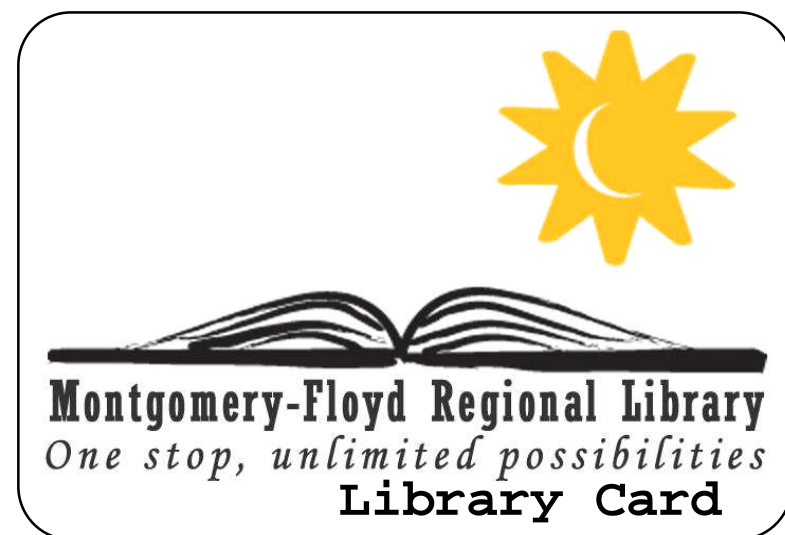


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 the most important card  
 in your wallet  
 is your library card.  
 It can take you anywhere  
 so make sure  
 you always carry it!  
 -Paula Alston



Winter 2012 Edition

**The 2012 Membership Drive is HERE**

**WHO** are Friends of the Library members? Individuals of all ages, families, and businesses throughout Montgomery County and Floyd. We had a great year in 2011 with a record breaking 211 total membership including 14 Business Supporters.

**WHAT** do Friends of the Library members do? See inside for how FOL have helped your local library!

**WHEN** is the 2012 Membership Drive? The week of January 22 – 28.

**WHERE** is the 2012 Membership Drive? Your local library!

**HOW** can YOU become a Friends of the Library member? Visit your local library or mail in your membership form found in this newsletter or on the MFRL website.

**Volunteers are needed for the Membership Drive (January 22 – 28).**

If you are willing to fill a 2 hour time slot contact the following:

**Blacksburg Library:**

Ann Groves 951-4582

**Christiansburg Library:**

Marjorie Modlin 382-9621

**Meadowbrook Library:**

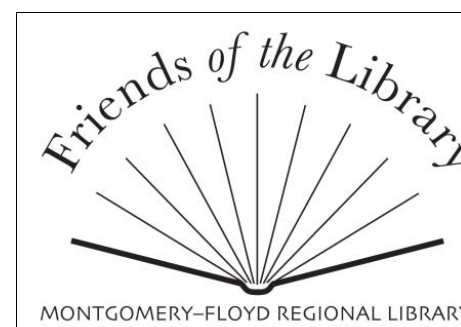
Steven Estrada 357-0795

Thank you! Ann Groves, Membership Chair

Blacksburg, VA 24060

200 Miller Street

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## From the desk of ...

### Paula Alston, Director, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

Happy Holidays to everyone. I hope your holidays were filled with good things to eat and read! Did Santa bring a Kindle? Well, great news. You can download your ebooks from the library. Just click on OverDrive from our website and you are in business. If you need assistance, call one of the libraries. We are here to help.

We've started a book review column in The Burgs and I'm looking for guest reviewers. Currently, the reviews are published on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to tell everyone about a great book you just finished, why not write a review? The book reviewed can be either fiction or non-fiction of general interest, should have a copyright of 2011 or 2012, and be found in the library's collection. Reviews should be between 500-600 words in length. If you are interested, give me a call at 382-6965 x16 or email me at palston@mfrl.org. And please pass the word. Maybe you don't want to write a review, but you know of someone who would make a great reviewer. Give them my contact information. Thanks!

