

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL OF THE STAUNTON LIBRARY

All Memberships run January 1 to December 31

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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

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Notes From Friends

Newsletter from the Friends of the Staunton Library

Spring 2018

Brad Parks Book Launch

On Tuesday, March 6 we will be hosting a Book Launch and Fundraiser for the Friends of the Staunton Library. Brad Parks, well-known suspense novelist and fellow Staunton resident will be launching his newest book, *Closer Than You Know*, **which is set in Staunton!** The event will be held at Bedlam Brewing at 2303 N. Augusta St., a few doors down from the Comcast office and will run from 7:00 to 9:00. The author will sign books if desired, with each copy selling for \$20. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Friends of the Staunton Public Library.

Bedlam Brewery opened in January 2017. They offer craft beers, wine and hard cider as well as soft drinks. Their menu includes pizzas, appetizers, sandwiches and salads, in addition to specials and desserts.



Brad Parks

We are asking that you RSVP to let us know if you are planning on attending and to guarantee that we have enough copies of the book available. You can do this either by calling the library at 540-332-3902 or by going on Facebook. If you respond on Facebook:

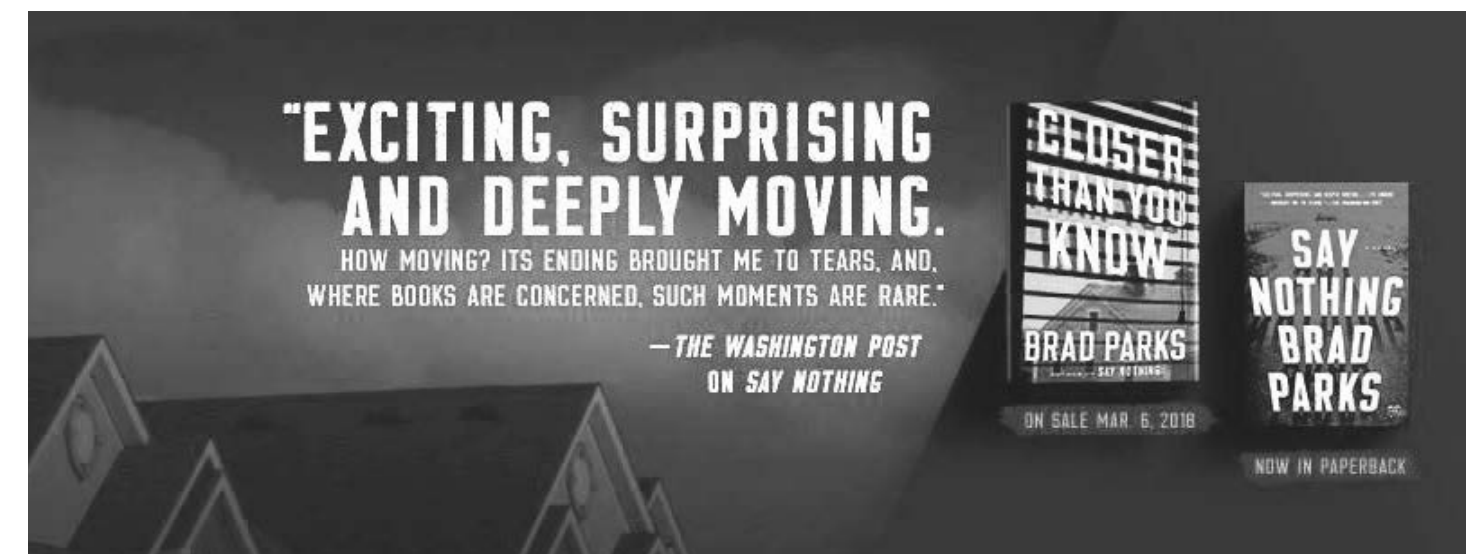
- Go to the page for Friends of Staunton Library
- From the headings at the top of the page, click on “Events”
- In the drop-down box for the book launch, click on “Going”
- That will take you to the page for the launch. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on “Book signing”
- The next page will ask you for your name and how many copies you expect to buy.

That’s it! We hope to see you there for a good book, good food and good company.

Reviews for *Closer Than You Know*:

“Parks dishes out another irresistible descent into hell.” - Kirkus (starred review)

“A diverting, exciting read with an ending you won’t see coming.” - Booklist



April Book Sale



Our semi-annual book sale will be held Tuesday, April 17 through Sunday , April 22. This is a great chance to stock up on reading material at very low prices. Most adult hardback books are \$1.00 and paperbacks are only 50¢. Also available are CD’s, DVD’s and children’s books.

The Tuesday Preview night is from 6:00-8:30 p.m. This is open only to Friends—you can join at the door. Hours for the other days are:

Wednesday April 18	9 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday April 19	9 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday April 20	9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday April 21	9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

****Saturday is bag day. Fill a bag for \$3. After 1 p.m., books are free to students, teachers and non-profits.**

Sunday April 22	1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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****Sunday is bag day. Fill a bag for \$1. Books are free to students, teachers and non-profits.**

We are always looking for additions to the sale. If you have books you no longer need, please donate them to us at the librarians' desk.

