



**September 2013
Newsletter**

Oakton, VA

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Book Sale News

The **Fall Book Sale** is just around the corner! As a result of the community's generous donations of used books, an entire team of sorters have been kept busy since March, and especially this summer.

For this sale, we are inaugurating entirely new procedures for book storage prior to the sale and book delivery to the sale. As with any period of change, we need extra hands on board to make sure all goes smoothly.

So please be generous with your time when asked to volunteer. This is the very best way to help the Friends!

Then be sure to come and shop the sale. Spread the word that there is a great supply of children's books for this sale!

Set-up Days:
Sat., Sept. 14, and Mon., Sept. 16 - Wed., Sept. 18

Sale Days:
Thurs., Sept. 19 – 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Fri., Sept. 20 – 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 21 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Clean-up:
Sat., Sept. 21 – 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

To volunteer, e-mail Carole Dowd at cdowd2000@verizon.net.

Book Donation cut-off: Fri. Sept. 6

New Organizational Model at Fairfax County Public Libraries

As many of you may have read in local papers or seen online, FCPL is exploring a "new organizational model". To quote from the official Q&A document:

"The library will begin testing a new organizational structure in the fall to meet its long-term strategic goals and address continuing budget cuts. The new structure will be beta-tested at Burke Centre Library and Reston Regional Library. It includes a one-desk model of customer service, with cross-trained staff answering account and information questions, and increased programming conducted within the branch as well as in the community. "

The full FAQ document is available at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/news/changes.htm>. The one-desk model is already implemented at Burke Center Library.

How will Oakton Library be affected? The library staff has been participating in cross-training for some time. The library will eventually go to a single desk (as opposed to the present separate Information and Circulation desks). More immediately, staff openings (such as the recent resignation of Asst. Manager James Vroom) will not be filled immediately. Staff reductions will be achieved over time through retirements and resignations. There will be no change in hours of service.

We encourage you to learn about the new plans, and raise any questions you have.

Coming This Fall!

There are exciting happenings in and around the Library this fall. Several new programs are being offered. Spread the word!

- **Book Club Conference** on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9:00 am to 1:45 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. Lunch provided. To register, visit: <https://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/events/signup.asp?id=217148&df=list&cn=0&private=0&ln=ALL>
- At Oakton Library, one-on-one Computer Instruction by appointment is now offered on Tues. (4:00 pm), Wed. (2:00 pm), and Thurs. (4:00 pm) afternoons.
- Two new daytime book discussion groups will begin in October (in addition to the two existing evening groups).
 - A Mystery Book Club will meet the third Wednesday of each month (except December) at 1:00 pm.
 - The Oakton Daytime Book Discussion group will meet on the fourth Thursday at 1:30 pm. (Third Thursday in November and December.)
- A new copier / printer / scanner is now available for public use. Prints remain 15 cents per page; color copies \$1 each; 2-sided printing is now an option; scanning to a flash drive is free.
- The Fairfax Library Foundation will hold its annual **Jubilee** fundraiser at the Burke Center Library, at 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke, on Saturday, October 5 from 5 to 8 pm. For tickets, print and mail this form: <http://www.fairfaxlibraryfoundation.org/donorinfo/jubilee/ticketreplyform.pdf>
- **Downton Abbey Meets the Mitfords** – Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 10:30 am. We have enjoyed the fictional family of the

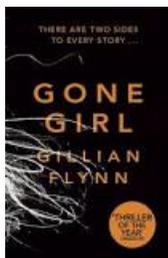
Downton Abbey PBS TV series, but the real life story of the Mitford sisters of the 1920's and through the WWII era is even more fascinating. Guest speaker Tooley Milstead will introduce us to the dazzling Mitford's. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Oakton Library.

- Oakton Library will sponsor an evening session, **Affordable Care Act and Me**, on Thurs., Oct. 24 at 7:00 pm. What is the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") and what does it mean to me and my health care options? A speaker from Northern Virginia Family Services will explain the Health Insurance Marketplace Options for Virginia. Co-sponsored by Friends of Oakton Library. Please register: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.
- **Fall for the Book** (an annual festival of author presentations and more) will be held Sept. 22-27 throughout Fairfax County, sponsored by Fairfax County Public Library and George Mason University. See the calendar at http://fallforthebook.org/schedule/www.fallforthebook.org/documents/2013_Fall_for_the_Book_Program.pdf
- The FCPL publication "**Free Events**" is being discontinued, to be replaced by focused email newsletters. Two newsletters are available now ("Family Fun" and "Library E-News"). Additional options are planned. To sign up for E-news, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/news/newsletter/>.

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

Book Review -- Tooley Milstead

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn



What a compelling romp through crime/suspense land!! Normally this isn't a book I would review for our newsletter, because it's "That kind of book;" however, Gillian Flynn has done a masterful job of creating a tight plot that keeps the reader wanting to see, "What happens next?"

Nick and Amy Dunne appear to have it all. Amy, gorgeous, highly intelligent, has been married to hunky, good-natured, Nick for five years. Both lose their NYC writing jobs, and economic necessity forces a move to a small town on the Mississippi River where Nick and his sister purchase and run a local watering hole close to the siblings' mom.

