



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

by Sharon Gottovi

Happy New Year! As the calendar flips to 2026, I want to take a moment to thank every single one of our supporters, volunteers and library staff for your incredible dedication and support over the past year.



Last year was a truly remarkable year for our Friends group and the Centreville Regional Library that we support. Our success is entirely thanks to your commitment. A few highlights from 2025:

- **Fundraising Success:** We raised over \$41,000 through our 3 large book sales, our ongoing lobby sales, our Amazon online book sales and cash donations - a new record for us!
- **Program Funding:** Your generosity allowed us to fund key library programs including the Children's Summer Reading Program and the puppet theatre, holiday entertainment programs like the Irish Dancers and the Nutcracker, and fun activities like the Murder Mysteries and the Light Saber program.
- **Equipment Purchased:** We were able to significantly contribute to the purchase of the furniture for the Teen Center. We also purchased the filament used in 3D printing.
- **Scholarships:** We were able to contribute \$2,000 to the Foundation's scholarship program for library staff.
- **Grant Award:** We were the recipient of a \$5,000 grant from Navy Federal Credit Union to help us support more programs for our community.
- **Volunteer Power:** Our volunteers dedicated 3,900 hours to sorting books, filling shelves, and preparing, managing and cleaning up our large book sales.

Thank you for being the heart of the Friends of the Centreville Regional Library. Your belief in the power of the library to transform lives, inspire literacy, and connect our community is what drives us.

Friends of the Centreville Regional Library

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Be sure to check out our website!



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Ongoing Book Sale – Spotlight!

In our Ongoing Book Sale area, to the left of the Foreign Language books near the windows, we have a bookshelf with a featured topic. Don't miss these shelves when you are browsing!

Current topic: **Cookbooks**

Upcoming Book Sales for 2026

Spring Book Sale

April 24-26

Back to School Book Sale

August 7-9

Fall/Holiday Book Sale

November 13-15



Fall/Holiday Book Sale – November 14-16, 2025

We had a very successful book sale in November, thanks to the many people who contributed their time and effort. We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding team of volunteers!! Many of our experienced volunteers as well as some newcomers to our group signed up to help with the set up of the sale room, the book sale days, and the clean-up after the sale. It takes many hands and hundreds of hours to make these events happen. Thank you to all of the Friends who gave their time and energy to help make this book sale a success! And to our year-round volunteers who process book donations and keep our On-going Book Sale shelves tidy and stocked, thank you for your enthusiasm and dedication and for keeping our day-to-day operations running smoothly!

Our total sales broke all past records and we raised \$12,681 to support the Centreville Regional Library. The proceeds from our book sales help to fund the library's programs for children, teens and adults, as well as furnishings, equipment, and events. The Friends also support staff development, sponsor an annual scholarship, and contribute to the Children's Summer Reading Festival.

Thank you to the community for dropping off the gently used books you no longer need. The Friends of the Library could not put on our ongoing and periodic sales without your generous donations.

Total revenue: \$12,681

Volunteers: 40

Volunteer hours: 448

of Individual books sold: approx. 4,926

of bags sold at Sunday Bag Sale: 128



*We love
♥ OUR ♥
Volunteers*



FRIENDS CHOICE AWARDS 2025

The Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees and community members gathered on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at Chantilly Regional Library to celebrate the library's Friends groups and recognize members nominated by their peers for their outstanding service.

This year, our Centreville Friends Group proudly recognized Susan Vogel, Chairperson of Public Relations, along with team members Caitlyn Largent, Morgan Mayernek, and Tiffany Tran, as recipients of the Choice Award.

The Public Relations team manages our website, social media presence, and advertising materials. Through their creativity and dedication, they have greatly increased our visibility in the community and strengthened our connection with those we serve.

Pictured to the left are two of our Choice Award winners:
Tiffany Tran and Caitlyn Largent



Centreville Day

Centreville Day is a lively annual community festival held in the historic area of Centreville on the third Saturday of October. It's a family-friendly event that brings the residents and visitors together for a full day of activities. The day usually features live music and entertainment, a parade, arts, crafts and local business booths, kid's activities, community organizations and public services.

