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FOL Newsletter: Spring 2018

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Spring

Spring Has Sprung!



Find a quiet spot, in the sun or shade, and enjoy the beautiful show that nature has prepared just for us!

And read a good book!!!!

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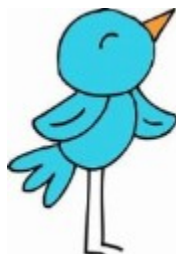
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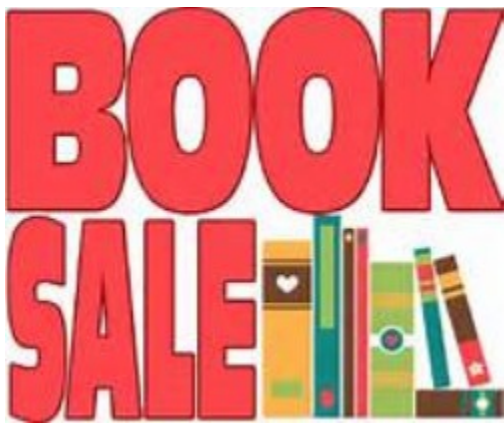
**How can we best support
our awesome libraries?**



Membership is Awesome!

What could be better than an FOL membership? It's a great way to support our wonderful libraries, meet others who love books, receive this spectacular newsletter, and shop on Friday at our Spring Book Sale. If you haven't renewed your membership, the time is now! If you have some friends who would enjoy this group, encourage them to join! Together we can make a difference!

Register [on-line](#) or by [mail](#)



Spring Book Sale

Help Wanted!!!!

Help is needed to set up, take down, and work the Friends of the St. Mary's County Library Book Sale 2018. Volunteers are needed at both the Leonardtown Library and the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds.

Dates and Times:

Friday, April 6: 9 a.m. - Noon

Clean buildings and set up tables.

Saturday, April 7: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Move stored books from Leonardtown Library to the fairgrounds. Volunteers needed at both locations. Vehicles, trucks and trailers needed to transport boxes to fairgrounds. Hand trucks/dollies would be greatly welcomed.

Sunday, April 8: 9:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Unpacking and organizing books in Children's, Fiction, Nonfiction and Rare & Unusual.

Monday April 9 — Thursday, April 12: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The unpacking and organizing of books continues; come for an hour or spend all day!

Friday, April 13: 12 noon – 8 p.m., Members Only Sale.

Volunteers needed to help customers, restock, and straighten tables.

Saturday, April 14: 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. Public Sale

Volunteers needed to help customers, restock and straighten tables.

Sunday, April 15: 12 noon — 5 p.m. Sale open to public until 4 p.m.

Volunteers needed to help customers, restock, straighten tables, and pack up books.

Monday, April 16: 9:30 a.m. — noon

Clean up. Sweep and clean buildings. Return tables. Return supplies to Leonardtown Library.

Many people are needed to help load items into trucks and clean.

Show up, sign in at a volunteer desk, and get a name tag!

Students, this DOES count as community service!

For more information, contact us by

e-mail: stmarysfol@gmail.com

or by phone: 301-751-2114.



President's Perspective

As you have probably already seen in the local news, our long anticipated new library in Leonardtown is one big step closer to reality. The contract has

been awarded! I can't wait for the ground breaking and then to see the structure start to take shape.

Things are also shaping up for the Spring Sale. We encourage all the FOL members that are able to come join us in the set-up for the sale. The fun starts on moving day, April 7, and continues through out the week with the unpacking, sorting, and set-up in the buildings. While it's work, it's also a great time of fellowship working along those that love books and care about our library. Spend a few hours and you are sure to see some old friends and meet some new ones. (And find some new-to-you books for your collection.)

Looking further down the calendar, our Spring Dinner will once again be held at Elements on May 20, 2018. Please consider joining us for an evening of conversation, laughter, good food and drink, an interesting speaker, and the presentation of the FOL gift to the library. Our speaker will be Amy Harvey, talking about her work with sea turtles in the Caribbean.

If you've somehow missed enjoying the free audiobooks that are available through the library via OverDrive, Hoopla, or One Click Digital, I strongly suggest you give it a try. For years I've used audiobooks to keep me going through long drives, NordicTrack workouts, and household chores. But with the downloadable audiobooks that I can put on my smart phone, I take my stories with me everywhere.

