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Friends of the St. Mary's County Library

SPRING 2016



FOL Annual Dinner

The Board of the FOL is delighted to announce that the 2016 dinner will be held at "Elements" this year. "Elements" is a lovely new restaurant with an emphasis on using locally sourced ingredients. They also have plenty of room for us to socialize, dine, conduct our meeting and enjoy our speaker, Jane Reville. The restaurant is conveniently located at 46580 Expedition Drive, Lexington Park, MD 20653 and has ample, well lit parking. We look forward to seeing as many members as can join us at this yearly special gathering of the Friends of the Library. We will announce the results of the book sale and present checks to our raison d'être, St Mary's County Library.

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What's on the horizon?



March 14: FOL board meeting at Leo. Library 5:30 PM

April 18: FOL board meeting at the fairgrounds at 5:30 PM

April 15-21: set up and preparation for book sale

April 22-24: book sale

May 9: FOL board meeting at 5:30

May 16: Annual Dinner beginning at 6:00 PM at Elements

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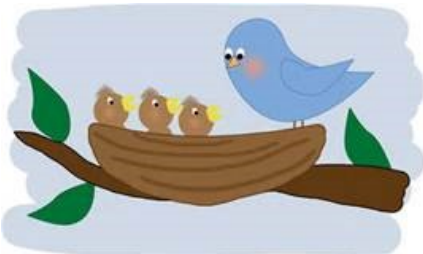
Thanks to all of you who came to the January Brunch; which was a great event as always. The food was delicious and the speaker, Joe Greeley, was very interesting. Also, everyone was able to meet our new Director, Michael Blackwell, and hear him talk about his plans for the library.

Next on the horizon is our Book Sale which is on April 22-24 this year. Please note that it is not in mid-March this year but in APRIL. We could not schedule the fairgrounds until then due to an early Easter, etc. Please plan to volunteer to help us move the books to the fairgrounds, set-up, and work during the sale if you can. Definitely come to the sale and buy tons of books. We will have Members Day, as usual, on Friday and you can join that day if needed or renew your membership, so help spread the word. There are more details in this newsletter about the Book Sale and who to contact to volunteer.

With all the winter weather that finally came after Christmas, I have been doing a lot of reading and I hope you have too. My Book Club read Paula McLain's "Circling the Sun" which is about the life of Beryl Markham who grew up in colonial Kenya in the 1920's. She was raised by her father and the nearby tribe with a young African boy her age as her best friend and was almost eaten by a "tame" lion while visiting at a friends' estate. She became a horse trainer, which was very unusual for a woman in those days, and also went on to become a professional pilot, flying a record-breaking voyage across the Atlantic in 1936. I also read Danielle Steel's "Pegasus" which is set at the beginning of Hitler's reign when people, even in Germany, were just beginning to realize how dangerous and serious he was with the rising tide of Nazism. A high-ranking member of the German aristocracy lives on a Bavarian estate near a friend who breeds the renowned white Lipizzaner horses. He finds out that his mother, whom he never knew, was Jewish, and he is told in secret that he and his sons must leave Germany quickly or be sent to work camps. He is able to go to the United States to join the Ringling Brother Circus with two of his friend's Lipizzaner and six Arabian horses. It's a complete change of life for them, and it's also for those left behind as their whole way of life is destroyed forever. Happy Reading and hope to see you soon at the Book Sale!!



*Irish Parkinsen,
FOI Co-President*



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Points
to
Ponder



Joan Marsh Memorial

The Friends of the Library fondly bid farewell to Joan B. Marsh, a long time friend and supporter of the St. Mary's County Library, who died at the age of 84 this past August 24th.

One of the significant ways Joan supported the St. Mary's County Library was her long time membership in the Friends of the Library, where she served in various elected positions over the years. In memory of this particular service to the St. Mary's County Library, a memorial plaque will be installed this spring in the recently landscaped circle at the entrance to the Lexington Park library.

We thank all those whose gifts made this plaque possible, and invite everyone to visit this memorial and take a moment to honor Joan's memory once the plaque has been installed.

Sue Gibbs,
Co-President



**"When we love, we always strive
to become better than we are.
When we strive to become better
than we are, everything around us
becomes better too."**

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho



Friends of St. Mary's County Library

Annual Dinner Reservation Form

The FOL Annual Dinner will be held at Elements on Monday, May 16, 2016 beginning at 6:00 PM. We are privileged to have Jane Reville as our speaker this year. The cost of this event is \$36.00 per person. All reservation forms and payment are due by May 2, 2016. We look forward to seeing you there!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Course 1 (All Guests)

* Salad & Bread

Course 2 (Guests choose one entrée; please check the one desired)

* _____ Salmon with Roasted Shallot Butter

* _____ Crab Cake & Braised Beef with Demi Grace

* _____ Braised Chicken with Feta Cheese, Sun Dried Tomatoes with a White Wine Sauce

All of the above entrees come with Mashed Potatoes, Wilted Kale and Zucchini

* _____ Roasted Vegetables over Quinoa over wilted Kale

Course 3 (All Guests)

* Sampler Dessert Plate

Iced Tea, Sodas, and Coffee Included. Alcoholic beverages available at an additional cost.

