

# Friends of Oakton Library

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## Events

Summer is finally here and more exciting than ever. The Friends and the library have many activities planned for this summer and beyond, so be sure to keep posted, and join us for the great events. Here are some of the activities and lectures that have been scheduled--but make sure to check the library and Friends website for details and additions:

### UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

A special used paperback sale will take place at the library on **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** "while supplies last." Get your beach reading!

**John Gilstrap** is coming to speak about his life as a writer **Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.**

**John Gilstrap** will be holding a writing workshop on **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm** for anyone who is interested in the writing process.

**Jim Milstead** will be holding a financial management discussion on **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.** He will talk about how to handle finances in these tough times.

The Fall Used Book Sale will be held **October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**, Columbus Day weekend. Be sure to stop by.

**Frank Gregorsky and Dr. Janet Tener** will speak on **November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** about "Capturing your Family History through Oral Interviews." Mr. Gregorsky will be explaining the "who, what, and how" of preserving family stories and themes in audio. Those who attend will receive a free audio disc. There will be plenty of time for questions, and refreshments will be served. The workshop will last until 9 pm. We are looking forward to this workshop and hope that you will be able to join us for a night of fun and discovery.

A **Holiday Open House** will be held **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.** Details will be given later in the year.

*The Friends are a proud sponsor of the 2009 Summer Reading Program.*

## Reader's Corner

Here is a great read for the summer:

### **At All Costs by John Gilstrap.**

The plot is set in DC, where the characters are trying to extricate themselves from a deadly and difficult situation. They have been wrongly accused of a horrendous crime, and the way they hide from "justice" and try to prove their innocence makes for very entertaining reading.





### Used Book Storage and Sales

Used book donations are placed in the Friends storage room at the library. Since the room is not very big, it often becomes full. To solve the problem, we have held some one-day book sales, which are great for picking up a few books here and there. In addition, there is an ongoing used book sale at the library.

### Book Donations

We are always grateful for any donated books, but please remember that they must be in good condition with no writing or water stains on them. We do not accept magazines and prefer not to accept textbooks and dated technology and travel books because they are hard to sell. Keep those donations coming! Children's books are in highest demand.

### Collection Enhancement Project

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, the Oakton Library is adding to its collection \$2500.00 worth of new books. Librarian Ann Bradley is working with volunteers to research titles that will be helpful to elementary and high school students in their studies, particularly in the areas of religion, biography, literature and the classics. All books purchased with Friends' funds will proudly bear the Friends of Oakton Library name plate.

If you want to see what the Friends are doing or planning, go to:  
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/Library/friends/ok/okfriends.htm>

### **NEW OAKTON LIBRARY HOURS - EFFECTIVE JULY 1:**

**Monday - Wednesday**

**10 am – 8 pm**

**Thursday – Friday**

**10 am – 6 pm**

**Saturday 10 am – 5 pm**

### Bringing the Library Outdoors

The Oakton Community Library is optimizing the use of outdoor library space by acquiring Backyard Habitat Certification from the National Wildlife Foundation, installing plantings and outdoor seating, and providing related educational programming. Community partners include The Friends of Oakton Library, The Five Hills Garden Club and The Wild Bird Center. Special thanks go to Ann Balch and Mark Hunter for all of their hard work.

Volunteer opportunity: we are looking for individuals to help us fill the bird feeders.

### Membership Dues are Due

Our February newsletter mailing label indicated whether your dues were paid through 2008 or 2009. If your dues are due and you don't know it, don't fret. We will send you a follow-up email. Dues are \$10 for individuals and \$25 per family. Dues are payable to "Friends of Oakton Library" and can be dropped off or mailed to the Oakton Library at 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton, VA 22124. Thank you!

**Be safe and have a great summer!**

