

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FRIENDS OF THE STAUNTON LIBRARY

All Memberships run January 1 to December 31

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

This information will not be shared with any other organization or business

Is this a new membership? (Check one) ☐ YES ☐ NO

Please Select the Type of Membership (check one)

☐ Individual \$10.00 ☐ Family 15.00 ☐ Contributor 25.00 ☐ Individual Lifetime Membership \$150.00

☐ Additional Donation _____

The Friends need Active members! Please help us by indicating your interest below.

☐ Book Sales ☐ Newsletter ☐ Special Library Events ☐ Staff Appreciation ☐ A Little Lunch Music
☐ Book Sale Express ☐ Talking Books Volunteer ☐ Board Member ☐ Membership
☐ None Right Now



Notes From Friends

Newsletter from the Friends of the Staunton Library

Autumn 2021

A Message from the President

I would like to extend a special thanks to our wonderful volunteers who helped make it possible for the Friends to provide the October book sale.

Many volunteers have stepped up to help us facilitate a very labor-intensive task of collecting, sorting, packing and moving categorized boxes to the storage units. A local company, EZ Storage was very helpful in offering special price considerations for the storage units needed for the multitude of donated books. Also, several anonymous patrons donated to the storage costs.

With book donations starting in March and going thru August, we have filled two storage units and my personal garage space.

Please come out and support the Book Sale in October that will be held at the Gypsy Hill Gym.

As the Friends seek new and innovative ways to support the library, we hope that you will continue to remain involved with the Friends by renewing your membership today and supporting the library in any way you can. We are always in need of people to serve on the Friends Board and be involved with our programs.

Thank you. Stay safe and healthy!

Joyce Shelenberger – President 2021

Fall Book Sale

We are getting ready for our annual book sale. This year it will be held in October at the Gypsy Hill Gym. Due to the pandemic, there will NOT be a preview night. Please plan on practicing social distancing, wearing a mask, and gloves while handling the books. If you do not have gloves, they will be provided by the Friends.

The hours of the sale are:

Set-up: Monday, 10/11 from 9:00 – 5:00

Sale days:

Tues – Thurs, 10/12 – 10/14 from 9:00 – 7:00

Fri, 10/15 from 9:00 – 12:00

Take down/clean up: Friday, 10/15 immediately after the sale ends

If you can volunteer your time on any of these days, please contact Bonnie Goff at bon_101@hotmail.com or (540) 851-0520 or text a message to (54) 457-7005. Thank you!

BOOK SALE



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Bulk Rate
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Staunton, VA
Permit No. 64

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting date is Tuesday, October 26, 2021, with the business meeting beginning at 6:30pm. We will talk about our activities, accomplishments, and the state of our organization during the business meeting. This annual meeting is also when you will vote in new board members, both officers and directors, many of whom are completing their two-year term. The meeting will be held via *Zoom*. If you are unable to participate in the *Zoom* meeting, please be sure to return your Proxy to the library by October 19th to have your vote counted! Sending in the proxy form assures us of reaching our quorum for the annual meeting.

There will also be a guest speaker starting at 7:00 p.m.:

MARY EVANS, *a native Stauntonian, is an actor, director, mother of two, and full-time instructional assistant at Staunton High School. Her passion for equity and access for all led to her two part-time jobs. As an academic coach for Valley Scholars, a scholarship program for 8th-12th graders through James Madison University, Mary Evans helps guide scholars at Staunton High School through the challenges of balancing school, work, and family life in addition to navigating social issues and helping with schoolwork on occasion. She also supports GRASP (Great Aspirations Scholarship Program) as a mentor, helping students and families with career and college access, paying particular attention to the financial aid process for higher education including filling out the FAFSA, and investigating scholarship opportunities. She loves the idea that students who come into her office not knowing they can go to college or a trade school, leave her office not only knowing they absolutely can, but that they absolutely deserve the opportunity!*

LIBRARY SERVICES

Need something good to read? Hoping to keep your visit to the library short? Try the library's reading suggestions page at: bit.ly/SPLSuggests. You can sign up for new book alerts, browse curated reading lists, or submit a request to have our team of librarians create a personalized set of reading suggestions just for you! If you're feeling brave, you can even submit a request for a surprise bundle of books or movies from a genre of your choice.

