



March 2016
Newsletter

Oakton, VA

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Adult Programs Not to be Missed

Our library is offering some excellent adult programs this spring. Mark your calendars! Spread the word! And remember to [register](#).

- Sat., March 5 – 11:00 am – **First Ladies and Scandals in the City**. Experienced DC tour guide, Elaine Flynn, brings to life the First Ladies and the political scandals of their day. 🍷
- Thurs., March 10 – 7:00 pm – **Trends in TV Viewing**. The Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services (FCDCCS) will discuss Internet video, such as Netflix, HBO Now and Sling TV, using streaming devices; how to get TV “over the air” with an antenna to pick up local stations; and reducing your cable bill.
- Thurs., April 14 – 7:00 pm – **Connecting Your Home**. How to choose telephone, cable, and Internet among the services offered by cable companies in the County. Explanation of how today’s communications services work, the advantages and disadvantages of digital and HD services, and 911 and E-911 issues. Also presented by FCDCCS.
- Thurs., April 28 – 7:00 pm – **Nong’s Thai Cooking**. Nongkran Daks, Executive Chef/Owner of the Thai Basil restaurant of Chantilly, Virginia, and author of Nong's Thai Kitchen, will demonstrate from her book how you can cook authentic Thai food in the U.S.
- Tues., May 3 – 7:00 pm – **Walking Washington D.C.** Author Barbara Saffir shares hidden gems of Washington D.C. neighborhoods, highlighting history, architecture, eateries, art and fun. Copies of her book will be available for purchase.

No April Showers for our Book Sale, Please!

-- Carole Dowd

“O Wind! If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind!”

A sure sign of spring is the used book sale at the library. The sale dates are April 7, 8 and 9. Plan to browse through the hundreds of books which have been donated by the library patrons. And buy some very inexpensive, gently used books.

Also, your help will be so welcome. Please think about signing up to help, either during the set-up days before the sale, or during the sale itself - or both! The work begins on Saturday, April 2.

Contact me at cdowd2000@verizon.net and I'll sign you up! Thanks for supporting our fine library.

Important Dates –

Cutoff for Book Donations – Monday, March 28

Set-up Day – Saturday, April 2

Book Sale Days and Hours –

Thursday, April 7 – 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday, April 8 – 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 9 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

We apologize for having to temporarily stop accepting book donations following the January blizzard. Normally we accept donations all through the year except for the period before each book sale begins. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

2015 Financial Report

-- Fred Pitman, Treasurer

What an extraordinary year we had in 2015!

New and record-setting existing sources for revenue put us in a very strong posture financially and enabled us to provide a significant level of support for the Oakton branch and for the Fairfax County Library System.

We began our year with \$28,900 in available funds, and then raised more than \$46,000, including extremely generous contributions, a record-setting Fall book sale and proceeds from a new on-line Amazon sales program.

Expenditures to directly benefit Oakton included \$1,500 for magazine and newspaper subscriptions, \$200 to support Summer Reading Program activities, \$330 for DUPLO and Play Café programs, \$300 for adult programs, \$280 for a new digital camera and over \$500 in other supplies, decorations and plants. Our two major expenditures were \$1,200 to honor all of the volunteers who provide hundreds of hours of service at Oakton, and \$1,070 for the Holiday Open House activities, music and decorations.

We also provided \$265 to fund the Easy Readers program at Oakton, and contributed \$500 to the Fall for the Book festival.

In addition, we contributed \$5,000 to the Fairfax Library Foundation's Jubilee fundraising campaign, and a special \$2,500 contribution to their Scholarship Fund in memory of Jane Boyers, a long-time Friends member and volunteer. The scholarship donation included the memorial contributions to Oakton Friends from members of Jane's family.

Most significantly, we were able to donate \$20,000 to the county for new library materials – books, eBooks, and CD/audio materials – to add to the collection. While this was a county-wide donation, patrons at Oakton can put a Hold request on any of these items and have them delivered to Oakton.

Of course, this financial success is not possible without the significant leadership, volunteer hours, membership donations and contributions from so many people. So to all for such a successful year:

THANK YOU!

Message from our President

-- Barbara Hippe

The Friends of Oakton Library heartily thanks outgoing President Corinne Savage for her two years of leadership. Corinne dedicated innumerable hours to ensure the Friends continued its mission to support the branch in providing an ever-evolving menu of educational and cultural services, activities and programs. Your new and returning officers for 2015, listed below, remain dedicated to this mission.

We invite YOU to become an ACTIVE member! Participate in any way you can, in whatever role interests you, for whatever time you can spare. We guarantee you will feel the satisfaction and enjoyment that comes with supporting your Library. To learn how, please see the last page of this newsletter.

