



# Northumberland Public Library

Summer 2021

## The Library's BFF (Best Friends Forever)

*From a sold out lottery to some very fine wine tumblers - Friends of the Library is a friend indeed.*

It was a steamy Saturday at the Heathsville Farmer's Market but that didn't stop The Friends of the Northumberland Public Library Lockdown Lottery drawing July 17 fundraiser. But it did give pause to the \$5,000 grand prize winner. Jay Walker spent the early morning hours doing outdoor chores then ducked indoors to avoid the heat and humidity, forgoing the market. It wasn't until a friend called that he found out the great news. "This is strange, indeed," said Walker, former president of the Friends for six years, who used to present awards. "Jay Walker has been a long-time supporter of the Northumberland Public Library," said Richard Becker, President of the Friends of the Northumberland Public



Library Director Jane Blue and Jim Long, vice chair Board of Supervisors (District 3) draw winners.

Library. "It's quite appropriate and gratifying that his ticket was picked for the Grand Prize." The winners of the six first prizes worth \$500 each were: Susan Constable of Heathsville, David Chiles of Reedville, Nancy Sherwood of Heathsville, Georgina Kidd of Spotsylvania, Renee Gilbert of Reedville, and Jennifer Vanlandingham of Lottsburg. The Friends gave a special thank you to Jennifer Vanlandingham, who donated her \$500 prize money back to the Friends to further

their fundraising efforts. Vice-Chair of the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors Jim Long (District 3) had the honor of drawing the winning tickets. All proceeds after prizes benefit the library. The Friends is an ad hoc fundraising organization supporting the library. The group's goal is to raise money for the library that will fund special projects and programs outside the general budget. "This reward confirms what I've always said over the years,"

said Walker. "It pays to support the Library!" The Friends also are fundraising with wine tumblers for \$10 each. Etched with the blue heron library logo, they are available at the library's front desk. Wine sold at a local vineyard near you.



Raise your glass while raising funds for the library. Stemless wine glasses \$10 each.



Richard Becker, president of Friends of the Library, presents Jay Walker with \$5,000 prize.

# From the Director

## *Every dog has their day, every reader has their book*

The Dog Days of Summer are upon us and according to the weather forecasters, July 18th through the 24th is usually the hottest week of the summer. Hmmm, what do you think? I think we still have many hot days to come. Good thing the library has air conditioning, entertainment and comfy chairs where you can spend time reading a wonderful book, downloading a game or movie using our free Wi-Fi or using one of our computers to learn a new skill or read a magazine.

For kids, we have a few weeks left of programs including story times, reading to the dogs, and make and take bags full of crafts you can do at home or sitting at one of our tables. Teens can look forward to Murder Mystery night, on Friday, August 13th. Grades 8-12 are welcome to sign up. We will offer the program again if we have more than 13 who sign up.

I am not much of a sun worshipper but there is



Richard Becker and Rives Harding with a "philosopher" at the Heathsville Farmer's Market last year.

nothing like a tall drink, a good book and an opportunity to sit by the pool. I even like to just listen and often download a book or check out one of our new Playaways to listen to while cleaning, working outside or taking a trip. They are new MP3 players that plug into an auxiliary jack in your car or just plug in your headphones. Playaways are just one of our many new resources. Wonderbooks are a new resource for children ages 0-12, these books feature a recording of the book

as well as the printed story, so children can follow along or just listen or both.

