



June 2012
Newsletter

Oakton, VA

Inquiries or Suggestions? -- Write FriendsOfOaktonLibrary@gmail.com

Book Sale News – Carole Dowd

March Results Many Friends helped in March to make our Spring Used Book Sale a success. Unloading boxes, arranging books for display, helping customers, serving as a cashier, and tending to a myriad of details, all adding up to **\$9,085.73 for the benefit of Oakton's library**. A huge number of books were “recycled” in the best possible way – into the hands of children and happy patrons of our library.

Fall Plans Please consider volunteering to help with our next book sale, **September 19-22**. We will be preparing for the sale from Saturday, September 15 until the sale begins on Thursday. E-mail Carole Dowd at cdowd2000@verizon.net and she will contact you in September. It's a pleasant and congenial way to spend a couple of hours.

We Want Your Vinyl! In September, for the first time, we will sell **vinyl records, 33's, 45's, even 78 rpm records**. Please donate your old records and spread the word among your friends. Of course, we continue to be grateful for your wonderful donations of used books. The more the better! Many thanks.

Oakton Community Library
10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton, VA 22124
703-242-4020
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events

Two Exciting Fall Events – Mark Your Calendar!

On Saturday, September 29th, the Oakton Library will celebrate its Fifth Anniversary. A full day of celebration with events for all ages is planned.

- The 2012 Fall for the Book Festival will sponsor a program by a children's author at Oakton Library.
- There will be a “Gadget Fair”.
- The Friends of Oakton Library will co-sponsor Mark Twain Speaking (Motivational speaker and impersonator, Gary Robertson, shares the humorous and literary wit of American icon, Mark Twain.) For adults and mature teens.
- And you know there's sure to be a birthday cake!

On Saturday, October 13th, the Fairfax Library Foundation will hold **A Library Jubilee!** at our own Oakton Library from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. We are honored to have been selected as the venue for this annual Foundation fundraiser, and we hope to see many of you there.

To learn more about the Foundation, a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, and the many county-wide library-related programs that they support, check out the web site <http://www.fcplfoundation.org>.

Spotlight on a Volunteer

-- Aliya Parvez

Denise Dorn is a volunteer extraordinaire. She is energetic, helpful, talented and frequently goes above and beyond what is expected of her at the Reference Desk. Denise joined Oakton as a volunteer in January 2010 and has since proved herself to be indispensable.



She developed her love for librarianship when she started volunteering /working for elementary schools from 1998 until 2007 and ended up with an MLS degree from Catholic University in 2007. She enjoys working with both children and adults but one can see that she has a soft spot for children. She diligently trained the Kindergarten class from neighboring Pinnacle Academy to put away any items they did not want on the carts designated for such purpose. She comes in early to make the children's area as neat as possible before the 10am rush hour at the library on Fridays and Saturdays.

Denise worked at Richard Byrd and the Herndon branch and volunteered at Kings Park, Herndon, and Fairfax and still volunteers at TechOps. Besides a Library Degree, Denise has a Master's in Systems Management and Bachelor's in Health Science. She also has an Associate Degree in Radiologic Technology and served in the U.S Navy and Naval Reserve for 25 years.

Denise recently received a Fairfax County Board of Trustees **Certificate of Appreciation for 1000 volunteer service hours in 2011**. She was also the recipient of an FCPL Star Volunteer Certificate of

Appreciation in 2009 and a Volunteer Fairfax 250-hour Benchmark Award in 2010.

Denise keeps her Library skills sharp by volunteering at the Information desk. She also received training in Circulation desk duties. She has a paid substitute position at the Arlington County Central Library as a Reference Librarian.

She is also the e-book tutor for Oakton on Thursday evenings, helping patrons download books from Overdrive.

Her hobbies are knitting, reading, watching movies and trying new recipes. She actively collects Wizard of Oz-related books and movies and has a collection of 850 items. She also collects paper dolls. When she is not answering questions at the desk, she is shelving children's board books, something that is by nature, a Sisyphean task. But even then, Denise claims she enjoys every minute that she is in the library.

Oakton values Denise Dorn and her services highly.

Oakton Library Volunteer Needs

Because of the resignation of one of the Youth staff members, who has not yet been replaced, there is an urgent need for adult **assistance with the children's programs** over the summer. The dates and times are below. You can sign up for one session, or several. The duties are to help with set up, supervision, and cleanup. To sign up, stop at the Information Desk at the Library, fill out a volunteer form, indicate "Program Assistant" as the job, and specify the date(s) you are available. Note: This is a one-time commitment, not an on-going one.

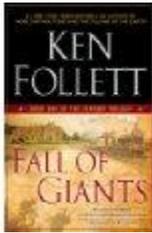
Dates and Times:

Wednesday, June 27th, 9:30 am to Noon
Tuesday, July 3rd, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday, July 12th, 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, July 17th, 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday, July 23rd, 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 1st, 9:30 am to Noon
Wednesday, Aug. 8th, 9:30 am to Noon

(**Volunteer Needs** cont.) In addition, there is a need for one or more volunteers to file newspapers and periodicals. This daily task takes about 30 minutes! You could sign up for one day a week (e.g., every Tuesday) or multiple days ... perhaps share this job with a friend or relative. This is a very important way to help our busy staff!

