

Library News | Winter 2020

From the Friends of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library



FRIENDS UPDATE

Dear Friends,

You are the best!

Because of your present and past generosity the Friends of the Library is contributing nearly \$35,000 in December to the Montgomery Floyd Regional Library system. You are providing the critical funds that make program enhancements a reality.

Between January and mid-November, 2019

- You contributed over \$6,000 in membership dues and donations.
- Eight Garden Tour sponsors (**Blacksburg Break-**

fast Lions Club, Bonomo's, Brown Insurance, Capone's Jewelry, Crow's Nest Greenhouses, Shelter Alternatives, The Oaks Victorian Inn and The Van Tyne Family, and Vintage Cellar) donated over \$1,650 ... *[continued on page 2]*

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Winter Calendar

January Saturday 11	January Saturday 18	February Each Friday	February Saturday 8	February Saturday 29
Green Burials by The Consumer Funeral Alliance Blacksburg	Young Writers Fair kick off meet- ing Blacksburg	DIY Self Care Take and Make each Friday in February Chris- tiansburg	Paint Pouring Workshop Blacksburg	<i>El Deafo</i> author, Cece Bell, talk & book signing Blacksburg

2020 GARDEN TOUR | Save the Date!

The 2020 New River Valley Garden Tour is **July 11**.

Plan now to visit these eight lovely gardens, all located in the town of Blacksburg:

- Jane and Mike Aronson (407 Airport Rd)
- Jo and Bud Brown (305 Eheart St SW)
- Janet and Gary Buss (901 Draper Rd SW)
- Phyllis and Doug Garnett-Deakin (404 Dunton Dr)

- Mary Ann Hansen and Andy Roberts (307 Eakin St SW)
- Martha Bixby (901 Willard Dr)
- Linda and Michael Harvey (803 Willard Dr)
- Diane Naff (805 Willard Drive)

By Frieda Bostian (Garden Tour)

General News

FRIENDS UPDATE | *[cont'd from 1]*

- ...in cash and products covering the costs of the tour and resulting in a net profit for library programs of \$5,000.
- Our volunteers work the book sales at the four branches, helping make over \$17,700 in sales this year.
- Sponsors of the Summer Reading Program for children (**Collision Plus, McMillion and McMillion CPA, Rainbow Riders, and The Van Tyne Family**) paid the costs of three professional entertainers, attracting an attendance of 960 very delighted children. These entertainers found special ways of incorporating books and reading into their performances.
- The library staff provided a continuous array of additional educational events for adults and children throughout the summer. One favorite was the Fam-

ily Movie Program series attracting an attendance of 30 to 60 per showing.

- The staff organized hundreds of events throughout the school year including talks by authors, such as Ron Peterson (Under the Trestle), as well as symposia, book clubs, story times, and musical performances.
- Your contributions paid for the supplies, publicity, prizes and refreshments for the above programs and events.

In addition, the Friends funds

- Pay for four issues of the Newsletter with a circulation of over 300 households and businesses.
- Subsidize the cost of providing coffee for all patrons at the four libraries.

Wishing all of you the best of health and the best of reading in 2020!

Ellen Hall (*President, Montgomery County Friends*)

Branch Updates

BLACKSBURG | Hello to our wonderful Friends!

Let me begin by saying thank you to all that volunteered during our November Book Sale! With your help, we sold 255 bags of books and raised \$1,277 for the Friends of the Library. We also had a fantastically successful FOL membership drive during the Book Sale, all thanks to you!

We have a busy and fun winter planned. We will show ***Toy Story 4*** on January 2nd, with popcorn and snacks. **The Consumer Funeral Alliance** will be here on January 11th to discuss green burials, which focuses on environmental sustainability and simplicity. Our **Young Writers Fair** kick-off meeting is scheduled for January 18, so tell those young writers in your life to stop by and learn how to get involved.

For our emerging young adults, in February we will host an **Adulting 101** series, focusing on resume building, budgeting, and other practical life-skills. The **paint pouring workshops** have been wildly popular, so we are hosting another on February 8th. Please call ahead to reserve your spot for this terrific workshop. In partnership with the Theater and Cinema department at Virgin-

CHRISTIANSBURG | The fall was full of wonderful programming, partnerships, and outreach into the community! In September, we co-hosted a program with the Blacksburg and Floyd Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Suffrage movement. We regularly saw about 100 people at the Christiansburg Farmers' Market every month and we saw over 1,100 people at the Farmers' Market After Dark held at the Christiansburg Recreation Center on Halloween. We were also at the Kiwanis Wilderness Trails Festival promoting library programs and events.

Our Holiday Hoopla held on December 14 was a hit with the community. It was a full afternoon starting with Cookie Decorating, followed by a visit from Santa Claus, and ending with seasonal music performed by Wilderness Road Chorus. We want to thank you for your contributions and continued support, as they make it possible for us to provide the community with programs and outreach services for the whole community.

ia Tech, we will have three **visiting artists**: Todd London in February, Lani Fu in March, and Carlton and Brandi Turner in April. Check our online calendar for times and dates. Cece Bell, author of *El Deafo*, will do a book talk and signing on February 29.

