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THE FRIENDS OF THE CLIFTON FORGE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2008

In April and October of 2008 the Friends sponsored two successful book sales. In April 2008, National Poetry month the library sponsored readings by author Joan Vannorsdall Schroeder who presented Poetry as Redemption. May 3, Philip Hirsh introduced his book Voices of the Hollow based on his own experiences living in Bath County. Summer Reading Program was "Catch the Reading Bug!" In September new officers of the Friends were elected as follows: Co-chairs, Mary Brackenridge and Armilda Hayes; Secretary, Susan Hammond; Treasurer, Ann Drewry. A September highlight was the dedication of the Edith Chucker Memorial Bench. October 17, during Fall Festival weekend, Friends enjoyed, "I'm Herbert," a cast-of-two play. Also in October, Dr. Locher, Library Director, entered the "Replace My Booktruck" contest and won second place. Votes were cast via the Internet nationwide and the prize was a nice new red booktruck. In November, the library celebrated National Game Day with game activities.

BOOK SALES

The Spring Book Sale for 2009 will be held Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4. Set up day is Thursday, April 2. Volunteers will be needed for all three days. Call Martha Edwards (862-5584) or the Library (863-2519). The Fall Book Sale is scheduled for October 2 and 3. The library accepts book donations throughout the year for these sales. Please help spread the word about these events and help us make more \$\$ for Friends' projects.



Book sale funds support such programs as Summer Reading, author presentations, the renovation of the Michael Armstrong Community Room, and some money for the replacement of Dr. Locher's computer. Friends often serve refreshment at various events held in the Michael Armstrong Community Room and in the library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A representative from Congressman Rick Boucher's office is at the library every third Tuesday of the month from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Monday, February 23, at 4 P.M., Helen Kostel will present a program "American Painting of the 19th Century." This is part of "Picturing America" program series. Please look at the hanging posters the next time you are in the library and watch for upcoming events. Friends will sponsor a "Silent Auction" June 19, during "Magic in the Mountains" weekend. We need a chairman for the event and donated items from the Friends and the community.

STYLISH AND NEW LOOK IN MICHAEL ARMSTRONG COMMUNITY ROOM

The Michael Armstrong Community Room was recently given a new look. New moldings were put in place, the room was painted, the carpet cleaned, and new window treatments were purchased and installed. The Friends appreciate the work that was done by Donald Buzzard, Melvin Brookman, the decorating committee members from the Library Board of Trustees, and Library Director, Dr. Elizabeth Locher. Come in and see the new improvements to the room—mostly done with funds from the Friends.

MEET ME FOR LUNCH BOOK CLUB

The book club meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon in the Michael Armstrong Community Room. You can bring a bag lunch if you like. The reading list is as follows: February 11, The Lucky One by Nicholas Sparks; March 11, Smoke Screen by Sandra Brown; April 8, The Chase by Clive Cussler; and May 13, Gone by Jonathan Kellerman.

FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP

The Friends of the Clifton Forge Public Library continues to grow with the support of the community. Treasurer, Ann Drewry reports that the Friends now have 119 members. This is due to the effort of supporting members who have help spread the word about the group as well as publicizing membership benefits of 10% discount at the Spring and Fall Book Sales.

Membership fees: Individual \$5, Family \$10, Bronze \$25, Silver \$50, Gold \$75, Platinum \$100

Friends who hold Bronze Membership are as follows:

Shirley Anderson	Clifton Tire & Auto Service Center	Elaine Finestone
Judy Scott	Reba and John Mandeville	Mary Elizabeth Powell-McDaniel
Mabel Shepard	Jean Ann Manner	Rebecca and William "Griff" Peters
Joan Sellers	Elizabeth and L. M. "Buddy" Carter	

Friends who hold Silver Membership are as follows:

Michele and James Ballou	Mary Anne and Tom Dean	Raab Chucker Reibach
Barbara M. James	Shari and Scott Peterson	

Friends who hold Gold Membership are as follows:

Johnette and Don Roberts

Friends who hold Platinum Membership are as follows:

Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Ballou	I. Kimberlee Chucker	Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hall
Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Nunley	Mr. George "Chip" Snead	Helen Van Pelt

The next meeting of the Friends will be Monday, February 16, at 6PM in the Michael Armstrong Room