

Coming Soon!

Annual Meeting: Sept. 3, 2020

Annual Bake & Book Sale: Oct. 22-26



### Meet Our New Director: Michelle Ross

Michelle Ross took the helm on July 1. From Charleston, WV, Michelle has a well-established record of leadership, success, and community focus with a passion for excellent library services, programs and events. Michelle holds a Master of Library & Information Science from the Univ. of Pittsburgh and was named the 2020 recipient of the Linda G. Wright Award for Excellence in Library Service in Kanawha County, where she most recently served as the Sissonville Branch Manager. "My professional philosophy is that libraries should be the heart of their communities and Samuels Library is a perfect example," said Michelle. "Together, we will expand on the

# Annual Report

Dear Friends,

*What a crazy year this has been for all of us! The Friends had a successful year from January to March until all things came to a screeching halt. Like many of you we have stayed in contact through technology. Board meetings and Committee meetings went on as usual.*

*Two of my grandchildren turned 7 during COVID-19 and we tried to make the best of it with family singing and being silly over ZOOM. It took some getting used to and it definitely has advantages and disadvantages, but I am grateful. If we couldn't enjoy hugs we could at least see each other.*

*This past year through your memberships, donations and proceeds from the Epilogue bookstore FOSL donated over \$20,000 to Samuels Library for Winter and Summer Reading programs among others, SamiCon, and expenses outside of the Library's operating budget.*

*The Epilogue bookstore reopened on July 9 to a warm reception. The bookstore will be open Thurs - Sat. for the time being. I hope you have enjoyed some of the wonderful programs offered over the internet. I think we are getting better and at the same time more comfortable with this medium.*

**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

## 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% book discount at the Epilogue Bookstore and at the annual Book and Bake 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. 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 \$7,389.56

Total Income: \$17,179.06

Bookstore: \$12,306.08

Memberships & Donations:  
\$4,870.00

Expenses: \$22,887.56

Disbursements to Samuels  
Library: \$20,564.77

Programs: \$1828.31

Bookstore & Admin: \$494.48

FOSL ended the Fiscal Year with a balance of \$1,681.06

### ANNUAL MEETING SEPT. 3, 2020

The annual meeting of the Friends of Samuels Library will be held on Thursday, September 3 at 5:30pm.

*Note: We hope to be live, if not, we will try to record it and post it to our website.*

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

*All are welcome!*

### CONTACT US

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

Please visit the website at:  
[friendsofsamuelslibrary.net](http://friendsofsamuelslibrary.net)

To send us an email:  
[fosl@friendsofsamuelslibrary.net](mailto: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 **639 programs** were held at Samuels Library with **28,950 attendees**. FOSL hosted or supported a number of these programs.

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

- Trash to Treasure
- Massive Resistance
- Fall Landscape Photography
- 10 Acres or Less
- Enhancing/Editing Photos Using Free Apps
- Degenerate Art: The Persecution of Modern Art
- Holiday Photography
- Plant Based Cooking for the Holidays
- Dark Skies
- Lyme Disease
- Norco 80
- Pomanders - Holiday
- Emergency Preparedness
- Hiking Through Winter Wonderlands
- Growing Orchids
- For the Love of Birds
- Birding Crafts
- Belle Grove Archaeological Dig
- Spring Wildflower Photography (virtual)
- Ceramic Sunflower Workshop (virtual)

## COMING SOON . . .

Programs will be held through the internet until we can gather safely once again.

- Gardening Series: Native Plants, Plant Propagation, Lasagna Gardening, Alternatives to Grass
- History of the Shenandoah River
- Riverkeepers Report
- Photography: Photo Contest/Poetry Display, Oral History
- Thunderbird Archaeology Dig
- Collective Amnesia: American Apartheid
- Mobile Device Use
- Celebrating Women's Voices
- Hidden Figures
- Root Vegetable Cooking
- Art Workshop: Beginning Portraiture

## “EPILOGUE”



**we're open!**

again for limited hours: Thurs. Fri. and Sat. from 11am—4pm. We will see how it goes and as our volunteers feel ready to staff the store we will expand our hours.

The bookstore is still 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)*



***SamiCon***

This year's theme is:

**“Readers Assemble”  
Discover the Heroes Among Us!**

***Look for local outdoor activities  
around town this September***

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](mailto: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 the Epilogue Bookstore include sales, stocking and straightening the shelves, and a few miscellaneous tasks as they arise. It's a simple and fun way to do something very worthwhile!

### Annual Book and Bake 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.

*If you are interested in joining the Board, please inquire. [fosl@friendsofsamuelslibrary.net](mailto:fosl@friendsofsamuelslibrary.net)*



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## Annual Book & Bake Sale

**Thursday, October 22, 2020**

*(FOSL Member-only Preview night)*

**Friday, October 23**

**Saturday, October 24**

**Monday, October 26**

*(Name your price day)*

