



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

by Sharon Gottovi

Dear Friends,

As we move into the heart of summer, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support of the Centreville Regional Library. We just wrapped up our biggest and best book sale to date. We could not have achieved this without the efforts of many veteran and new volunteers who put in many hours to help us with the sale. We also met so many new book lovers who had never been to one of our sales. They were so pleased with both the quantity and quality of the available inventory. We are so grateful for our volunteers and our patrons who are responsible for our ultimate success. We hope to see all of them again at our Back to School beginning on August 21st.

Our primary goal for our book sales is to raise money to support the unfunded programs and expenses in our library. This past quarter, your generosity has helped us pay for the Irish Music Program, Goodlife Theater Puppet Show, the Jazz Performance by Allison Crockett and many other programs. We also purchased a new 3D Printer and a portable projector for the library to use for more activities.

We were honored to be one of the sponsors for the Fairfax County Summer Reading Festival held at the Fairfax County Government Center. Over 4,500 attendees enjoyed all the activities for kids of all ages.

As always, the library remains a vital resource for our community and your support makes that possible. Please check out the library calendar for all the upcoming summer programs. Thank you for being a Friend of the Centreville Regional Library.

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Ongoing Book Sale – Spotlight!

Remember to visit our Ongoing Book Sale! Our shelves are filled with books for sale at bargain prices. The sale shelves and price list are located to the left as you enter the library. If you need assistance paying at the kiosk, one of the library staff members will be happy to help.

Summer spotlight -USA 250 has US history, culture, cookbooks, travel and famous Americans, as well as US historical fiction.



Ongoing Sales Area - books shelves are located in hallway

Upcoming Book Sales for 2026

Back to School Book Sale

August 21-23

Adventure awaits in every aisle — mysteries, magic, science, superheroes, and more. Perfect for young readers, teachers, and families getting ready for a fantastic school year. **Super deals. Super stories. Super fun.** Don't miss it!



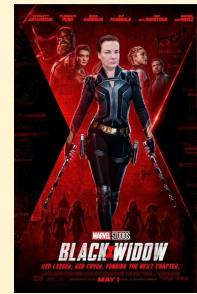
Fall/Holiday Book Sale

November 13-15

Join us for the Fall/Holiday Book Sale, a seasonal tradition that brings neighbors together in support of our library. Discover a wide variety of books at unbeatable prices, ideal for giftgiving .



A SUPERHERO LUNCH TO THANK VOLUNTEER HEROES



On May 12, 2026, the Centreville Regional Library hosted a luncheon to thank the volunteers who have generously donated countless hours in support of the library. Several members of the Friends Group were able to attend. It was wonderful to meet the volunteers who contribute to every part of the library's work .



“Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.” – Helen Dyer

Spring Book Sale: June 12-14, 2026



Our Spring sale was a huge success! It was a busy, fun-filled weekend with book-lovers coming in to stock their kids' home libraries, find a favorite title, get a book to give to a friend or grandchild, and browse our inventory of donated books. We beat our previous records in terms of total sales, number of patrons, number of volunteers, and number of books sold.



We had a robust turnout over the 3-day event with over 770 patrons making purchases! Families, couples and individuals came in to the sale and had plenty of good quality books at low prices for children, teens and adults to choose from. By the end of the weekend, the Friends had sold over 5,270 books, plus an additional 232 bags of books, DVDs, and audiobooks on Sunday at our bag sale. From beginning to end, 46 of our adult and student volunteers helped out

with set-up, sale days and clean-up, contributing a total of hundreds of hours over the course of the week.

Thank you to all who donated books, volunteered, and shopped! The proceeds from our book sales help to fund the library's programs and special events for children, teens and adults, providing many educational and enrichment programs for the community. The Friends also support staff development, sponsor an annual scholarship, and contribute to the Children's Summer Reading Festival.



We hope to see you at our **Back-to-School Sale on August 21-23!**

Cathy Pluchinsky, Book Sale Committee Chair

Fairfax Foundation Scholarship Ceremony

The Fairfax Library Foundation awards four different scholarships each year to current library staff and volunteers in Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax, helping to strengthen and enhance the level of service our libraries provide. Additional scholarships are also available to undergraduate and graduate students who live, work, volunteer, or attend school within Fairfax County or the City of Fairfax.

The Friends of the Centreville Regional Library are proud to sponsor a named undergraduate scholarship each year. Beginning this coming year, our Friends Group will expand its support by sponsoring **two** undergraduate scholarships.

On June 16, 2026, a ceremony was held to present this year's scholarships to the selected recipients. Our scholarship was awarded to **Liyana Mohammed**, who attends William & Mary.

Two of our volunteers also received scholarships sponsored by the Friends of the Pohick Regional Library. We extend our warmest congratulations to **Melissa Gamarra**, **Bailey Zimmerman**, and **Liyana Mohammed** on their well deserved awards.



Left to Right: Tara Lassiter, Liz Walker, Bailey Zimmerman, Liyana Mohammed, Cathy Pluchinsky, and Sharon Gottovi



Luis Aponte, a staff member at Centreville Regional Library, received a staff development scholarship from the Foundation - his second year in a row to get one! The lady with him is the outgoing Chair of the Library Foundation, Miriam Smolen.

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