The outlook for the state budget is not good and there is always the fear that we will have additional cuts to our state aid. We have lost well over \$100,000 in the last few years. We use our state aid to buy books, to pay for the software that runs our library system, and for the supplies we use to process the books like barcodes, book covers and spine labels. Please contact your senator or delegate and ask them NOT to cut state aid to libraries anymore!

"The three most important documents a free society gives are a birth certificate, a passport, and a library card," said author E. L. Doctorow in 1994. Remember, the most important card in your wallet is your library card. It can take you anywhere so make sure you always carry it! Whatever you do, keep on reading.

### Mary North, President, Montgomery County Friends of the Library

HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2012. I am writing this just after Thanksgiving, contemplating our many volunteers this past year who have given hours of their time supporting activities of Friends. Some of us work each week sorting through donated books, others go into high gear in the summer for the Garden Tour, many sit behind our membership tables in January. We have bakers and board members and a newsletter editor. All are greatly appreciated. Thank you, everyone associated with Friends of the Library!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the holidays and is eager to join our membership drive which begins January 22, running through the 28. This is an important part of our work to recruit new members and to raise membership money which goes directly to support adult, teen and children programs in all three library branches. At our November meeting the board voted to allocate over twenty-one thousand dollars to the library system. Last year we not only added over twenty thousand to the library budget for programs, but also gave a special allocation of fifteen thousand dollars for signage at all of the buildings. Our libraries enrich our community in myriad ways, join us at Friends to become a part of this process. I like giving memberships to friends who might not think of joining! To help with the membership drive please call Ann Groves (raymond34@verizon.net or 951-4582) our Membership Chair.

Please note that the March 10th Barter Theatre's production of "Call of the Wild" at the Lyric is recommended for ages 10 and older. Our audience often contains much younger children, please note this change.

Cheers and may you have a year of wonderful reading!

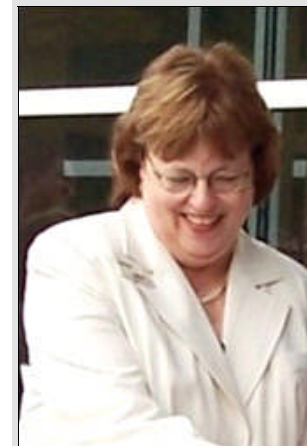
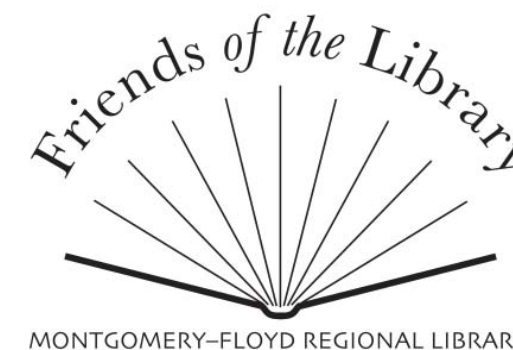
## How FRIENDS have helped the library ...

- Established a scholarship fund to encourage library staff members to pursue a Masters Degree in Library Science
- Provided travel money for librarians to attend conferences
- Funded the Summer Reading Program
- Purchased carts, craft supplies and refreshments for story times and family nights
- Funded special children's programs in each library
- Provided funds for a computer, television, digital multimedia projector, printer and digital cameras
- Funded children's chairs and toys
- Sponsored Barter Youth Theatre Production at the Lyric Theatre

**Your membership & support is so important!**

### Here's how FRIENDS raise funds ...

- Membership dues & monetary donations from library supporters
- Daily used book sales at each library branch (books donated by Friends and others)
- Coffee and tea sales at all library branches
- Sale of mugs and book bags
- Annual Friendly Garden Tour



### Retirement Celebration at the Christiansburg Library

The Christiansburg Library will honor Diana Pumphrey with a **Retirement Reception at 3:00 pm. on Saturday, January 28.** Diana has worked with the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library since 1998 when she began working in circulation at the Jessie Peterman Library in Floyd and later became branch collection coordinator. In 2008, she came to Christiansburg as assistant branch supervisor. Please join us as we celebrate Diana's many contributions to the library and wish her well in her retirement.