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Friends of St. Mary's County Library

P.O. Box 165

Leonardtown, MD 20650



Cut here, fill out, and mail in.



Friends of St. Mary's County Library

Membership form — Note: Membership year is January through December.

Date: _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Alt Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Annual Memberships (January-December):

_____ \$ 15 Single/Family Membership (list immediate family members below)

_____ \$ 25 Good Friend Membership

_____ \$100 Special Friend Membership

_____ \$200 Corporate Membership

_____ Additional donation to help the library

Immediate Family Members: _____

FOL Participation:

_____ I want to help with the book sale.

_____ I want to help sort books.

_____ I'm interested in serving on the Board.

_____ I'm interested in joining a committee.



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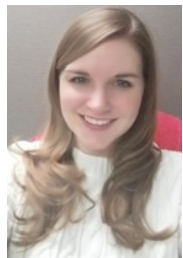




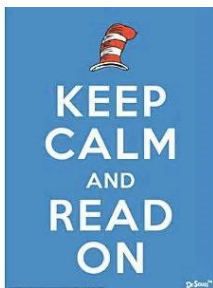
News & Notes from the Library

Beginning on March 1, the library is conducting a technology services survey. This Impact Survey was developed by the University of Washington Information School and asks customers about how they use library technology services like public computers, wireless networks, online resources, and digital literacy training. It helps gather information about how we can improve those services to enable better customer outcomes. The survey will be completed online and should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. We're offering a prize drawing for a Kindle Fire as an incentive for completing the survey. Please complete the survey on our website, www.stmalib.org.

We are getting excited about Summer Reading! This year's theme is 'On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!' Babies, kids, teens and adults all have a program this year! The adult program will start on June 1, and all other programs start the week of June 20 and help kids maintain their reading skills during the summer. Babies through teens can participate and earn prizes by completing fun reading activities. The Professional Performance series will kick off June 27. A complete list of summer programs will be available at any branch or online.



Laura Boonchaisri
Library Publicity and
Outreach Coordinator



"My advice is, never do tomorrow what you can do today."

Procrastination is the thief of time."

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens



Hi Friends!

Spring is bringing many great events and initiatives to your library. Of course, March and April mean preparation and successful completion of our big Spring Book Sale. I look forward to working with you on all aspects of it. Thanks in advance for your help with this project!

For National Library Week (April 10 - 16), St Mary's County and our partner libraries in Calvert and Charles are rolling out a new initiative: automatic renewal. If you have an item checked out and the due date arrives, and if nobody is waiting in a reserve line for the item, then you won't have to worry about an overdue fee. The item will automatically renew, up to 4 times! You will get an email notice (if you are signed up for one) of the renewal and the new due date. Now, this change will cost us a little bit in fine revenue. We will, however, gain so very much from it. We judge our library not by what we have on the shelves when we close, but what you have in your hands. This new initiative will help keep more items with you, being used. We also expect to gain a bit of good will from people who missed a return by a day or two due to being busy and now will often not owe an overdue fine. Items that do have a reserve on them will not auto-renew, so you won't have to wait any longer if you do have an item on reserve.

Speaking of items being on reserve, I'm pleased to announce that we are now buying more copies of popular items. We can see how many people are waiting for a title, and we are increasing our purchases of the items you most want by 33%. You'll have less waiting time than ever before for your favorites!

On a personal note, today my wife and I made an offer on a house. It's an exciting time for us as we settle into our new home in St Mary's. Thank you for the warm welcome you have given us the past few months. We're thrilled to be here, and I'm thrilled to be serving you.

Thanks for your support of the library and the Friends of the Library

See you at the book sale!



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

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

5 Fun Library Facts

The **world's oldest library** is also the oldest continually running library in the world. It is at St. Catherine's Monastery in Sinai, Egypt. It was built in the middle of the 6th century and houses the second largest collection of religious material in the world (after the Vatican). However it is not accessible to the public, only by monks and invited scholars. The bibliotheque de Paris (Library of Paris) combined with the National Library of France, is the oldest continually running public library service, dating back to 1368 when it was housed at the Louvre. It has moved several times over the past 700 years, into newer and larger accommodations.

The **largest library** in the world is The Library of Congress, with more than 158 million items on approximately 838 miles of bookshelves. The collections include more than 36 million books and other print materials, 3.5 million recordings, 13.7 million photographs, 5.5 million maps, 6.7 million pieces of sheet music and 69 million manuscripts.

The **first recorded librarian** was Zenodotus (Ζηνόδοτος) of Ephesus, holding that post from the end of Ptolemy I's reign. He was a Greek grammarian, literary critic, and Homeric scholar. A native of Ephesus and a pupil of Philotas of Cos, he was the first librarian of the Library of Alexandria. He lived during the reigns of the first two Ptolemies.

Demetrius of Phalerum put together the central collection for the Library of Alexandria while he was in Greece. He might be considered the originator of the library idea, although this honor should also belong to the first and second kings of the Ptolemaic period.