President: Barbara Hippe

1st Vice President: Jackie Giovannelli

2nd Vice President: Willow Martin

Treasurer: Fred Pitman

Secretary: Jane Sharnoff

Book Sales: Tooley Milstead, Carole Dowd,
Ralph Tener

Hospitality: Carol Fay and Jackie Giovannelli

Newsletter: Ann Balch

Membership: Ann Balch and Jackie Giovannelli

Community Liaison: Linda Byrne

Seasonal Decorations: Lauren Crum



From left: Fred Pitman, Jane Sharnoff, Barbara Hippe, Jackie Giovannelli, and Willow Martin

What's **New!** At Oakton Library

New programs are being offered this spring for all ages and many interests. Check the Spring Calendar on page 7 for dates and times.

- **JOB Club** - Come together as a group to discuss and learn skills that will help you obtain employment and succeed in the workplace such as career exploration, resume writing, job search tools, and preparing for an interview. Adults, age 17 and older.
- **One-on-one English conversation** is now offered on Tuesday evenings in addition to Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. (By appointment)
- **GIVE Tutoring** - A student-run organization that aims to provide free tutoring programs to children in our local communities. Saturday afternoons. For school age students. No registration necessary.
- **Exploring the Inner Artist** – Two programs, one for age 6-12, and one for age 3-5 with an adult. Unleash creativity and foster confidence through the art making process while exploring different art media.
- **Homeschool Literature Group: High School** – Consider new points of view as you discuss challenging books with other self-motivated high school aged home school students.
- **Homeschool Literature Group: Middle School** -- Come join this fantastic youth group for friendship and discussions of classic literature and Newbery Award Winning Books.

Library Volunteer Needed

Oakton Library is still looking for a **Lego program leader** -- Once a month on a Monday afternoon at 4:30 pm with children aged 5-12. If you can help, [sign up online](#).

Save the date! We are planning another (smaller!) outdoor cleanup on Saturday, April 23rd. Details to come in April.

Meet the Staff – Azar Momeni

-- Dave Mertens

Azar Momeni is Oakton's new Circulation Manager. She received a bachelor's degree in English from George Mason University. Her FCPL journey began at Tysons-Pimmit as a 15 hour page. After only three months, she was promoted to part time Library Aide. Three years later, she became the Assistant Circulation Manager at Patrick Henry. In 2009 she was promoted again to Page Manager at Tysons.



When asked what is her favorite part of working for FCPL, she replied "there are no two days that are alike which makes work much more interesting and invigorating. Working with the public keeps you on your toes and pushes you to learn and grow every day."

When Azar isn't working, she loves movies, travel, cooking, and spending time with her family. She has two adult children as well as an elderly parent who needs her attention and support. At home she also has a 12 year old dachshund, a four year old goldfish, and a five year old gecko.

Welcome to Oakton, Azar!



Advocacy on Behalf of the Library

-- Tooley Milstead

Invest in Fairfax continues to meet regularly to develop new ideas to address the funding issues facing the various agencies across Fairfax County. Library and school budgets, to name only a few, have been substantially reduced in recent years.

Invest seeks community support to raise new revenue for Fairfax County's needs so that it can continue to be an exceptional place to live.

Book Group Reading Lists

The following book groups meet monthly at Oakton Library and are open to the public. Refer to the calendar on page 7 for meeting dates and times for these book clubs.

Money Matters

For March, select from these books:

Rise of the Robots by Martin Ford,
The Powerhouse by Steve Levine,
or *Sun Power* by Neville Williams.

For April and May, select from these books:

Misbehaving by Richard Thaler,
The One Page Financial Plan by Carl Richards,
or *The Safe Investor* by Timothy McCarthy.

