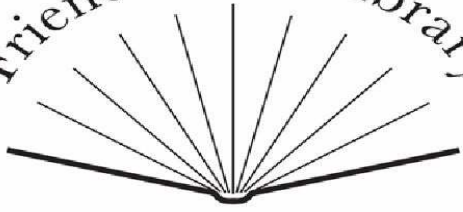


Friends of the Library



MONTGOMERY-FLOYD REGIONAL LIBRARY

LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER 2010

TAKE NOTE

Summer 2010

An Evening with
Noah Adams
June 18,
7 pm
Christiansburg
Library

15th
Friendly
Garden Tour
July 10,
9am-5pm

THIRD ANNUAL
GARDEN PAR-TEA
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JUNE 26,
2-4PM



An Evening with Noah Adams

Please join us on Friday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library for a memorable evening with Noah Adams, whose interviews and observations have engaged audiences for decades through National Public Radio. Noah will share stories from his days as a rock and roll disk jockey in Kentucky nearly fifty years ago to his role as an award winning broadcast journalist and former long-time host of *All Things Considered*. Noah will talk about the uniquely personal yet highly public interview process, and the observation skills that have enabled him to create memorable essays and

books, including *Far Appalachia: Following the New River North*. Plan to bring your friends and lawn chairs. Potato sticks, lemonade, and sweet tea will be provided. The program will be held inside if it rains. Funds for Noah's visit to the library were provided by the Friends of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library.

THIRD ANNUAL GARDEN PAR-TEA

The third annual Garden Par-Tea presented by the Floyd FOL will be held Saturday, June 26, 2010 from 2-4 PM at the home of Sam and Dolly Moore. There will be an assortment of savory tea sandwiches, and traditional British sweets served along with several varieties of teas. We also serve a cool tea punch which is a favorite offering with the warmer temperatures expected in early summer. This year we will be serenaded by "A-Chord" a duo that includes Gretchen Miller on the flute and Judy Saunders on the guitar. Tickets for this fund raising event are \$20 and will be available for sale at each of the MFRL branches the end of May. We will also offer scones and tea cookies for sale to enjoy at home. Join us for a relaxing afternoon in the shade gardens surrounding historic Glenanna at 204 West Main Street in Floyd, Virginia. Wear your festive garden hat. We will choose the best garden party hat and award a prize to the winner.

Message from the Friends President

The purpose of Friends of the Library is to help strengthen the resources of the Library; we do that through fund raising. Almost every library in the United States has an active Friends group. Our Montgomery County Friends raise funds with two major activities: our used book sales and our annual garden tour.

Many Friends groups have a large annual used book sale; we have a daily used book sale. We do that because the libraries provide a small area of shelf space for our used books to be displayed and purchased. We are fortunate to have loyal volunteers who devote a week day to go through the donated books, organize, and restock the shelves. Carol Maderic is the lead volunteer at Christiansburg, Darlene Allen at Blacksburg, and Steven Estrada at Meadowbrook. They have the help of other dedicated volunteers including Beth Cross, Janice Litschert, Jene Taylor, Marguerite Doherty, Betty Norwood, and Betty Doyle. We certainly appreciate the persons in our communities who remember the libraries when house cleaning and bring their used books to the library counter. It is understandable not to donate frayed and mildewed books but those in good condition. Thank you.

The annual Friendly Garden Tour, which will be from 9 to 5 on July 10th, is our other fund raiser. This marks our 15th year of the popular tour. The tour committee is listed on the brochure inserted in this newsletter. When the tour is over, the committee meets and starts the search for gardens suitable for the following year. The gardens are looked at in the Fall and the selection is made. We are appreciative of the garden owners who so willingly want to share their gardens and of all the extra work they do to make their gardens ready. We also appreciate all of our Friends volunteers who take shifts to greet the tour goers in each garden on tour day. The date of the Friendly Garden Tour is marked on the calendar by many who would not want to miss this special day. We hope you will make it this July 10th!

As I finish this message, I note that I have used the word appreciate in many places. Friends, thank you and appreciation are the appropriate words to describe the recipe and ingredients of Friends of the Library. Thank you.

Carol McAlister
President, Friends of the Library

From the Director's Desk:

Let's get ready to READ! It's time for the Summer Reading Program. We have something for everyone with great programs and fun incentives to keep you reading all summer long. Sign up at your branch library, join in the fun and grab a book.

