

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FRIENDS OF THE STAUNTON LIBRARY

All Memberships run January 1 to December 31

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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
☐ None Right Now



Notes From Friends

Newsletter from the Friends of the Staunton Library

Winter 2019

Library eBook Embargo

By Sarah Skrobis, Director of Library Services

On July 25, Macmillan Publishers announced it would become the only major publisher to limit eBook lending for U.S. libraries. Under its new licensing model, which went into effect November 1, 2019, a library may purchase one copy upon release of a new title in eBook format, after which the publisher will impose an eight-week embargo on additional copies of that title sold to libraries.

The Staunton Public Library's digital circulation increased 35% over the course of just one year. Without the ability to license more than one copy of a new release, staff members know that patrons will be waiting longer for popular titles, especially as more and more people begin to use the digital collections. Macmillan's new terms hurt local Staunton patrons by preventing the library from licensing multiple copies to meet demand. Not only do public libraries have to deal with the eight-week embargo on additional copies, they are also forced to pay much higher prices for eBooks. While an individual might be able to buy a copy of a Kindle book for around \$10, public libraries often have to pay upwards of \$50-\$90 per title.

As American Library Association (ALA) President Wanda Brown asserted, "Macmillan Publishers' new model for library eBook lending will make it difficult for libraries to fulfill our central mission: ensuring access to information for all. Macmillan's new policy is unacceptable." And Public Library Association (PLA) President Ramiro Salazar stated, "Access to digital content in libraries is more than a financial issue: it is an equity issue. We encourage Macmillan Publishers to reverse course before libraries and the people they serve are harmed."

Staunton Public Library affirms the principles that:

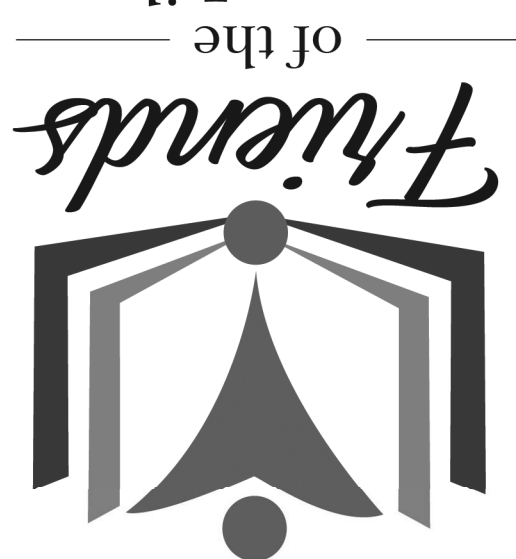
- All published works must be available for libraries to purchase and lend to library users.
- Access to and use of eBooks must equitably balance the rights and privileges of readers, authors and publishers.
- Digital content must be accessible to all people, regardless of physical or reading disability.
- Library patrons must be able to access digital content on the device of their choosing.
- Reading records must remain private in the digital age.

If you would like to keep current on this issue, go to <https://ebooksforall.org>.



Don't forget to renew your membership
in the Friends for 2020.

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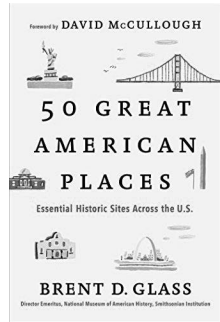
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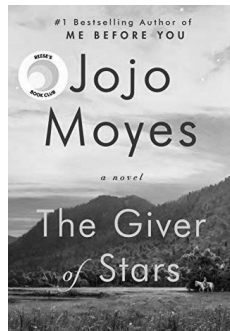
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Book Briefs

By Ann Oakes

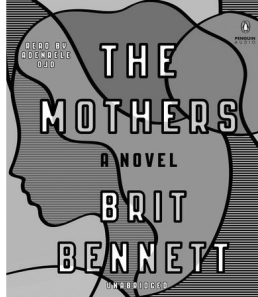


50 Great American Places, Brent D. Glass (917.3G). From malls and theme parks, architecture and the arts, to the birthplaces of American industries, here's a concise guide to historic and entertaining sites across the U.S. The Forward even highlights Staunton's own Frontier Culture Museum. Plan a trip or use this as a starting point for your own list of favorite places that reflect our national culture and way of life.

