bug. Michael is always able and willing to do as asked; and more than that, he's a self-starter who acts independently when he spots work that needs doing! His involvement has increased over time, and in recent years he became invaluable working with our Team leader on shed management – no small task in a tiny shed stuffed to the rafters with boxes! Michael is a tall man with a big heart.



Reston Friends Book Sale Chair Charly Karlsson, accompanied by her husband, past-President Rik Karlsson, accepts the Friends Choice Award from Library Board of Trustees Chairman Brian Engler

Friends News in Reston and Around the County, cont'd

Eileen Evon: Eileen has been an energetic contributor since 2016. In addition to serving as the Reston Friends PR and Outreach Chair, Eileen recently led FRRL's new Program Evaluation Committee. She worked closely with top Library system leadership to make possible our contribution of \$200,000 for collection development, enhancing the books and materials available for checkout to patrons across the entire county. Her experience with nonprofits enabled her to guide the development of the criteria and application process to evaluate future proposals from local literacy programs, broadening the impact of the Friends' good work in line with our larger mission. Eileen has also been active in all the Friends' activities, and is a frequent presence at our book sales and outreach events.

Sujung (Su) Kim: Su joined the Children's book sale team in 2017 and has been an important volunteer ever since. In addition to the hard work of sorting, cleaning, and pricing thousands of children's books each week, she willingly jumps in on all the myriad other different tasks that pop up. Su is also one of our star box packers. This is no small task! Children's books come in countless different sizes, but Su manages to pack them all safe and sound so they stay in great condition until the time comes for a sale. We couldn't do it without her!

Dianne Pretanik: Dianne has been a dedicated member of the Children's book sale team since 2014. Dianne is part of the group that diligently cleans and prices every single book for our sales. She rarely misses a Wednesday, and accepts whatever task she is given and works until it is done. In addition to her weekly commitment, Dianne also spends long hours working the children's book sales, which come twice a year. She is an invaluable member of our team.



L to R: Reston Regional Branch Manager Mike Siriwardena and Reston Friends Choice recipients: Terrill, Eileen, Beverly, Su, Karen, and (front) Charly. Not pictured: John, Kerry, Michael, and Dianne.

Friends Forum

On November 5th, FRRL was represented by four of our key volunteers (including a Board Member, the Treasurer, and our Book Sale and PR/Outreach Chairs) at the annual gathering of Fairfax County library Friends groups. The Forum this year included presentations by Kevin Osborne (Deputy Director of FCPL), Miriam Smolen (Chair of the Fairfax Library Foundation), Kara Oakleaf (Director, Fall for the Book Festival), and Ron Shoram and Mark Edwards from the County's Material Management Division.

Among other things, we learned about the library system's continued staffing challenges -- the County has not allocated sufficient funding to the library to hire and retain skilled employees in our high-cost area of the country, and the lack of staff has forced the library to curtail branch hours and forego valuable program activities. On the bright side, FRRL has supported the Fall for the Book Festival for many years, and we told Kara we plan to do so next year as they celebrate their 25th anniversary....so put it on your calendars!

MYSTERY BOOKS WANTED

Stories of ROBBERY, MURDER, ARSON, TREACHERY, TREASON, ESPIONAGE, INTRIGUE



CHRISTIE



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Please donate your gently used mysteries and help make our next sale a thrill!

Mark your calendars!

DONATIONS WILL CLOSE

December 17, 2022 to January 9, 2023

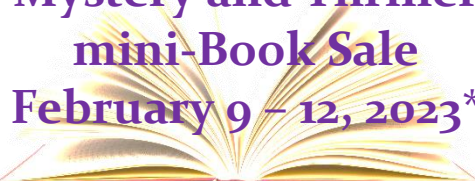


Scan this for donation guidelines!



Mystery and Thriller mini-Book Sale

February 9 – 12, 2023*



*no scanners or electronic price-checking allowed at this sale. We reserve the right to limit quantities.