Book Review -- Tooley Milstead

FALL OF GIANTS by Ken Follett



Ever wonder why America became involved in World War I? Have you thought about the reason Europe fought in “The Great War”? Probably not, but entertaining history is Follett’s specialty, and he won’t disappoint in his first of The Century Trilogy.

With the assassination of Austria’s crown prince Archduke Ferdinand, and Germany’s declaration of war on Russia and plans to attack France and England, Europe was turned upside down. The United States eventually entered this “war to end all wars” as German submarines blasted our ships carrying manufactured goods to the Allied countries.

Follett weaves into this dramatic sequence of events Welsh miners, orphaned Russian brothers, English aristocrats, a servant girl rising above her “station,” the suffrage movement and the Russian Revolution. Times were challenging, and the cast of characters Follett has so well-crafted must survive what fate has dealt them.

As you read along, you are thoroughly entertained and then realize, “Wow, I’m learning a boat load of history, and it’s fun!”

There will be future chronicles of this trilogy with the same families that we came to know so well in **Fall of Giants**. We will accompany them as they travel through other world-altering events that defined the 20th century.

Don’t Forget! The Library Has an Amazon Wishlist!

If you would like to honor a loved one or remember a special event, why not give a book to the Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) system? Through the Library Foundation, you can choose a book from the system’s wish list.

At www.Amazon.com, access the wishlist **FCPL Foundation Bookdrive**, or go to <http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/registry.html/002-9627810-1915264?id=2P3AKWX1F9FO>.

Your book(s) will be shipped directly to the FCPL office in Chantilly. However you can specify that they are for the Oakton branch and designate an honoree by entering instructions in the “gift card”.

Thank You for Speaking Up on Behalf of the Library

This spring we asked you to contact your Fairfax County Supervisor in support of restoring funding to our FCPL System.

The Supervisors heard us!! As a result, in the fall, Monday evening hours will be restored at community branches such as ours. Further, three additional hours will be restored, although the exact times are yet to be determined.

Thanks to your support, our Oakton Library will be open six additional hours each week!

THANK YOU!!

Summer Calendar

- All events take place at the Oakton Library.
- Most programs require a reservation. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.
- Note that some events are repeated on multiple days.

Thursdays – 7:30 pm and 8:15 pm – **eBook/eReader Instruction**. Learn about library eBooks. Call for an appointment. 703-242-4020

Every Saturday – 10:00 am – **Master Gardeners' Plant Clinic**. Experts available to answer your gardening questions.

Tues., June 12, July 10, Aug. 14 – 7:15 pm – **Money Matters**.

Wed., June 13, Aug. 15 – 10:30 am – **Small Wonders** (Short stories for you and your child, age 13-23 months.)

Tues., June 19 and Aug. 21 – 7:30 pm – Friends of Oakton Library **Board Meeting**.

Wed., June 27 – 10:30 am – **Creature Teacher** with Bar C Ranch (All ages).

Tues, July 3 – 7:00 pm – **Hula With Mokihana**, Traditional Hawaiian music (All ages)

Thurs, July 12 – 2:30 – **The Wizard of Oz** presented by the Hampstead Stage Company (All ages)

Tues., July 17 – 2:30 pm – **Magician Mike Klee** (Age 6-12)

Mon., July 23 – 2:30 pm – **Spin, Pop, Boom**. Mad Science presents genies in a bottle, boom box in a tube, and more. (Ages 6-12)

Wed., July 25 – 10:30 am – **Toddler Tales**. (Age 2-3 with an adult.)

Wed., Aug. 1 – 10:30 am – **Goldy Bear and the Three Locks**. Blue Sky Puppet Theatre. (All ages)

Wed., Aug. 8 – 10:30 am – **Uno, Dos, Tres, Con Andres**. Sing and move with music and dance from Latin America. (All ages)

Yes, Count Me as a Friend

Not too late to renew your membership for 2012!

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

New? ____ Membership Renewal? ____

Here's My Annual Membership Donation

\$10 Individual _____

\$25 Family _____

Other Amount _____

I would like to volunteer

my talents to help the Friends of Oakton Library.

Kindly check one or more:

- ___ Book Sales
- ___ Volunteer at the Library
- ___ Friends Programs / Special Events
- ___ Hospitality / Floral Displays
- ___ Horticulture / Outdoor Habitat
- ___ Expanding our Membership
- ___ Occasional Assistance

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Friends of Oakton Library

and then mail to

Friends of Oakton Library
10304 Lynnhaven Place
Oakton, VA 22124-1785

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Your donation is tax-deductible.

Thank you!

Reminders & Announcements



Don't Miss Our "On-going" Used Book Sale – available every day in the foyer of the Library! A great place to find some books for the beach!

Thank you to the Hippe Family for again keeping our feathered friends well fed over the past winter.

Not sure if you have renewed your Friends' dues for 2012? Email our Membership Chairman Maya Mann to find out (mayaue13@gmail.com). Individual dues are \$10, family memberships are \$25, and donations in any amount are accepted.

Please pass this newsletter along to a friend or neighbor who is interested in the Library, and encourage them to join the Friends!

Do you have a suggestion for ways the Friends of the Library could better serve our library, its patrons, or our members? If so, please email it to abalch@aol.com.

Action at OK

The Spring Book Sale



The queue waiting for opening, the initial rush, and making a tough decision.

The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



Volunteers enjoying lunch, including (in the photo on the left) our Champion Used Book Sorter, Jane Boyers, and our VP Maya Mann.