



FRIENDS of the CENTREVILLE REGIONAL LIBRARY

President's Message

by Sharon Gottovi

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Summer!

Now that school is out for the summer, many families find the library a great place to 'beat the heat'. There are so many wonderful programs for both adults and children. You can find the link to the library calendar on our website.

We were honored to attend the meeting of the Fairfax County Library Board last month. The scholarship recipients for the year were announced and recognized. The Friends of the Centreville Library sponsored a \$2,000 scholarship. Our scholarship was awarded to Susan Pirnat. It was nice to see so many deserving recipients. Luis Aponte, a Centreville Regional Library Information Specialist was one of the recipients. What a great honor!

In less than two months, our Back to School Book Sale will be held. It will run from Friday, August 8th to Sunday, August 10th. This book sale is a great opportunity for educators in the community to stock up on books for their classroom libraries. We will offer a discount for teachers who present their school IDs.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer. Be safe if you are traveling or enjoy some downtime on a staycation. Please stop by our featured category of the month 'Beach Reads' to find a great book for your summer reading.

NEWSLETTER

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News from the Friends of the Centreville Library

Be Sure To Check Out Our Website!



Here are some of the things you will find there:

- History of the Friends group
- Detailed information about our Ongoing Book Sale, including a video showing location and payment kiosk
- The featured topic for our Ongoing Book Sale
- Dates for our three big book sales in the spring, summer and fall
- A list of what donations are accepted
- An easy-to-read calendar of library events, updated each month

Thank you to our Public Relations team for keeping the website current! They also do a fantastic job of managing our Facebook and Instagram accounts, keeping the public aware of events going on at the Centreville Regional Library. Be sure to check out our social media as well!



Daily Operations

Thank you to our volunteers who manage the book donations that come in to the library every day, and to those who maintain the Ongoing Book Sale in the hallway near the Meeting Rooms at the library. All of the books that are donated have to be sorted, cleaned, categorized and shelved to stock the Ongoing Sale or boxed for our periodic sales. The Friends of the Library put in many volunteer hours to ensure that all of that happens.

*We love
OUR
Volunteers*

Ongoing Book Sale – Feature of the Month

In our Ongoing Book Sale area, to the left of the Foreign Language books, we have a bookshelf with a featured topic for people to browse.

Current topic: *Remarkable Women*

Upcoming topic: *Beach Reads*

Our Spring Book Sale was a great success!

Thank you to the community for your book donations! The Friends could not put on our periodic sales without your generous donations.

And thanks to all who came out for our book sale on May 2-4. We love putting on these events for book lovers in our area! It is wonderful to see so many people coming in to browse their favorite authors and genres, to watch children picking out books with their parents, and to offer books at bargain prices.

Total revenue: \$10,688

Volunteers: 27

Volunteer hours: 409



Upcoming Book Sales in 2025

Back to School Book Sale --- August 8 – 10

Fall Book Sale --- November 14 – 16



How the Friends Have Supported Centreville Regional Library This Past Year

Thanks to the generous efforts of the Friends, we've been able to support a wide range of programs, supplies, and equipment that have enhanced library services and community engagement:

Youth & Teen Programs

- ◆ \$20,000 for furnishings in the new Teen Area
- ◆ \$2,500 for the Children's Reading Festival
- ◆ \$1,000 for the Summer Reading Program
- ◆ Children's Storytime guest speaker
- ◆ Digital Art Workshop for Children
- ◆ Blue Sky Puppet Theatre



Cultural Arts Events

- ◆ Jazz vocalist Allison Crockett
- ◆ Irish Dance Group
- ◆ Native American Heritage program
- ◆ Diwali celebration
- ◆ Chinese Dance Group
- ◆ Indian Cultural Celebration



Interactive & Educational Events

- ◆ Drone Demonstration Event
- ◆ Adult Laser Tag Event

Computer Supplies & Maintenance

- ◆ 3D printer filament for makerspace activities
- ◆ New laptop to support library programs

Staff & Volunteer Support

- ◆ Refreshments and supplies for the Volunteer Luncheon
- ◆ New refrigerator for staff break area
- ◆ Garden supplies for library grounds beautification

Additional Contributions

- ◆ \$2,500 to support the Library Foundation
- ◆ \$2,000 to sponsor an academic scholarship



The Friends remain committed to fostering literacy, creativity, and community connection at Centreville Regional Library. We're proud to have made a meaningful impact this year—and excited for what's ahead!

