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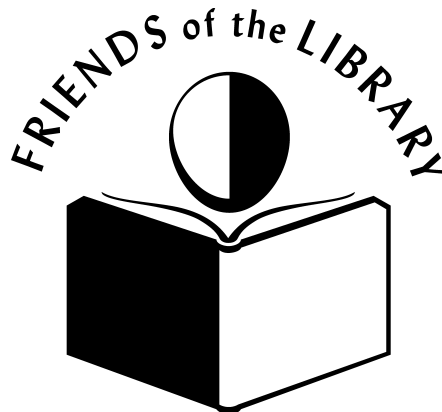
Friends of the Library 53rd Annual Spring

BOOK SALE

March 31- April 8

Gordon Avenue Library

10am-7pm all days



Pre-Sale (Members only): Mar 30, 5-7pm

NO SCANNERS: Pre-Sale and 10AM-1PM Sat, Mar 31

Half-Price days: April 7-8

Educator and \$5/Bargain Bag Day - Monday April 9

"Great Books, at Great Prices, for a Great Cause!"

SPRING SALE!

Tony Townsend, Friends President

Right around the corner, it's the Spring Book Sale 2018 - Saturday March 31 to Sunday, April 8, in the same ol' place – JMRL's Gordon Avenue Library.

From 10am to 7pm each day, you can find fabulous books, recordings, games and puzzles, and ephemera of all types.

Don't forget the Members-only pre-sale: Friday, March 30 from 5 to 7 PM. All Friends of JMRL who have paid their membership dues by March 30 can purchase up to \$50 worth of materials before the first day of the sale.

Half price days are towards the end of the sale: Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8. Educator and Bargain Bag Day is Monday April 9, from 10am until 7pm. Educators and non-profits may take up to \$50 (ten bags) of materials. Anyone may purchase materials for \$5/grocery bag.

As always, there will be great books at great prices for a great cause!

Refer a Friend

The Friends of JMRL are a wonderful group of folks – volunteering at the twice-a-year Book Sales, putting in endless hours sorting and pricing donations, and contributing generously to buy books at the Sale.

We think there should be more people in on the secret of how great it is to be a Friend of JMRL. We're asking you, the members, to think of someone you know who isn't currently a member and suggest they join. Tell them about the benefits (things like members-only night), and mention that the proceeds from the Sales directly fund JMRL programming. Then close the sale by telling them they can get in on the fun for only \$10 a year, or \$20 for the whole family!

In Charlottesville's book-loving culture, there must be a large number of people who, if only they knew, would become members of the Friends. Do your friends a favor and make them a FRIEND OF JMRL.

Volunteer Reception

Our annual reception to thank all the Friends volunteers for their year's efforts has traditionally been held shortly after the Spring Sale. This year it will be held after the renovation here at Gordon Avenue is completed. The date is yet to be finalized; we anticipate mid-June. More details to follow!

Fridays After Five

The Friends will be volunteering at Fridays After Five twice this summer:

June 1 serving beer at the draft beer truck - 10 volunteers, plus two substitutes

August 24 checking IDs and banding wrists - 6 volunteers plus two substitutes

Come out and join us! We always have fun, raise some money, and let the public know about what the Friends are all about! Contact Peter at (434)977-8467 or info@jmrifriends.org if you are interested in learning more.

Book Swap

Saturday, March 24 10am – 12pm at Central Library

Celebrate the Virginia Festival of the Book by swapping your gently used books for something new to you.

It's free and fun! And it's for all ages!

Same Page

Abby Cox, Reference Librarian

Same Page is a new community reading initiative offered throughout the month of March by the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library. This initiative provides citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their community by an author appearing at the Virginia Festival of the Book.

Join your neighbors in exploring the themes of Nathan Englander's *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank*, including trust, neighborliness, and Jewish identity. The author will be speaking and taking questions on Thursday, March 22 at 6pm at Northside Library.

Come to Central Library to view Congregation Beth Isreal's collection of Judaica, as well as an exhibit of lithographs on loan from the synagogue

New JMRL Director

David Plunkett

Hello from JMRL's new director. After 15 years at JMRL in various roles, I moved into this new position when 20-year director John Halliday retired at the end of last year. JMRL thrived under John's leadership, moving into four new buildings and expanding library services to our community in every way possible. None of those accomplishments would have been possible without the help and support of the Friends. I started my JMRL career at the Gordon Avenue branch, and have a very strong appreciation for all of the hard work that goes in to running an organization as successful as the Friends. The partnership between JMRL and the Friends of the Library is one of the best in the nation, and I look forward to working with you all for many years in the future.