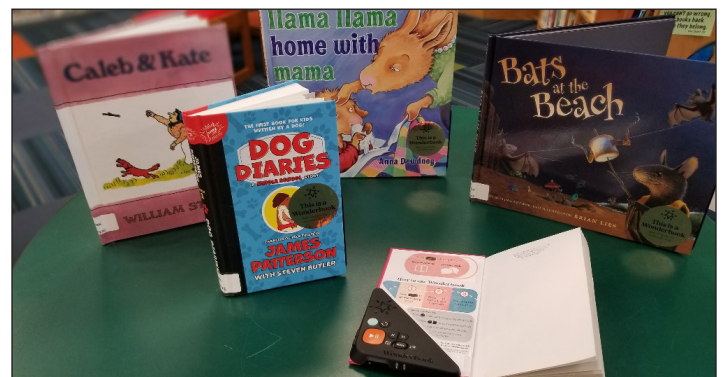
We also added Tumblebooks, a wonderful electronic resource aimed toward children but there are also resources for all ages that include eBooks and audiobooks. You can access this resource from home just by visiting our website and clicking on the Tumblebooks link.

Another new feature is our Ancestry.com log in from home, a temporary service through the end of this year. Access it the

same way, through our website and just use the password when prompted which is NPL2021. We also are affiliate members of Family Search, the Latter-day Saint (LDS) ancestry databases. There is a plethora of information if you are tracing your lineage or perhaps reconstructing your family tree. We will be offering some basic classes on researching family history in the fall, watch our website and Facebook page for more details to come.

As always, we are looking for new ways to serve you and welcome your suggestions. You are by far our most important asset and we enjoy sharing all we have to offer with each person who comes in our doors. I do hope you will take a minute to stop in this summer and say hello, even if you only download your books at home, we would love to see you and show you our new resources. Happy "Dog Days"

~ Jane Blue



# Ye Olde Book Shoppe

From Northumberland to Baltimore: A shop across the Potomac helps to fund the library

Did you know we receive over 300 items every week as donations at Ye Olde Book Shoppe?

The used book store was established in 2014 by our Friends of the Library as a place for us to sell donated books and worn books from the library collection. YOBS quickly became a gathering place for friends, and volunteers. There is “The Philosophical Society” that meets on Fridays to discuss topics, some deep, some light-hearted and a book club that meets monthly.

There are over 7,400 items for sale. In addition to books there are “shelf enhancers” (knickknacks), magazines, CDs, LPs, and DVDs. Donations of clean, (no mold, no water damage) can be taken during Shoppe hours. We no longer take donations at the library. Right now, we limit four boxes of donations per person each week at YOBS.

So, what happens to the donations if they can't go out on the floor, but they are still in good shape? That's where Rives Hardy and Jim Landrum come in. They carefully sort through donations and box them. Dana Nicholas and Mary Frazer work their magic on Thursdays stocking Shoppe shelves,

while compiling an inventory that will eventually enable you and the world beyond Heaths-ville to shop online. Our other wonderful volunteers are Keese Williams and Judy Burgess, who open the store on

Wednesdays, and Richard Becker, who works Saturdays to keep the donations rolling in. Those donations that don't make it to the floor are boxed up and loaded into my husband's truck or, in some cases if there is too much, a U-Haul trailer and transported to Baltimore.

What's in Baltimore? A ThriftBooks.com distribution center. You may be familiar with this wonderful resource, if you have ever shopped for books online. ThriftBooks is one of the largest online independent used book sellers maintaining an online repository of used books, movies, music and more. We take all of our donated items that don't



Volunteers Dana Nicholas and Mary Frazer

sell them for us. We get 50% of the profits from these sales, tax free. Our last load to Baltimore was 158 boxes strong, of course we had not taken the trip since April and we try to go every other month, so it was

a little larger than usual.

To date we have shipped 717 boxes of books to Baltimore, that equates to 21 thousand pounds of books. Those books are sorted, and divided into “for sale” and “for recycle”. This year alone we have sold 941 items, recycled 2301 books, saved 12,225 gallons of water, 42 trees and 2 cubic yards of landfill space just by taking our books to Thrift Books. I love that our books find a new home or are used for another purpose such as making cardboard boxes, paper and a myriad of other items made from recycled paper.

We run out of space weekly but maybe someday we can expand. All donations support the library, so please keep them coming.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers and to Arthur Newman, our outreach supervisor, who is always coming up with new ways to keep us more efficient and organized and to Jim Blue who hauls those loads to Baltimore.

