

# FRIENDS OF THE HAYWOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Would you be interested in the following?

Working at Annual Book Sale  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Activities Committee  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Refreshments for Events  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



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## HAYWOOD COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

### OFFICERS

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Susan Trahan

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Kevin Murphy  
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### BOOK SALE/BOOK DONATIONS DURING COVID-19

Although the usual format for the book sale will not happen in 2020, the Friends of the Library are working hard to find ways of having several possible modified sales. Once we can work out the details we will be advising all Friends members and the general public. In addition, we are working to find storage space to accommodate existing inventory so that we will be able to accept additional donations. Again, we will advise the public just as soon as we have a plan in place. Please be patient with us as these are difficult times to work through and everything has changed.

### LIBRARY STATUS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Stating that much has changed since my last column in March is an understatement of the greatest magnitude. We all have had our individual experiences going through the COVID -19 pandemic - I will touch on how the pandemic has impacted library staff and services.

Late in the day on March 15, County Administration made the decision to close the libraries to the public as of Monday morning, March 16. While other libraries had a bit of advanced preparation - both for staff and the public - that closures were imminent, we had none. We only knew that staff would report to work and that our buildings would be closed. Little did we know that four months later, we would still be closed to the public. While we do not have a reopening date as coronavirus cases and hospitalizations increase across the nation, we look forward to reopening to provide in-person delivery of services. In the meantime...

While closing our doors was a solid blow to the public who rely on our libraries for education, enlightenment, and engagement, library staff have continued to serve in many new ways, including staffing the Community Outreach Hotline for the months of April and May. In our commitment to public service, we have continued to provide and promote online services through our website - <https://www.haywoodlibrary.org/> - and on Facebook. Our programming librarians have adapted by writing and producing creative virtual story times and other online content in the absence of in-person programs. Summer Reading information for children, teens, and adults has been distributed at Haywood County Schools' food distribution sites and at the Waynesville and Canton branches. One of the largest activities all staff engaged in was the inventory of over 130,000 books, audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs, an activity that had not been undertaken in over seven years. Conducting inventory improves our service quality and is a vital part of the library's (con.)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I'm honored to have recently been elected to serve as this year's president of the Haywood County Friends of the Library. It's going to be a year of challenges and new opportunities as we adopt new practices in this era of COVID.

Typically, the Friends organization funds much of the programming that the library offers. We will continue to do that as the library staff adapts programs to accommodate the changing times. Unfortunately, some of our most popular programs, for example, the women's summer reading program and the concert series, are cancelled for this year.

We're working on ways to provide these programs safely next summer. Other programs continue and some new ones have started. For instance, the Cruso Foundation has generously funded the Pigeon River Garden Club to work on a new grounds beautification project at the Canton branch.

Library staff is conducting online children's story times in addition to summer reading programs for adults and children, virtual book clubs, and DIY classes. Finally, we're sad to announce that the July book sale has been cancelled for this year. Unfortunately, there's not a way to conduct the large sale with the required social distance. The FOL board is considering alternate ways of having books sales in the future. More news will be forthcoming as ideas are explored.

Susan Trahan  
President



## LIBRARY STATUS (con.)

mission to provide access. By laying hands on every item, staff assessed the physical condition of the collection and discovered items in need of repair or replacement. The overall library catalog has been strengthened and has become a more effective, useful resource. New cards are being issued through email and Wi-Fi for connection to high speed Internet continues to be available 24/7 in all library branch parking lots. Staff have continued to order and process new materials that are available for checkout through curbside service at both the Waynesville and Canton branches. If you require assistance with placing holds, call Waynesville at 452-5169 or Canton at 648-2924.

I am very proud of, and thankful for, our staff who have continued to work as hard as ever, as we navigate many new ways of serving the public. We are grateful for the Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library, and the Library Foundation who have all supported our mission and work. Thank you to those who have called to ask how we are doing and to let us know how much they miss coming in to the libraries. While we don't know what the future of public buildings will look like in the near future, library staff are committed to finding new, innovative ways to serve our community.

Thank you for remembering the library in your charitable giving. The library's book budget was cut 25% for FY21 and building renovations, particularly in Waynesville, are needed. Donations can be made to the Library Foundation and Friends of the Library.

Kathy Vossler  
Director

## A NOTE FROM THE FRIENDS ABOUT THE 2020 BOOK SALE

The scheduled 2020 Friends of Library Annual Book Sale, usually held in July, has been canceled due to COVID 19 health concerns and unfortunately will not be postponed to a later date in 2020. The Friends organization regrets the cancellation of the book sale on many levels, but our priority at this time is the health and safety of volunteers, book donors, library staff and shoppers. We enjoy working with the dozens of volunteers who help out, appreciate handling nice books generously donated by the community, and love recycling books and passing them on at a very low cost so others can enjoy them. We are very hopeful that we can bring the Book Sale back in 2021. We are also looking into other ways to do smaller or different type of sales.

We regret that we cannot accept book donations at this time but will let you know just as soon as we can begin again. Mean-time, be safe and take care.

## WAYNESVILLE LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMMING:

*\*If you would like to get on the mailing list for notifications about adult programming at the Waynesville library please*

Contact Kathy at [kolsen@haywoodnc.net](mailto:kolsen@haywoodnc.net) or 828-356-2507.

*Please contact the library before coming to any upcoming new events as they are planned months in advance and changes in schedule may occur.*



## ADULT PROGRAMMING

Please check the library's website - <https://www.haywoodlibrary.org/> - for Upcoming Events. In this box, you can click on View All, which will take you to the Calendar page. You will be able to click on Notify Me, a service that will allow you to sign up for library and other county information by providing your email address. To get straight to the Notify Me page, type in this URL: <https://www.haywoodlibrary.org/list.aspx?Mode=Subscribe#calendar>. Please follow the library on Facebook for regular posts about what is happening with the Haywood County Public Library.

## BUYING ON AMAZON BENEFITS THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

As we've mentioned here before, signing on to Amazon using SmileAmazon.com gives you an opportunity to select a charity that will receive 0.05% of your purchase price. We hope everyone who uses Amazon ordering will select the Friends of the Library as their charity. It has now been made even easier:

AmazonSmile customers can now support Friends of the Haywood County Public Library Inc in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

## READING PROGRAM AT PIGEON COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Friends project that began in February sponsoring a reading program for children continues.

Twenty-two new books were recently delivered to the Center. These books were specifically requested by the Center staff and provide positive messages on diversity and inclusion.



## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE FRIENDS?

**Volunteer:** If you're interested in gardening we'd love your help in maintaining the grounds at the Waynesville library. We can practice social distance while we weed, trim, and generally maintain the appearance of the library. Contact Susan at [swtrahan@gmail.com](mailto:swtrahan@gmail.com) if you're able to help. Our schedule is flexible, so please reach out and join us whether you'd like to garden once or join us on a regular schedule.

**Donate:** The library has financial needs that you can help meet. Specifically we're raising money to replace the carpet in the auditorium. Consider making a donation to this project by sending a check made out to the "Haywood County Friends of the Library" to the library at: 678 S Haywood St, Waynesville, NC 28786.

**Create:** We'd like to update the Friends' means of communicating with our members. If you have experience in creating communication plans and/or digital communications and are interested getting involved, please contact Susan at [swtrahan@gmail.com](mailto:swtrahan@gmail.com).