FOSL News

June 2018

Book Sale 2018 was a Success

FOSL had a net profit of about $5,100 from our Book Sale 2018. In addition, FOSL received a $1,000 donation to our Book Sale 2018 from an anonymous donor; which will be matched by his/her employer. THUS, THE BOOK SALE 2018 TOTAL NET PROFIT WILL END UP BEING $7,100, A NEW RECORD!

I want to give special thanks to the Book Sale 2018 Committee who worked with me this year: Stan and Vicki Hodziewich, Judith Marshall, Peri Celik, Sidney Lewis, George Hanold and Carol Grant. Thanks also to all who volunteered your time to sort the books both before and during the Sale. Thanks to everyone who supported our Book Sale as customers. Finally, special thanks to our anonymous donor.

As you know, throughout FOSL's history our fundraising revenue has always been directed to ongoing activities and special needs not adequately funded by our local governments. However, FOSL's Board of Directors voted in July 2017 to dedicate all funds raised over the next 18 months (through end-2018) toward the New Library Capital Campaign IN ORDER TO HELP FINALLY GET OUR NEW LIBRARY BUILT. Thus, this $7,100 will help get the Home Stretch Campaign over the top.

Larry Blash, President
Friends of Shepherdstown Library

Are you up for more good news?

FOSL Donations to the Shepherdstown Public Library
January 1 through June, 2018

So far in CY 2018, with seven months to go, FOSL has raised over $20,000, which is almost equal to the amount donated for all of 2017! The year started off with the highly successful 2018 Rumsey Radio Hour which raised a record-breaking $11,000! Then came the incredibly successful 2018 FOSL Book Sale and again the record was broken! Although all the book sale figures are not yet final, the tentative amount raised is $7,100! And five months of 2018 FOSL dues, totaling $2,374, are planned for donation to the Shepherdstown Library soon. $20,474 raised by FOSL and the year is not yet half over! Thanks to all the FOSL members, volunteers and members of the Rumsey Radio Hour and Book Sale planning committees and Shepherdstown business sponsors! Stellar job by all!

So are we going to rest on our laurels? You know better...so read about our new challenge on the next page

in the meanwhile, you can amuse yourself with this:

Help Choose America's Favorite Book!

100 Books -One National Winner ... and One West Virginia Winner

PBS has unveiled a Nationwide Summer/Fall Reading Initiative that "celebrates the joy of reading and the books we love." The list of 100 best-loved books (fiction only) was selected through a national survey.

Read them all or as many as you can! Then vote to determine the nation's favorite book at pbs.org **AND** vote to choose West Virginia's favorite book at wvpublic.org. **You can also drop by the library to cast your vote!** For more information and to obtain the book list 'the librarys website.

View the eight-part series hosted by Meredith Vieira on PBS, leading to the final episode which will air in October 2018 with the announcement of the winner. The library plans to host a celebration event of the winning novels – national and West Virginia - in late October.

And if you are old enough to recognize this iconic lady, don't admit it!!!

Shepherdstown Public Library Home Stretch

GOLF SCRAMBLE

WHEN: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 (RAIN DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018)

WHERE: THE CLUB AT CRESS CREEK, 100 CRESS CREEK DRIVE, SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV 25443

TIME: SIGN-IN BEGINS AT 11:00 AM / SHOTGUN START AT 12:30 PM

FORMAT: 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE / 18 HOLE EVENT

KEY REGISTRATION INFORMATION

$100 Individual Golfer
Includes box lunch and post-round dinner
(We can assist in grouping individual entrants.)

$360 Foursome
Includes box lunch and post-round dinner

$20 Bonus Package
Putting Contest, Long Drive Contest, Closest to the Pin, Use of "Pro Drive" on Designated Par 5 Hole, 2 Mulligans

50/50 Raffle Tickets
1 for $1 / 7 for $5 / 20 for $15 / 35 for $20

$30 Dinner Only

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PRIZES AWARDED TO 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE TEAMS BASED ON GROSS AND NET SCORES!

EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

$1,000 – NOBEL PRIZE FOR LITERATURE
(Includes headline name on event banner and entry fees for two foursomes)

$750 – PULITZER PRIZE FOR LITERATURE
(Includes name on event banner, tee box sign and entry fee for one foursome)

$500 – NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER
(Includes tee sign and entry fee for one foursome)

$100 - TEE SIGN
(Includes name on one tee box sign)

OTHER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITES INCLUDE:

- $100 – DRIVING RANGE
- $100 – PUTTING GREEN
- $100 – EVENT CONTESTS
- $250 – BEVERAGES
- $1,500 – LUNCH
- $2,500 – DINNER

Multiple co-sponsorships are available for each category; $300 and $500 minimum for co-sponsorship of lunch or dinner, respectively.

Shepherdstown Public Library is in "The Home Stretch" of the fundraising campaign for our beautiful new library and resource center. We have acquired over $2.8 million of the $2.95 million needed for construction, and we're pushing hard towards the finish line. We invite all golfers (including occasional and sort-of-occasional players!) to enjoy a beautiful golf course and support this key building block for the future of our community. For more information about the project or to download additional copies of the registration form, visit www.lib.shepherdstown.wv.us.

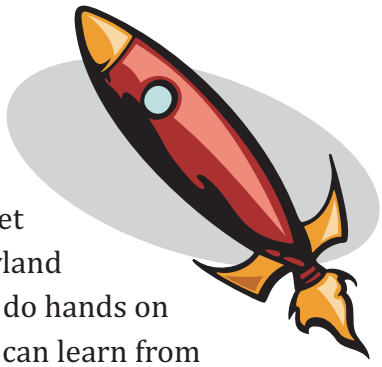
The Library Project

So what's Up at the Children's Department?

Spring is a busy time everywhere, especially in the Children's Department. We always have wonderful groups for all of our storytimes during the week. Our Saturday storytimes are a crowd pleaser, and we kicked off March with a Dr. Seuss storytime where everyone made their own cat in the hat mask. We planted pea seeds in our Time for Planting storytime, and at the end of May we held a Doggie storytime. All month long local preschools visit the library for storytime. Our staff visits several of the local schools weekly for outreach. Storytime will take a break during the summer, but will be back in the Fall.

Lots of kids always show up for our Lego Club, which we hold twice a month. Lego Club will be every Monday starting June 18 this summer. Miss Christy hosted homeschoolers for a Makerspace day in March and May. During these sessions kids used Legos, Littlebits and craft materials to build something that moves. During spring break the library partnered up with Potomac Valley Audubon society to host the Passports to Nature program. Everyone learned about sustainable energy and made windmills after listening to the picture book, *The boy who harnessed the wind*.

The library hosted a Read-a-thon on April 14. On that day kids stopped in to read aloud to volunteers, and some kids listened to volunteers read to them. We had snacks, drinks and each child received a free book bag, book and bookmark. It was such a great success we hope to hold it again in the fall.
This summer there will be lots of great programs for kids of all ages. It kicks off on June 4 when kids can start to sign up for the reading program. This year's theme is **Libraries Rock**. Kids can earn prizes all summer long as they read for fun. Programs include Let's Paint Rocks, where kids can paint rocks and hide them around town. Music with Tony M., a local children's performer whose music makes everyone dance. Rocket building will be a hands on activity for STEM minded kids who can build and launch their own rockets. Critters and Conservation will be bringing their array of interesting animals including: a Congo African Grey Parrot, Coastal Carpet Python, Tiger Salamander, Common Tenrec and a Vinegaroon. The Maryland Science center will bring their Sound of Silence program where kids can do hands on activities to explore sound waves, music, amplification and more. Teens can learn from comic artist Danielle Corsetto and find their own visual storytelling style. Young actors will get a chance to perform a short storybook play for an audience at the end of July. There will be so much to do and so much to read this summer. Be sure to stop in.



June 2018 at the Shepherdstown Library

Mon., June 4: The Shepherdstown Library's Summer Reading kickoff begins Monday, June 4: sign up, read, and earn prizes all summer. For more information call (304) 876-2783, visit the Library at 100 E. German St., or email splchild@martin.lib.wv.us.

Wed., June 6: The Board of the Shepherdstown Library will meet on Wednesday, June 6 starting at 7 p.m. in the Library. This meeting is open to the public.

Wed., June 13: "Let's Paint Rocks" is a free program for ages two and older in the War Memorial Building (102 E. German St.) at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13. Paint and decorate rocks, to hide around town. No registration is needed; doors open at 10:30 a.m.