The world's **largest fine for an overdue library book** is \$345.14, the amount owed at two cents a day for the poetry book *Days and Deeds* checked out of Kewanee Public Library, Illinois, USA in April 1955 by Emily Canellos-Simms. Although the book was due back 19 April 1955, Emily found it in her mother's house 47 years later and presented the library with a check for overdue fines.

The **most stolen library book** is probably the Bible, followed by the Guinness World Records book.

Do you know this local author?

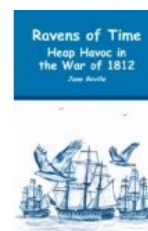
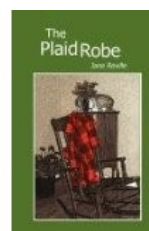


Jane Reville is an Anne Arundel County resident, teacher, and author who has a passion to share with children the history that is in their own backyard. Sparked by a privateer sunk in Bodkin Creek near her home in 1814, she loves to bring history to life by using her two playful ravens, the main characters in her book. Living on the Chesapeake Bay, she has a passion for its historical treasures. She also loves to quilt. Jane is the author of The Plaid Robe, a Baltimore memoir, and Ravens of Time Heap Havoc in the War of 1812 which can be purchased from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Books A Million. Check out her web page, janiereville.wix.com/janereville.

Martin Reville is a retired employee from the Department of Defense who is now an illustrator of Jane's books. He is also the inspiration for historical facts as he makes history come alive.

This historical fiction book is their family project for you to have fun with history. More titles are expected in the "Ravens" series.

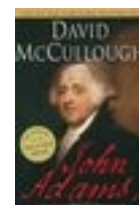
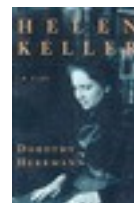
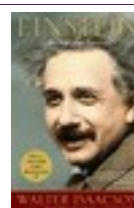
Their daughters are teachers in St. Mary's County Public Schools.

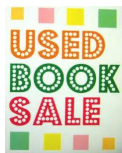
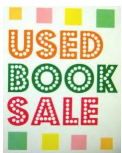


5 GOOD BOOKS:

Biographies

1. Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand
2. Einstein: His Life and Universe by Walter Isaacson
3. Helen Keller: A Life by Dorothy Herrmann
4. Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman by Robert K. Massie
5. John Adams by David McCullough

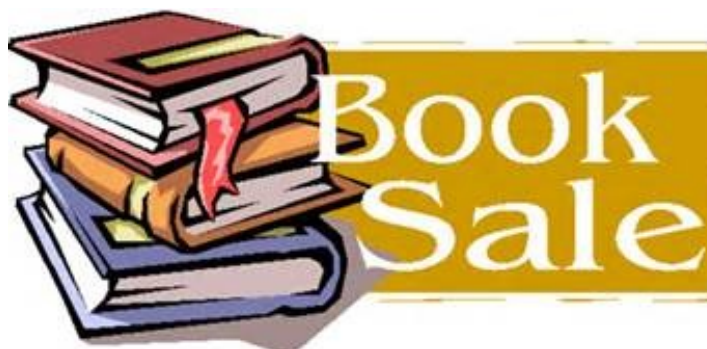




Spring Book Sale

April 22-24, 2016

Come one, come all to the annual FOL Book Sale!!! We have more great books than ever—our storeroom is bursting at the seams! Tell your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers about this BIG event! You won't want to miss it!



What? You'd love to help??? That's fabulous! Just e-mail us at stmarysfol@gmail.com and we'll get you set up and ready to go! Let the fun begin!



"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller

THE BOOK SALE
NEEDS YOU!!!
COME and HELP and
HAVE FUN, TOO!!!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW



- * April 15: at the County Fairgrounds; 9:30 AM until...
We will be setting up tables and preparing the buildings to receive books
- * April 16: at both the Fairgrounds and Leonardtown Library; 9:00 AM until.....
Moving boxes of donated books--- if you have a truck or van or station wagon, WOW, we could use your help. We will have young muscles to load and unload if you are worried about the heavy lifting.
- * April 17, 18, 19, 20, 21: at the Fairgrounds; 9:30 AM until....
Unpacking and organizing all those boxes of books. Choose your favorite--- Children's, Fiction, Non- Fiction, Rare and Unusual. Every building will have something fun to do.
- * April 22: at the Fairgrounds; Noon to 7:00 PM
Members only sale. Many people sign up at the door that day.
- * April 23: at the Fairgrounds: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Public sale-- we need help keeping tables neat, helping customers, passing out shopping bags.
- * April 24: at the Fairgrounds; Noon to 4:00 PM
Public sale again
- * April 25: at the Fairgrounds; 9:30 until.....
Cleaning up buildings, returning supplies to Leonardtown Library, breaking down tables.

Come and join us, get a sneak preview of what books are available, and spend an hour, or maybe two, or a day, any day you have the time. No reservations necessary, just show up! STUDENTS, this counts as community service, so build up those hours. Find someone in a building with a name tag, introduce yourself, and let the fun begin! To contact someone about volunteering e-mail FOL at stmarysfol@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



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See you at the FOL Book Sale and Annual Dinner!!!!



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