Mystery Book Club

March – *Whisker of Evil* by Rita Mae Brown

April – *Force of Nature* by C. J. Box

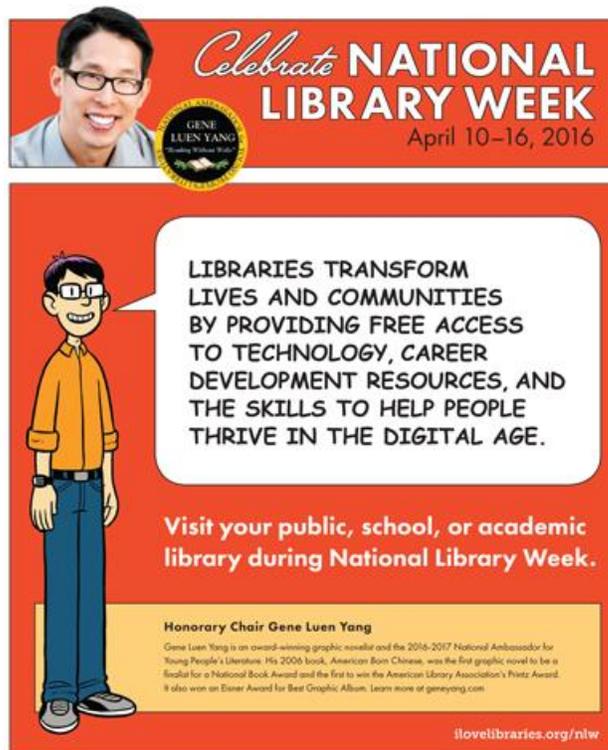
May – *Winter's Child* by Margaret Maron

Oakton Book Discussion Group

March – *Mister Pip* by Lloyd Jones

April – *Enon: A Novel* by Paul Harding

May – *Flora: A Novel* by Gail Godwin



Celebrate **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**
April 10–16, 2016

LIBRARIES TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES BY PROVIDING FREE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES, AND THE SKILLS TO HELP PEOPLE THRIVE IN THE DIGITAL AGE.

Visit your public, school, or academic library during National Library Week.

Honorary Chair Gene Luen Yang

Gene Luen Yang is an award-winning graphic novelist and the 2016-2017 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. His 2006 book, *American Born Chinese*, was the first graphic novel to be a finalist for a National Book Award and the first to win the American Library Association's Printz Award. It also won an Eisner Award for Best Graphic Album. Learn more at geneyang.com.

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Thank you to all who responded to our December membership renewal letter with a dues payment and/or a donation.

It's not too late! Use the form on the last page to renew your membership now!

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

Holiday Open House, 2015

- Fred Pitman



'Twas the day of the Open House and all through the library

All the creatures were decked in their seasonal finery.



The windows were covered in art work and greenery

Winter scenes from Waples Mill
and Picassos from Pinnacle Academy.



Miss Lauren in her tiara with Frozen storybooks near

Read about Olaf the snowman and Sven the reindeer.

Activities continued with crafts about Frozen.

The tables were busy with art projects chosen

Using frozen paint-cicles and accents that glittered

While teen volunteers created a Styrofoam blizzard.





When suddenly what to our ears did appear
The Caleb Nie Jazz Trio playing holiday cheer.

Then the kids all assembled in creative states
With projects of gingerbread filling their plates.



As the book sale concluded and day's end drew near
Oakton Friends wished you all a Happy New Year!

Thank you to Youth Services Manager Lauren Neal who planned the Open House, and to all of the library staff, volunteers, schools and musicians who participated in making the event a great success.

And apologies to Clement Clark Moore and his poem, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

Spring Calendar

- All events take place at the Oakton Library unless specified.
- Most programs require a reservation (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events) or appointment (703-242-4020).
- Note that many events are on multiple dates.
- **New! GIVE Tutoring** - A student-run organization that aims to provide free tutoring programs to children in our local communities. Most Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. (School age)
- **One-on-one English conversation** -- by appointment most Tuesdays at 1:30, 6:00 and 7:00 pm and Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm. (**New!** Evening hours)
- **Group English conversation** – Mondays at 10:30 am.
- **Computer One-on-One tutoring** in Internet Basics, E-mail, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint –Most Tuesdays at 11:00 am.
- **eBook/eReader instruction** – Learn about free library eBooks and eAudio Books. Wednesdays at 10:30 am.
- **Canasta group** – weekly on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm. (Adults)
- All libraries will be **closed** on Sun., Mar. 27 and Mon., May 30.

Wed., Mar. 2, May 4 – 10:30 am – **Duplo: Read! Build! Play!** (Age 18-36 months with an adult.) 🌱

Fri., Mar. 4, May 6 – 10:30 am – **New! Exploring the Inner Artist** Unleash creativity and foster confidence through the art making process while exploring different art media. (Age 3-5 with adult)

Sat., Mar. 5 – 11:00 am – **First Ladies and Scandals in the City.** See **Programs** on page 1. (Adults) 🌱

Tues., Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10 – 7:00 pm – **Money Matters.** Book discussion focused on personal finance and investing. (See page 4 for the books.)

Wed., Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11 at 10:30 **and** 11:30 am — **Small Wonders.** Short stories for you and your child. (Age 13-23 months with an adult.)

Wed., Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11 – 1:00 pm – **Mystery Book Club** (Adults; See page 4 for the books.)

