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Fall 2014

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What's on the horizon?



Oct. 1: author visit
at Waldorf West—
7:30 PM Reyna Grande
The Distance Between Us

Oct. 20: FOL meeting at
Leonardtown Library;
5:30 PM

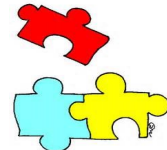
Oct. 26: mini book sale at
Leonardtown Library;
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Nov. 10: FOL meeting at
Charlotte Hall Library;
5:30 PM

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What's missing from this puzzle?



YOU!

There are several FOL board vacancies and we want YOU! Come join the fun and help support our local libraries!

Applications can be found on the library's website.



Mini Book Sale

Sunday, Oct. 26

11 AM—3 PM

Leonardtown Library

Rain Date: Nov. 2

Lots of gently used books—perfect for gifts!



Summer's over so I hope you had time to read some good books over the past months and take a vacation as well. I certainly did my share of reading many genres of books. I read *Lady Almina and the Real Downtown Abbey* by Fiona Carnarvon for one of my book clubs and it was very good. I certainly learned a lot more about World War I! I also read *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh which was different, but very interesting and not at all what you would expect from the title. Another interesting and complex book that some of you might enjoy is *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. It is about doctors and others working in Africa.

Coming up in October we will be having our mini book sale. In order to beat the cold weather we are holding this a little earlier than usual. Come out and join us to buy books at very low prices for yourself, your family, and/or to put away for Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. Many of the books are like "new" and "never used," especially the hardbacks. Hope to see you there! If you are able to volunteer to help sort donated books and prepare for the book sale please contact Jill Zitnick at stmarysfol@gmail.com We would certainly appreciate any time that you can spare.



Irish Parkinson,
FOL Co-President

Co-
Presidents'

Points
to
Ponder



Fall Greetings to FOL Members,
This fall is brimming with library activities and events for everyone.

Pick up your copy of *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande, this year's One Maryland One Book selection for 2014, at the library nearest you. This timely book relates the author's own experiences as a child who came to America illegally with her father in the 1980's.

Mark your calendar for the annual mini book sale, which will take place Sunday, October 26, from 11 to 3, in front of the Leonardtown library. Recent donations in the best condition, for book lovers of all ages and interests, will once again be offered at low prices.

Consider becoming more actively involved with the Friends of the Library. We gladly welcome volunteers to help sort book donations and are currently seeking applications for vacant FOL Board positions.

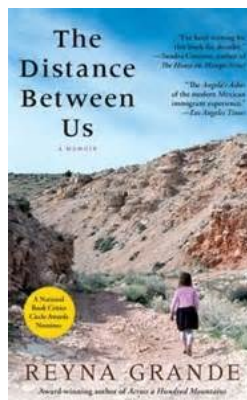
Keep informed concerning the process to renovate the Leonardtown Library (our director has provided an excellent article on this important topic).

I'm looking forward to welcoming you as a new volunteer and/or seeing you at library events this Fall!



"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

- Groucho Marx



Sue Gibbs
FOL Co-President





Director's Message

The process to renovate the Leonardtown Library is moving forward. At this point, the architect (Morgan Design Group) has submitted the construction documents and specifications to the county. An Invitation for Bid (IFB) is scheduled to be released by the county's procurement department in October and hopefully the construction contract will be awarded in January. The renovation is projected to start in February 2015 and to take at least 9 months. The County's FY2015 capital budget allocates \$3.2 million for this renovation.

The Leonardtown staff will try to provide some level of library service during the renovation; however, due to the extent of the renovations required, the services will have to be very limited. And at times, when they have to cut off the water and electric, the library will have to close completely.

During the entire 9+months of renovations, there will be no story times or programs offered and there will be no meeting room available for use by the public. The renovation will occur in two phases. During Phase I, the meeting room will be set up to provide the following services: pick up of holds, return materials, a limited number of materials for customers to check out, and a few public computer terminals. During Phase 2, it is projected that the current non-fiction room will be retrofitted into providing the same services that were in the meeting room during Phase I.

The renovation will result in the following changes to the Leonardtown Library:

- Replace and update all mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. Install new HVAC system and humidity controls, a sprinkler/fire system, and new bathrooms.
- Install elevator.
- Create study rooms and quiet areas on 2nd floor.
- Expand Children's area by approximately 1,000 square feet...they will remove the wall into the room currently used by Friends of the Library for donated books.
- Replace leaking windows and all exterior doors

Please let me know if you have any questions about this process.

Kathleen Reif
Library Director

News & Notes from the Library

What's Happening @your library!

The libraries rocked this summer as all three branches continually broke records for the number of visitors walking through their doors. The highest daily visitor count at Lexington Park (the busiest library in the tri-county) was 1,565; Leonardtown (2nd busiest) 1374, and Charlotte Hall (4th busiest) 1008. Even Sundays were busy. On July 27 Lexington Park had 700 people check out 1332 items in the 4 hours they were open—new records on both accounts. The average is 430 visitors and 710 items.

We have taken mobile printing to a new level. Now you can send your job remotely from anywhere to a printer at one of our libraries and then pick up your printouts at that library. You can use your computer, tablet or smartphone to send the print job by email or upload it to a specific URL (web address). Our standard printing fees apply and you have 48 hours to pick up your printouts. Look for Mobile Print Service under Library Services on our homepage to use the service.

The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande is the selected title for this year's One Maryland One Book. In this memoir, Reyna writes about her life before and after illegally immigrating from Mexico to this country at age 9. Pick up a copy at any branch or download as an audio or eBook and then plan to join us for a discussion of the book at Charlotte Hall on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. or Leonardtown on Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. Waldorf West Library in Charles County will host the author on Wed, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

We have increased the number of downloadable magazine titles from 53 titles last year to 87 titles currently. Click on "Downloadable eContent" in the Quick Links box on our homepage and then click on Zinio (middle column) to get started. If you have problems, bring in your device and our staff will gladly assist you.

