

Friends of Oakton Library

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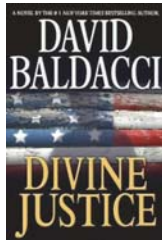
Thanks to Spencer Baldacci, our student volunteer editor

About Us

The Friends of Oakton Library is a non-profit organization that assists the library financially. There are book sales, special events and fundraisers held every year in which the proceeds go toward the library's needs.

A Night with David Baldacci

One of the big fundraisers held last year was the author gala with David Baldacci. Mr. Baldacci is a best selling author who happens to live locally. Cocktails and appetizers were served as the author spoke about his new novel Divine Justice and about his literacy foundation called the Wish You Well Foundation. There was a question-answer session and books were signed.



Fall 2008 Book Sale

The fall 2008 book sale was highly successful. There were plenty of books to go around, from children's picture books to bestselling adult fiction. After the weekend, we netted over \$7,400. Our book sales are for everyone from dealers to young children. The earnings from this book sale and all of our book sales go towards the library's



welfare. We appreciate our volunteers who spent much time sorting books and making the sale possible.

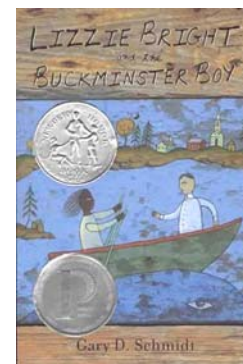
Next used book sale:
Friday, March 27 10 AM–6 PM
Saturday, March 28 10 AM–5 PM

Book Buddies

The library has so many great programs--one of which is the Book Buddies program. This program is one that reinforces reading skills at the elementary level. This program takes place at the Oakton Library and is definitely something worth considering as it pairs older children with younger ones who may need encouragement in reading and confidence. Not only does this increase a child's vocabulary and help with reading skills, but also extends their social skills.

Reader's Corner

A really great book for middle school aged kids is Lizzy Bright and Buckminster Boy, by Gary Schmidt. The



story is set in a small town and deals with issues of friendship and racial history. This book is based on a true story.

Special thanks to Five Hills Garden Club and Hunter Mill Garden Club for making Oakton Library even greener!

Friends Funds: Where Do They Go?

The Friends have helped pay for many library programs and events, including Mystery Night, the Easy Reader Program, puppet shows, story tellers, and musical performances. The Friends also purchased a sturdy rocking chair, tables and sign holders, shelves, decorations, and indoor plants. The Friends purchased the “Oakton Roots” statue described below, and have partnered with the library to purchase outdoor seating. The contributions of Friends are critical, particularly in these tough economic times.

Membership Renewal

The Friends' membership year coincides with the calendar year. On your address label, you will find a year printed above your name, which indicates the year for which you last paid dues. If it reads "2009", you have paid through 2009, and we thank you! If it reads "2008", it is now time to renew your membership with a check made out to **Friends of Oakton Library**-- \$10.00 for an individual or \$25.00 for a family membership. Please send the check to Carole Dowd, 1529 Crowell Rd., Vienna, VA 22182. If the year printed on the address label is followed by the letter "E", we need your email address. Please send your email address to Ann Balch at abalch@aol.com.

Library Hours:

Monday	10am-9pm
Tuesday	10am-9pm
Wednesday	10am- 9pm
Thursday	10am- 9pm
Friday	10am- 6pm
Saturday	10am- 5pm

Library Information:

10304 Lynnhaven Place
Oakton, VA 22124
Phone: 703-242-4020

Volunteer at the Library—Where We Need You

The Friends work in a variety of ways to serve the library's needs and raise money. We are fortunate to have a small room on the library premises for book sorting and storage. This is important work because it is for our primary fundraiser, used book sales. With so many books, we need help sorting and transporting to storage most of the books we receive. We need volunteers to decide which books will go for the sale and which cannot be sold because they are torn, soiled or have content that is out of date. Won't you volunteer a few hours here and there for this important work? Please contact Tooley Milstead at Mills1944@aol.com.

Items of Interest

The Fred Beattie Memorial Bench donated by the Hunters Valley Association (HVA). You will find this bench located outside the Oakton Library in memory of a man known for his love of books and involvement in the community. Fred was considered by many to be “the first librarian of Oakton”.

A Picture is worth a Thousand Words

Our library is proud to be part of the Fairfax County project titled “Art in the Pages.” This is the first public art project here in Fairfax. Outside our library is a beautiful sculpture that sums up Oakton in a book and is titled “Oakton Roots”. The artist for our sculpture is Kathy Vaughn. To find out more or to see pictures of other sculptures go to

www.FairfaxLibraryFoundation.org.