YOBS is walking distance from the library at 7202 Northumberland Hwy., and is open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

~ Jane Blue



Jim Landrum and Rives Hardy sorting books in the back room.

## Meet the library's new board members



Dana Nicholas, Peggy Nolting and George Kranda

In July, the library welcomed new board members, Dana Nicholas, Peggy Nolting and George Kranda. New officers and returning officers include Jim Russell president, Jamie Tucker vice president, Peggy Nolting treasurer and Glenda Lowery, secretary. Leaving the board after much great service was Karen "Toni" Allison, who was vice president and served since 2014 and Keith Dobson who was treasurer and also served since 2014.

The library community is so grateful to all our board members for their role in making the library what it is today.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

### *Annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner*

October 19th

5-7 p.m.

At the Library

Food, fellowship and fun!

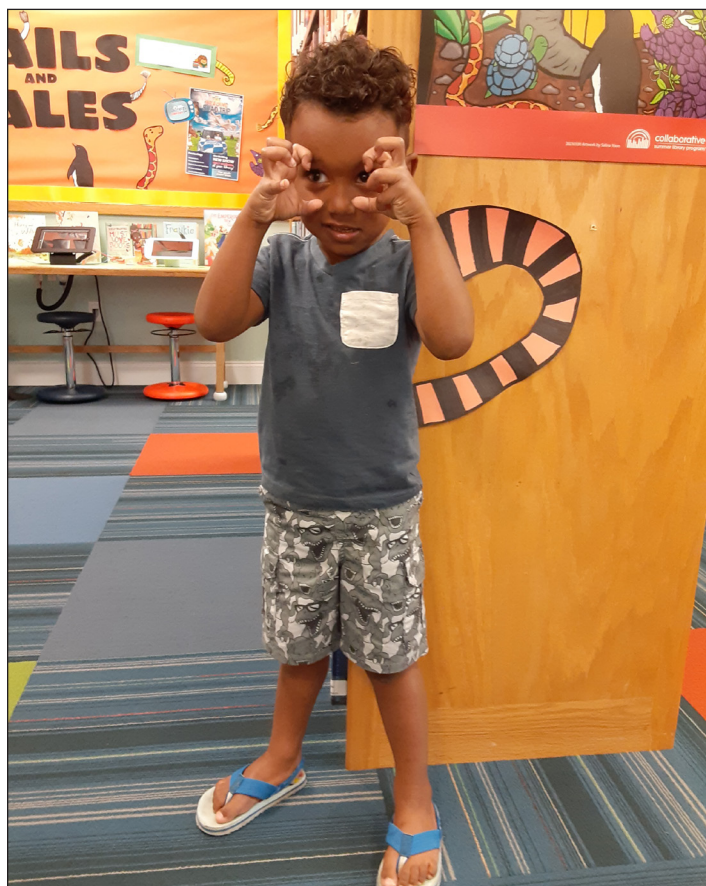
More details to come soon!

## How would you look in a tail?

### *Summer Reading Program taps into young imaginations as kids learn about nature*

The summer is winding down but August is still filled with fun books, craft bags to take home or make during the library story-times. As part of our Summer Reading Program, there are fantastic online programs that will allow kids to ride along and visit with animals from the ocean to Australia all from the comfort of home or at a library computer.

Children's Program Coordinator Marilyn Smith has plenty of Take and Make Craft bags and will fill you in on the August programs and what's in store for fall story times. Or visit our website for more information on all our children's programs. Come in and she'll tell you about Wonderbooks that read stories out loud.



**Library Director:** Jane Blue

**Children's Program Coordinator:** Marilyn Smith

**Librarian:** Alison Towles

**IT Specialist:** Karen Whelan

**Community Outreach Supervisor:** Arthur S. Newman

**Bookkeeper:** Joanne Adams

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