



## **Epilogue Bookstore Volunteer Newsletter**

### **October/ November 2017**

#### **Update**

In September Epilogue Bookstore took in \$1,377.00; the total take for October was \$1,175.00. About 823 items were sold in September and 766 in October. Thank you volunteers for making the months of September and October so successful! Using the dollars brought in by the store, FOSL was able to purchase a cart for sale books and a DVD rack that will make shopping easier for our customers. Plans are in the works to create a more attractive entry way to the children's department setting off the entrance so that library patrons can more readily locate the children's area. The children's garden also is the beneficiary of a new sign courtesy of the dollars raised through FOSL and the bookstore. FOSL dollars also paid for two staff members to attend the Virginia Library Association's annual conference for professional training as well as advertising for FOSL educational programs

#### **One Day Book Sale – November 4, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the library**

FOSL will be hosting a one day books sale in the café area of the library and in White Conference Room B. Library patrons have been so generous about donating books that the library is bursting at the seams with books. Patrons will be offered the opportunity to browse through a large selection of books. Volunteers will staff the sale. FOSL and the library are fortunate to have both generous volunteers and patrons. Thank you all.

#### **Volunteers and More Volunteers**

The bookstore continues to attract more volunteers. Although a few have had to discontinue volunteering we have been fortunate to fill those shifts. A big thank you to all the volunteers who came forward to fill the vacancies left by departing volunteers until new ones could be trained. I am pleased to say that we recently added two new volunteers. Welcome Steve Earle and Andrea Sappingfield. The store continues to be open Monday through Saturday mirroring the library's hours. More volunteers are being sought. Word of mouth is often the best recruitment method so please, if you know someone who would make a good volunteer, encourage them to fill out a volunteer application and drop it off with Cheryl Harrison at the circulation desk in the library. Applications are available in the bookstore or at the circulation desk.

## **Volunteer schedule**

The holidays are approaching at a fast and furious rate. They bring with them scheduling complications as volunteers plan family visits and events. Ginger Garbarini needs your help! Please let her know as soon as possible the days you will be unavailable in November and December. Her email is [ggarbarini@earthlink.net](mailto:ggarbarini@earthlink.net). If at the last minute you find you cannot keep your schedule commitment, call Ginger at 703-625-1713, or Melody Hotek at 540-631-0495, or Joan Richardson at 540-636-3352 and alert one of us so that we can try to fill your shift.

## **Name Tags**

Name tags identifying a wearer as a "Volunteer" are now available. They are magnetic and, at this point, being stored on a medal strip on the side of the children's section to the left of the bulletin board. Please wear a tag while you are working in the store but put it back on the strip at the end of your shift. The tag alerts customers to the fact that you are volunteers and are doing your part to support Samuels Library.

## **Comments or Questions**

### **Thoughts Concerns and Ideas**

Please don't hesitate to pass on any suggestions you might have regarding ways to make the bookstore more successful and your experience more enjoyable. You work in the store and see the day-to-day operation; therefore, you have the opportunity to observe problems or complications. Contact Joan Richardson at [joankr@centurylink.net](mailto:joankr@centurylink.net) to pass on any ideas or leave written comments in the Volunteer Communication Book located on the narrow shelf under the desk top in the store.