### ~Many Thanks to FOL Business Supporter Members~

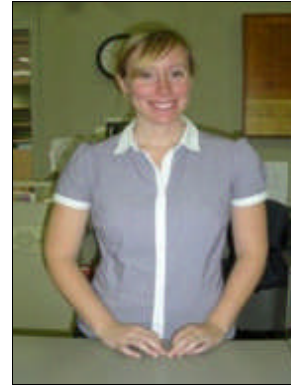
Friends of the Library are deeply appreciative of the following businesses for their support in 2011.

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| Bonomo's                     | One Crane Rising                     |
| The Cellar Restaurant        | Oriental Medicine Acupuncture Clinic |
| Eats Natural Foods           | Performing Arts Institute of VA      |
| Fringe Benefit               | SewAttitude                          |
| Gillie's                     | Sisson & Ryan Inc.                   |
| Kent Jewelers                | Vintage Cellar                       |
| Main Street Inn              | Tuck Chiropractic Clinic             |
| Mill Mountain Coffee and Tea |                                      |

## Meet Our Staff!

### From Blacksburg Public Library

**Emily Anderson:** I recently moved to Blacksburg from Ithaca, New York, and I am enjoying exploring the town and surrounding area. My husband and I like to spend time hiking, reading, and visiting the local farmer's market. I am very happy to be a part of the Blacksburg library family and look forward to getting to know all of the patrons.



(Emily Anderson)

**Jenny Barrowclough:** I just moved here from Chicago, IL. I am actually from Pigeon Forge, TN (Dolly Parton's hometown!), but lived in the Windy City for a few years to try it out. My husband is going to school at VT for his PhD in Agricultural Economics and we have recently relocated to a house in Christiansburg with our two dogs. We are so excited to be here and I am having so much fun at the library!



(Shelley Boardman)

**Shelley Boardman:** I live in Blacksburg with my husband Greg, a Professor of Environmental Engineering at VT, and our 1-year old field spaniel, Penny. We have 5 children (all girls) and 5 grandchildren (3 girls, 2 boys). I enjoy reading, knitting and watching movies.

**Yanni Cooper:** I worked at the Floyd branch (and Bookmobile) during the summer while I was in High School. After university I started working here and at the Christiansburg Branch and I've now been here for over 15 years. My favorite genres are SF/F and Humor, but I try and read/watch a little of everything. I enjoy playing with technology whether it's a new eBook reader, a smart phone, or making something cool for the website. If I could listen to music every waking moment I would.

**Katie Haines:** Recently relocated from Maryland, my husband and I are happy to be in Montgomery Co. I am a certified holistic health coach. I enjoy hiking and dancing and have an older Manx cat named Kiwi.

**Duncan Hall:** Whenever I asked my father a question as a child he would look through our ~20 volumes of Encyclopedia Britannica and find the answer, so that's probably why finding the answers to people's questions is the best part of my job. The reason I don't have any good book recommendations is that I'm mostly interested in eighty year old pulp fantasy short stories. I am currently enrolled at Virginia Tech studying Engineering.

**Stacey Kennedy:** I am currently a student at Radford University as a Biology major and Chemistry minor. I am an avid reader, which is part of the reason I enjoy working at the library so much. I am also a huge animal lover...and I have a house full of them. I have two cats, Zero and Silas, two rats, Eve and Zorro, Onyx the king snake, and a big albino rabbit named Jefferson. When I'm not keeping busy at the library or at school, I'm usually found at Petsmart helping people with their small animal, reptile, and fish questions. My hometown is Newport News, Virginia and I try to go back whenever I can to visit my parents and my little sister Claire.



From left to right: Amy Vance, Svetla Todorova-Zlatkova, and Stacey Kennedy

### Meet Our Staff! continued ...

**Annie McCosh:** I've had the privilege of working in several different libraries over the last twelve years. I love matching people with the right information, and love working in a place that feeds my many fascinations and helps me find new ones I never knew existed.

**Mary Mott:** I have worked at the Blacksburg Library for five years. I especially enjoy working at the circulation desk and getting to know the patrons. I am currently attending library school through an online program at the University of South Carolina. I live in Christiansburg with my boyfriend, three dogs, and three cats.

