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CELEBRATE NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK

The 18th annual National Friends of Libraries Week is October 15-21. We will celebrate by having information tables at the Waynesville and Canton libraries during the week, providing information about the great work the Friends do for Haywood County Public Library, and encouraging others to join us. As an example of our impact, in the past fiscal year the Friends funded 691 library programs attended by 14,610 people from Haywood County.

We will also hold a raffle at the end of each day. We will be asking some local businesses if they wish to donate a small item to be raffled off for this event. Anyone stopping by the table to discuss FOL will be given 1 raffle ticket. When someone joins FOL or renews their membership during this event, they will be given 5 raffle tickets for the raffle which will be held at the end of that day.

If you are interesting in helping by manning the table for an hour or two, or if you are willing to ask a local business for a raffle item, please contact Terri Wales at folhaywoodcounty@gmail.com. Please stop by to visit us at one of the branches, and encourage your friends to stop by, too!

INVENTORY REDUCTION SALES

During the summer of 2023 The Friends of the Haywood County Public Library hosted 5 successful inventory reduction sales. The FOL volunteers had a fun time meeting the public and helping everyone find books. Attendees visited the FOL’s Used Book Shop to pick up a free entry ticket for these Monday sales at the library. The shopping atmosphere was relaxed and productive for all, but most importantly FOL made over $2,000 to help continue the excellent library programming in Haywood County. Thanks to all our customers for their support of our public library with the purchase of used books. The FOL hope to have a holiday sale in December. Stay tuned for more details on this upcoming event.
Welcome to fall! This season has always been my favorite! I love the crisp, cool mornings; the bright, sunny afternoons, and all the awe-inspiring colors!

Autumn is also an important time for Friends of the Library groups across the country. October 15th through the 21st is National Friends of the Library Week. In recognition of this week, Friends of the Haywood County Public Library will staff tables in the lobbies of the Canton and Waynesville branches in order to inform people about Friends and to encourage membership. If you visit the Canton or Waynesville branches between October 16th and the 20th, please stop by the Friends table and enter a raffle for prizes donated by local business.

Friends will also celebrate National Friends of the Library Week by holding our annual Buy One Get One Free (BOGO) sale at the Friends Used Books Shop from 10 to 4 on Friday, October 20th, and on Saturday, October 21st. For each book you purchase on those days, you will receive a second book of equal or lesser value for free! It's like Christmas coming two months early for all Haywood County book lovers!

In addition to Friends of the Library Week in late October, the week of October 1st through the 7th is Banned Books Week. This event was launched by the American Library Association (ALA) in 1982 to celebrate the freedom to read. This year’s theme is “Let Freedom Read.” Many of you have probably heard of the increasing attempts across the country to ban certain books from schools and from public libraries. As members of Friends of the Library we should all support the rights of each individual to make personal decisions about what to read, and we should promote access to a variety of reading materials in libraries and elsewhere. In honor of Banned Books Week, I encourage you to read and consider the following declarations from the United Against Book Bans website:

- **READING** is a foundational skill, critical to future learning, and to exercising our democratic freedoms.

- **WE CAN TRUST** individuals to make their own decisions about what they read and believe.

- **PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT** to guide their children's reading and education, but no single

Saying goodbye is never easy! On September 15th, Youth Services Librarian Lisa Hartzell completed 31 years of service with Haywood County. She has now joined the ranks of the retired...a gain for her, but a great loss for the library system, and the Waynesville branch specifically. Throughout her many years with the library, Lisa created and implemented thousands of library programs for the local community, and purchased innumerable library materials to meet community and cardholder needs and interests. There is no way to know just how many lives Lisa touched as she saw children grow from tiny babies into adults who now have children of their own. In Lisa’s absence, the Waynesville branch is very fortunate to have Library Assistant Kim Walzer working in the Children’s Department to continue to offer reader’s advisory to parents and children, to assist cardholders with finding materials, and to present storytimes. Administrators will be making every effort to find just the right person to fill the Youth Services Librarian role. Thank you for your patience as we work through this process!

Speaking of retirements, although she has not retired yet, Adult Services Librarian Kathy Olsen will be retiring in November with 25 years of service with Haywood County. I know many of you who are reading this newsletter have enjoyed at least one class, and likely many, offered by Kathy over the years. She has brought her love of crafting, cooking, and creating to offer an immense variety of programming for the library system. She will also be greatly missed!

With staff retirements, the number of children’s and adult programs that are offered from the Waynesville branch will decrease slightly over the next few months. We will continue to offer as many programs as we are able; however, library services will continue to be offered at the high level you have come to expect. The Canton branch will also experience a slight decrease in programming due to one staff person being out on parental leave.

Thank you for bearing with us as we go through this transitional period, and as always, thank you for your patronage of the library and for your support – we are grateful!

Kathy Vossler, Director
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE (con.)

As the temperatures drop and our weather gets cooler, plan to snuggle up with some new books from the Friends of the Library Used Book Shop. Many of our residents are donating wonderful books that are in excellent condition. Be sure to stop in and see the incredible collection!

In October, our special will be ALL Health, Diet, Nutrition, Self-Help, and Business books for $1.00 each. November specials will include Cookbooks and Reference Books 2/$1.00 and ALL HOLIDAY BOOKS for $1.00. Our December special will be all children’s books 2/$1.00 as well as Holiday Books for $1.00. Remember that all proceeds benefit the Haywood County Public Library.

To celebrate our 2nd Anniversary, we will be holding a spectacular two-day BOGO sale. On Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, October 21, every item in the store will be buy one, get one of equal or lesser value FREE! Come help us celebrate the joy of reading!

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INTRODUCING NEW BOARD MEMBER

I am Clare Bass and I am delighted to be a part of the Friends of the Library Board. I am an Asheville native, but spent many years in Raleigh working first as a museum curator, and then as a librarian. I moved to Waynesville two years ago, and experienced first hand the challenges of building a house in the middle of the Pandemic! I serve on the Waynesville Historic Preservation Commission. In addition to my volunteer work, I enjoy quilting, gardening and providing for my two demanding cats, Batman and Silver. (Clare is the new Vice President)

BOOK SWAP ON NOV 29

Our next book swap is coming up! Bring up to 5 books that you want to trade, and be prepared to persuade others as to why they should read them. The books should be in good shape – remember you are trading them for another great book! Each participant can take home the same number of books they bring. Please limit it to 5. If you have more books you want to get rid of, you can donate them to the book shop during business hours.

The book swap will be held on Wednesday Nov 29 from 4:00 – 6:00pm at Bosu’s Wine Shop, 138 Miller St, Waynesville. Friends members are free, for non-members we request a donation of $5. Or, you can join at the door! Light appetizers will be served. Cash bar. For more information, please contact us at folhaywoodcounty@gmail.com. Registration is not necessary, but it helps if we know how many to expect. You can let us know by signing up for the Event on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofHaywoodCountyPublicLibrary.

MEET & LEARN SESSIONS

Were you aware that copies of The Mountaineer newspaper, from 1880-2022, are available through the Library’s Community History Archive? And, did you realize that you can upload your own photos into the Haywood Snapshot Project?

Zach Jones, the Community Engagement Librarian, shared this, and so much more information about the library’s Local History page during our quarterly Meet & Learn on September 11.

Our Meet and Learn programs provide members and guests an opportunity to enjoy treats, socialize, and learn about the library. The next Meet & Learn is December 4 at 3:30pm. The topic will be streaming video with a focus on Films on Demand and Kanopy. Contact folhaywoodcounty@gmail.com for more information, or to reserve your spot.
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