

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL
FRIENDS OF THE STAUNTON LIBRARY
All Memberships run from January 1 thru December 31.

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Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

This information will not be shared with any other organizations or businesses.

Is this a new membership? Yes _____ No _____

Please select the type of membership:

____ Individual \$10.00 ____ Family \$25.00 ____ Couple \$15.00

____ Individual Lifetime Membership \$150.00 ____ Couples Lifetime Membership \$250.00

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 ____ Membership

____ Board Member ____ None Right Now



Notes From Friends

Newsletter from the Friends of the Staunton Library

Spring 2022

A Message from the President

This year, 2022, is beginning to look like what we might call “normal life.” Pandemic restrictions are diminishing in our community, state, and nation. We have all missed gathering in person, but now we hope to return to enjoy some of the Friends of the Library activities. To keep current when you visit, please check out our new bulletin board near the “books for sale” shelves in the main library reading room. We will try to keep current information posted there.

In this newsletter, you will read about some anticipated changes and some special dates. There are articles describing book collection and sales, new waivers for volunteers required by the city, and ideas about how you might help improve our aging library. A big change is that this newsletter will “go digital” soon. And so, read on to discover the latest, and please encourage your friends to become Friends. Lifetime membership is tax-exempt so consider that as well when you renew. And let us know if you might consider helping with board work. As always, thanks very much for your support!

- Kennon Bowen - President

The first collection dates for book donations are April 21 & 22 and April 28 & 29 from 10:00 until noon in the library parking lot. Volunteers will assist you with unloading if needed.

Fall 2022 Book Sale at Gypsy Hill Gym

Monday, October 3 is the set up day (10:00 - 5:00)

Monday, October 3 from 5:00-7:00 pm will be preview night (for Members only)

Tuesday thru Thursday are sale days open to the community from 9a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday sale day is 9a.m. till 11:30 a.m. Doors close at noon.

Give aways will be from noon on Friday until all is packed up, with the exception of the better books table. Please bring your own bags or boxes for your items.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up now.

Call, e-mail, or text me to help set up, tear down, pack or unpack, work the door, straighten a table after it's been rummaged, sit at the volunteer table or sell. We will provide lunch, drinks and snacks on set up day, plus pizza on Friday, so you won't go without. PLUS...you'll be meeting and hanging out with some of the best folks in Staunton!

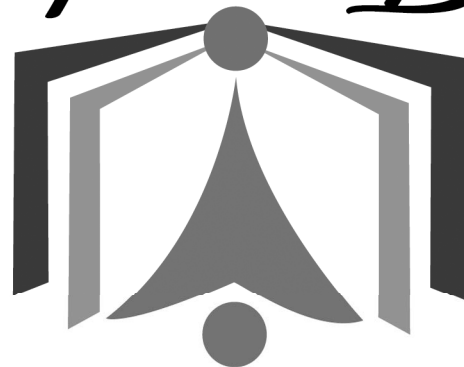
Bonnie Goff 540-457-7005 (text) or bonbons_101@hotmail.com

BOOK SALE



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A Call to Action!

The documentary American Creed, in which acclaimed novelist, Junot Diaz, describes the influence a library and a librarian had on his life. He values the fact that a library serves everyone: the rich, the poor, the old, the young, all races and religions. No one is turned away. Libraries are important equalizers in any community. But our aging library building [as you know, it’s a former school] has never been reconfigured to support all that it is called to do. And, there are other needed improvements which will help our library be better-suited to serve everyone in the 21st century.

So how can you support our library? You can write letters to our representatives in Congress, to our Virginia assembly, and to our own City Council. Encourage them to support legislation that will honor Junot Diaz’s vision. When you hear of pending legislation that affects our libraries grab your laptop and communicate!

Volunteers needed!

After several quiet years due to COVID, the Friends are eager to rejuvenate our volunteer program. We are in need of helpers to assist with the collection and sorting of donated books and media in preparation for the fall book sale. Because the volunteer program was suspended for so long, we are asking all new and returning volunteers to complete an application and waiver of liability so that we have all of the most updated contact and emergency contact information for each person.

Drop us an email at: folstauntonpubliclibrary@gmail.com to join our team!



After much consideration the Friends of the Staunton Library have decided to *GO DIGITAL* with the newsletter! There are a number of reasons why we have made this decision, the least of which is the skyrocketing price of paper and postage, not to mention the inconsistencies of USPS delivery. We also feel it is important to go green for the environment. We will still print a few paper copies of the newsletter and will have them available at the Staunton library for those that do not have internet access.