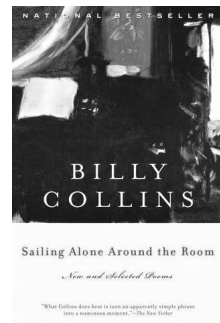


The Giver of Stars, Jojo Moyes (F). The women in this novel are based on the WPA Packhorse Librarians of the 1930s who risked danger and all weather to bring books and learning to the mountain people of Kentucky. Each woman has her own reason for wanting to do this work, but together they form fierce friendships and loyalty in the face of ridicule, abuse, even a charge of murder. This book was a new acquisition in 2019 and is available in large print.

The Mothers, Brit Bennett (F). Nadia, Luke and Aubrey are friends whose lives become entwined for more than 20 years because of choices they make as teens. This is a story about “what ifs,” secrets and hypocrisy. Bennett's excellent writing treats difficult topics with sensitivity and insights that show how desires for a better life can easily be derailed.



Sailing Alone Around the Room, Billy Collins (811.54C). Reading Collins is always a pleasure. He creates nuanced, wry poetry out of anything: chairs, restaurants, reading, even teases a connection between a barking dog and Beethoven. Pick up any of his collections. Collins's poems turn simple ideas profound and make a person feel good about life.



Membership Survey

By Casey Musselman

After evaluating the results of the membership survey, the Friends are going to begin reaching out more directly to new members to let them know about volunteer opportunities to support FOSL and the library. We will work with the library to locate a wall space for information about FOSL and volunteering. Most of our members find out about FOSL on a visit to the library, so we need a visible presence for our work. We will also include more information in the newsletter that details opportunities for volunteering. Education about supporting the library should take away some of the apprehension over volunteering and make it less stressful. Finally, we will ask a board member to reach out to new FOSL members - not to pressure them to volunteer, but simply ask them about their reasons for joining and if we can help them connect with the library in a meaningful way.

By better communicating our role in supporting the library and educating new FOSL members, we hope to draw more people into making our great library even greater.

News

Got the winter doldrums? Cabin fever? Our library is a hotbed of activity. In addition to seven reading groups (including Great Books, True Crime Book and Discussion, and Women with Pens among others), there are numerous activities for everyone. Stop at the circulation desk to pick up a winter calendar or go online to www.stauntonlibrary.org to check out the library calendar.

Introduction to Genealogy: Secrets From a Professional Genealogist. Sponsored by the Friends of the Staunton Library. Saturday, February 1, 2:00-4:00 Vital record and census research tips, along with lots more—handwriting tips, etc. Saturday, February 8, 2:00-4:00 Courthouse, church and military records, valuable substitute records, common naming patterns of the time, and more tips! Presented by Janie Sherman.

WANTED: Board Member and Newsletter Editor.

- Our Board meets once a month, except in July and December. We are one short and would love to welcome a new member. You can join any of a number of committees and be as active as you would like.
- The newsletter is sent out once every three months. This involves typing the newsletter in Word, and getting it printed and mailed. This is your chance to change it, re-format it and make it your own.
- If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities, contact any of the Board members or you can email the Friends at folstauntonpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Want to improve your strength, balance, flexibility and cardiovascular endurance? Geri-Fit is a fitness program designed for older adults and for all fitness levels. Each class is about 45 minutes long. Most of the exercises are performed seated in chairs. No dancing or getting on the floor! Bring a set of dumbbells, a stretch band and water to drink. No need to register; these are drop-in sessions.

- Tuesdays and Thursdays Nov-Feb at 2:00
- No classes Nov. 28 or Dec. 24



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

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Family Holiday Program on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30. There will be a “Christmas with Santa” performance by Bright Star Theatre followed by tree trimming and refreshments. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The fall book sale was, as usual, a success thanks to the work by our volunteers. You should each be acknowledged individually. Unfortunately the names of the volunteers were not made available at the time of going to print. But you know who you are — know that we are grateful to you.

Use our handy app, Libby, to download books from the collection of the Southwest Virginia Public Library's Consortium. This free service allows you to check out six audio or e-books at a time. The items are returned automatically.

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.