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**Winter/Spring  
2015**

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## **What's on the horizon?**



Feb. 9: FOL board meeting;  
Leo. Library at 5:30 PM

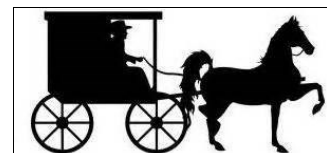
Feb. 16: libraries closed in  
observance of Presidents'  
Day

March 9: FOL meeting;  
fairgrounds at 5:30 PM

March 13-15: Book Sale at  
the fairgrounds



The FOL brunch was held on Jan. 31, 2015. It was a wonderful event with delicious food prepared by members of St. George's Episcopal Church and an entertaining lecture about the Amish and Mennonite community given by Bettie Broadhurst. During this event each branch of the St. Mary's County Library was given a \$2,000 donation from the FOL. A big thank you to all who volunteered to help and, of course, to everyone in attendance.



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Greetings to FOL Members!

Excitement mounts as the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale draws closer! Mark your calendar for this gigantic book sale, which will take place at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds on Friday, March 13, from 1 to 8, for FOL members, and Saturday, March 14, from 9 to 5, and Sunday, March 15, from 12 to 3, for the general public. Once again, an enormous selection of books will be displayed and offered for incredibly low prices in the Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children's, and Rare and Unusual buildings.

This book sale is a great chance to become more actively involved with the Friends of the Library. We accept book donations in the FOL room at the Leonardtown library during library hours and gladly welcome volunteers to help sort these book donations. We also need volunteers (email Jill at [stmarysfol@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfol@gmail.com), or call 301-863-9368) to help move the boxed donations to the fairgrounds on Saturday, March 6, to arrange the books in the four buildings the days before the sale, and to help during the sale.

The most exciting news is the latest development in the process to provide a better facility for the Leonardtown Library customers. At the January 26 County Commissioners Budget work session, the county commissioners voted 3-2 to stop the library renovation and instructed the DPW staff to create a new capital project sheet for a new library! Since this vote could change during future work sessions, it is still important to attend future Tuesday evening forums and express your view. Letters to the editor of local papers and to the commissioners would also be extremely helpful in continuing to raise awareness and support for this vital project.

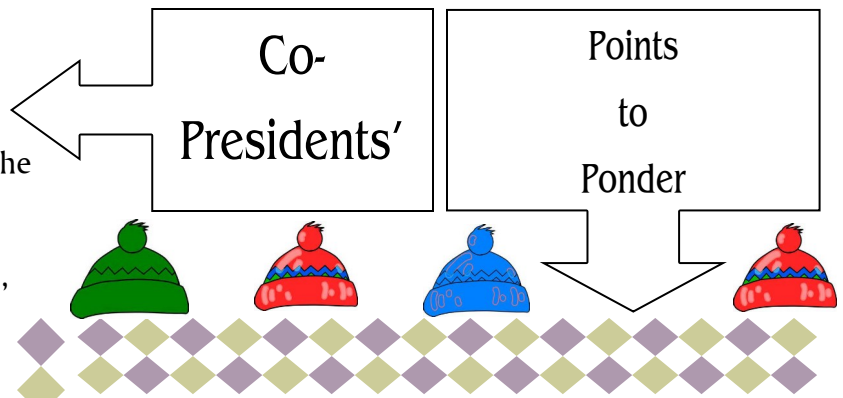
I'm looking forward to two things in the near future. First, seeing you as a volunteer and or customer at the Book Sale. Second, hearing how you supported the Leonardtown Library project by your letter of support or your presence at a commissioner forum, before the recommended budget is voted on at the March 24 county commissioners' meeting!

Thank you so much!

Sue Gibbs



*Trish Parkinson*



The holidays are over and gone so I hope everyone's being good and eating healthy. I am sure trying but not always succeeding though I have lost quite a bit of weight. First, I want to remind you that we have our big Book Sale coming up in March and hope you will come and buy books and also bring your old books to us to sell. We are accepting donations and are still in the back room at the Leonardtown Library so please bring in all of your books that are in good condition. Also, we need more volunteers for our sorting of the donated books and preparing for the book sale, and then moving the books as we get closer to the sale which is from Friday to Sunday, March 13 to 15. Contact Jill at (301) 863-9368 or [stmarysfol@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfol@gmail.com) if you can help us out. We would certainly appreciate any time that you can spare.

Next, I just want to share some of the books that I have read and enjoyed lately. One is "The Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline I read for one of my book clubs. It is about the children that were taken from orphanages and the streets of New York from 1854 to 1929 on trains to the mid-west and west to be given to families for adoption. Thousands of children went through this process and this book tells the story of one older woman's journey as she looks back through an encounter with a young girl in today's system and how they change each other. Two other books which are young adult are "The Divergent" and "The Insurgent" by Veronica Roth that my granddaughter recommended to me. They are about a new world in which everyone fits into one of four factions and has to choose at sixteen after a series of tests to determine which he/she fits into. But not everyone fits easily and that's where real trouble begins. It's a fast-paced, complex and scary but thought-provoking look at the future and what was left behind. ("Divergent" came out as a movie in 2014.) Hope to see you at the Book Sale!!



