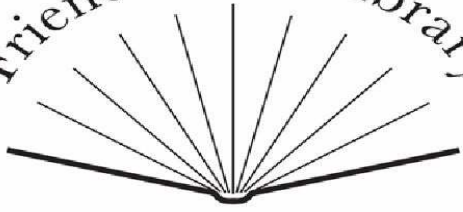


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LIBRARY NEWS

WINTER 2011

TAKE NOTE

Winter 2011

David Baldacci
Saturday
May 7, 2011
Christiansburg
Library

Membership Drive
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January 2011
Please
Join

Barter Theatre
performance of
The Ugly
Duckling
Saturday,
March 5
at 2 PM

Save the Date

Saturday, May 7, 2011

Hear Author

David Baldacci

5:30 p.m.

Christiansburg Library Lawn
125 Sheltman Street

Mr. Baldacci will talk and read from his books.
Bring your lawn chair and join us. In the event of rain we will
meet across the street in the old Christiansburg Middle School
gymnasium. A book signing will follow.



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REGIONAL LIBRARY

One stop, unlimited possibilities

Family Nutrition at the Library at Christiansburg

The Christiansburg Library is offering a monthly program on nutrition. **Family Nutrition at the Library** is held the last Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Families and individuals learn how to select healthy food, stretch food resources, and improve health. Each presentation features a cooking experience and a door prize. Amanda Sarver, with the Virginia Cooperative Extension's Family Nutrition Program, is the presenter. For more information, please call 382-6965, ext 14.

Message from the Friends President

Greetings for a wonderful 2011. I want to give special thanks to our past president, Carol McAlister, who is fortunately not retiring from Friends nor from heading the Garden Tour Committee. Thank you for all of your work over the past years.

Perhaps the best thing that I can say about winter is that I have more time to snuggle up in bed with a book. Along with a stack of firewood, a stack of books by my bed is my best defense against the prospect of being snowed in. I wish all of you a year rich in books!

January is membership renewal time and time for new members to sign up; you might consider a gift membership for a family member or for a friend. Our membership chair, Ann Groves will have volunteers staffing a table in each of our libraries during the last week of January. If you miss this opportunity, please use the form inserted in this newsletter. Ann has worked to streamline the membership form and to add a business category.

Friends of Montgomery County Libraries is a non-profit, all volunteer organization whose purpose is to support library programs and to strengthen library resources. Your membership contributes to library services which enrich lives throughout the county.

Please mark your calendars for the Barter Theater children's play at the Lyric, Saturday, March 5th at 2 PM. Rhoda Hall will be seeking volunteers to usher that afternoon.

I am usually a failure at New Year's resolutions; but this past year I got help from a neighbor and friend of the library, Saroj Ghoting, who volunteers to help with the daily book sales at the Christiansburg branch. Saroj and I set a date when she would come to my house to pick up books. Saroj has helped another neighbor sort through her books. You might join with a friend to do the same if you have been procrastinating about this endeavor. Our volunteers who head book sales, Carol Maderic at Christiansburg, Darlene Allen at Blacksburg, and Steven Estrada at Meadowbrook, work diligently to sort and price books for sales every day that the libraries are open.

Mary North
President, Friends of the Library

From the Director's Desk:

Happy New Year, Everyone. This is the time to find a good book to curl up with. Just pick your format. You can listen to the book on an MP3 player or in your car, read it in regular type or large print or put it on an eBook reader and flip the pages electronically. That's right, we have ebooks! We added them to our OverDrive site in early November so you can download them to a Nook, Sony Reader, or iPad; or to your iPhone or Droid. Unfortunately, they will not work on a Kindle. And speaking of Nooks—we have those, too. Each library has one that you can check out for 3 weeks. They come loaded with 8 bestselling titles. If you are curious and want to try an electronic reader, this is your opportunity. Here's the address to our OverDrive site: <http://swvapub.lib.overdrive.com>.