*The Staunton Public Library was founded in 1874.
Here are few other things that were going on in 1874.*

- American inventor, Joseph Glidden, patents barbed wire.
- General George Armstrong Custer’s expedition into the Black Hills sparks the last great American gold rush. This, in turn, gives birth to the town of Deadwood and initiates a war with the Sioux nation.
- Harry Houdini is born.
- In Opera: Johann Strauss Jr’s, “Die Fledermaus” premiers in Vienna.
- Jesse James gang takes train at Muncie, Kansas.
- Jesse James marries.
- The Philadelphia Zoo opens; it is the first public zoo in the United States.
- Ulysses S. Grant was President of the USA.
- Winston Churchill is born.



FYI: If you are an avid reader, there is a free cell phone app for you. The app **goodreads** allows you to track books you want to read, books you have read and those you are currently reading. It is linked to Amazon and gives access to reviews of books, allows you to rate books, preview books and see comments from other readers. You can even order directly from Amazon if you desire. Give it a try!

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE STAUNTON LIBRARY

I recently had a conversation which gave me the chance to reflect on what it means to be a Friend of the Staunton Public Library. Some anonymous wit once said that, “Friends will help you move; true friends will help you move a body.” Being a Friend of our library doesn’t involve anything quite so gruesome, but it does demonstrate a level of commitment to this great public institution that goes beyond the norm. Roughly 20,000 members of our community hold library cards issued by the Staunton Public Library; only about 1% of that number become Friends. As a member of this rather select group, you already know a great deal about what the Friends do to build and extend the programs and services our library offers to the community; you put your money and your many, many volunteer hours toward making those things possible.

Because of your close connection to the Staunton Public Library and its Friends, you are also in a unique position to see, and consider, and influence, what the Friends do and how we do it. This spring, we’ll be contacting each of our Friends, to get your ideas and input about what it means (and ought to mean) to be Friends of the Staunton Library. What are we doing well? Where do we need to improve? What more should we be doing? How can we make your involvement as a Friend best fit your abilities and availability? I’d like to ask each of you to give some thought to these questions so that the Friends can have the benefit of your insight, creativity, and wisdom.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for being a Friend.

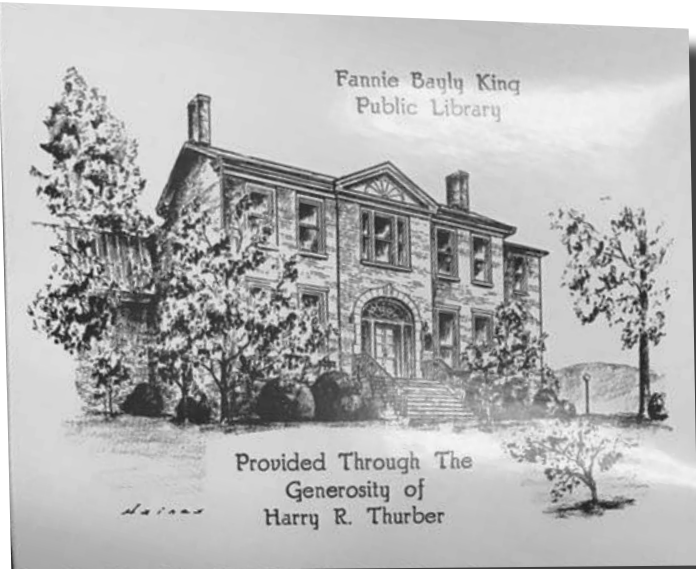
If you are not already a member, please join by completing the application on the back of this mailer.



“A book is a device to ignite the imagination.”
~ Alan Bennett, *The Uncommon Reader*

“The world of books is the most remarkable creation of man. Nothing else that he builds ever lasts. Monuments fall; nations perish; civilizations grow old and die out; and, after an era of darkness, new races build others. But in the world of books are volumes that have seen this happen again and again, and yet live on, still young, still as fresh as the day they were written, still telling men’s hearts of the hearts of men centuries dead.”
~ Clarence Shepard Day

“Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body. As by the one, health is preserved, strengthened, and invigorated: by the other, virtue (which is the health of the mind) is kept alive, cherished, and confirmed.”
~ Joseph Addison



The Staunton Public Library is giving away these old bookplates back from when we were the Fannie Bayly King Public Library to be used as bookmarks.

Friends of the Staunton Library Board:

Wally Edwards, *President*; Karen Fravel, *Secretary*; Jeff Delong, *Treasurer*; James Arnold; Ty Bane; Julia Kiessling; JoAnn Tigert; Bonnie Goff; David Pugh; Gerald Pyle; Cindy Woods; Annie Sachs; Gail & Jay Hanger