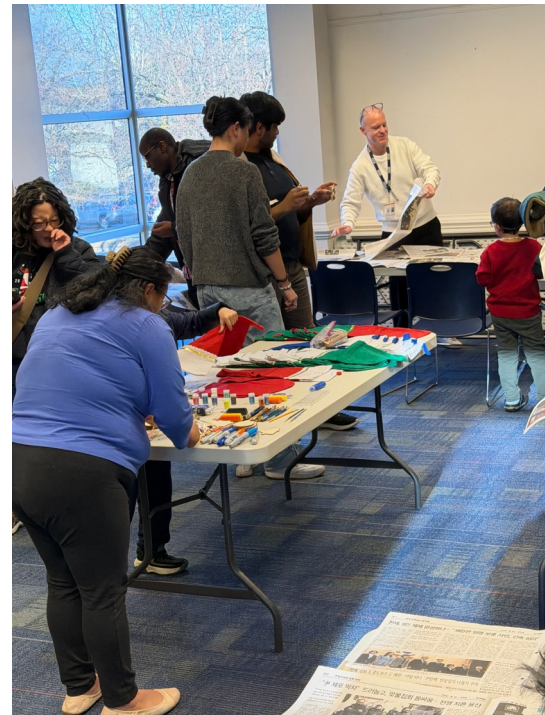
Centreville Day is about celebrating local pride, supporting small businesses and non profit organizations, and giving neighbors a chance to connect in a fun and festive atmosphere. The

Friends of the Centreville Library and Centreville Regional Library always have a fun-filled booth at the event.



The Centreville Regional Library Holiday Open House

The Open House included a performance of the Nutcracker, pictures with Santa and fun craft activities for both children and adults.



Did you know your Centreville Regional Library offers these services?

3D Printing

Welcome to 3D printing with Fairfax County Public Library! In the last few years FCPL has purchased more than thirty 3D printers located at branches around the County. We're excited to offer public use of these printers to anyone looking to create objects for school projects, use around the home, or just for fun!

In this guide you'll find:

- Our terms of use and agreement along with a submission page to attach your 3D file to print
- Information about the 3D printers FCPL uses, their locations, build plate volumes, and the type of plastic filament we use
- How to scale down large objects to fit smaller printers and combine small objects into one 3D file to print
- Events to help assist you with learning more about 3D printing and building your own shapes
- Recommended reading from our online catalog and links to useful websites

THIS GUIDE IS INTENDED FOR:

- Hobbyists of all kinds
- Do-it-yourselfers needing simple repairs
- Students and aspiring engineers



The Memory Depot is a do it yourself (DIY) station which enables you to digitize materials. The library's Memory Depots are currently located at the **Centreville Regional Library**, City of Fairfax Regional Library, George Mason Regional Library, Pohick Regional Library, Reston Regional Library and Sherwood Regional Library.

Currently, you can digitize the following formats:

- Photographic prints, negatives and slides
- Scrapbooks and other documents
- VHS and VHS-C video cassettes
- Audio cassettes
- Vinyl albums (only at Centreville Regional Library)
- 3.5" Floppy disks
- NEW! Camcorder Video8 and Hi8 video transfer (You will need to bring your own camcorder)

You will need to bring with you the materials you want to digitize and a USB or external hard drive with sufficient capacity for your materials to be saved digitally! Keep in mind that some of the digital files will not save to large capacity drives.

Select [Orientations](#) to learn about in-person or virtual orientations so that you will know what to expect when you visit a Memory Depot Station!

Select [Reservations](#) to sign up for a 3-hour session to use the transfer equipment at one of our Memory Depot locations.

NOTE: If one of these transfer devices is not listed to reserve under a particular library branch, it means the device is temporarily unavailable at that location. Please select another location.

Under Equipment, select [Epson Scanner](#), [VHS Video Cassettes](#), etc. to read step-by-step instructions for every type of digital transfer available at a Memory Depot near you!



Centreville Regional Library Hours of Operation

Monday - Wednesday

10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Thursday - Sunday

10:00 am to 6:00 pm

2026 Library Closing Dates

1/01 — New Year's Day — Thursday, January 1, 2026

1/19 — Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day — Monday, January 19, 2026

2/16 — George Washington's Day / Presidents' Day — Monday, February 16, 2026

4/05 — Easter — Sunday, April 5, 2026

5/25 — Memorial Day — Monday, May 25, 2026

6/19 — Juneteenth — Friday, June 19, 2026

7/03 — Independence Day — Friday, July 3, 2026

7/04 — Independence Day — Saturday, July 4, 2026

9/07 — Labor Day — Monday, September 7, 2026

11/03 — Election Day — Tuesday, November 3, 2026

11/11 — Veterans Day — Wednesday, November 11, 2026

11/26 — Thanksgiving Day — Thursday, November 26, 2026

11/27 — Day After Thanksgiving — Friday, November 27, 2026

12/24 — Christmas Eve — Thursday, December 24, 2026

12/25 — Christmas Day — Friday, December 25, 2026

12/31 — New Year's Eve (Branches Close at 5pm) —

Thursday, December 31, 2026