

FRIENDS OF THE WATAUGA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The purpose of Friends of the Watauga County Library is to financially support the programs and purchase materials for the library through the sale of donated used books and memberships. There are 14 members of the F.O.L Board at present.

There are 22 volunteers who sort and box books or take care of recycling in managing the donations going into storage prior to sales. Volunteers also maintain a sale room for books within the library which is open to patrons during library hours. There are 2 book sales during the year. The large sale in the spring is open for 4 days and is held at the Boone Mall and many extra volunteers are recruited for the event. The smaller holiday book sale in November is managed mostly by the scheduled book sorters.

Email Joan Hearn ,
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volunteer

HOW FRIENDS HELP THE LIBRARY

Money raised through book sales and other events goes to our library to supplement library purchases and fund special programs, such as:

Youth Summer Reading Program

Reading and Rolling

VITA Tax Assistance Program

Luncheon for Staff and
Volunteer Appreciation

Movie Licenses for Films

READING AND ROLLING

Be a book ambassador this summer! Reading and Rolling will be 16 ! We need a few good folks to join our ranks in bringing library books to kids over the summer. The program works with teachers and librarians encouraging elementary students to register and the public library works to fill book bags with good books to read. We deliver the bags on a bi-weekly basis, meet the families and keep kids reading over the summer! Call the Morgans at 297-3568



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

The 15th Annual Mall Book Sale

Wednesday, April 24 for Friends only! April 25-27 for all!

The first mall sale was in 2004 and held in an empty store and run by the High Country Homeschoolers. In 2008, FOL held the reins and took it to center court. The sale has grown every year, with @ \$8,000 raised to support many library needs. Over 10,000 books are sold. A smaller sale in November at the library meeting room garners @ \$1500 for the library. Volunteering at one or both the book sales is a great way to be a Friend to our library!

WHEN THAT BOX OF BOOKS GOES

to the library as a donation, volunteer sorters are on the job! They know what to keep for resale, how to price and what to send to the warehouse for the big sale! Books are always for sale on the shelves and small room to your right as you enter the library. All books and magazines are \$2 or less, unless it's very new or rare. Volunteer to be a sorter: you'll see all the "new" stuff first!!

A VALENTINE SHOUT-OUT TO DIGITAL WATAUGA

The Digital Watauga Project is a collaborative effort by the public library and DWP to collect and preserve the photos and material from the High Country that many folks have sent to the library and the project. There are many collections of historical materials available for you to peruse at digitalwatauga.org. You will be amazed with the changes to our mountain community over the last 150 years! Check it out!

ARLE-KITS PRESCHOOL READING



The ARLE program has gotten off to a strong start in Year 2 with the addition of seven new volunteers. We now have a grand total of 15 ARLE volunteers serving 8 child development centers! (Two of last year's volunteers became temporary employees for the Alphabet Ready Grant offering story times in Kindergarten and PreK classes in Watauga and Ashe for this school year.)

We have expanded the program to include Lynhill Day Care, as well as meet the request from BUMP to have one more story provider so that all of their 4 year old classes have a volunteer reader from the library. In September 2018, the ARLE program provided high quality, literacy rich, library story times with emphasis on alphabetic knowledge and phonemic awareness to 147 children as well as 30 child care instructors in Watauga County. An additional 168 students were served in October.

A SAD ANNOUNCEMENT

Many knew Pat Alexander, a great friend and 14 year board member of our library. Sadly, she passed away Jan. 14, in Florida. Her enthusiasm, joy for life and dedication to the library will be missed by all. Memorials in her name may be sent to the library: Watauga Public Library, 140 Queen Street, Boone, NC 28607