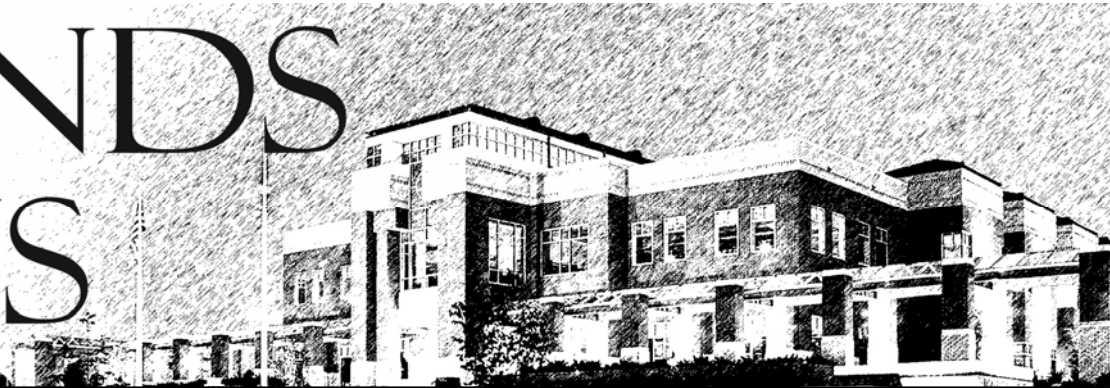


FRIENDS NEWS



The Newsletter of the Friends of the Johnson City Public Library

Spring 2006

Letter from the President

As we launch another exciting year, I invite you to become more involved in our great organization. On April 13th we will have a special guest join us for a meeting open to all Friends members. John Halliday is the Director of Jefferson-Madison Regional Library in Charlottesville, Virginia. His library has one of the most active and involved Friends Groups in this part of the country. Their annual book sale takes in more than \$170,000!

John will talk with us about how they've grown into such a successful organization, and what they've learned on that journey.

Our board of directors are proud of all that our organization accomplished in 2005. With your assistance we supported children's library services through funding for the summer reading program and for performances and workshops provided by the Barter Theatre. A contribution of \$6,300 helped purchase fiction and nonfiction books and DVDs for adults. Three sets of reference books were acquired with \$4,000 provided by Friends.

We'd like to make our organization even more successful in 2006. Please join us on **April 13th at 5:30 pm** in the Jones meeting room at the library. We can be inspired by John Halliday and discuss ways to further our mission of serving our great library.

See you there!

Kathy Hall

Monster of a Sale

Our annual book sale is coming up soon. The theme will be "Monster of a Sale" in honor of the recent success of the Frankenstein exhibit. We are currently accepting book donations. Because this will be a one-day sale (and possibly our only book sale of the year) we want to get as many books out there as possible. All donations are appreciated but please no textbooks, encyclopedias, or magazines – you may need these dust collectors yet.

This year's book sale will take a costume approach. Each person that dresses according to our theme will draw for prizes and discounts. Now everyone has an excuse to dress up.

What: Friends of the Johnson City Public Library Used Book Sale

When: Saturday, April 22nd

Where: Johnson City Public Library, Jones Meeting rooms

Time: 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for the general public

Special Preview: Friday from 9:00 until 10:00 a.m. for Friends members

A special preview sale will be held for the members of the Friends of the Library from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. At 10:00, the doors will open to the general public. Bring your membership card for admittance to the preview. If you can't find your card, we will have a member's list at the door. If your membership has expired, you can renew it at the sale!



Friends Board of Directors Officers 2006

President: Kathy Hall
Vice-President: Robert Sawyer
Treasurer: Charles Moore
Secretary: Linda Gallagher

Board Members

During our first meeting of the year we elected new members and divided into separate committees. The following is a list of the current board members and their committees.

Book sale

1. Robert Sawyer – co-chair
2. Cindy Ayers – co-chair
3. Joan Dressel
4. Becky McKnight
5. Deborah Turner

Membership

1. Charles Moore
2. Linda Gallagher
3. Kathy Hall
4. Kay Herd

Special Events

1. Deb Turner
2. Mary Gavlik
3. Shirley Ceceoni

Communications (PR&Newsletter)

1. Kathy Hall – chair
2. James Reed
3. Josh Archer

Get-to-Know

As most of you know, we have a new library director - Nelson Worley. Nelson was hired last June and started work in August. As library director, he administers all aspects of library operations. A Central Virginia native, Nelson enjoys reading, gardening, and watching baseball, especially the Atlanta Braves.