Recently I had the chance to go to Timbuktu and get to know some amazingly brave men that put their lives on the line to protect ancient (as in some as old as the 12th century) manuscripts from Islamic extremists. You can do this too with [The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu and Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts](#) by Joshua Hammer. It's available free from Hoopla courtesy of St. Mary's County Public Library, and a gift from FOL.

Rebecca Vanecko, co-president



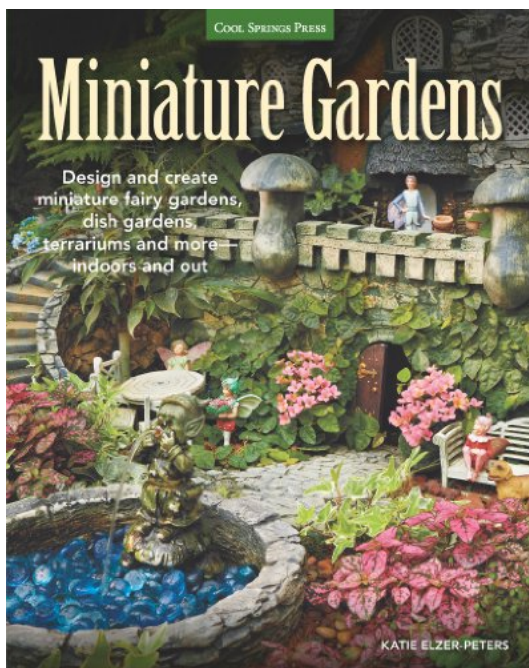
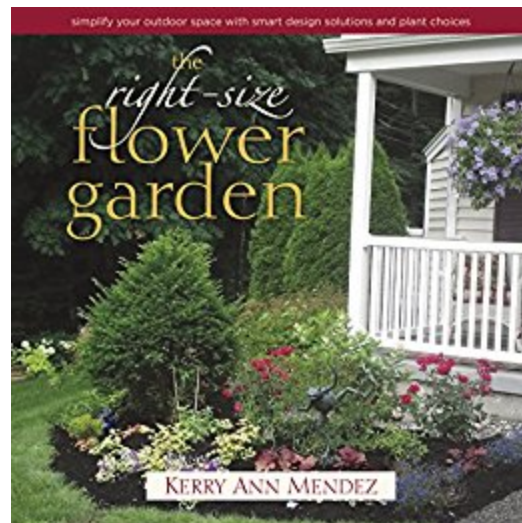
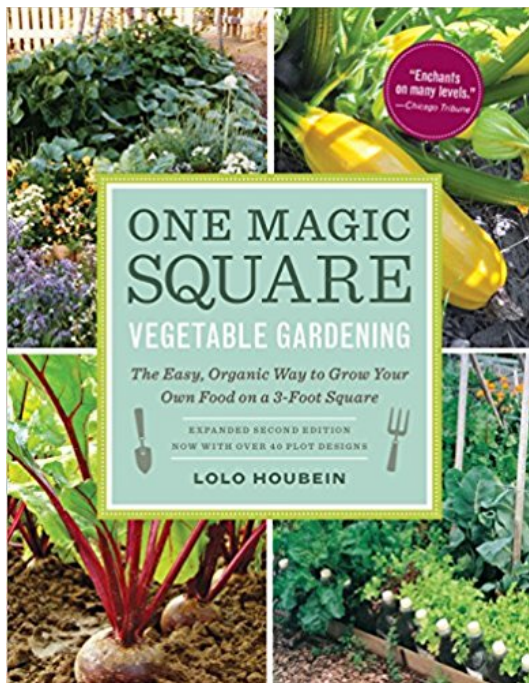
“Lavender lilies all dotted with
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Sun-yellow daffodils clustered in
pots.
Blue morning-glories climb
trellises high.
Powder-white asters like stars in
the sky.
Thick, pink peonies unfold in the
sun.
Winter adieu now that spring has
begun.”
– [Richelle E. Goodrich](#), [Being Bold](#)