Mon., June 18 and 25: A Lego Club for ages four and older will meet in the Shepherdstown Library's Children's Department at 11 a.m. on Mondays June 18 and 25 (as well as on all five Mondays in July). No registration is needed.

Tues., June 19: All ages are invited to 'rock out for summer reading' during "Music with Tony M." on Tuesday, June 19 at 11 a.m. in the War Memorial Building (102 E. German St.; doors open at 10:30). Free; no registration is needed; visit https://www.tonymusic.com for a preview.

Fri., June 22: Registration is required for "Rocket Building" on Friday, June 22 at 11 a.m. in the Shepherdstown Library's Children's Department. This free, hands-on program is for ages five and older. For details, email christy.hagerty@martin.lib.wv.us or call the Library at (304) 876-2783.

Sat., June 23: Ages three and older are encouraged to visit the Shepherdstown Library's Children's Department at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 23 for a "Libraries Rock" story time with songs and a craft. No registration is needed.

Tues., June 26: "Critters and Conservation" is a live animal show for ages three and older at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 26 in the War Memorial Building (102 E. German St.; doors open at 10:30 a.m.). No registration is needed. Learn about a Coastal Carpet Python, a Congo African Grey Parrot, a Tiger Salamander, a Common Tenrec, and a Vinegaroon! Visit www.crittersandconservation.com for photos and information.

Fri., June 29: The FOSL Book Club will meet in the Shepherdstown Library at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 29 to discuss Graham Greene's The Heart of the Matter.

Please save these dates in July: The Maryland Science Center will present a show on July 10. Ten and older can make comic strips with Danielle Corsetto on July 19. On July 24 children will rehearse a play and then present it that afternoon. Call (304) 876-2783 or email christy.hagerty@martin.lib.wv.us or splchild@martin.lib.wv.us for more information.

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY SPRING 2018

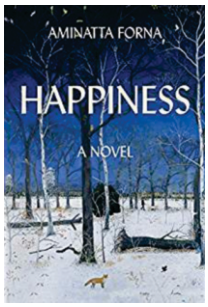
The Shepherdstown Public Library has ordered some more new books. Some of those listed here may not have arrived yet. We are not always able to include all the new books, so be sure and check out the New Book Cart in the Library.

Fiction titles are listed first, followed by non-fiction. Titles in both categories are listed alphabetically except when two books by the same author are placed together.

FICTION

Daphne, by Will Boast. Daphne suffers from cataplexy. She collapses, suddenly paralyzed, when dealing with anything other than shallow emotions. So she tries to avoid anything startling, challenging, distressing, or demanding, as the Daphne of mythology tried to avoid Apollo's pursuit (she had herself turned into a laurel tree). This Daphne begins to find herself in a world that engages her emotions and has to choose between engaging in life and losing control or keeping things on an even—and safe—path.

Greeks Bearing Gifts, by Philip Kerr. The last of the Bernie Gunther series, this should prove satisfying to fans of Kerr's dark stories and troubled character. Set in Greece, it involves a search for a former SS officer who employs a grotesque killing style recognized from the days of the war.



Happiness, by Aminata Forna. Although Happiness is "a meditation on grand themes," according to the Washington Post, it also portrays specific people in a delicate story of interconnectedness.

Home Sweet Murder, by James Patterson (second in the Murder is Forever Series). Patterson. Some Patterson lovers loved this book, and others were disappointed.
Sounds like readers need to decide for themselves.

The House of Broken Angels, by Luis Alberto Urrea. A Mexican-American family comes together with the ailing family patriarch for one last reunion. Then, unexpectedly, his 100-year-old mother dies, and the weekend becomes a farewell to both. This is a prodigious story of the complexities and joys of family and of place. Reviewers say it is a great Mexican-American story, but also a great American story.

The Italian Teacher, by Tom Rachman. A great painter focuses his attention on his artistic legacy, leaving little room in his life for his son, Pinch. After the father's death, the son works toward assuring his father's legacy and finding a place for himself. The Washington Post says that "Rachman is a brilliant choreographer of skewed desires…."

The Which Way Tree, by Elizabeth Crook. According to the Austin Chronicle, "Crook manages in *The Which Way Tree* the striking feat of not only capturing the voice of a 19th century youth as honestly and compellingly as Mark Twain but also having her Texas Huck recount a *Moby Dick*-like pursuit across Texas in which the White Whale is a malevolent mountain lion and its Ahab is a girl it mauled while killing her mother."

