

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

Spring 2020

Spring Book Sale

We are getting ready for our semi-annual book sale to be held in April. As usual, the preview night is open only to members, but you can join the Friends at the door that evening. The hours of the sale are:

Set-up:

Thursday 4/16 10:00-5:00
Friday 4/17 10:00-5:00

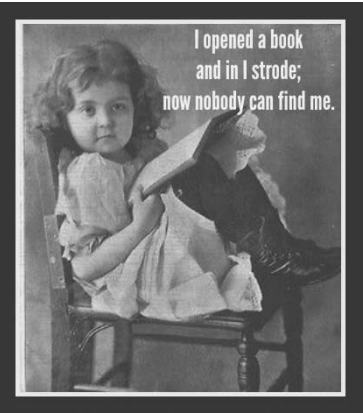
Sale days:

Tuesday 4/21 6:00-8:30 (Members' Preview)
Wednesday 4/22 9:00-8:30
Thursday 4/23 9:00-8:30
Friday 4/24 9:00-4:30
Saturday 4/25 9:30-4:30 (Bag day! Fill a bag for \$3. Bags are free after 1:00 to students, teachers and non-profits.)
Sunday 4/26 1:00-4:30 (Bag day! Fill a bag for \$1. Bags are free to students, teachers and non-profits.)

Take down/clean up:

Tuesday 4/28 9:00-4:00

If you can help on any of these days, please contact Bonnie Goff at bonbons_101@hotmail.com at 540-851-0520, or text at 540-457-7005 to volunteer.



A Word from the President

Each year the Friends set out to support the library as effectively as possible. 2019 was no exception. Last year the Friends contributed to the library in several significant ways:

- The Friends contributed to the remodeling cost of the circulation desk and reading area. This has become a popular area for visitors to the library. The Friends also contributed to the pending remodel of the staff breakroom that will make breaks and lunches more enjoyable and relaxing for staff.
- We increased our annual contribution to the award winning (that sounds great to read out loud!) Talking Book Center. The center supports about 300 members who rely on this program to access audio books.
- We created a new trifold brochure to highlight the ways we support the library and its patrons.
- We changed our logo to update our image.
- The Friends seek new and innovative ways to support the library without affecting our longstanding successful programs like the book sale.

I hope everyone will consider getting involved in the work and programs of the Friends in 2020. If the Friends succeed, the library succeeds, and that is the point of it all. We have a great library that is an anchor of our community. Lets all rally to make it even greater.

Casey Musselman

Staunton Library



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News

The Friends have ordered two versions of decals with our logo on them. One version is being included in this mailing as a thanks to our members for joining and supporting the Friends. Both versions will be available at the book sale for \$1.00.

Are you still paying for Audible? Want to save money this year? Try out Libby instead (<https://swvapub.overdrive.com>) and save \$15/month by using your library card to borrow FREE digital audiobooks.



Thanks to the following who have made donations to the Friends:

Jerry and Diane Bryant
Catherine Clem
Harriet Hanger
Carolyn Havrick
Julia Kiessling

Joe and Liz McCue
Claudia McNeil
Susan Micklem
James Gallaher
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Phyllis and Donald Vess

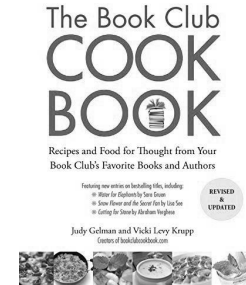
Steadfast Shakespeare Company: 60 Minute *Hamlet* and Staging Shakespeare Workshop. Sponsored by the Friends of the Staunton Library. Join us for a performance and interactive workshop from Steadfast Shakespeare Company, featuring members of the MBU Shakespeare & Performance Master’s program. A great event for middle and high school students (especially those studying the Bard) and adults. Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Teen Book Club: *With the Fire On High* by Elizabeth Acevedo. Receive a free copy of the book, sponsored by the Friends of the Staunton Library. Thursdays in March: 3/5, 3/12, and 3/19 from 4-5 p.m. Students in grades 7-12 can join for food and fun as we discuss the latest food-themed novel by award-winning YA author Elizabeth Acevedo. At last meeting, we’ll be joined by Charlottesville chef and entrepreneur Angelic Jenkins, who’s bringing her food truck. All ages are welcome to drop by and purchase some dinner to go when she sets up that evening.