Thurs., Mar. 10 – 5:00 pm – **You Can Count on Monsters** Fun with Math! Learn about prime numbers and create your own number monster. Cosponsored by George Mason University Experimental Geometry Lab. (Grades 2-5)

Thurs., Mar. 10 – 7:00 pm – **Trends in TV Viewing** See **Programs** on page 1.

Fri., Mar. 11, Wed., Apr. 20, and Fri., May 13 – 10:30 am – **Toddler Tales.** Stories and activities for you and your toddler (Age 2-3 with an adult.)

Mon., Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9 – 4:30 pm – **Brain Games.** Come and play chess and other fun strategy games such as `Blokus, Battleship, and Rush Hour. No registration needed. (Age 6 and up)

Tues., Mar. 15 – 11:30 am – **Rock-A-Bye Baby** Join us for an early literacy enhanced storytime, featuring rhymes, stories and songs. (Birth-12 months with adult.)

Tues., Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17 – **New! JOB Club** - Gather as a group to discuss and learn skills to obtain employment and succeed in the workplace e.g. career exploration, resume writing, job search tools, and preparing for an interview. (Adults, age 17 and older.)

Tues., Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17 – 7:00 pm – **Board Meeting, Friends of Oakton Library.** 🌱

Thurs., Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19 – 7:00 pm – **Oakton Book Discussion** (Adults; See page 4 for the books.)

Fri., Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 20 – 4:30 pm - **New! Exploring the Inner Artist** Unleash creativity and foster confidence through the art making process while exploring different art media. (Age 6-12)

Sat., Mar. 19 – 10:30 am – **Treasured Three to Fives** An early literacy enhanced storytime featuring stories, rhymes and songs. (Age 3-5 with adult.)

Tues., Mar. 22, Apr. 26, May 24 – 12:00 pm – **New! Homeschool Literature Group: High School** Consider new points of view as you discuss challenging books with other self-motivated high school aged home school students. (High school age)

Tues., Mar. 22, Apr. 26, May 24 – 12:00 pm – **New! Homeschool Literature Group: Middle School** Come join this fantastic youth group for friendship and discussions of classic literature and Newbery Award Winning Books. (Middle school age)

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Yes, Count Me as a Friend

It's not too late! Renew your membership for 2016!

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

New? ____ Membership Renewal? ____

Here's My Annual Membership Donation

\$10 Individual _____

\$25 Family _____

Additional contribution _____

I would like to volunteer

my talents to help the Friends of Oakton
Library.

Please check one or more:

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

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Friends of Oakton Library
10304 Lynnhaven Place
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Your donation is tax-deductible.

Thank you!

Spring Calendar (continued)

Wed., Mar. 23 – 2:30 pm – **Kites: Design, Make, Fly, Repeat!** Kids, bring a grandparent or other adult/teen partner to learn the science behind kite flying. Try designing your own invention, then build and test fly it. Learn by doing at this maker program. Basic materials provided, or bring your own. (Ages 5-12 with adult)

Mon., Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23 – 4:30 pm – **Legos in the Library.** Have fun and make new friends. Hundreds of Legos await you and your creativity! No registration needed. (Age 5-12)

Tues., Mar. 29, May 24 – 7:00 pm -- **Pajama Party Storytime.** (Age 4-7 with adult)

Wed., Mar. 30, Apr. 27, May 25 – 10:30 am -- **Playdate Café.** Toys and Playspace for children. Coffee and Conversation for grownups. No registration needed. (Ages birth-5)

Thurs.-Sat., Apr. 7-9 – **USED BOOK SALE !** 🍎

Thurs., Apr. 14 – 7:00 – **Connecting your Home See Programs** on page 1. (Adults)

Sat., Apr. 16 – 10:30 am – **Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead -** Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM). Join us this month, for a celebration of African-American inventors. (Age 4-6 with adult.)

Sat., Apr. 23 – 9:30 am – **Friends' Outdoor Cleanup**

Sat., Apr. 23, Apr. 30, May 7, May 14, May 21, June 4 – 10:30 am – **ArtsPlay Classes** - Music, drama and movement program to encourage self-expression and imaginative play. The program includes 5 classes and families are expected to attend ALL 5 classes. If you have attended ArtsPlay before, please do not register for this series so that new families can attend. (Age 3-5 with adult.)

Thurs., Apr. 28 – 7:00 pm – **Nong's Thai Cooking**
See **Programs** on page 1. (Adults)

Tues., May 3 – 7:00 pm – **Walking Washington D.C.**
See **Programs** on page 1. (Adults)



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