The libraries collected more than 1000 pounds of food for the Southern Maryland Food Bank this summer—another record. Due to the need in our community, we will continue to be collection sites. Later in the year, we will also be collection sites for Toys for Tots plus we will collect hats, mittens, and scarves for our Tree of Warmth project in December.



Marilyn Lash
Library Publicity Specialist



The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

Mark Twain



Do you know this local author?

Sean Sayers

Sean Sayers is a local educator and author of the recently published e-book *Conrad Scott*. This book falls into the

post-apocalyptic genre and serves as a fierce look at human nature. *Conrad Scott* has received excellent reviews and is listed as a 4 1/2 star recommendation on Amazon. Sean has pledged to donate all profits from sales of this book to Hospice of St. Mary's until Christmas. He has donated \$300 so far and hopes to hit the \$500 mark.

5 GOOD BOOKS:

Time Management

1. *Eat That Frog!* By Brian Tracy
2. *The Power of Habit* by Charles Duhigg
3. *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey
4. *The Willpower Instinct: How Self-Control Works, Why It Matters, and What You Can Do to Get More of It* by Kelly McGonigal
5. *Tell Your Time: How To Manage Your Schedule So You Can Live Free* by Amy Lynn Andrews

The New York Times Best Sellers in September

COMBINED PRINT & E-BOOK FICTION:

1. *Personal*, by Lee Child
2. *Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good*, by Jan Karon
3. *The Eye of Heaven*, by Clive Cussler and Russell Blake
4. *Gone Girl*, by Gillian Flynn
5. *The Secret Place*, by Tana French

COMBINED PRINT & E-BOOK NONFICTION

1. *What If?*, by Randall Munroe
2. *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand
3. *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown
4. *Unphiltered*, by Phil Robertson with Mark Schlabach
5. *Diary of a Mad Diva*, by Joan Rivers



Children's Picture Books:

1. *The Day the Crayons Quit*, by Drew Daywalt. Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers
2. *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site*, by Sherri Duskey Rinker and Tom Lichtenheld
3. *Press Here*, by Hervé Tullet
4. *Dragons Love Tacos*, by Adam Rubin. Illustrated by Daniel Salmieri
5. *Pete the Cat: I Love my White Shoes*, by Eric Litwin. Illustrated by James Dean

Children's Middle Grade:

1. *Wonder*, by R. J. Palacio
2. *Percy Jackson's Greek Gods*, by Rick Riordan. Illustrated by John Rocco
3. *A Long Walk to Water*, by Linda Sue Park
4. *Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor*, by Jon Scieszka. Illustrated by Brian Biggs
5. *The Care and Keeping of You*, by Valorie Schaefer. Illustrated by Josee Masse

Young Adult:

1. *If I Stay*, by Gayle Forman
2. *Where She Went*, by Gayle Forman
3. *The Fault in our Stars*, by John Green
4. *Looking for Alaska*, by John Green
5. *Paper Towns*, by John Green

March Book Sale—help wanted....

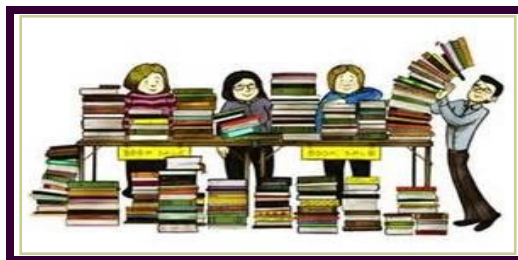
The March 2015 FOL Book Sale needs someone to take over as the head organizer for the children's section. All are sad to see Sherry Fowler step down from her enthusiastic leadership and we sincerely thank her for all her hard work and effort.

This position involves organizing and sorting the donated children's books at least once a month at the Leonardtown library for about 2-3 hours (depending on the number of books donated). In the past, several volunteers have met the second Tuesday of every month to accomplish this task. Things will have to be adjusted when the Leonardtown Library begins renovations.

In March, these books are moved over to the fairgrounds to be set up in the children's barn. Many volunteers help with the move and, for about a week, help arrange books on tables so the barn is attractive, inviting, and easy to navigate.

After the sale, empty boxes and FOL supplies are moved back to the sorting area (wherever that may be this time around) and sorting begins again for the next year.

If you think you would like to lead the team of Children's Barn volunteers, bring fresh ideas, and help make putting books in the hands of as many tri-county children as possible, please contact Louise Snell at 301-373-5238.



FALL MINI BOOK SALE

We will have lots of wonderful, almost new books for sale on Sunday, October 26, 2014 at the Leonardtown Library. Stop by the front parking lot from 11 AM to 3 PM and see what's available. You can add to your own home library or consider a book to re-gift during the holidays. If you are interested in volunteering with this event please contact Jill Zitnick at stmarysfol@gmail.com.

The rain date for this event is Sunday, November 2—same time and place.



"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

- Emilie Buchwald



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Don't forget to renew your FOL membership for 2015.



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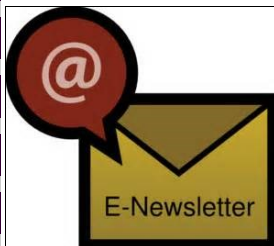
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Keeping current with the times....

One of the FOL's biggest expenses each year is printing the newsletter. We could remove this payment by switching to an eNewsletter. This would also enable us to get newsletters out quickly and more frequently. Paper copies would still be available for those who prefer that method. However, we do not want to move forward with this if many of our members are uncomfortable with the change. If you have an opinion about this potential change, please e-mail me at jillashenfelterFOL@yahoo.com.



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