If you or someone you know is in the job market, check out our new program called Optimal Resume. You can get the link off our website. All you need is your library card and you ready to create a professional resume to help you in your search. There are samples and tips galore. You can also create excellent cover letters and have all your documents critiqued by experts. There is interactive help with interviewing skills and it is all web 2.0 so employers can retrieve your resume and video resume off the site. And best yet, you have access to your documents no matter where you are. It's a great resource so have a look.

Please reminder that the libraries are closed on Sundays through the summer. Sunday hours resume on September 12.

Check out our website at www.mfrl.org or follow the libraries on Facebook. But, whatever you do, keep on reading!

--Paula Alston
Director, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine

Between July 10 and August 21 Harry Potter programs and activities are available at the Christiansburg Library, the Blacksburg Library, the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, and historical sites of the New River Heritage Coalition. The incentive for these programs is *Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine*, a six-panel exhibit provided by a grant from the National Library of Medicine. From July 10 through July 24, the exhibit will be at the Christiansburg Library, 125 Sheltman Street. Beginning July 26 through August 7, it will be on display at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, 2265 Craft Drive. From August 8 through August 21, the exhibit will be at the Blacksburg Library, 200 Miller Street.

The Christiansburg Library will hold a Potter's World Reception at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 10. Attendees will be introduced to the activities planned for the weeks ahead and to the Potter Passport which is to be used to record the interactive programs and historical exhibits that are visited. Renaissance music will be performed by the Blacksburg Recorder Group.

The Blacksburg Library will have a Closing Celebration at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 21. The celebration will feature prize drawings for those who have participated in at least five of the activities and historical sites listed on the Potter Passport.

For more information, contact Pamela Hale, 382-6965, ext 14 or phale@mfrl.org. A list of programs, activities, and historical sites are available on the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library website, www.mfrrl.org.

Events at numerous locations:

Christiansburg Library

* Opening Reception

Saturday, July 10, 3:00 pm

* Wands & Wonders Evening at Hogwarts

Friday, July 16, 6:00 p.m.

* Hogwarts Haiku with Kaye Graham

Saturday, July 24, 2:00 p.m.

Blacksburg Library

* The Magic of the Huckleberry Trail with Rob Speiden

Monday, August 16, 6:00 pm

* Closing Celebration

Saturday, August 21, 3:00 pm

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

* Medicine in Virginia, Past & Present (adults)

Thursday, July 29, 7:00 pm with

* Wizard Mini Med School

Thursday, August 5, 1:00 pm (age 11-15; registration required)

Montgomery Museum

* Early Medicinal Practice & Civil War Medicine, Saturday, July 17, 10:00am with Rick Ellison

Exhibit: Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30am-4:30pm

Odd Fellows Hall (Blacksburg Museum)

* Secret Societies Exhibit

For open hours: www.blacksburg.gov

Virginia Tech Museum of Geosciences

* Hunt for Harry's Crystals

Exhibit: M-F, 8am-5pm

Historic Smithfield Plantation

* Demonstration Garden,

Herbology, Medical Evolution

Exhibit: M, Tu, Th, F, Sa 10am-5pm, Sunday 1-5pm

Giles County Historical Society

* Healing Arts at the Johnston House exhibit: Wed-Fri 12-5pm,

Floyd County Historical Society Museum

* Exhibit: Thursday-Saturday, Noon-5:00

Meet Our Staff!



Chris Elledge,

Curtis Coleman,

Yanni Cooper

Chris Elledge was hired as Systems Administrator in March 2006. He is responsible for overseeing all technological resources utilized by the library, including network services and the catalog systems. Chris came here from Roanoke, but is a VT alumnus and is happy to be residing in Giles County.

Curtis Coleman has been the Computer Technology Specialist for the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library since April 2006. His job duties include assisting the Systems Administrator and maintaining over 120 public and staff machines at the 4 library branches. Curtis has over 10 years of experience in the IT field and lives in Blacksburg with his 17-year-old son and 3 dogs.

Yanni Cooper started working at the Library during the summers in high school. He liked it so much, he came back after college in 1995 and has been working here since. In addition to his Library Service Specialist duties, Yanni became the

Did you know that all MFRL branches have book clubs for various ages?