Amy is the darling of her doting parents who created a highly popular children's book series called "Amazing Amy." Amy, as you'll learn, really is amazing. Just as the 5th wedding anniversary celebration is about to take place, Amy disappears. There is much bafflement and confusion as all attention begins to focus on Nick. Did he really adore Amazing Amy or is there a twist to this? Flynn creates a time sequence as the reader is privy to Amy's left-behind diary.

The thriller then shifts back to Nick's trials and tribulations. You're led on a series of switch backs as you speed, and you will speed, through what really is and what really isn't.

Innocence, manipulation, deceit and witty prose abound to keep the reader highly and provocatively entertained. Flynn gives us a different view of a thriller and proves to be a highly talented writer.

Summer Reading Program – A Huge Success!

This summer 1078 children and teens registered for the Summer Reading Program (SRP) at Oakton Library alone, and 900 completed the program! 427 kids entered the guessing contest, and there were 4 correct answers. After a drawing, the prize went to **Odin Weitck**. Congratulations, Odin!

Kids from birth to sixth grade read 15 books. (Children can have books read to them.) Students in grades 7-12 read eight books.

Completion entitles each child to a coupon book, useful in the community and at Friends' book sales, including ours. This web page lists some of the fabulous prizes:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/srp/prizes.htm>

There were also cash prizes for an essay and poetry contest for rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders.

The SRP includes numerous programs for young people, two of which were co-sponsored by you, the Friends of Oakton Library.

Major funding for the SRP comes from the **Fairfax County Library Foundation** (see elsewhere in this newsletter), the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library, and the Friends of the Kings Park Library.

Your support for the Foundation, and for our Oakton Friends, returns to our community through the SRP!

Calling all Book Groups

To spread the word about upcoming events, programs, and book sales, we would like to make our quarterly newsletter available to Oakton area book clubs. If you belong to a book group, please send us the email address of a group representative who could receive our mailings and then forward them to your members. Send the email address to FriendsOfOaktonLibrary@gmail.com.



Summer Children's Programs

Many children enjoyed the programs offered during the summer.

Children's Science Center (left) offered hands-on science learning.

Beauty of Indian Dance (below) was co-sponsored by the Friends of Oakton Library, and featured classical and Bollywood dance.



Fall Calendar

- All events take place at the Oakton Library unless specified.
- Most programs require a reservation. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/events.
- Note that many events are repeated on multiple dates.
- **One-on-one computer instruction** is available by appointment most Tues. (4:00 pm), Wed. (2:00 pm), and Thurs. (4:00 pm) afternoons.
- The Library will be **closed** on these dates: Oct. 14, Nov 11, Nov. 28, and Nov. 29.

Wed., Sept. 4, Oct. 9, Nov. 6 – 10:30 am – **Small Wonders** Short stories for you and your child. (13-23 months.)

Sat., Sept. 7 and 14 – 10:00 am – **Master Gardener's Plant Clinic**

Sat., Sept. 7 – 9:00 am – **Book Club Conference** at Fairfax County Government Center.

Mon. Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 18 – 3:30 pm – **Brain Games: Intergenerational**. Bring your friend, your grandparent, or your grandchild. (Age 6 and up.)

Mon., Sept. 9, Nov. 18 – 7:30 pm – **Bedtime Storytime** (Age 2-5 with an adult.)

Tues., Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 – 7:15 pm – **Money Matters**. Book discussion focused on personal finance and investing. (Check the Events website for book.)

Wed., Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 – 10:30 am – **Toddler Tales**. (Age 2-3 with an adult.)

Tues., Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 – 7:30 pm – **Board Meeting**, Friends of Oakton Library

Thurs., Sept. 19 through Sat., Sept. 21 – Friends of Oakton Library **Used Book Sale**.

Sun., Sept. 22 - Fri., Sept. 27 – **Fall for the Book**.

Thurs., Sept. 26, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 – 7:00 pm – **Oakton Book Discussion** (Adults; Check the Events website for book.)

Sat., Sept. 28 – 2:00 pm – **Rocknoceros Presents: Colonel Purple Turtle**. (All ages)

Sat., Oct. 5 – 5-8 pm – **Fairfax Library Foundation Jubilee** at Burke Center Library.

Tues., Oct. 8 – 10:30 am – **Downton Abbey Meets the Mitfords**

Wed., Oct. 16, Nov. 20 – 1:00 pm – **Mystery Book Club** (Adults; Check website for book.)

Thurs., Oct. 24, Nov. 21 – 1:30 pm – **Oakton's Daytime Book Group** (Adults; Check the Events website for book.)

Thurs., Oct. 24 – 7:00 pm – **Affordable Care Act and Me** (Adults).

Sat., Oct. 26 – 10:30 am – **Preschool Storytime** (Age 3-5 with an adult)

Mon. Nov. 4 – 1:00 am – **Journey to the Jungle**. Meet animals native to the jungle. (Age 6-12)

Thank You !!

A huge thank you to our loyal, hard-working team of book sorters, who have sorted and prepared **485 boxes** of your book donations since the Spring sale:

Tooley Milstead, Chair, and Lois Beck, Jane Boyers, Carole Dowd, Melanie Harp, Emilio Jaksetic, Willow Martin, and Jim Milstead.

Yes, Count Me as a Friend

It's not too late to renew your membership for 2013! -- Or renew early for 2014!

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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Thank you!