



Friends of the
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Newsletter

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YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

Recently, FRRL provided a 65" TV and cart/stand to the Herndon Fortnightly branch for use with children's and adult programming. The TV can also be used for staff Zoom calls or virtual meetings, and should be a lasting contributor to Herndon's capabilities.

Their staff was very grateful for the Friends support and put the system to use the very next day after our volunteers delivered it to the branch.

We were especially pleased to help our neighboring branch, as Herndon has been serving a great number of Reston's patrons during our renovation, including holds, programs, maker space users, and other routine branch items. They expect this higher-than-normal activity until Reston reopens.



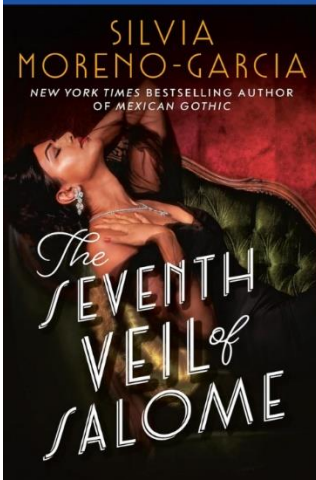
Library Renovation Update

Work began on July 1st, and, according to the library staff, renovations are on track to finish in mid-September. While we don't have an exact date yet, we are hoping to be back in the library by the third week in the month. But we know these things can change, so be sure to [check the County website](#) before you head over there!



FRRL Sponsors Silvia Moreno-Garcia at This Year's Fall for the Book Festival

A Conversation with Silvia Moreno-Garcia



We are SO excited to sponsor [Silvia Moreno-Garcia's](#) appearance at [Fall For The Book](#) on October 18, 2024! She's an award-winning, prolific author whose novels are always fantastic, even when they're historical. (See what we did there?) Ms. Moreno-Garcia is the author of *Mexican Gothic*, *The Daughter of Doctor Moreau*, *Velvet Was the Night*, and several other best-sellers.

As the closing night speaker, she'll be sure to talk about her latest novel, *The Seventh Veil of Salome*. In this 'sumptuous historical epic,' a young woman wins the role of a lifetime in a film about a legendary heroine—but the real drama is behind the scenes.

We hope you'll join us this October at Fall for the Book!

Get your tickets to this soon to sell out event!

[Silvia Moreno-Garcia at FfTB](#)

Find her books at Fairfax County Public Library here:

[Silvia Moreno-Garcia in the FCPL Catalog!](#)



October 18 | 7:30 p.m.
Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center





REMEMBER: No sales in September. Book donations are still closed!

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

The Friends Board of Directors appreciates our community’s loyal support. Our thanks to those who contributed financially since our last newsletter, **especially those who went above and beyond.** Your support means so much!

Abbott	Bostic	Dambrosio	Gingrich	Kahn	Lett	Marshall	Rieger	Shultz
Baime	Cross	De Cola	Greenberg	Kousek	Lewis	Peterson		Walsh

PLEASE APPLY OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

Click [here](#) to go directly to our donations page!

To renew or apply online, please use the 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:](#)

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 is \$15 per person (\$5 for Seniors 65 and over).

When you donate at least these amounts, you are automatically entered into our rolls.

Email addresses are used to provide notice of upcoming sales and FRRL events. We do not share our mailing list with other organizations and we do not receive any contact information from the Fairfax County Public Library or its internal mailing lists.



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In Other News... In the Library and Around the Community

One good (page) turn deserves another

Did you know, if you have a Fairfax County Public Library card, you can also get a library card and check out books from all of these nearby library systems?



Washington, DC

City of Alexandria, VA

Arlington County, VA

Frederick County, MD

City of Falls Church, VA

Fauquier County, VA

Montgomery County, MD

City of Manassas, VA

Loudoun County, VA

Prince Georges County, MD

City of Manassas Park, VA

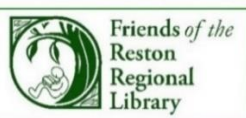
Prince William County, VA

SUMMER READING WRAPS UP IN THE SUNSHINE

On Sunday, August 18, Summer Readers and library patrons of all ages came to Chantilly Regional Library for the Children’s Summer Reading Festival, sponsored by the Fairfax Library Foundation. Hundreds of happy faces were on the scene for musical performances, face painting, balloon art, food trucks, and, of course, to turn in their Summer Reading reports!



Readers who completed the Summer Reading challenges earned \$2 coupons for Friends book sales, as well as coupons for many generous local businesses. If you patronize any of these businesses, be sure to thank them for supporting the Library!



Friends of the Reston Regional Library, Inc. is an all-volunteer, registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Proceeds from our sales go to funding library and literacy materials, programs, and equipment in our community. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. www.RestonLibraryFriends.com

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

The vast majority of Americans agree that participation in voting is both a **privilege and a responsibility** of citizenship. Yet, turnout in national elections is consistently lower than two-thirds of eligible voters.

So what's keeping Americans from the polls? It's not indifference.

For some, it's overwhelming. Too much misinformation and opinions and not enough facts. For others, it's practical: "*Where and how do I vote? How will I get there? What if I work that day?*" For some, it's about priorities: "*Is it worth my time? How do I know my vote really counts?*"

The Library can help with ALL of these questions.

As nonpartisan institutions, Libraries provide unfettered access to information, resources, programs, and public spaces for all members of the community. They can help you distinguish fact from fiction, and history from hysteria.

Libraries encourage readers, educate voters, and prepare all of us to participate in elections. Take advantage of the information available to you at the library and through its resources. Don't sit back and let others have their say, while you stay quiet. Make your voice heard. VOTE. After all, as the American Library Association says, *Democracy is everyone's business.*



If you want to register to vote, confirm you already are registered, help others register, educate yourself on the election process, or help others to participate, we've listed some helpful online resources below.

Voter Registration and Information

vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation

Virginia voters can check whether your registration is active, and identify your polling places and your districts.

fvap.gov For service members and Americans living overseas, the *Federal Voting Assistance Program* provides critical information for voting absentee.

vote411.org A project of the *League of Women Voters*, *Vote 411* offers registration information, including deadlines, and allows voters to see what will appear on their ballot.

voteriders.org *VoteRiders* assists individuals and organizations to ensure that eligible voters have the identification necessary to register and to vote.

Fact Checking Tools

factcheck.org *Fact Check* is a project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center focused on national politics.

politifact.com Founded by the Tampa Bay Times and now operated by the Poynter Institute, *PolitiFact* is a nonpartisan fact checking organization that focuses on national political figures.

NewsLit.org The News Literacy Project works to ensure you know how to discern fact from fiction and can make well-informed voting decisions when you go to the polls.

Candidate and Election Information

fec.gov The *Federal Elections Commission* includes campaign filing information for candidates as well as a searchable database for voters.

opensecrets.org *Open Secrets* is a non-partisan organization that tracks political spending in federal elections.

IMPORTANT VOTING-RELATED DATES IN VIRGINIA

September 20 Early voting begins at your local registrar's office	October 15 Mail-in or online application deadline to register to vote	October 25 Deadline to REQUEST an absentee ballot	October 26 and November 2 Early Voting Saturdays	November 5 Election Day
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Freedom is found through the portals of our nation's libraries. —David McCullough, historian and author

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