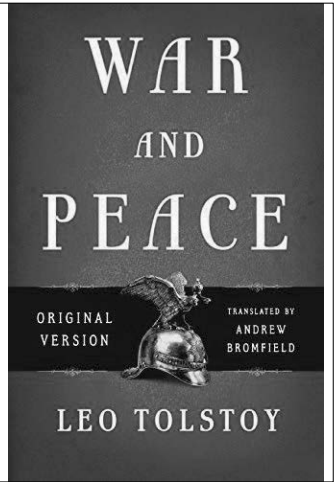
With that said, this September please keep an eye on your email for your fall newsletter. This will include information about the upcoming book sale as well as the annual meeting, both of which will be in October. Be sure to check your SPAM folder if you do not receive it by mid- to late-September. Please feel free to notify us at folstauntonpubliclibrary@gmail.com with any changes to your email address so that you can stay connected with us!

Friends of the Staunton Library Board

Kennon Bowen, *President*; Linda Chapman, *President-Elect*; Karen Landers, *Secretary*; Deborah Patton, *Treasurer*; Joyce Shelenberger, *Past-President*; Susan Arnold, Tammy Baker, Jerry Bryant, Franci Ferguson, Bonnie Goff, Gail Hanger, Joy Ingram, JoAnn Tigert.

Book Briefs

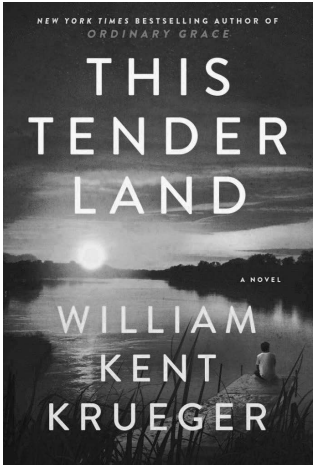
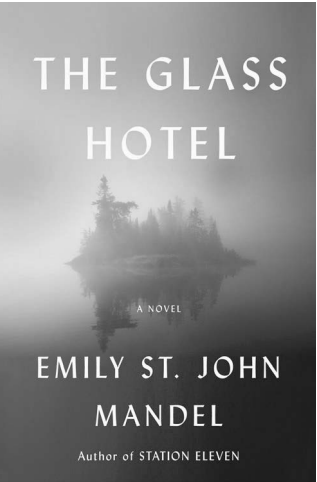
By Ann Oakes



Emperor’s court in Petersburg, and find love, inner peace, and hope.

War and Peace, Leo Tolstoy (Great Books 51: 030 G). This classic is a sweeping saga of Russia during the Napoleonic Wars, as well as a deeply personal search for meaning and fulfillment. Tolstoy focuses on the thoughts and feelings of his characters, allowing the reader to experience their lives. Don’t just read history but live it as you walk the streets of Moscow, visit the

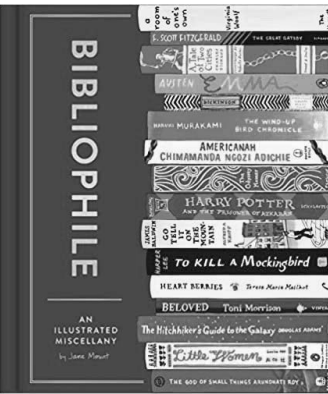
The Glass Hotel, Emily St. John Mandel (F). “Why don’t you swallow broken glass?” A cryptic message scrawled on a hotel window sets off a series of unintended consequences, and the lives of seemingly unconnected characters intersect in this adroit and intriguing novel of extravagant wealth, fraud, poverty, and survival. And if you’re in the mood, read Mandel’s earlier, “futuristic” novel, Station Eleven, set in the aftermath of a pandemic.



of age, and quest for belonging and home.

This Tender Land, William Kent Krueger (F). Albert has a gift for all things mechanical; Emmy has fits and visions; Mose needs to discover his Sioux heritage; Odie plays harmonica and tells stories. These orphans escape a brutal Indian Training School and travel down the Mississippi River among other lost souls of the Great Depression, a journey of adventure, coming

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The Talking Book Center is proud to be partnering with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing’s new pilot program that makes iBill Currency Readers more accessible to qualified residents. iBill Currency Readers are devices that allow blind and low vision community members to distinguish the differences between paper currency. Currently this free device is available through the BEP’s national U.S. Currency Reader Program, but the pilot program will allow the TBC to maintain a supply of the devices to distribute immediately to qualifying patrons. In addition to the iBill pilot program, free refreshable braille display e-readers will be available to registered patrons as part of a new national initiative. As these devices are sometimes costly, they will be provided for free to patrons who request them, removing barriers to affordability and promoting literacy for all! - **Ilia Desjardins, TBC Supervisor**