# 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.

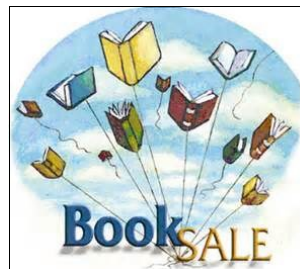
\_\_\_\_\_ set up (March 8—12)

\_\_\_\_\_ sale (March 13-15)

\_\_\_\_\_ clean up (March 16)

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to help sort books on a monthly basis.

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm interested in serving on the Board or a Committee.



**Send with your check payable to:**

Friends of St. Mary's County Library

P.O. Box 165

Leonardtown, MD 20650





## News & Notes from the Library

### Farewell Marilyn.....Hello Laura!

Bad news first... Our Publicity Specialist Marilyn Lash has moved onto the next chapter of her life...blissful retirement in sunny Florida! In December, many of her colleagues and friends gathered at a reception to thank her for helping us create such a community-focused, dynamic library system and to wish her well. The FOL Board recognized Marilyn's exceptional work over the past 17 years with some very meaningful gifts, including an original St. Mary's County Library knit shirt and a gift card to Lowe's.



Now for the good news... Laura Boonchaisri has been appointed to be the Library's next Publicity & Outreach Coordinator! Laura graduated from Brigham Young University with a BA in advertising and a business management minor and has worked for the past 4 years as the Economic Development Coordinator for the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development. Laura's polished communication skills, and the many local contacts she has developed with the local business community, will be a great asset to our library. An added bonus is that Laura and her husband live in Lexington Park and she has been an avid library customer!

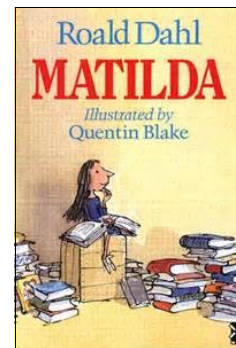
Kathleen Reif  
Library Director



*A book is like a  
garden carried in  
the pocket.*

*Chinese Proverb*

*Matilda* by Roald Dahl: "So Matilda's strong young mind continued to grow, nurtured by the voices of all those authors who had sent their books out into the world like ships on the sea. These books gave Matilda a hopeful and comforting message: You are not alone."



The March Mega Book Sale is right around the corner! This year's sale will be held at the County Fairgrounds on Friday, March 13 (noon to 8 p.m.), Saturday, March 14 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, March 15 (noon to 3 p.m.) Friday is open for Friends of the Library members only. Bringing your own bags or boxes is suggested. Volunteers for the sale and for sorting the books in advance are still needed. To volunteer, email [stmarysfol@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfol@gmail.com) and let us know how you can help.

Gently used and new book donations are always accepted! Bring your donations to the Friends of the Library Book Donation Room at the Leonardtown Library, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please no encyclopedias or National Geographic Magazines.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for providing an awesome new service for library customers – Hoopla! Hoopla will allow library customers to instantly borrow free digital movies, music and more with their library cards any time, any day. This service will provide movies, full music albums, audiobooks and more without the hassle of having to return the items borrowed. All that is needed to get started is a library card, a web browser, smart phone or tablet. This new offering is expected to be available in the spring of this year. Look for announcements in the branches and on the library website.

Laura Boonchaisri  
Library Publicity and  
Outreach Coordinator



New York Times Best  
Sellers in fiction through  
the years. . .



1945 — *Earth and High*

*Heaven* by Gwethalyn Graham (Lippincott) -  
April 22, 1945

1950 — *The Parasites* by Daphne du Maurier  
(Doubleday) - February 19, 1950

1955 — *The View from Pompey's Head* by  
Hamilton Basso (Doubleday) - January 2, 1955

1960 — *Hawaii* by James Michener (Random  
House) - January 17, 1960

1965 — *Up the Down Staircase* by Bel Kaufman  
(Prentice Hall) - May 16, 1965

1970 — *The French Lieutenant's Woman* by John  
Fowles (Little, Brown) - February 8, 1970

1975 — *The Moneychangers* by Arthur Hailey  
(Doubleday) - May 4, 1975

1980 — *Smiley's People* by John le Carré  
(Knopf) - January 20, 1980

1985 — *The Sicilian* by Mario Puzo (Simon &  
Schuster) - January 20, 1985

1990 — *The Bad Place* by Dean R. Koontz  
(Putnam) - February 4, 1990

1995 — *The Rainmaker* by John Grisham  
(Doubleday) - April 30, 1995

2000 — *The Brethren* by John Grisham  
(Doubleday) - February 20, 2000

2005 — *The Broker* by John Grisham  
(Doubleday) - January 30, 2005

2010 — *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett  
(Amy Einhorn/Putnam) - January 24, 2010