Family READS, our family literacy and English Language Learning (ELL) series partnering with the Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley, will kick off again in February and run through the end of April. Be on the look-out for information about our spring book sale, clothing swap, and craft supply swap. We love hosting these events and our community continues to show its appreciation for them.

We would love to hear from you. Let us know your ideas for programs at <https://www.mfvl.org/request.php?inced=events>

In appreciation for everything you do to support the library.

By Monena Hall (Branch Supervisor)

This winter we will be partnering with the Town of Christiansburg Parks and Rec to provide a **Wellness Book Club** and we will be providing outreach to the Rec Center in January. Also, coming up in January is our **Adult Winter Reading Program** and a **DIY Textured Paint** program. To celebrate Valentine's Day we will have **DIY Self-Care Take and Makes** every Friday in February.

Don't miss these great programs. Thank you for your continued support!

By Salena Sullivan (Branch Supervisor)

Thank You

Sponsorships | Friends of the Library are deeply appreciative of the following businesses and individuals for their significant support of library programs and events in 2019. Each has contributed \$200 or more as named sponsors of the Summer Reading Program or the Garden Tour.

Also the **Van Tyne Family** for their sponsorship of both the Summer Garden Tour and Summer Reading Program. And an **Anonymous** donor as well.



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With the simple motto of " We Serve "

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Crow's Nest Greenhouses

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ALTERNATIVES, INC.
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childcare center

Branch Updates Cont'd

JESSIE PETERMAN | Hello Friends!

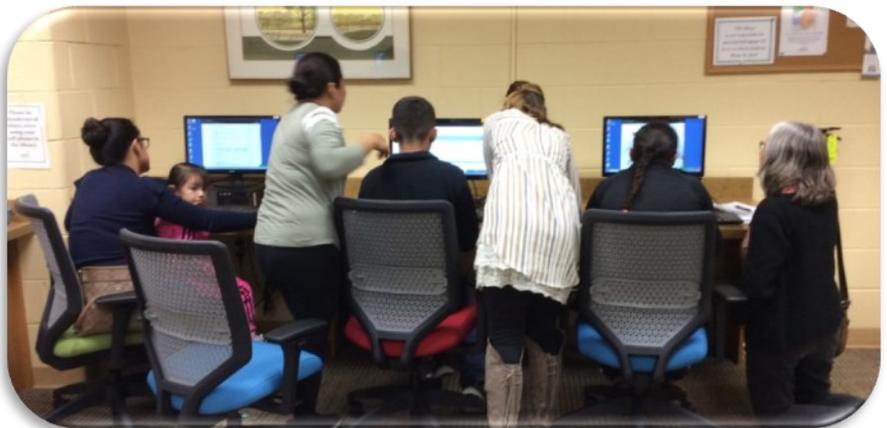
This is our fourth year supporting our partner, the Floyd Center for the Arts, in their Festival of Trees fundraiser. More than 70 businesses are participating this year. Trees are displayed at their Annual Winterfest. Historically, our tree has brought in over \$100, coming in second to Floyd Fest. Our ornaments: paper chains, butterflies, bells, flowers and dove tree topper, were made using book pages.



Family READS

This fall we hosted our third Family READS program. This fell during the time that parent conferences were being scheduled. The parents were happy (the children not as much) to learn how to access their children's test results online to check on their children's progress at school.

Our annual pumpkin painting program continued to be a huge success. So far this year, we have collected ~870



pounds of food for Plenty!, our local food bank. And we completed the storybook reorganization project.

Wild Organic Gardening Club is in their fourth year of their winter series programs, providing information relevant to our locale. Their program on trees drew over 40 people.

We hosted New River Community Action's, Mental Health First Aid class which addressed issues pertaining to youth and a Hunter Education class presented by VADGIF.

New programs:

First Friday Lunch Bunch: a grief support group by Good Samaritan Hospice.

Beginner Embroidery workshops led by staff member, Morgan Esterhuizen.

I wish to thank all of the Friends for your continued support and I hope that you have a wonderful holiday and wish you all the best in the New Year!

By Lori Kaluszka (Branch Supervisor)

Thank You

As the articles in this newsletter illustrate, the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Friends group has sponsored programs with visiting authors, library collection enhancement, startup collection, improvements to library community rooms and entry ways, toys for children, coffee service, used book drop offs and sales, poetry readings, programs on local history, staff appreciation events, summer reading program events, accessible computer station, and many more projects to help keep our libraries strong and serving the whole community.

We're always looking for volunteers to help make these wonderful offerings available. Friends of the Library meetings are held monthly. If you are interested in learning more about the Friends, joining us at the meeting is a great way to get involved. Meetings are usually the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Feel free to contact us for more information or sign up at mfrlfriends.org/wp/become-a-friend-renew/.



Friends in Montgomery County: over a hundred of our members have already renewed for 2020. Have you?
Please check your mailing label.
If your mailing label includes the line "Renewed through 2020" or if you've already done so, please disregard.