

The FRIENDS of Oakton Library



March 2012
Newsletter

Oakton, VA

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Spring Book Sale

It's almost time for our first big **USED BOOK SALE** of 2012. We have thousands of gently used books which have been donated by patrons of the library. Most of the books are priced to sell at 25 cents, \$1.00 and \$2.00! The proceeds from the sale will be used to enhance our Oakton library, and its programs and projects.

If you would like to spend some time helping to set up for the sale, or helping during the sale itself, please e-mail cdowd2000@verizon.net.

It is fun working with friends and neighbors...and buying books.

Set up days are Saturday, March 17, Monday, March 19, and Tuesday, March 20.

Sale days:

Thursday, March 22 – 1:00 – 8:00

Friday, March 23 – 10:00 – 6:00

Saturday, March 24 – 10:00 – 3:00

March 10 is the last day for donating books for this sale. We gladly will accept more donations on **March 26**.

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

The Friends of Oakton Library Install New Officers

At the Annual Meeting of the Friends on January 17, the following new officers were installed and committee chairs were introduced:

President:	Ann Balch
1st Vice President:	Maya Mann
2nd Vice President:	Jackie Giovannelli
Secretary:	Carol Fay
Treasurer:	Fred Pitman

Book Sale Chair:	Ralph Tener
Book Sale Co-chair:	Carole Dowd
Book Sorting Chair:	Jane Boyers
Book Sorting Co-chair:	Tooley Milstead
Hospitality Chair:	Corinne Oliverio
Community Liaison:	Linda Byrne
Authors/Speakers:	Tooley Milstead
Membership:	Ann Balch
Newsletter Editor:	TBD (Can you help us?)



Front Row: Corinne Oliverio, Tooley Milstead, Jane Boyers
Back Row: Ralph Tener, Fred Pitman, Ann Balch, Maya Mann,
Linda Byrne, Jackie Giovannelli, Carol Fay, Carole Dowd

eBooks and eReaders

-- Carol Fay

A presentation on the growing role of eBooks within the library system was the highlight of the February 21 meeting of the FOL.

Oakton Branch Manager Jerilyn Polson discussed the history, budget and challenges of eBooks. Assistant Manager James Vroom then offered a PowerPoint presentation and demonstration of how to use rival formats for eBooks, such as Kindle and Adobe. The audience was then shown the procedures for checking out an eBook from the library.

FCPL has had eBooks since 2001, but the demand for eBooks rose dramatically by consumer access to Kindle in 2007, followed by Nook in 2009 and iPad in 2010. Presently 6.6 per cent of the library's current materials budget is spent on eBook and eAudio, accounting for 2.5 per cent of the total FCPL circulation.

Licensing and publisher restrictions present a major challenge for the library system. Of the six publishing companies that control 90 per cent of the book market, only Random House sells eBooks to libraries without any restrictions. Many popular book titles are not available in eBook format to libraries.

Another major challenge is price. Sales to libraries range from \$3.99 per title to \$62, and costs for the same title can change from day to day.

Customer demand for eBooks continues to outpace availability. For example, as of the February 21 meeting date, FCPL had 5,599 eBooks in Kindle format. However, only 750 were available for immediate download. When a book is checked out, it is unavailable to another customer until it is "returned." Customers have the option of checking out eBooks for 7, 14 or 21 days. Titles cannot be renewed.

Library predictions indicate that by 2014 all new titles will be available only in eBook format, and digital collections will outpace print by 2016.

Did You Know? 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 for **FCPL Foundation Bookdrive**.

The Foundation is a tax-exempt nonprofit 501(C)3. Your book(s) will be shipped directly to the FCPL office in Chantilly.

Don't Miss Our "On-going" Used Book Sales – Available Every Day in the foyer of the Library! This is a great place to find a book to take along on Spring Break!



Scenes from the Holiday Open House



Spotlight on the Staff

-- Aliya Parvez

Delia Ullberg, Children's Librarian at Oakton Library (OK) and her assistant **Sara Miller** do a great job of running the Children's Department in the Library.



Delia's career (left above) started off working for Law libraries in the D.C Metro area, followed by a stint at the Federal Aviation Agency where she did reference work. She joined FCPL as part time Librarian in July 2001 and worked at various branches. She started working full time in March of 2007 at Reston Regional.

Sara Miller joined the team at Oakton in 2011 and has proved herself to be a great team player. Between the two of them the Oakton children's section is thriving. Sara worked at the Rawlins Municipal Library in Pierre, South Dakota before moving to the D.C area. Prior to that, she worked as a Youth pastor and Women's pastor.

Both Delia and Sara feel that the entire staff at OK contributes to the success of the Children and Youth sections of Oakton. Delia says the collection at OK definitely contributes to its popularity. Also, both parents and the children feel valued when they ask for certain books because the staff makes such an effort to fulfill their needs. Sara remarked on how the demographics here in the Oakton area are different from other parts of the US. Here it is an ethnically diverse, educated community and the needs are different from other smaller towns in the US. Pierre had a lot of hunters, fishermen and other outdoorsy people as well as a

strong Native American population. She had to do programs for children with a very small budget. It is fortunate, she says, that we are able to provide paid performers, thanks to the Friends. The performances bring a lot of users into the library.