We will be writing a new strategic plan for the library in the next few months and are interested in what you think. We'll have public forums and a survey on our website. But you can also send me an email or drop in and tell me your thoughts for library service in Montgomery and Floyd Counties. We need your feedback.

Check out all the cool happenings at the library by visiting our Facebook sites or our website www.mfrl.org. There is no better time to read, so pick up that book in whatever format you have and read a spell.

--Paula Alston

Holiday Teas Cookbook Available



If you have attended one of the Holiday or Garden Teas, you have tasted some of the recipes featured in the cookbook. If you missed our events, now you can serve a traditional afternoon tea of your own by following our tried and true recipes. The book makes a lovely gift for any cook. The notebook binder we used allows for the addition of recipes in the future.

“Tea with Friends” debuted at the recent Holiday Tea held December 4, 2010 at Glenanna, the home of Sam and Dolly Moore. The couple was gifted with a copy of the book as a small token of thanks for their generous support of both the Holiday Tea and our spring Garden Par-Tea. The Moores also open their home for a Holiday Tour in January where guests learn about the history and renovation of this 1849 Greek Revival home with Sam as their guide.



Local artist Gretchen St. Lawrence donated the use of one of her paintings for the cover of the book. When asked about her painting said “I relish the wonderful views (of the Blue Ridge) at every turn and every season”.

Copies of the book are available at each of the MFRL branches for viewing and where orders for the \$20 print-on-demand publication can be made. Ordered books will be delivered through the Library.

We are grateful for the support of all our Friends and look forward to working together on other projects in 2011 to secure success for our MFRL system. Please renew your membership as our Member Drive begins January 23, and invite others to join!

Barter Theater

presents the play

The Ugly Duckling

Saturday, March 5, 2011
2:00 pm

The Lyric Theater

135 College Avenue, Blacksburg

Sponsored by the
Friends of the Library and
The Lyric Theater

FREE PROGRAM

No tickets or reservations
required

Arrive early to secure seating
For more information call Linda

Spivy at 542-6365 x22

Donations welcome



Events at the Libraries:

Floyd--

Talking About Books: all sessions at 2:00 PM

1/13 – “Little Bee” by Chris Cleave

2/10 – “Spoon River Anthology” by Edgar Lee Masters

3/10 – “A Reliable Wife” by Robert Goolrich

Junior Book Club meets every 4th Monday at 2 PM.

On Thursday, January 27 at 5:30 PM, Jim Connor, Senior Instructor of the Floyd Gun School, will talk about Virginia’s Gun Laws and answer questions following his presentation.

Blacksburg--

Knits of the Round Table

Wednesday, January 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Blacksburg Library

Don’t be shy! Our knitting group encompasses brand new knitters as well as those with years of experience who enjoy the camaraderie of knitting together and sharing ideas. If you’re already working on a project, bring your work in progress. If you are just learning to knit, helpful instruction will be provided. Either way, you’ll enjoy an evening of knitting and chatting with knitters of varied skill levels!

Christiansburg--

Happy Hands Saturday

January 8, all day at the Christiansburg Library.

The craft table is available at the Christiansburg Library for children to make a 2011 calendar to celebrate award winning author Kay Choro, whose books include *Little Farm by the Sea* and *Colonial Williamsburg ABC*.

Meadowbrook--

Movie & Hot Chocolate

Sunday, January 9, 2:00 p.m.

Balthazar Blake is a master sorcerer trying to defend the city from his arch-nemesis, Maxim Horvath. It’ll take all the courage Dave can muster to survive his training, save the city and get the girl.

SO, YOU WANT TO BE A BEEKEEPER?!

Now is the time to start for 2011. Get the answers to all your questions!

Saturday, January 8, 1:00 p.m., Blacksburg Library

Saturday, January 8, 1:00 p.m., Meadowbrook Public Library

Saturday, January 15, 1:00 p.m., Christiansburg Library

Saturday, January 15, 1:00 p.m., Jessie Peterman Library

Sponsored by the New River Valley Beekeepers Association.