Visit Blacksburg for the following book clubs:

- The Mother and Daughter Book Club (MDBC) for girls between the ages of eight and eleven years and their mothers gathers monthly on a Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The next MDBC meets on Wednesday, June 9 to discuss *The Penderwicks of Gardam Street* by Jeanne Birdsall.
- Talking About Books, a book club for adults, meets at 11:00 on the last Monday of the month. On June 28 we'll be talking about *Shutter Island* by Dennis Lehane. No commitment is required-drop in at your convenience!
- The BookBrowse Book Club for adults meets monthly to review a selected book from the BookBrowse database. Learn how to navigate this database during the book club meeting and find your next good book with the BookBrowse Book Club! Join us on Tuesday, June 24 from 2:00-3:00 for a discussion about Tracy Kidder's *Strength in What Remains*.

Stop in at the Christiansburg Library for these book clubs:

- Talking About Books meets the first Wednesday at 11:00. Join us on Wednesday, June 2 to discuss Noah Adam's *Far Appalachia: Following the New River North*. Noah Adams will be at the library on Friday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- If an evening time suits your schedule, attend our monthly Evening Book Talk on Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 to discuss Alexander McCall Smith's *The Lost Art of Gratitude*.

Talk books with us at the Jessie Peterman Library for an afternoon book talk:

- Bring in your list of suggested books to create the Talking About Books selection for the 2010-2011 season (please limit books to 400 pages or less). Our next meeting is Thursday, June 10 at 2:00-3:30.

Come see us at the Meadowbrook Library to talk about books:

- Talking About Books meets at an afternoon and evening time. Join us on Thursday, June 10 at 11:00 to talk about *Onion Girl* by Charles DeLint.
On Wednesday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. enjoy coffee and conversation about *The Samurais Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama.

Events at various libraries:

Introduction to Fly-Fishing with Mike Smith

Monday, June 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library

Thursday, June 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Jessie Peterman Library

Learn how to fly fish, what flies to use, and where to go in the New River Valley from angler and author Mike Smith.

T-Shirt Silk-Screening

Bring a pre-washed T-shirt and we'll print the "Get Your Green on @ Your Library" theme for the adults. Come join us!

Wednesday June 23, 1:00 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library

Thursday June 24, 10:00 a.m. at the Blacksburg Library

Friday June 25, 10:00 a.m. at the Jessie Peterman Library

National Parks DVD Series

Park Ranger Peter Schula from the National Park Service will talk about the life of a park ranger and introduce the DVD series by Ken Burns about one of America's greatest natural resources.

Monday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Blacksburg Library

Episode One: The Scripture of Nature (1851-1890)

Friday, July 16, 10:00 a.m. at the Meadowbrook Public Library

Episode Two: The Last Refuge (1890-1915)

Tuesday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library

Episode Three: The Empire of Grandeur (1915-1919)

Monday, July 26, 2:00 p.m. at the Jessie Peterman Library

Episode Four: Going Home (1920-1933)

Keeping Your Identity to Yourself

Member One Federal Credit Union will present a program on Identity Theft

Monday, July 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Christiansburg Library

Monday, July 19, 2:00 p.m. at the Meadowbrook Public Library

Antiques of the Depression Era

David Brimer from Antiques on Main will discuss glassware, and art of the Great Depression.

Thursday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.

Meadowbrook Public Library

AJ Brightman Moose from AJ's Antiques

AJ will talk about glassware, art and home decorations of the Great Depression.

Tuesday, August 10, 7:00 p.m. Christiansburg Library



The Reading Garden at Christiansburg Library was dedicated to Ann Carter and Joy Foster on May 22, 2010. Both Carter and Foster are former members of the Library's Board of Trustees.



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Meadowbrook Library—————

Talking about Books

Wednesday, July 7 at 6 pm

Thursday, July 8 at 11 am

Wednesday, Aug 4 at 6 pm

Thursday, Aug 12 at 11 am

The Onion Girl by Charles DeLint

Sweet Potato Queens Book of Love by Jill Conner Browne

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A Death in Belmont by Sebastian Junger

Teen Murder Mystery Night

Saturday, July 24

6 pm-10 pm

Join us for fun and mystery, and
try to figure out who the murderer is.



The night will begin at Meadowbrook Public Library with dinner and then the fun begins! This is a 13-18 years of age event. Space is limited so hurry and sign up today. **FREE**

Co-sponsored by the Montgomery Parks and Recreation

Must register at 382-6975 Course #4150