Delia feels the children are the best part of her job. Sara also loves working with the kids, seeing their faces light up when they find a book, and watching the reluctant reader find that magic book that makes him sit down and read. She has learnt to see their perspective and it has taught her to be patient.

This dynamic team is getting to know each other, the collection and the clientele. Sara says the customers want more story time and she wishes that were possible. When not at the Information desk the duo is constantly putting books away, displaying books or helping little ones and their parents find the right book to take home.

Please say 'hello' when you see these gals in the Library!

Oakton Library Wish List

Can you help us with these special needs?

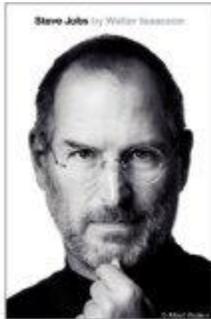
- A "scrapbooker" to compile a scrapbook of the Library's first five years for our Anniversary Celebration. (We have the material if you have the creativity!)
- A Newsletter Editor -- the Board members and staff supply the articles for this quarterly newsletter. Use the Word Processor of your choice.
- Tuesday Delivery volunteer -- sort delivery bins and help check the books in. Tuesday is the heavy day for delivery.
- JP/JR Adopt-A-Shelf -- because of heavy usage by small children, the JP books need LOTS of shelf reading (putting them in order on the shelf).

If you can help, please email abalch@aol.com.

Book Review

-- Jim Milstead

STEVE JOBS by Walter Isaacson



Walter Isaacson, author of *EINSTEIN*, has written another comprehensive biography of one of the most compelling yet enigmatic figures of the 21st century. While Albert Einstein gave us the theory of relativity, proving the relationship of energy to mass, Steve Jobs applied energy to astound the masses.

This entrepreneurial roller coaster ride began with Steve's birth in 1955, in the epicenter environment of Silicon Valley. Steve later worked part-time at Hewlett Packard, became friends and co-founder of Apple with the other Steve (Wozniak).

Walter Isaacson gives us the story of this driven entrepreneur: perfection, persistence and perspiration. He even designed the bathroom locations in the huge Apple complex to promote casual encounters and idea interchange.

The spirit of Jobs is seen in his businesses (Apple, NeXT, Pixar) and products (Mac iPod, iPad, iPhone). The user experience (he saw himself more as an artist than a technologist) was everything to Steve along with the constant "why not" –challenging his engineers to do the impossible. As Bill Gates pointed out, Steve was not a programmer, but understood what a program should do – again the user experience was paramount.

He loathed mediocrity and wanted only A players on his team. He used other's ideas (think Xerox and the GUI that made Macs so wonderful).

Steve was human and had difficulty with relationships: professional and personal. Ultimately, some of these reconciled and in the end legions of consumers around the work were affected by his computers, his music, his pictures, his communication devices. Look beyond the jeans and quintessential black turtlenecks and discover the inventor, husband, visionary, leader, and Dylan Thomas devotee. As one of the characters from Steve's days at Pixar, Buzz Lightyear, said, "To infinity and beyond" could well describe where Steve took us.

Author Program Attracts a Crowd

On February 23, approximately 26 people gathered to hear Alondra Nelson speak about her book ***Body and Soul: The Black Panther Party and the Fight Against Medical Discrimination***. Ms. Nelson teaches sociology and gender studies at Columbia University. She highlighted the health care issues confronting the African American community in the 60's.

The talk dove-tailed nicely with the recent book ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks***, which will be discussed at the **Literary Heroines** book discussion on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 pm at the Library.

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

Spring 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.

Mon., Mar. 5, Apr. 9 – 3:30 pm – **Brain Games** (age 6 and up with an adult)

Wed., Mar. 7, Mar. 28, Apr. 4, May 16, May 30 – 10:30 am – **Small Wonders** (Short stories for you and your child, age 13-23 months.)

Thurs., Mar. 8, Mar. 15, Mar. 22, Mar. 29, Apr. 5, Apr. 12, Apr. 19, Apr. 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24, May 31 – 7:30 pm and 8:15 pm– **eBook/eReader Instruction**. Learn about library eBooks. Call for an appointment. 703-242-4020

Tues., Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8 – 7:15 pm – **Money Matters**.

Tues., Mar. 13 – 7:30 pm – Friends of Oakton Library **Board Meeting**. (Note change of date!)

Wed., Mar. 14, Apr. 25, May 23 – 10:30 am – **Toddler Tales**. (Age 2-3 with an adult.)

Sat., Mar. 17 – 10:00 am – **Set-up day** for the Used Book Sale.

Thurs., Mar. 22 through Sat., Mar. 24 – **Used Book Sale**. (See times on page 1.)

Thurs., Apr. 5 – 1:30 pm – **Reptile Wonders**. Meet and learn about these animals with Reptile Wonders' Nature Center on the Go. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Oakton Community Library. Age 6-12.



Thurs., Apr. 19 – 7:30 pm – **Bedtime Storytime** (Preschool with an adult.)

Every Saturday, beginning May 5 – 10:00 am – **Master Gardeners' Plant Clinic**. Experts available to answer your gardening questions.

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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