



NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

by Sharon Gottovi

Dear Friends,

As the fruit tree blossoms begin to peek out across Fairfax County, I am reminded of the cyclical nature of our work here at the Centreville Regional Library. Our library is buzzing with fresh programs for both adults and children, new equipment for improved services, and new energy that only springtime can bring.

The past quarter has been a testament to the power of our community. Thanks to your continued support for our ongoing and tri-annual large book sales, we have been able to:

- ◆ Purchase new books to supplement the Children's Summer Reading Program
- ◆ Offer a jazz musical presentation by Allison Crockett for Black History Month
- ◆ Purchase a video projector to use for various programs
- ◆ Purchase a new 3D printer for the extremely popular 3D printing of free objects for our patrons

Our upcoming Spring Book Sale has moved from April 25th to June 12th due to the referendum election. More time means more books will be available to purchase at our June book sale. Our book sales are more than a fundraiser; they are a celebration of literacy and a chance to find a new home for thousands of well-loved stories.

Libraries are a vital hub in our community where everyone is welcome. Thank you for being the "Friends" who make this space possible. I hope to see you browsing the shelves soon.

Friends of the Centreville Regional Library

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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: Extraordinary Women

Upcoming topic: Historical Fiction

Upcoming Book Sales for 2026

Spring Book Sale

June 12– 14

Back to School Book Sale

August 21-23

Fall/Holiday Book Sale

November 13-15



Navy Federal Credit Union Awards \$5,000 Grant to Centreville Friends Group

Nadia Tabibi, Branch Manager of the new Navy Federal Credit Union office in Centreville, presented our Centreville Friends Group with a generous \$5,000 check. We received this grant in recognition of our commitment to supporting Active Duty service members, veterans, their families, and the broader community. We are deeply grateful for this award, which will help us expand and strengthen our program services.



A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.

Andrew Carnegie

Volunteer Coordinator Retirement

Jyoti has served as the volunteer coordinator for the Centreville Library, working closely with Dora, Cathy, and many others in our Friends group over the years. She has been a joy to work with and to know, and while we will miss her greatly, we're also excited for her as she begins this next chapter. On Jyoti's last day before retiring, our Friends group presented her with flowers, a small gift, and a card to celebrate her service.



2026 Staff Excellence Awards



On March 11th, the Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees presented the 2026 Staff Excellence Awards. These awards are for staff members who are nominated by library patrons and it is a competitive award with over 109 nominations this year.

Marina Cannat, Centreville Regional Library Youth Services manager was selected with twenty others to receive this award and we are quite honored that she is from our Centreville Regional Library. Her Branch Manager, Jill Johnson, was also in attendance this evening when Marina received her award in person.

She received two nominations, and they shared the following remarks about her.

My family loves Ms Marina's story times always dazzled with her energy, talent, and such a good structure too! Thank you Marina for your hard work and dedication, you make such a difference to our life of toddler raising as first time parents!

Sure, my daughter and I come to Centreville Regional for all those books and so many events, but we stay at this gem of a library precisely because of people like Marina Canant. "Ms. Marina" has known my daughter's name since Leah's first visits to the play kitchen and puzzles depot. We were just starting to come out from under COVID's cloud, and Ms. Marina's 1,000-watt smile during her can't-miss Tuesday morning story times would prove foundational to my kid's love of reading. From one thousand pre-kindergarten books to Dog Men galore to Leah's latest obsession (18th-century presidential histories?!), I dare say Ms. Marina has pointed both Leah, and myself, to well over half the titles we've taken home, brought back, then checked out again. Today, Leah carries four library cards from three different Northern Virginian counties. Of course, her absolute favorite one to swipe is FCPL's—at whichever kiosk is closest to Ms. Marina.



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