

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FRIENDS OF THE STAUNTON LIBRARY

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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
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Notes From Friends

Newsletter from the Friends of the Staunton Library

Summer 2019

Congratulations!

Talking Book Center Named Sub-regional Library of the Year!

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) at the Library of Congress has named the Staunton Talking Book Center as the Sub-regional Library/Advisory and Outreach Center of the Year Award. TBC employees Ilia Desjardins and Elaine Cronin traveled with Staunton Public Library Director Sarah Skrobis to the Library of Congress to accept the award on May 16.

“Each year the Library of Congress recognizes the work of state and local libraries that provide braille and talking-book services to people who cannot use print materials,” said NLS Director Karen Keninger. “The programs and services [that the TBC offers] are outstanding examples of the innovation seen throughout our network of cooperating libraries nationwide, as well as their commitment to ensuring that all may read.”

The TBC, which serves about 300 patrons in four counties, is housed in Staunton’s public library, near the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. The TBC also focused attention on outreach and engagement over the last year. In 2018, the TBC began a monthly newsletter and set up a low-vision tabletop display with lighted and hand-held magnifiers and converted an office into an accessibility room where patrons can use a text-to-speech screen reader, a page magnifier and a large table for private book readings.

The Network Library Awards were created by NLS in 2005. A committee of librarians and consumer-organization representatives selects finalists from nominated libraries based on mission support, creativity, innovation in providing service and demonstrated reader satisfaction. The winner is selected by the NLS director from finalists determined by a panel of network librarians and community leaders.

The Friends of the Staunton Library help to provide annual financial support to the Talking Book Center. To learn more about its local services, visit www.talkingbookcenter.org.



Photo Left to Right: Staff from Staunton: Sarah Skrobis, Elaine Cronin, Ilia Desjardins; NLS Director Karen Keninger; Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden; NLS Deputy Director Jason Yasner

Friends of the Staunton Library Board:

Gail Dunn, *President*; Casey Musselman, *President-Elect*; Karen Fravel, *Secretary*; Deborah Patton, *Treasurer*; Wally Edwards, *Past-President*; Bonnie Goff, David Pugh, Gerald Pyle, Cindy Woods, Julia Kiessling, Joann Tigert, Joy Ingram, Joyce Shelenberger.

Spring Book Sale

Once again, we had a very successful book sale in April with what was probably a record number of volunteers.

Thanks to you all:

Andrea Allen, Marietta Beverage, Angela Carlson, Tom Cinarella, Lucy Colebaugh, William Diment, Wally Edwards, Francie Ferguson, Jacque Frankfort, David Kane, Karen Fravel, Kyle Fravel, Bonnie Goff, Doris Goode, Gail Hanger, Jay Hanger, Hunter Hanger, Joy Ingram, David Kane, Judith Kator, Howard Kator, Diane Kent, Julia Kiessling, Miles

Mead, David Moyer, Casey Musselman, Bill Noonan, Terri Noonan, Ann Oakes, Jim Oates, Linda Paquette, Doug Peyton, David Plye, Gerald Pyle, Kristen Reichert, Sally Rogers, John Rogers, Inga Schroeder, John Sherwood, Harriet Sherwood, Sandy Showalter, Ralph Steger, June Steger, Glenda Stroup, Barbara Tafumi, JoAnn Tigert, Dori Walk, Catherine Wingfield-Yeatts, Harry Yeatts, Jr.

News

The Library has added another reading group—the History Readers. This group will meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The plan is not to have assigned reading, but rather have the opportunity to share and discuss books or topics of interest to the group. The focus will be on the politics and events of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Thanks to the following members who have made donations to the Friends in the period January 1 through May 6: Patty and Dave Arnold, Robert and Barbara Cox, Wally and Michele Edwards, Andrea and Ed Ennis, Julia Kiessling, Jane and Preston Manning, Doris Martin and David Moyer, Joe and Liz McCue, Nienke Padberg, Daniel and Jeanne Swift, Steve and Jeanne Tabscott, Cherie Thurman, Janet Tuttle, Phyllis and Donald Vess, Deanna Vance and Virginia Warrick.



You may have noticed a change to the cover of this newsletter. The Friends have a new logo now included on the cover. Also shown is the Smile Amazon logo to remind you to please make your Amazon purchases through www.smile.amazon.com with Friends of Staunton Library as your designated charity. This will result in the Friends receiving a donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation.