Nelson has good taste in music. His interests include some jazz, classical, and popular, but no country music. Believe it or not, Nelson's favorite food is Cajun chicken. His favorite authors include John Grisham, James Lee Burke, P.D. James, and Sharyn McCrumb – needless-to-say; he enjoys reading mysteries and histories.

Before coming to JCPL Nelson was the director at The Library of Virginia in Richmond. Nelson currently lives in Boones Creek with his wife, Linnie. They have three children – Brian, Beth, and Rebecca. Next time you see Nelson, congratulate him on becoming a part of our Johnson City Public Library.



National Library Week

National Library Week is usually observed during the second full week in April; however, this year it will be observed during the week of April 2-8.

The history behind the National Library Week dates back to the mid-1950's. During that time research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions, and musical instruments.

Concerned that Americans were reading less, the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizen's organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on

the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!" (ALA).

As friends of the library, we know that promoting reading is just as important now as it was in the 50's, perhaps even more so. In honor of National Library Week, we treat our library staff to lunch.



What Are the Friends Reading?

For this first newsletter of the year, I wanted to include some personal info about our board. As you may already know, we have a unique group of individuals, but because we only meet once a month, we don't always get to know each other personally – at least I haven't. Because books themselves tell us something about the individuals reading them, here is the FOL board's current reading list.

Some of our members are reading history. Shirley is currently reading *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage, an irreverent and unusual history book.

James is reading *Civil War: A Complete Photographic History – Nearly 4,000 images of the War* edited by William C. Davis and Bell L. Wiely, which chronicles the battles through pictures and accompanying narrative.

Other members have been doing their homework. Kathy is reading Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* but is listening to *Gap Creek* on audio.

Robert is plowing through a couple of biographies of Mary Shelley.

Becky is currently into two books: *Symptoms of Withdrawal* by Christopher Crawford and *A Private Man, Warren Beatty* by Suzanne Finstad.

If you read the get-to-know section, then you shouldn't be surprised to know that Nelson is reading *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwyn.

Deborah is a Gemini, which means that she's reading more than one book at a time. Her current book list includes *When the Emperor was Divine* by Julie Otsuka, which deals with life in the Japanese internment camps; *The Northern Lights* by Lucy Jago, a biography of the Norwegian scientist Kristian Birkeland; *Collapse* by Jared Diamond, his sequel to *Guns, Germs and Steel*; and *The Book of Ruth* by Jane Hamilton.

Some of our members just finished their book. Gina just finished *PostSecret: Extraordinary Confessions from Ordinary Lives* compiled by Frank Warren. This interesting collection is from postcards that he left lying around asking people to reveal a secret they've never told anyone else.

Kay just finished her book club's recommendation *The Curious Incident with the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon, which is the story of a boy with Asperger's Syndrome (Autism).

Linda just finished Annie Proulx's *Bad Dirt*, subtitled *Wyoming Stories 2*, a collection of short stories set in Wyoming.

Cindy has been intrigued and mystified by Dan Brown's *The DaVinci Code*.

Charles is attempting to read Putnam's *Bowling Alone*, which describes how communities, such as bowling leagues, had fallen apart and rebuilt differently.

As for myself, I am reading David Eggers' *How We Are Hungry*. It is a collection of short stories illustrating our philosophical hunger for life, interestingly, often through sex.



Did You Know?

This year, 2006, is the FOL's 30th anniversary. The Friends of the Mayne Williams Public Library was organized in 1976 with the first president being Martha Nan Meredith.



Frankenstein Exhibit: A Success

As many of you may already know, the Frankenstein exhibit was a huge success. About 150 people attended the grand opening.

Many folks attended and enjoyed the special talks and programs offered throughout March.

The movies were also successful. There were about 60 people for the first movie, while the second brought in nearly 40.