Library News

Reston Librarian Wins Award from Virginia Library Association



In October, Reston Regional librarian Wilma Andrade received the VLA 2022 Librarian of Color Forum Award. This award recognizes librarians and library staff of color serving in a library in Virginia who exhibit excellence in service to libraries and communities of color, as well as conducting outreach or developing programming that encourages engagement or removes barriers to library information and services. Wilma was chosen for this award for exhibiting excellence in service to local communities of color through outreach and programming.

Wilma used her experiences from when she moved to the United States from India, and the struggles and frustrations many immigrants face with learning a new language and culture to connect to the local Fairfax community. This outreach to second language learners became a passion for Wilma, and she developed an English Language and US Citizenship program. During the pandemic, Wilma began offering virtual programs which continued after the library's services reopening. Using both virtual and face-to-face instruction, Wilma is able to offer English Language Learners programming to more than 400 people per month. Wilma searches for community instructors to offer a wide-range of programming including formalized instruction to reading groups and conversation sessions.

Wilma also has a passion to celebrate the diverse cultures that make up Fairfax County's population and has developed programs and festivals to educate and share with the community celebrations like Ramadan, Diwali, and Lunar New Year.

Wilma's work is a wonderful example of how one person's passion to help her community can have a profound impact on removing barriers between people and the rich resources of the library.

The Friends of Reston Regional Library are grateful to have Wilma and her wonderful contributions to our community. We proudly sponsor the English language learning and Citizenship programs she directs, as well as the numerous multicultural events she has organized, bringing the world right to our branch.

Winter Reading Challenge – Time to Get Cozy with Books

Calling all youth and adult readers! 'Tis the season for coziness and page turners! Grab a blanket, your fluffy socks and your favorite warm drink or snack! Hop into a reading nook and sink into a good book. From December 1 through January 31, 2023, readers can participate in a variety of reading challenges. Read more about the Winter Reading Challenge [online](#).



The Children's Area invites us to find our perfect reading spot.



RRL Librarian Sailaja Leads a Young Reader at Story Time – These smiling faces remind us why we volunteer!

STAY INFORMED, STAY INVOLVED, SPEAK UP FOR LIBRARIES – Get the Facts

Unsolicited Building Proposal Includes Nothing But Empty Shell for “New Reston Library”

Proposal Makes Promises, Disregards Laws, Ignores Functional Needs of Existing Tenants, Reston Library, Friends, and Community

guest article by FRRL Board Member Dennis Hays

Last March Fairfax County officially received an "unsolicited proposal" that had been in the works for over a year from Foulger-Pratt, a Maryland based development company. The proposal calls for the redevelopment of what they describe as an "underutilized property" at the intersection of Bowman Towne Drive and Town Center Parkway. Foulger-Pratt plans to construct two large buildings that will hold 358 affordable apartments and a "shell" of space that would become the new Reston Regional Library. The proposal has the apparent initial support of County officials, but is strongly opposed by 30 families that would be displaced, the neighboring communities and most Reston civic and community organizations.

The Library as an Afterthought. The developer proposes to build an empty shell of approximately 40,000 sq ft on the ground floor of one of the buildings that would eventually become the new Reston Regional Library. The developer would charge the County for the cost of creating the shell, along with the cost of building a number of subterranean parking spaces for library patron use. The library is part of this proposal for one reason - by including an "educational component" the developer will be able to claim significant tax credits and concessional loans. The proposed shell will not meet most of the County's guidelines for new library construction. There will be no direct passage between the underground parking and the library and the entrance will be directly on a busy street. The proposal is at least 3,000 sq ft smaller than was promised and there presently are no funds identified to carry out the construction required. There will be insufficient space for the Friends of the Library to sort and prepare books for sale and no on-site area to store books between sales. There will be no possibility of the library expanding as Reston's population grows.

