

Annual Report

Coming Soon!

Annual Meeting - Thur., Sept. 5, 2019

Annual Bake & Book Sale - Sept. 21

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- Bake and Book Sale
- "Taste for Books - On the High Seas" Fundraiser

Dear Friends,

This summer I took the grandkids to visit Monticello and was rewarded with looks of amazement on their young faces as they took in the facts about Thomas Jefferson; his accomplishments and inventions. He was truly a self-made man thanks to his love of books.

*We know that our members have a love for books and a love for Samuels Library, which is such a big part of our community. So this year we are focusing on **you**, as a member of FOSL .*

We have plans to improve our communications with you about upcoming programs through the use of a mass email program called Vertical Response. We will use this to send out occasional newsletters letting you know how FOSL donations are impacting the Library. More about this on page 2.

This past year through your memberships, donations and proceeds from the Epilogue bookstore FOSL donated over \$18,000 to Samuels Library for Summer Reading and other programs, SamiCon, and technology; expenses outside of the Library's operating budget.

Thank you for being a member of the Friends of Samuels Library and please know that you really are making a difference!

See you around the Library!
Melody Hotek, President



"I cannot live without books."



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Your FOSL membership is a great way to show your support for our wonderful Library and bring outstanding programs to our community. Membership provides funds for expenses outside of the Library's budget and is good for one full year from the date of payment.

Benefits include a 20% discount at the Epilogue Bookstore and off books purchased at the annual Bake and Book Sale in September in addition to advance notice for upcoming programs.

We have included a **Membership Form** for the coming year so you can renew or become a new Friend to the Library. In our efforts to communicate with you more effectively we have pre-filled your information that we have on file. Please take a moment to review and make corrections. If you haven't given us your email, please be sure to include that on this year's form.

Then, look for emails about programs and other happenings here at Samuels Library. Depending on your browser or computer set up, you may need to add us to your address book, approve us or check your spam folder to be sure our emails get through.

FINANCES

FOSL started the Fiscal Year with a balance of \$5,550.15

Total Income: \$21,597.01

Bookstore: \$16132.44

Memberships & Donations:
\$5,460.00

Expenses: \$19,755.21

Disbursements to Samuels
Library: \$18,405.39

Programs: \$949.62

Bookstore & Admin: \$400.20

FOSL ended the Fiscal Year with a balance of \$5,493.58

ANNUAL MEETING SEPT. 5, 2019

The annual meeting of the Friends of Samuels Library will be held on Thursday, September 5th at 5:30 in the White Meeting Room A here at the Library.

- Light Refreshments—Homemade treats from our Board
- FOSL Business Report—How did we spend our funds?
- Renew your Membership—Quick and Easy!
- Meet with members of the Library and Friends Boards.

CONTACT US

All kinds of interesting information and documents can be found at the FOSL website...

Please visit the website at:
friendsofsamuelslibrary.net

To send us an email:
fosl@friendsofsamuelslibrary.net

PROGRAMS

The Library holds wonderful programs each week for children and adults in addition to the Summer & Winter Reading Programs. During the fiscal year, from July to June **839 programs** were held at Samuels Library with **33,190 attendees**. FOSL hosted or supported a number of these programs.

Here are some highlights of last year's programs...

- Appalachian Odyssey
- Other Side of Eden
- Gothic France
- Holiday Wreath Making
- Pottery Creating a Treasure Box
- The Story of Displaced Families
- Local Government: A Citizens Guide
- So You Want to be a Beekeeper
- Winter Nature Photography
- Update on the Shipwrecked Slaver "Sao Jose"
- Black Bears of Virginia: Natural History & Mgmt.
- Spring Wildflower Photography
- Your River, Your Watershed
- Monet's Water Lilies
- On the Trail of the Civil War: Hiking in the Shenandoah Region
- What to Do with All Those Photos?
- Art Workshop: Beginning Drawing
- Phone Photography

COMING THIS FALL . . .

September

- Massive Resistance
- Fall Landscape Photography

October

- 10 Acres or Less
- Enhancing/Editing Photos Using Free Apps
- Degenerate Art: The Persecution of Modern Art

November

- Holiday Photography

TBD

- Lyme Disease

**Annual Bake & Book Sale
Saturday, September 21**



"EPILOGUE"

The Bookstore is filled with really great books & media thanks to your donations. And, the prices can't be beat!

- Hardbacks, DVDs \$2.50
- Trades \$1.00
- Kids and Paperback books \$.50 cents

Look for our weekly sales & specials on the big green cart in the hall.

Drop by & Discover a Deal!

(Cash and Credit Cards accepted)

Liz Valiulis, Bookstore Volunteer



SamiCon

This year's theme is:

***"Lord of the Rings"
One card to rule them all . . .
Saturday, September 14, 2019***

Activities for the whole family: treasure hunts, robots, costume contest, vendors and of course, comic book heroes.

VOLUNTEERS

“Epilogue” Bookstore

Samuels Public Library patrons have really enjoyed the bookstore and all it has to offer. And, we wouldn't have a successful store without the help of all our volunteers. The volunteers enjoy working with great customers, many who have become regulars. It's a fun way to spend a few hours of your time helping out the library and providing the means for many of the amazing library programs offered throughout the year to adults and children.

Are you looking to give back? Would you like to be part of our team? It is a fun and easy way to help out. If you'd like to know more about how to volunteer, just send us an email at: fosl@friendsofsamuelslibrary.net and we'd be happy to let you know how you can make a difference in just a few hours a week or month.

Duties in Epilogue are first and foremost manning the point of sale equipment. You may also have the opportunity to stock shelves or clean and straighten the store, along with a variety of other jobs. It's a simple and fun way to do something very worthwhile!



Annual Bake and Book Sale

You may also be interested in volunteering at our Annual Book Sale by helping to set up/tear down, help customers in the sale room, bake or run the bake sale table.

Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors are all volunteers and we thank them for their time in guiding the organization to fulfill its mission.

Melody Hotek, President
Joan Richardson, Vice President
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Christine Winterkorn, Treasurer
Sharon Fisher
Lori Girard
Margaret Kerfoot
Stephen Montana
Barbara Post
Chris Stephens
Peg Thursland



Save the Date

Saturday, April 25, 2020

"A Taste for Books" on the High Seas
Set sail for a Night of Adventure...

The Library's annual fundraiser, "Once Upon A Time... A Taste For Books" was a great success this year thanks to all our guests. Next year, we set sail for the High Seas. Once again plans are underway to transform the library - imagine tropical islands and famous ships. Table Hosts will offer themed tables, costumes, yummy food and beverages. Look for entertainment, a silent auction and special prizes. Mark your calendars today! You won't want to miss this one - it's always the best party in town!