Professional genealogist Jennifer Banks will teach how to effectively use FamilySearch, the world's largest collection of free family trees, genealogy record,

and resources. She will also demonstrate how to access online learning courses, online trees, books, wiki and catalog. Handouts will be provided. Thursday, August 15 at 6:30.

On Saturday, August 24 from 12:00 to 4:30, the library will be sponsoring an Art & Craft Supply Swap. Artists, crafters and stitchers are invited to clean out their closets to trade for new-to-you supplies. Swappers can enter at 10:00 on Saturday. Those who don't bring supplies can come starting at noon. Donations may also be dropped off on Friday, August 23.

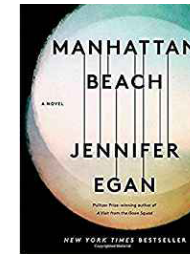
Virginia's New Health Coverage. Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30. Many Virginians are now eligible for low-cost healthcare coverage that began in January. Eligible adults include some who work but do not have insurance through an employer, or who previously did not qualify for coverage. Erin Dalrymple of Shenandoah Valley Social Services will discuss eligibility, coverage, and the enrollment processes for residents in the community. Visit CoverVA.org for more information.

2019 Summer Reading Game: June 1 – July 31. Sign up online or at any Valley Libraries location to play the Summer Reading Game for a chance to win great prizes! Open to all ages. Some programs and prizes sponsored by the Friends of the Staunton Library

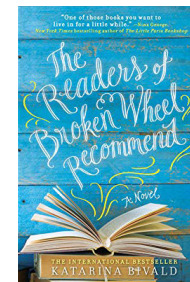
Heifetz Young Musicians: Thursday, August 1 at 2:00pm. Young musicians from the Heifetz Institute PEG program will amaze us with beautiful music on string instruments! Sponsored by the Friends of the Staunton Library

Book Briefs

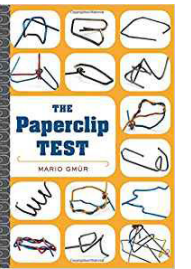
by Ann Oakes



Manhattan Beach, Jennifer Egan (F). Egan's excellent historical novel follows Anna Kerrigan's family of Brooklyn, New York, from the 1930s through World War II. Beyond family intrigue, it's a multi-layered world of criminals, bankers, unions, unusual friendships and, especially, the women who performed men's jobs at the Navy Yard during the war.



The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend, Katarina Bivald (F). Sara, a young woman from Sweden, and Amy, an elderly widow from Iowa, were pen pals and book lovers. When Sara arrives for a visit, however, she finds that Amy has died. The townspeople are welcoming and kind, but they are not at all interested in books. So Sara cleverly uses Amy's treasure trove of books to lure these quirky non-readers by matching a book exactly suited to each person, a heartwarming tale of books and friendship.



The Paperclip Test, Mario Gmur (155.28G). The author, a psychologist, observes that fiddling with paperclips is a basic human impulse. He started photographing the paperclip "sculptures" his clients left behind and identified various personality traits. Choose the pictures you like and see what it says about you. This is a fun test, not to be taken too seriously.



Claw the System, Poems From the Cat Uprising, Franciso Marciuliano (811.6M). If you have a cat, you want some humor. Enjoy poems from the cat's point of view about clawing, biting, eating, sleeping, running wild, even loving, plus great photos. Both funny and endearing, these poems capture cat behavior purr-fectly.

Membership Survey

In 2018, we conducted our first membership survey, to help get a sense of who our Friends are and how we as an organization are doing in our efforts to support and serve our library and our membership. Thank you to all who participated! So, what did we learn? Here are some of the highlights:

- Our members work or have worked in information technology, education (both instruction and administration), manufacturing, public service, local nonprofits, business administration, and as library staff, in Staunton and elsewhere.
- Half our respondents are retired, and most are regular library patrons as well as being library volunteers.
- Most volunteer with other organizations outside of the Friends.
- Our biggest volunteer activity (no surprise) is the book sale.
- In addition to all the great programs and activities we already support, our members want the Friends to focus additional efforts on advocacy for our library and on supporting literacy programs in our community.

As we dig deeper into the survey results, we'll keep you up to date with the insights we find; watch this space for more information! Want to add your voice to the conversation? Our survey is still open – access it online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BSJHPPG> or email folstauntonpubliclibrary@gmail.com and request a copy. Want to help us turn this input into action? The Membership Survey Committee will begin meeting soon to review the results in depth and draw up suggestions for new programs, activities, etc., and we're looking for members! If you'd like to help, email us at folstauntonpubliclibrary@gmail.com, or just buttonhole the next Board member you see.