Our Friends Group annually donates a few hundred dollars to the Centreville Regional Library for the Centreville Garden Club to plant flowers around the

library. These pictures show the beautiful results.



FUN FACT

Centreville Ranked Among Best Places to Live in the U.S.

Centreville made the list of the top best places to live in the U.S. according to U.S. News and World Report, along with Burke and Reston. [Centreville](#) ranked #165 in the U.S. and ranked #7 in Virginia due to the healthy job market, high median household income, and low unemployment rate.

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

On April 8, Centreville Regional Library held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, where many volunteers, including a good number of involved Friends, were recognized for their service to the library and library patrons, .

Individuals who were recognized donated their time ranging from one-on-one language conversation practice to reading time with toddlers.

This year's theme, *Hollywood Movies*, transformed the meeting room into a cinematic tribute, featuring movie posters with volunteers' faces cleverly inserted and walls adorned with stars bearing Friends' names. Though many Friends volunteers were unable to attend, a lively group filled two tables, enjoying an afternoon of recognition and camaraderie.

Outstanding food with a south of the border theme was served and everyone in attendance received a handy portable lantern/flashlight. This celebration was made possible thanks to donations from the Centreville Friends. If you were not able to attend, we really hope to see you next year!



Library Foundation Scholarship Awards

Sharon Gottovi and Tara Lassiter attended the first part of the Library Foundation meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at which time those selected to receive scholarships (staff development, undergraduate and graduate) during the past year were presented certificates.



Luis Aponte, an Information Services Librarian at our Centreville Regional Library, has been awarded a staff development scholarship to participate in the Library 2.0 “ChatGPT+AI 2024 Bootcamp.”

Susan Pirnat received the Friends of Centreville Regional Library FY 2025 undergraduate scholarship. She is attending Christopher Newport University. She is majoring in History. Susan has been a Page at Patrick Henry Library and most recently volunteered at the Virginia Room in 2024 working with digital inventory, updating the online Fairfax County History index.



Our Friends group takes immense pride and joy in supporting the education and growth of individuals within our community. It's truly fulfilling to contribute to their development and make a positive impact!



Friends of the Centreville Regional Library, Inc. is an all-volunteer, registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Proceeds from our sales go to funding library and literacy materials, programs, and equipment in our community library.

CENTREVILLE REGIONAL LIBRARY IS STARTING A SEED LIBRARY!

The library is looking for donations of seeds from vegetable, ornamental, or native plants!

- Donations are ongoing!
- Drop off donations at the front desk!
- We cannot accept invasive or patented seeds!
- Please include the year it was harvested and the plant name!



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Centreville Regional Library Hours of Operation

Monday - Wednesday
10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Thursday - Sunday
10:00 am to 6:00 pm

2025 Library Closing Dates

1/01 — New Year's Day — Wednesday, January 1, 2025

1/20 — Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day — Monday, January 20, 2025

2/17 — George Washington's Day / Presidents' Day — Monday, February 17, 2025

4/20 — Easter — Sunday, April 20, 2025 (Library closed, not a county holiday).

5/26 — Memorial Day — Monday, May 26, 2025

6/19 — Juneteenth — Thursday, June 19, 2025

7/04 — Independence Day — Friday, July 4, 2025

9/01 — Labor Day — Monday, September 1, 2025

9/12 — Staff Day — Friday, September 12, 2025
(Library closed, not a county holiday).

11/04 — Election Day — Tuesday, November 4, 2025

11/11 — Veterans Day — Tuesday, November 11, 2025

11/27 — Thanksgiving Day — Thursday, November 27, 2025

11/28 — Day After Thanksgiving — Friday, November 28, 2025

12/24 — Christmas Eve — Wednesday, December 24, 2025

12/25 — Christmas Day — Thursday, December 25, 2025

12/31 — New Year's Eve (Close at 5pm) — Wednesday, December 31, 2025
All library branches open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., not a county holiday.