5 Good Books

Gardening

1. **One Magic Square Vegetable Gardening: The Easy, Organic Way to Grow Your Own Food on a 3-Foot Square** by Lolo Houbein
2. **The Right-Size Flower Garden: Simplify Your Outdoor Space with Smart Design Solutions and Plant Choices** by Kerry Ann Mendez
3. **Miniature Gardens: Design & Create Miniature Fairy Gardens, Dish Gardens, Terrariums and More--Indoors and Out** by Katie Elzer-Peters
4. **Successful Container Gardening: 75 Easy-to-Grow Flower and Vegetable Gardens** by Joseph Provey
5. **Square Foot Gardening with Kids: Learn Together: Gardening Basics-Science and Math-Water Conservation-Self Sufficiency-Healthy Eating**
by Mel Bartholomew



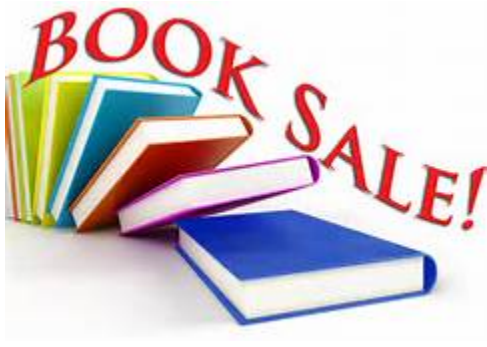


“Spring is nature's way
of saying, 'Let's party!'”

- Robin Williams

Book Sale News

Springtime is upon us and that means it is time for our annual spring book sale at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. We have had more donations than ever this year, so there will be lots to choose from! Our book sale will begin on Friday, April 13th for members only (noon-8 p.m.) and will be open to the public on Saturday, April 14th (10-5) and Sunday April 15th (12-4). We will be moving the books from the Leonardtown library to the fairgrounds on Saturday, April 7th, beginning at 9 a.m. at the library. Volunteers are very much welcome and encouraged to come and help out at any time. Pick up trucks are especially welcome on moving day! For more information, please e-mail: stmarysfol@gmail.com.

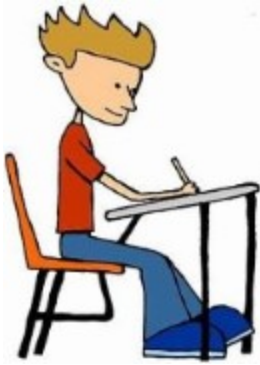


The Scope of Libraries– Not an Advertisement

It's sometimes shocking to consider the scope of what the library truly has. We have the classic novels across shelves, of course, and thick hardback nonfiction about the glories of war that contrast the rack ten feet away with the work of Mahatma Gandhi. Different sections house science fiction and crime fiction. We accommodate those with tastes from *Charlotte's Web* to *Fahrenheit 451*, and the entire *Twilight* series for those without it. William Shakespeare's works, repackaged of course, can be found in their incomprehensible brilliance. And then we come to find the works not contained in pages at all. Audiobooks have a place to themselves, and a dais for movies. Even music has found a home, the varieties of which I have not yet sampled. These musical selections include soundtracks, the audiobooks for musicals, in which the greatness of their quality is equal nearly to the sheer shamelessness of my turning a library newsletter article into an advertisement...

Lighthouse Productions at Great Mills High School is performing such a musical. *Into the Woods* tells the story of fairytale characters that all try to achieve their own goals in the sinister forest by their town. The play will be performed April 19th, 20th, and 21st at Great Mills High School. The libraries have both the movie adaptation and the soundtrack, but the surest guarantee of quality comes from Lighthouse Productions. I would also like to mention both Leonardtown High School and Chopticon High School, which have their own musicals. Leonardtown's performance of *Anything Goes* will take place on April 27-29 and May 4-6. Chopticon will be performing *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* on April 5th through 7th.

Nick Ashenfelter, Student Rep.



Last September, Hurricanes Irma and Maria left their mark on the Caribbean. The US Virgin Islands, my hometown of islands, was devastated by both storms. I am a recent resident of Maryland - only 9 years. Until I moved, I worked in St Croix - first as a high school science teacher and then as an outreach specialist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Many schools have been condemned and most are on split sessions to accommodate the extra students. So many teachers lost the contents of their classrooms and are having trouble replacing even basic supplies. We have sent multiple shipments to classrooms in the Virgin Islands but we would love to send more. We are collecting basic supplies such as scissors, paper, and markers. If you have basic supplies you would like to contribute, please drop them by the Friends of The Library sorting room at the Leonardtown Library. I am also collecting monetary donations so we can purchase and ship specific items from Amazon wish lists so that the classrooms get exactly what is most needed at this time. For more information please contact me at chelonia11@md.metrocast.net.

