



# NEWSLETTER

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## *President's Message*

*by Sharon Gottovi*

Welcome to Fall!

As the leaves turn and the air grows crisp, October reminds us of the beauty of change—and the comfort of community. Our library continues to be a place where stories come alive, ideas flourish, and neighbors connect. I'm so proud of the role our Friends group plays in supporting this vital space. I hope you have a chance to visit our library to see the newly furnished Teen Zone. We are proud that we were able to give the library \$20,000 to make this vision come to life.

This month, we're celebrating the power of literacy and lifelong learning. Whether you're picking up a cozy mystery, attending an event, or helping a child discover their first favorite book, your involvement makes a difference. Stop by our featured book shelf and check out our current "School Days" selection.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our Back to School Sale in August—it was a tremendous success. The community really turned out to support our sale. Your efforts help fund programs that enrich our entire community. Please check out our website if you would like to volunteer for our upcoming November book sale.

We hope to see everyone visit the Centreville Regional Library booth at Centreville Day on Saturday, October 18th from 10 am to 4 pm. We'll be distributing \$2.00 coupons for our November sale.

## Friends of the Centreville Regional Library

### Board Members

#### Officers:

**President: Sharon Gottovi**

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# **Our Back-to-School Book Sale was a great success!**

Thank you to the community for dropping off the gently used books you no longer need. 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 August 8 - 10. We had a great turnout, and the income from this sale topped all of our book sales to date!! We broke our previous record set last November (\$11,486), and increased the total proceeds from our Back-to-School Sale in August 2024 by over \$2,200!!

Our volunteers are the best! We appreciate all your hard work to put on these large book sales. To all of you who helped this time around, THANK YOU!!

**Total revenue: \$12,258**

**Volunteers: 32**

**Volunteer hours: 482**

**# of Individual books sold: approx. 4,850**

**# of bags sold at Sunday Bag Sale: 164**



## 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: ***School Days***

Upcoming topics: ***Holiday Books, Cookbooks***

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Be sure to check out our website!

[www.centrevillefriends.org](http://www.centrevillefriends.org)



<https://www.facebook.com/centrevillefriends/>



<https://www.instagram.com/centrevillefriends/>



# FALL BOOK SALE NOVEMBER 14TH—16TH

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Fall sale! We'll have thousands of books including fiction and nonfiction for all ages, books in great condition for gift-giving, holiday books, as well as DVDs and gift items at the check-out area. We hope to see you there!





# Social Gathering with the Friends

In mid-September, the Friends who were able to attend met at a great local outdoor establishment for some refreshments, conversation, beautiful weather, and a fun time. It was great to see one another outside of the library and get to relax together, and also have a chance to get to know the people we don't regularly see when we are volunteering. All in all, a fun and easygoing afternoon.

A big thank you to our Vice-President, Tara, who did all the planning and preparation for this event!



THE BEST DRINKS  
ARE THE ONES  
we drink  
with  
FRIENDS



# **Upcoming Book Sales for 2026**

**Spring Book Sale — April 24-26**

**Back to School Book Sale — August 7-9**

**Fall Book Sale — November 13-15**

**CENTREVILLE DAY is OCTOBER 18, 2025!**

The 33rd Annual Centreville Day celebration is October 18, 2025, from 10 am to 4 pm, featuring a variety of family-friendly activities, free admission, and community engagement.

The festival is located in Historic Centreville Park (5714 Mt. Gilead Road) in the heart of the Centreville Historic District. There will be live music, food trucks, a ghost tour, pet village, and more. Admission and parking are free. Shuttles will run from Centreville United Methodist Church and Trinity Center.

Please stop by the **Centreville Regional Library Booth** to spin the prize wheel for books or toys and pick up a \$2.00 coupon to use at our November book sale.



# *Centreville Library's Teen Zone Has a New Look!*

After years of planning, the Centreville Library's Teen Zone has a whole new look. Library staff members Marina Canant and Kerri Zuiker have spearheaded this project, and Centreville Friends volunteers sat down with them to learn about the space's history—and what's next.

Library employees have rearranged the bookshelves and stocked them with new titles and games, and a fresh design has been finalized. "We designed our new teen space to be a comfortable and inviting environment for our teens to study and relax in while also offering a flexible area to accommodate library programs and activities as needed," said Marina Canant, describing the project's core vision.

Thanks to funding from the **Centreville Friends**, the Teen Zone features:

- Modular tables that can be combined or separated to fit any group size
- Cozy booths and benches with built-in power outlets for laptops and devices
- A flexible layout that encourages both focused study and casual hangouts



# ***Curious about what's happening at Centreville Regional Library?***

**We offer a wide range of programs for all ages and interests. Here are just a few you might enjoy! For the full schedule, visit our website: [CALENDAR | FCRL](#)**

## **CENTREVILLE SEWCIETY: SEWING CLUB FOR ALL LEVELS**

Join us for hand and machine sewing, crochet, and embroidery! Chat, make friends, and work on sewing projects with your community. Sewing machine and basic sewing materials provided. Adults and teens....

## **PLAYDATE CAFE**

Babies, toddlers and preschoolers enjoy creative play and make new friends while adults enjoy an opportunity to socialize. Birth - Age 5 with adult.

## **ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP**

Need help using your laptop, smartphone or tablet? Call or stop at the Information Desk to schedule your one-hour tutoring session. Bring your own device or practice on a public computer. Adults....

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***"Libraries aren't just for reading—they're for discovering, connecting, questioning, and becoming."***

# *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***

**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.**

If I was a book,  
I would like to  
be a library  
book, so I would  
be taken home  
by all different  
sorts of kids.

Cornelia Funke