**Cathy Prati:** I have been a Supervisor at the Blacksburg Library for over eleven years. I enjoy being part of a team of professionals committed to providing the public with great service, information, and educational and entertaining programs and activities. I enjoy hiking, visiting the National Parks and mountain chasing.

**Lorraine Proska:** Originally from Canada, I've been in Blacksburg for 10 years and have worked at the library for the last 3. I love Blacksburg and I love my job!

**Elizabeth Sensabaugh:** On a lark I applied for a position with the library when I was 29 after a bout of cancer convinced me that I needed a job change. Now I can say it's been my pleasure and saving grace to be part of the Montgomery-Regional Library staff for the past eleven years. With the help of funding from the Friends of the Library scholarship, I received my Masters of Library Science and Information and certification in Advanced Management in 2010. It's an honor to work within a library system with such dedicated, kind and intelligent staff and volunteers and to serve our patrons through our facility, collections and programs.

**Cathi Smith:** I have been working at the Blacksburg Library for seven years. I enjoy reading, traveling and seeing all my friends when they come into the library. I am married and have two children and three cats.

**Jessica Tabor:** I work in a few different departments of Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library. I work as the courier to take materials to the branches during the week. I also assist in Technical Services and work as a Circulation Specialist at the Blacksburg Library. I have two dogs that I like to spend time with and also enjoy drawing and painting.

**Svetla Todorova-Zlatkova:** I am from Bulgaria and I have been working at the Blacksburg Library for almost 8 years. I enjoy traveling around the world and I have visited more than 15 countries. I have 2 kids who already have graduated from college—one from VT and other one from UVA.

**Amy Vance:** I have been working at the Blacksburg Library for three years. I enjoy working with patrons, especially during our monthly writing workshops. I am currently working on a collection of short stories.

*Pictured Above:*

Back row left to right: Mary Mott, Jenny Barrowclough, Lorraine Proska, Amy Vance, Jessica Tabor and Katie Haines.  
Front row left to right: Yanni Cooper, Duncan Hall, Elizabeth Sensabaugh, Cathy Prati, Vickie Zolezzi and Cathi Smith



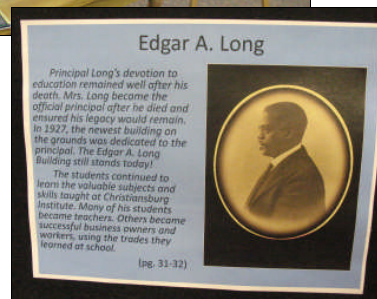
**Friends of the Library Continuous Book Sale**  
Help Support the Friends of the Library by purchasing & donating used books.  
Your patronage helps support the library programs.

## Updates ...



### Remembering Edgar A. Long at the Christiansburg Library

In celebration of American Education Week, November 14 - 20, the Christiansburg Library created an informative display associated with the publication of *Edgar A. Long: Principal of Christiansburg Institute, A Life Devoted to Education*. The book was written by Virginia Tech History Professor Thomas Ewing and students Erin Lord, Mallery Orrison, and Catharine Goins. Edgar A. Long was an educator who served with distinction for twenty-seven years at the Christiansburg Institute, an African American school that opened in



Montgomery County after the Civil War. The project also included the development of curriculum materials entitled *Engaging Middle School Learners in Discovering the Christiansburg Institute's Place in History*. In conjunction with the display, Professor Ewing, Ms. Lord and Ms. Goins presented a program about the history of the Institute.

## ... and Upcoming Events

### Meet local author Leigh Ann Taylor at the Meadowbrook Library

Thursday, January 12, 6:30 pm.

Leigh Anne will be discussing her new book *Our Family Outing*.

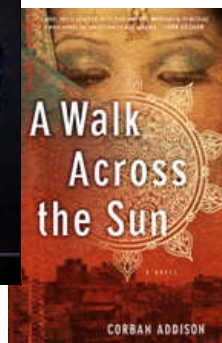
The book is co-authored by Joe Cobb. The book talks about her family's struggles and challenges over the past few years. Books will be available for purchase and the author will sign books after the program.



### Author Corban Addison at the Blacksburg Library

Monday, January 23, 7:00 pm.