Amy Harvey; book sale committee and on-line book sales



Volunteers Needed

Help Support the Spring Book Sale with your time and talent! We need YOU, yes YOU, to come to the St. Mary's County Fair Grounds and help set up our wonderful sale! We need help beginning April 7 and continuing through April 15. For more information or to sign up, please send an e-mail to: stmarysfol@gmail.com or call 301-751-2114.



Director's Discussion

Hello, Friends!

It is my great pleasure to share some wonderful news: On March 6, at the County Commissioners meeting, the construction contract for the NEW Leonardtown Library and Garvey Senior Activities Center will be awarded. Groundbreaking will take place about four to six weeks later.

This project has been in the making for a decade. As many of you know, it has been delayed, changed, and even temporarily abandoned, buffeted by the winds of politics. The location site was for a time a source of acrimonious contention. Throughout the years, however, several things have been constant. First, library employees have given outstanding service and delivered the resources that citizens want, consistently showing that libraries are essential for 21st Century Communities to thrive. Second, you, the Friends of St. Mary's County Library, have given constant support, ensuring that the project would eventually come to fruition.

Once a contract is signed, the project will be all but impossible to stop. We will at last be able to say with some confidence, there will be a new Leonardtown Library

We have many people to thank for this important step forward. Certainly the current group of county commissioners are among them: Randy Guy, Mike Hewitt, Tom Jarboe, Todd Morgan, and John O'Connor have provided great support. Leonardtown Mayor Dan Burris has helped move the project towards approval in Leonardtown. But among those people, you, are friends, are as deserving of thanks as anyone. Thank you for your faith, your energy, your dedication, and your service. You can truly say, "This is MY library." Congratulations to you—it seems we are finally winning through!

With profound thanks for all you do!

Michael Blackwell, Director, St. Mary's County Library





News and Notes from the Library

Spring in the Library holds many fun events for you to enjoy! The annual Author Fair will be held at the Lexington Park Library on Saturday, April 21. Come and learn together with other local and aspiring authors. Learn more on the Library website, www.stmalib.org. For the first time, try Yoga at the Library! Taught by Evolve Yoga + Wellness, register and bring a towel or yoga mat on Saturdays (April 28, May 5, May

12 or May 19) from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Lexington Park Library. Have you ever wondered how you can tell what is fake news? Come to our 'Fake News: How to Spot It' event on Wednesday, May 2 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Leonardtown library. Registration is required. Spring planting is right around the corner – are you a gardener? Come to our Master Gardener's Series! Learn about 'Gardening and Working Life' on Wednesday, April 11 or 'Creative Ways to Grow Vegetables and Flowers' on Wednesday, May 9. Both workshops will be held at the Leonardtown Library from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Laura Boonchaisri, Library Publicity, Outreach and Programming Coordinator



Spring Book Sale

Friday, April 13

(members only, so join today!!!)

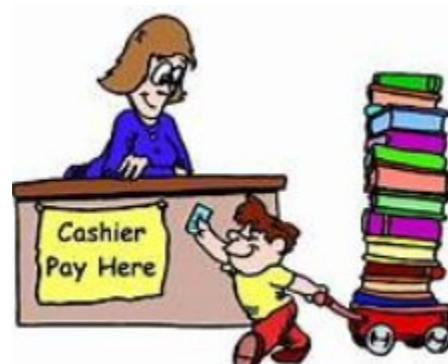
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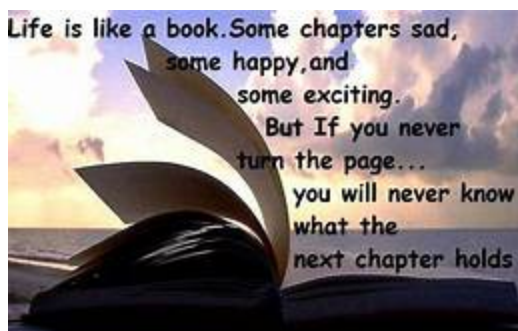
Saturday, April 14

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 15

noon to 4:00 PM





Join the Friends of the St. Mary's County Library! Members receive **FOL newsletters** and early buying privileges at the Spring Book Sale before the sale opens to the public. There are other special events and a smaller fall book sale. Memberships are available online at www.stmalib.org under "About Us," or at the door at the spring book sale.



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