The Destruction of Bowman Towne Court. The "underutilized property" in question includes the homes of 30 families. This Section 8 affordable housing community, known as Bowman Towne Court, consists of 30 three bedroom townhouses and is one of the most successful affordable housing programs in Virginia, a showcase of what can be done to give all our citizens not just housing, but a home and a community. The families in this neighborhood have raised generations of children over the past thirty-three years in townhouses surrounded by green space and a playground. Neither the developer nor the County informed residents that their homes would be bulldozed and their community scattered across the County, this information only coming in October from concerned activists. The County has said that they would have the option of moving into the new apartment building some years from now, but it would be to an apartment, not the townhouses they have cherished for decades. Further, the developer has stated in their proposal that they will not be providing the open and green space normally required for a new development.

The Excessive Density. This proposed development would be built on fewer than 5 acres of land, giving a density far in excess of anything in Reston. Almost all of Reston's multifamily areas are zoned at 20 units per acre and the maximum anywhere is 50. The Foulger-Pratt proposal calls for 77 units per acre. This is in violation of zoning laws and thus Foulger-Pratt has said they will seek to change the law. The developer has done no studies on what this will do to traffic congestion, water and sewage capacity, school enrollment, etc. The density not only exceeds the site specific zoning but also the overall density of the Town Center North region and that of Reston as a whole.

Security. The parking lot in front of the North County Administrative Building and Police Station will also be sacrificed to this proposal. The new buildings will tower over the police station and will pose a security threat to the police and visitors to the Administrative building.

Better Elsewhere. There are already over 350 affordable housing units that will be built in the Town Center North region, mixed in with market rate units in new construction, rather than lumped all together as Foulger-Pratt proposes. There are other, better locations in the Reston area for a project this size (minus the library!), including a number of County owned properties that are larger and more appropriate.

Community Concern. Organizations such as the Reston Citizens Association are urging the County to reject the Foulger-Pratt proposal, preserve the Bowman Towne Court community, and provide the funds necessary to build a new stand-alone library with dedicated parking that will continue to be the cornerstone of our community. Additional information on this proposal may be obtained by contacting the Reston Citizens Association (info@rcareston.org)

**The author is also a member of the Reston Citizens Association*

STAY INFORMED, STAY INVOLVED, SPEAK UP FOR LIBRARIES – How to Speak Up!

If you are a resident of Fairfax County, contact your local representatives to speak up for your library!

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/members-and-districts>

The Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees:

<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/c.php?g=726086&p=5435993>

Find your state and US legislators:

<https://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/>



WAYS TO GIVE – VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Did you know, **our volunteers donate over 25,000 hours a year?** Volunteers spend literally thousands of hours physically processing over 40 tons of donated materials as they come in to the library. In addition to donation processing and book sales, our volunteers also pitch in at library and community events, and even at home!

Our volunteers come from a wide range of backgrounds and perform a variety of roles. We would love you to join in our success and engage your passion to help our community. Our biggest needs are for **book sale** volunteers at our 7 sales, and **event** volunteers for various events in and outside the library during the year. If you have a special skill but don't see it listed, contact us. We never know where our next good idea may come from! **Interested in volunteering?** Send an email to RestonFriendsPR@gmail.com



WAYS TO GIVE - DONATING FUNDS TO THE FRIENDS OF RESTON REGIONAL LIBRARY

- You can DONATE ONLINE any time: www.RestonLibraryFriends.com/membership--donations.html
- Donate by SHOPPING ON AMAZON. When you shop on Amazon for things you need anyway, use **Amazon Smile** and designate the Friends of the Reston Regional Library as your charitable recipient. Amazon then donates 0.5% of your total to the Friends!
- Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) through your IRA, or 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!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

PLEASE APPLY OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

<https://www.restonlibraryfriends.com/membership--donations.html>

To renew or apply online, please fill out an online donation form at our website. There is no separate "membership" form or page, so please [click here to go to our general Donations page and then take the following steps:](#)

- Once you're there, **click on the DONATE button.**
- To enroll (or renew), **click on the amount you want to donate and the payment method you want to use.** Annual Membership is \$15 (\$5 for Seniors 65 and over). When you donate at least these amounts, you're automatically entered into our rolls.
- 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 email address (we do not share your information with outside organizations!)



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