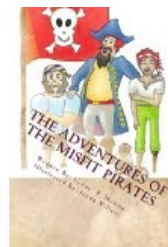
2015 — *All the Light We Cannot See* by  
Anthony Doerr (Scribner) - January 18, 2015

## Do you know this local author?

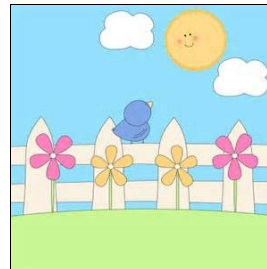
Lynne Molina



Lynne Molina has been telling stories  
for as long as she can recall. She has been teaching for 29  
years and currently teaches at Hollywood Elementary  
School in a fourth grade, pirate themed classroom. With  
the *Adventures of the Misfit Pirate* series, Ms. Molina  
hopes to pass on the idea that little lessons in character  
can help to build a great person. Lynne lives in the Great  
Mills area with her family and multitude of pets. **Book**

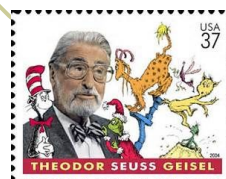


**One: How to Be a Tolerant Pirate**  
is currently available on Amazon and  
**Book 2: How to Be a Responsible  
Pirate** is expected to publish this  
month.



"The more  
that you read,  
the more  
things you  
will know.  
The more  
that you  
learn, the  
more places  
you'll go."

*Dr. Seuss, I Can  
Read With My  
Eyes Shut!*



### 5 GOOD BOOKS:

#### Historical Fiction

1. Memoirs of a Geisha  
by Arthur Golden
2. Gone with the Wind  
by Margaret Mitchell
3. The Red Tent  
by Anita Diamant
4. Girl With a Pearl  
Earring  
by Tracy Chevalier
5. Sarah's Key  
by Tatiana de Rosnay



## WHAT'S ALL THE HOOPLA ABOUT?



Through donations from the FOL our libraries will be implementing a new service via the internet. Welcome Hoopla! This site will allow patrons to instantly borrow free digital movies, music, audiobooks, and more 24/7 with their library card. To see all that this great resource offers, go to [www.hoopladigital.com](http://www.hoopladigital.com). The system should be in place in about a month, so keep your eyes open for the start date.



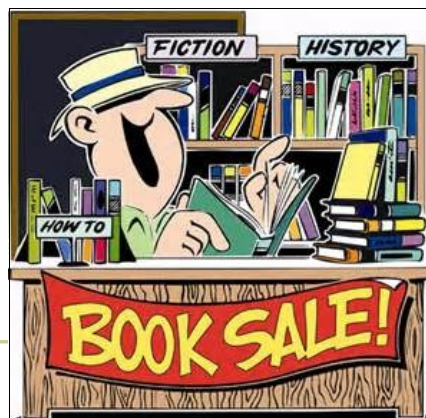
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"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, said Jojen. The man who never reads lives only one."

George R.R. Martin, *A Dance with Dragons*



## MARCH BOOK SALE

### FOL March Book Sale at the Fairgrounds:

- Friday, March 13th: 1-8 PM (MEMBERS ONLY! membership available at the door)
- Saturday, March 14th: 9-5
- Sunday, March 15th: noon-3 PM

To volunteer: email Jill at [stmarysfol@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysfol@gmail.com)

### Volunteer dates/times:

- Saturday, March 7th: Many volunteers needed to move books from the Leonardtown Library to the fairgrounds, beginning at 9 AM
- Sunday, March 8th: Set up 10-5 at the fairgrounds
- Monday, March 9th-Thursdays, March 12th: Set up 9-5 at the fairgrounds
- Friday, March 13th-Sunday, March 15th: Book sale hours, volunteers needed to help out during the sale.
- On Sunday, volunteers are also needed after 3 p.m. to help with the break down after the sale
- Monday, March 14th: Clean up of fairground buildings, beginning at 9 AM.



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**Have you renewed your FOL membership for 2015?**



**"Never trust anyone  
who has not brought a  
book with them."**

Lemony Snicket, *Horseshoe*



HAVE A LITTLE SPARE TIME? PLEASE  
VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH OUR  
BOOK SALE. MORE DETAILS INSIDE...



*Do you own any books you're ready to  
part with? Bring them to the Leonardtown  
Library so we can sell them at the spring  
book sale!*

## **SPRING BOOK SALE MARCH 13-15, 2015**

**Friday, March 13th: 1-8 PM**  
(MEMBERS ONLY! membership available at the door)  
**Saturday, March 14th: 9-5**  
**Sunday, March 15th: noon-3 PM**

**You can never have  
too many books.**