Hope you all had a chance to catch the wonderful exhibit and the interesting programs

A Note from the Author

I am excited to be a part of the Friends of the Johnson City Library. Although I am new to this library, I'm not completely green - I worked in the Sherrod Library during my undergrad years at ETSU. As a member of the communications committee, I'm looking forward to reestablishing a quarterly newsletter. As this is my inaugural issue, I ask that you extend patience for a work in progress. I welcome your comments and suggestions as I will always be open to improving the newsletter. You may email your questions and/or suggestions to archerja@etsu.edu.

Josh Archer

Library Events

Adult Programs (434-4454)

- WAGS family Research Helpers – Tuesday, April 11th from 6:30-8:00 pm.
- FOL program “Successful Book Sales” by John Halliday on Thursday, April 13th at 5:30 pm.
- Tales and Talk Adult Book Discussion – *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg – on Thursday, April 13th from 7:00- 8:00 pm.
- Tales and Talk Book Discussion – *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg – on Thursday, April 20 from 10:30-11:30 am.
- **FOL Book Sale on Saturday, April 22nd. Special Friends preview from 9:00-10:00 am. Open to public from 10:00–3:00 pm.**
- National Volunteers Week is from April 23rd thru April 29th – thanks to all volunteers.
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at 12:00 pm on Thursday, April 27th.
- Tales and Talk Adult Book Discussion – *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg – from 12:00-1:00 pm.

Youth Programs (434-4458)

- Two’s Company (2 year-olds): Wednesdays, Thursday s, and Fridays at 10:00 am. Saturday, April 15th at 1:00 pm.
- Preschool Storytimes (3-5 year-olds): Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 11:00 am. Saturday, April 15th at 2:00 pm.
- K-1 Story Stretchers (K-1st graders): Tuesdays, April 4th and 18th at 4:00 pm – please register.
- Library Explorers (2nd-5th graders): Poetic Poets on Thursday, April 6th at 4:00 pm. Exercise with JCMC Wellness Center on Thursday, April 20th at 4:00 pm – please register.
- B’s and C’s (2nd-5th graders): Book and Craft on Thursday, April 13th at 4:00 pm – please register.

- Bilingual (Spanish/English) Storytime with Señor Fernando De Sousa on Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 pm.

Teens (434-4458)

- Teen Movie Night – *Dead Poet’s Society* – on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 pm.
- Teen Book Talk with Young Adult Author John Halliday on Thursday, April 13th at 4:00 pm.
- Senior High Coffee House – Poetry Reading – on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30 pm.
- National Volunteers Week – thanks to all Library VolunTEENs – April 23rd thru April 29th.
- VolunTEEN Appreciation Ice Cream Social on Saturday, April 29th at 2:00 pm.

Family Programs (434-4458)

- Family Storytimes: each Monday in April at 6:30 pm.
- Movie Theatre at Your Library – *Little Women* – Sunday, April 2nd at 2:00 pm.
- Movie Theatre at Your Library – *Swiss Family Robinson* – Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 pm.
- Movie Theatre at Your Library – *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* – Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00 pm.

Special Library Hours

- The Library will be closed for Easter on Sunday, April 16th.



Come Join Us for a Special Program

We invite you to attend a special program open to all Friends of the Johnson City Public Library members. John Halliday will be giving a special talk on **Thursday, April 13th at 5:30 pm** in the Jones meeting room. His topics include his involvement with the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library and their book sales.

We hope Halliday's talk will inspire new ideas and energy in our Friend's volunteers. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Friends and the library, please join us for this talk.

Halliday is a well-known children's author and has served as the director of the JMRL in Charlottesville, Virginia, since 1997.

The Friends group of the Jefferson-Madison Library is very active and has a phenomenal book sale every year. They take in more than \$170,000 which helps fund many exciting programs.

Halliday will also be giving a book a teen book talk at 4 p.m.

Halliday's books include his most recent release, *Shooting Monarchs*, aimed at high-school students and *Predicktions*, a grade 4-6 book.

Both of these books have been successful - *Shooting Monarchs* has been recently translated into German.

Halliday has a Master's Degree in Library Science from Rutgers University and is a member of the JMRL friends. Needless-to-say, Halliday is a useful resource to our Friends. Aside from his professional life, Halliday is married and has four children. You won't want to miss this special book and friends talk.



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