Author Corban Anderson will read from his book and answer questions. Anderson spent a month in India in an undercover mission with investigators, attorneys and social workers investigating human trafficking. Anderson's experiences there fueled his fictionalized account of what could and does happen to young girls. His book, *A Walk Across the Sun*, tells the story of two girls who are sold to a Mumbai brothel owner.



Praise from John Grisham: "Addison has written a novel that is beautiful in its story and also important in its message. *A Walk across the Sun* deserves a wide audience."

*A Walk Across the Sun* will be available for purchase.

### Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> graders and above!

"*The Call of the Wild*", a Barter Theater Production, will be presented at the Lyric Theater on **March 10, 2012 at 2:00 pm**. This play is adapted by Catherine Bush from the Novel by Jack London. It is about a dog named Buck who is kidnapped and forced to serve as a sled dog during the Klondike Gold Rush. *It is FREE so be sure to mark your calendars!*

## 2012 MONTGOMERY COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

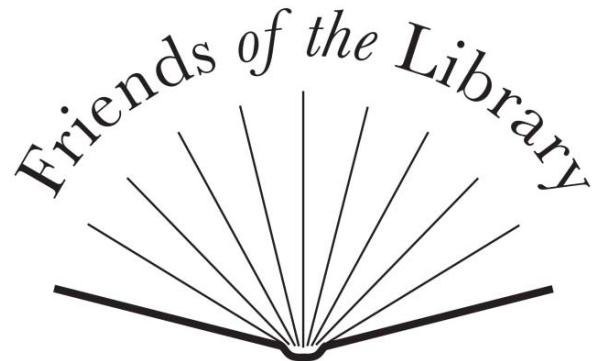
Membership year is January-December.

Dues received October – December are good through the following year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Check here if you do not want to be on our Friends of the Library Listserv.

#### Suggested Membership Contribution:

( ) \$15 Individual ( ) \$20 Family ( ) \$25 Business ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_



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CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

#### Make checks payable to:

Friends of MFRL (Montgomery Floyd Regional Library)

#### Mail to:

Friends of the Library  
125 Sheltman Street  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

or Bring to your nearest library branch.

**We need your help with Friends' activities. Check below for volunteer opportunities.**

#### Membership Drive in January

Help sign up members at: \_\_\_\_\_ Christiansburg Library  
\_\_\_\_\_ Blacksburg Library  
\_\_\_\_\_ Meadowbrook Library

#### Book Sales

Help with book sale at: \_\_\_\_\_ Author's Readings  
\_\_\_\_\_ Christiansburg Library  
\_\_\_\_\_ Blacksburg Library  
\_\_\_\_\_ Meadowbrook Library

#### Officers or Committees:

\_\_\_\_\_ Serve on Friends Board \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Nominating Committee  
\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Committee

#### Friends Socials

\_\_\_\_\_ Bring refreshments for a social

#### Fundraisers

Help with: \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Tour (July)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other Fundraisers

## 2012 FLOYD FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

(Membership period consists of the calendar year January - December)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please show your support by renewing your membership to the Friends of the Library through either a single or family membership or a greater level of support.**

( ) \$10 Single ( ) \$15 Family ( ) \$25 Bronze Friend ( ) \$50 Silver Friend  
( ) \$100 Gold Friend ( ) \$1000 Lifetime Membership

**Make checks payable to Floyd Friends of the Library and mail with this completed form to:  
Friends of the Library, P. O. Box 69, Floyd, VA 24091**

### We need your help with Friends activities!

**Please check one or more volunteer opportunities.**

- \_\_\_\_ Sign up members at library
- \_\_\_\_ Bring refreshments for events
- \_\_\_\_ Make telephone calls to members
- \_\_\_\_ Plan new fundraisers
- \_\_\_\_ Help maintain the flower beds around the library
- \_\_\_\_ Write promotional material for events
- \_\_\_\_ Serve on Friends Board
- \_\_\_\_ Help with events such as teas and home tours

**What time of day would you be most likely to attend meetings?**

\_\_\_\_ Mornings \_\_\_\_ Afternoons \_\_\_\_ Evenings \_\_\_\_ No Preference

**MEETINGS ARE HELD BI-MONTHLY ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY AT 3:30**

**(Call the library at 745-2947 to see if the group is meeting)**