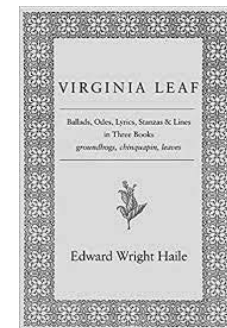
With a generous grant from the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge, the Library now provides digital conversion equipment that you

can use to preserve your family history and home memories. “We’re excited to help our community reconnect with forgotten mementos from their past, or convert their memories to more easily share them in digital format with friends and family on social media,” says Library Director Sarah Skrobis. You can use the equipment to digitize your old VHS tapes, audio cassettes, 35 mm film, slides, or even Super 8 movies by appointment only. Only personal memories may be converted, and copyright protected material may not be recorded using library equipment. If you’d like to take advantage of this service, you must first schedule an equipment orientation with a librarian by stopping in or calling the Library (540-332-3902) and asking for the Reference Desk. For full details, visit the library’s website or speak with a librarian.

If you listen to the weekly Valley Libraries Radio Reference spots that air on 106.3 WQSV Staunton and miss a book title that sounds interesting, never fear! Now you can see all of our selections online. We’re archiving our picks at <https://list.ly/RadioReference/> lists along with links to all the titles we feature. Happy reading, listeners!



The Book Club Cookbook, Judy Gelman and Vicki Levy Krupp (641.G). What a fun book. The authors contacted book clubs across the country to see what books they were reading and the foods they paired with their discussions. Here are the synopses of 100 books, a recipe to go with each and some background on the various book clubs, a real treat for book lovers and cooks alike.

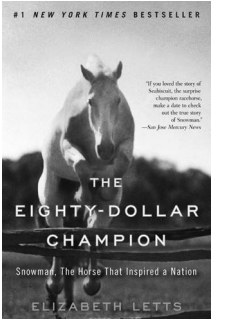


Virginia Leaf, Edward Wright Haile (811.54H). Haile is a carpenter, sailor and musician whose love of all things Virginia inspires his ballads and odes. He fashions a self-portrait around the things he calls HOME: history and fables, Brunswick stew and banjos, tractors, dogs, chinquapins, and more.

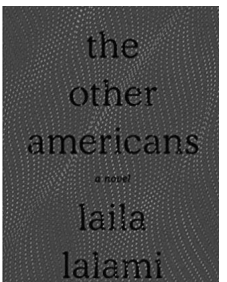
Book Briefs

By Ann Oakes

The Eighty-Dollar Champion, Snowman, the Horse that Inspired a Nation, Elizabeth Letts (798.2L). A broken-down plough horse bound for slaughter, a Dutch immigrant farmer who survived Nazi occupation. When Snowman and Harry locked eyes, Harry knew the horse wasn’t ready to die. Soon Harry discovered that Snowman liked to jump, and together they became unlikely winners of the 1958 National Horse Show Jumping Competition. This is their story.



The Other Americans, Laila Lalami (F). How much do children know about their parents’ lives? The hit-and-run killing of a man reveals diverse perspectives among his wife, daughters and neighbors as well as from the police detective whose own experiences yield a crucial insight. This is a compelling novel about an American immigrant family in California, the “otherness” they feel and hostilities they face, along with family conflicts between independence and duty.



Membership Survey

By Casey Musselman

Last fall we sent out a survey to all the members of the Friends. We wanted to find out who joined and why. We also wanted to find ways to reach our members about volunteer opportunities and getting involved in supporting the library by supporting the Friends. After analyzing the results, we identified several ways to reach our members about opportunities to support the library.

One way to reach our members about volunteering is through announcements at the library in a visible location. We are working with the library staff to place a bulletin board in a visible location to promote the opportunities to volunteer through the Friends. This will help “get the word out” to people who may want to volunteer, but do not know how or when to do so.

Secondly, We are going to place information in the newsletter about - not just volunteer opportunities, but the specific tasks needed. Many of the survey respondents were hesitant to volunteer because they were concerned about taking on difficult or complicated tasks. The reality is that most of the tasks are quite simple and short.

Lastly, we want to create a membership coordinator on the Friends board to reach out to new members and help them understand the many ways that they can contribute in a simple and easy way.

These are the first steps we will take to reach out to our members to help them to get involved in a way that meets their skills and interests.

Friends of the Staunton Library Board:

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