Happy Holidays to the Police Department

On December 17, the Christiansburg Library staff provided holiday treat bags to members of the Christiansburg Police Department as a way to say “Thank You & Happy Holidays!” to Chief Mark Sisson and his officers and staff. Throughout the day punch and coffee and homemade goodies were provided. Pictured are members of the department.





Meet Our Staff!



Christiansburg Library Staff

Pamela Hale, supervisor for the Christiansburg branch, has been with the library for almost six years. Her graduate degree is in Conflict Resolution. She lived for several years in Egypt and has traveled to many countries as a tourist and in relation to various educational and cultural projects. Her daughter Rachel is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington and is currently teaching English in South Korea. Her husband Dutch Tubman is a dedicated library volunteer who works at Norfolk Southern.

Diana Pumphrey, assistant branch supervisor, has worked for the MFRL system for over twelve years, the first ten at the Jessie Peterman Branch in Floyd. She is a Blacksburg native who left the area for 33 years and returned in 1997.

Her hobbies are playing PS2 and Wii games, reading, and being a Hokie fan. Diana and her husband, Don, have five children and seven grandchildren that they see as often as possible.

Donna Beeby, a library service specialist, has been with the branch for over five years. A life-long library supporter, she has fond memories of time spent in quiet corners with tales of King Arthur, adventures of Sherlock Holmes, and the journals of the Lewis and Clark Expeditions as company. Currently she resides in Blacksburg with her husband and four-legged companions Avalon and Loki.

Sallye Kennedy, a library services specialist, was born and raised in Christiansburg. She has been married for 28 years to Rick and has two sons, Alex and Zach (married to Michele). She also has an extremely active Weimaraner named Dexter. A graduate of Radford College, she taught school for 20 years before coming to the library. She is an avid reader and talents crafter of jewelry, clay, and anything else that can be handcrafted.

Karen Martin has been with the MFRL system since August 1984, working in both the Christiansburg and Blacksburg branches during that time. She is a library services specialist and handles most of the training for new employees at the branch. She enjoys reading and all kinds of needlework. Karen said that she hopes there is reincarnation because “there is so much I want to do, there will not be enough time in one life to do it all!”

Stacey Cole has been a circulation specialist for almost five years. Her thirteen-plus years of technical software experience with her VTLS ILS employer provides deep experience for her part-time position here. Stacey lives in Newport in Giles County and enjoys cooking, gardening, hiking, and hunting.

Tory Leahy joined the staff in November of 2008 as a circulation specialist. She has two little girls who are frequently used for research for the Friday story time and the children’s programs that Tory leads. Tory reports that she really enjoys working at the library—although her list of what she wants to read has long passed the amount of time she actually has to read (“occupational hazard!”)

Mike Lee has worked for the library as a circulation specialist for two and a half years. He and wife Celeste have two children. Alison is a freshman at the University of Mary Washington and Chris attends the Southwest Virginia Governor’s School and is a junior at CHS. Mike enjoys playing in the great outdoors, riding his bicycle, camping, or working in the garden. When winter forces him inside he enjoys reading nonfiction.

Tim Scripa has been a circulation specialist at the library for two years, and is the creator and manager of the branch’s Facebook. Tim is also a first-year graduate student in counseling and human development at Radford University. He and his wife Allison, a librarian at Virginia Tech, moved to the area from east Tennessee.

Carolyn Wall has worked at the library as a circulation specialist for four and a half years. She came to Blacksburg to attend VA Tech in 1978. She met and married a local dairy farmer and has two grown children who are also VT graduates.



Row 1 (L to R) Pamela Hale, Sallye Kennedy, Stacey Cole, Diana Pumphrey, Tim Scripa. Row 2 (L to R) Tory Leahy, Carolyn Wall, Donna Beeby, Karen Martin, Mike Lee.



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