JMRL has some exciting projects on the horizon including the renovation of the childrens rooms at the Gordon Avenue and Louisa libraries this year, and future plans to expand the Nelson Memorial library, renovate the Central library, and potentially build a new library in Albemarle on the south side of Charlottesville. With Friends like these, all of this and more is possible! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments about JMRL services, or simply want to say "hi!"

Gordon Avenue Branch

Gail Ott, Gordon Avenue Branch Manager

Gordon Avenue Library is getting a spruce up! The library will close after the spring book sale for a renovation project, but the Friends of the Library will remain open. Coleman-Adams Construction Company of Forest, VA is doing the work and will finish in May. They are renovating the restrooms to be ADA compliant, and replacing the children's room ceiling, lighting, and carpeting. We're looking forward to the results of the renovation, and thank you for your patience. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

JMRL Celebrates National Poetry Month

Tim Carrier, Young Adult Services Manager

April is National Poetry Month, and JMRL will celebrate by observing Poem in Your Pocket Day, an annual event taking place on Thursday, April 26. On that day, visitors to the Library can pick up a gift-wrapped poem at their favorite JMRL location to read and share, or keep "in their pocket" for a later time. JMRL staff have received permission to print and distribute selected poems, and with volunteer help, the poems will be rolled into scrolls and made available to the public. Staff will also hand out the poems downtown, and the scrolls will be available at participating locations in the region. A wide variety of poems for adults, teens, and children will be on hand.

After you've picked up your poem at the Library, why not come to the Central Library at 7 pm that same evening for Poetry on the Steps? This open-mic event will take place on the front steps of the Library, and the public is invited to read their own poetry or the work of a favorite poet - or just come to listen. The winners of the Poetry Contest for Adults, taking place in March and co-sponsored by the Friends of JMRL and WriterHouse, will be announced at the event. Refreshments will be served, and the event will move to the Children's Room in case of rain.

If you love poetry, you won't want to miss these great events. Many thanks to the Friends for the generous support of these wonderful activities.

Bookmobile

Willow Gale, Bookmobile supervisor

The Bookmobile has offered library service to the Mary Williams Senior Center for years, and has followed the Center around to four different locations during that time. The Center has found its newest home at the JABA headquarters on Hillsdale Drive, so of course we go there. One advantage of the new location, for us, is that the Shining Stars preschool and the JABA Adult Day Center are both housed there also. So we've picked up lots of new patrons without having to change anything in the schedule! We look forward to a long relationship with everyone in the new location.



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How JMRL is Funded

Tony Townsend, Friends President

As a Friend of JMRL, you probably already know that the proceeds of our two book sales each year go to directly pay for JMRL's programming efforts. The Summer Reading programs, special presentations, and other efforts like Same Page are all thanks to the work of the Friends.

But did you know how the rest of your regional Library system is funded? The money to operate JMRL's branches comes from a variety of sources.

The books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs are paid for by an appropriation from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Using a formula established in the 1970s, each Library system in the Commonwealth receives annual funds to keep their collections current. JMRL is the second-largest recipient of these funds, as regional libraries are looked upon by the state as efficient. The bad news is that even with this ranking, what the Commonwealth SAYS JMRL should get, and the actual allocation are about \$400K apart.

The five jurisdictions that comprise JMRL pay for the buildings, utilities, upkeep and the salaries of the staff. Central, Gordon Avenue and Northside branches are jointly funded by the City and Albemarle County, in a percentage based on actual patron usage. All other branches are funded by the locales in which they're located. When a new branch is built, the jurisdiction generally pays the cost of that. The Friends, along with other groups, also contribute to this process, such as at the new Crozet Library.

Fines for overdue materials go into the JMRL equipment fund, which pays for computers and software, audio-visual aids, shelving and other like items in all the branches.

The Friends also help with large capital expenses not otherwise paid for the five jurisdictions. The recent new Bookmobile, for example, was purchased with the aid of a hundred-thousand-dollar contribution from the Friends.

Friends of the Library Operations during Gordon Avenue Library Renovation

- The library will be closed upstairs from the end of the Spring Sale until late May.
- The Friends' daily operations post-sale will remain 9:00 -4:30 Monday through Friday.
- Donations can still be made on Saturdays in the downstairs lobby from 10:00 to 4:30