Wowbrary: New Book Alerts

Each year, the library buys thousands of new titles for its collections. If you'd like to be among the first to know about the newest bestsellers, movies, audio books, and more when they arrive on our shelves, then sign up for the new Wowbrary service, a free weekly email alert. Every Wednesday starting June 9, you'll receive an update that lets you quickly see what's new in categories like Mystery Fiction, Biographies, Children's Books, and more. If you see something you like, each item also includes a link to the library's catalog to help you place it on hold faster! Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/SPLWowbrary>

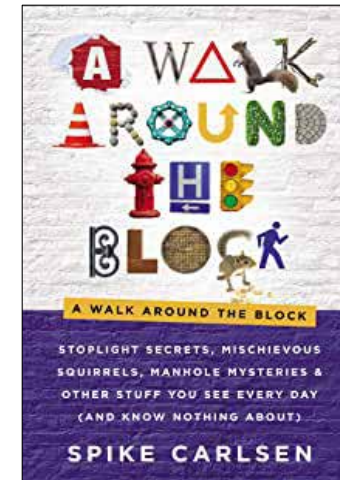


Friends of the Staunton Library Board

Joyce Shelenberger, *President*; Kennon Bowen, *President-Elect*; Karen Landers, *Secretary*; Deborah Patton, *Treasurer*; Casey Musselman, *Past-President*; David Pugh, Franci Ferguson, Gail Hanger, Gerald Pyle, Gail Dunn.

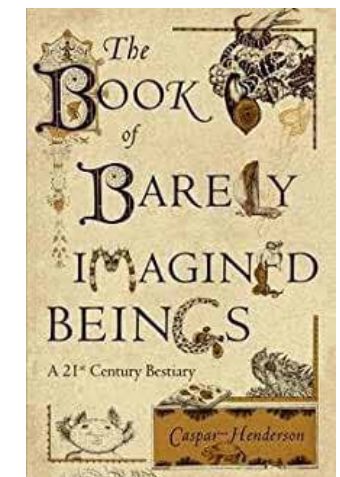
Book Briefs

By Ann Oakes



A Walk Around the Block, Spike Carlson (031.02C). Getting outside during the pandemic, journalist Spike Carlson walked his neighborhood and found lots to write about in ordinary things like stoplights, sewers, front porches, and mail delivery. For example, in 1913 an eleven-pound child was mailed to relatives across town for fifteen cents. Plus,

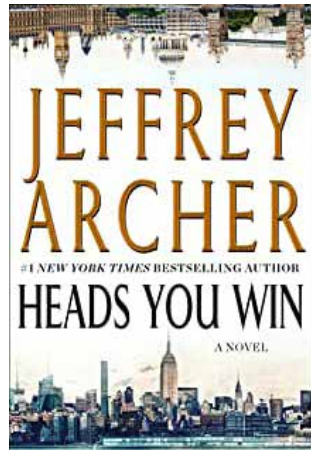
there's concrete vs. cement, squirrel language, items you should never flush, and more "things you see every day and know nothing about."



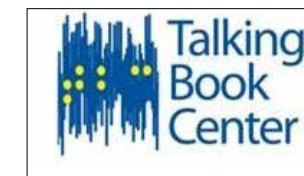
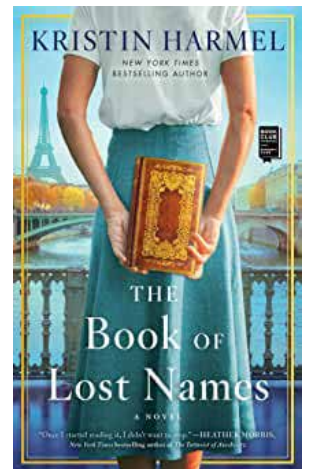
The Book of Barely Imagined Beings, A 21st Century Bestiary, Caspar Henderson (591.68H). Instead of the fantastical beasts of myth and folklore, here are some of earth's odd and extraordinary real creatures. From Axolotl to Zebrafish, each chapter showcases a different animal, its characteristics

and behavior, along with musings about its place in the universe. This is a beautiful book for readers who appreciate biology and natural history accented with poetry, art, and wit.

Heads You Win, Jeffrey Archer (F). Alexander and his mother flee Russia on a cargo ship in 1968 after his father is killed by the KGB. At the docks, there's a choice for London or New York. He tosses a coin. What follows is Archer's unique and masterful family saga that spans two continents and three decades, with a startling ending that will make you read twice to believe.



The Book of Lost Names, Kristin Harmel (F). As a young woman in the French Resistance during WWII, Eva forged documents to help Jewish children escape to Switzerland. But she preserved their real identities encoded in a secret book. Now that book has been found, and Eva is the only one left living who can explain the code in this story of bravery, betrayal, great loss, and the resilience of the human spirit.



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