NON-FICTION

Agatha Christie: A Mysterious Life, by Laura Thompson. A well-written and highly readable biography by an accomplished biographer, this book sheds considerable light on the somewhat mysterious mystery writer. The author had access to many of Christie's papers, as well as family members, adding to the thoroughness of her portrayal.

The Age of Eisenhower: America and the World in the 1950's, by William Hitchcock. Jim Lehrer called this "A page-turning masterpiece." It puts Eisenhower in a prominent place among the most able U.S. presidents for his leadership in the complex post-World War II era.

Blue Dreams: The Science and the Story of the Drugs that Changed Our Minds, by Lauren Slater. Slater's depiction of the discovery and history of medicines for psychiatric disorders shows both the dark and light sides of these drugs. Using her own experience, she makes it clear that such drugs can save lives, but that they also can have long-lasting and difficult side effects.

The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist: A True Story of Injustice in the American South, by Radley Balko and Tucker Carrington. The authors, a reporter and an attorney, tell the story of two African American men convicted of a heinous crime in Mississippi. They were eventually exonerated and released after a combined 30 years in prison. This is not only their story, but also the story of two other men who provided the "evidence" that put them and many others in prison and the system that supported them.

The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After, by Clemantine Wamariya and Elizabeth Weil. This is Clemantine Wamariya's story, co-authored with journalist Weil. Six-year-old Wamariya and her sister fled the Rwandan massacre, spending the next 6 years seeking safety and finding mainly the horrors of war. Finally, they were accepted in the U.S. as refugees. A Chicago family raised her as their own, but even after graduation from Yale, she combated alienation from her new life and had to figure out how to make her own way.

The Return of Marco Polo's World: War, Strategy, and American Interests in the Twenty-First Century, by Robert Kaplan. This series of essays by a well-known journalist and foreign policy intellectual covers U.S. foreign policy and the disordered state of the world over the last 20 years. General David Petraeus says "These essays constitute a truly pathbreaking, brilliant synthesis and analysis of geographic, political, technological, and economic trends..."

A Walk through Paris: A Radical Exploration, by Eric Hazan, and David Fernbach (translator). Hazan takes readers on a walk through Paris, weaving in history, geography and literature and covering many forgotten parts of the city. He particularly focuses on its rich radical past.

Annotted by Vidki Smith

And last but not least, we have an invitation for you to join the fun at the FOSL Board Book Club (BBC).

Please contact Eleanor Hanold (ehanold@hotmail.com or 414-331-5738), BBC facilitator, if you would be interested. Both genders are invited.

We meet in members' homes the second Thursday of the month ten months out of the year. We do not meet in June and August.

We take turns hosting, choosing books, and facilitating discussions, and we enjoy all genres. We're a flexible group and on occasion accommodate our members' schedules, so please note specific times in the schedule through October that follows.

Thursday, July 12th, Marsha and Ralph Scorza. Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell is an intellectual journey through the world of the best and the brightest, the most famous and the most successful. What makes high-achievers different? Gladwell suggests we pay too little attention to where the high achievers are from: that is, their culture, their family, their generation, and the idiosyncratic experiences of their upbringing. **Note: This book is available on tape.**

Thursday, September 13th, Peri and Ismail Celik will host. We will discuss **A Brief History of Time** by Stephen Hawking "in tribute to his contribution to science and learning about our universe." Ismail, who Peri tells us is a great fan of Hawking, will lead the book discussion. As Peri says, "I'm very excited about doing this in memory of the greatest scientist." It will be a wonderful gathering!

Thursday, October *18th* *(Note date changed so that the Hanolds might attend)*
Jane and Larry Blash will host**.** **The Power** by Naomi Alderman is the selected book. At the heart of gender politics is the question of whether men and women are inherently different or are shaped by our experiences. **The Power** takes this on by asking what would happen if women gained a physical advantage over men? Would the world be transformed into a nurturing, empathetic utopia? Or do people who get power inevitably exploit it?

FOSL is very hip (as well as useful and friendly). We have a web page,

www.foslwv.org

where you can renew your membership, find copies of two years' worth of newsletters, details of upcoming events, and an easy way to get in touch in case you have a question. Try it, you'll like it!

Have a beautiful Summer!