

# Fall Newsletter

## Northumberland Public Library

### September-November 2023

Happy Fall everyone, although as I say that I think we still have a few more weeks of warm weather. But, today feels like fall so it is appropriate for me to be writing the fall newsletter. It was a crazy summer, with record warm temperatures and many coming in our doors. Not only were they seeking a new read for the summer but also a cooler place to rest. Our new study pods sure got a work out and are booked almost daily. Our children's programs are gearing up for fall as we take a breather from all of the summer fun and we are planning some other fun events. Be sure to check out all of the news in the pages attached. I am always excited for the new seasons. As always my door is open and I would love to hear your ideas and thoughts on how we can best serve you, our community. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Happy reading!

*Jane*

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### New Mobile Library Will Launch in September

Our New Mobile Library is at the Design Shop being wrapped and should be out on the road by the 2nd full week in September. We are thrilled with how it turned out and think you will be too!

We will have an official launch day the first time we take it to the Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday September 13th at 3:30 PM but you may end up seeing it around town before then. One of the best things we hear at the Boys and Girls Club is how much they miss the Mobile Library so we thought that would be the best way to celebrate since we go see them every Wednesday. Look for the new Mobile



Jane and Arthur with new owners

Library schedule on our website in the next few weeks.

So, what happened to the Old Mobile Library? On a Friday in late August a wonderful couple from Oklahoma were driving by. They saw the for sale sign in the window of Blue and stopped to inquire. A week later Blue began the trek to Oklahoma where she will live as a camper/business mobile for StillMagnolias LLC. She served us well and will be missed. The Stuart's promised to send us pictures, I will be sure to share when they do.

For now here is a sneak peak of the wrap work in progress. The wrap was designed by Barbara Brecher and the work is being done by Sandra Matthews owner of Creative Designs of Virginia. They have been wonderful to work with.



# Monthly Happenings at the Library

## Computer Classes Every Monday 3-5 PM

No sign up required, bring your own computer or use one of ours, phone and iPad help too!

No classes will be held Monday Sept. 4th or Monday Oct. 9th due to Holidays.

There will be no classes on Monday September 18th or 25th as Arthur will be on a much deserved vacation.

Questions? Contact Arthur Newman.



**Make your Genealogy Research Appointment today. 30-minute appointments can be made with Andrea Trescott on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month or Friday afternoons from 1:30-4:30 PM. Call 804-580-5051 or email [atrescott@nplibraryva.org](mailto:atrescott@nplibraryva.org) for more information**



### **INFLATION-BUSTING LOTTERY**

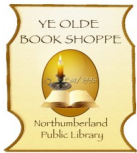
### **GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

**Only 99 Tickets left as of this publication!**

**Tickets are only \$100 each and can be split among purchasers!**

One \$5000.00 Grand Prize    Six \$500.00 First Place prizes

Winners will be drawn at the Heathsville Farmers Market on Saturday, September 16th in front of the Ye Olde Book Shoppe Philosophers tent at 10:30 AM. Sponsored by the Friends of Northumberland Public Library, all proceeds benefit Northumberland Public Library.



## News from Ye Olde Book Shoppe by Arthur Newman Community Outreach Supervisor



On March the 22nd 2023 between the hours of 6am and 7am YOBS suffered another damaging blow that crippled our ability to serve the community with the trifecta that Northumberland Public Library is accustomed to, that being the Main Branch, the Mobile Branch and our readers paradise the Ye Olde Book Shoppe.

It was reported that a driver fell asleep and only managed to recover from her temporary lapse of unconsciousness after crashing into the book shop. However, unlike the two previous times in the last year and three months when the building was struck, it would take longer for us to recover from this reoccurring tragic drama. This time would be different because the structural damage included part of the wall that supports a beam that is an integral part of the building's stability.

The number one question over the four months while we were out of service was; When will the bookstore reopen? And a close second question was; What happened to the bookstore?

We are overjoyed to be back in business after the arduous journey. The wait has been touch and go for the building owner and for the library. Initially there was a discussion as to the safety of those who needed to make estimates as to the actual damage. This culminated into a support being erected to brace the beam that supports the apartments above. Then it was discovered that the support was not adequate and needed reinforcing. That debacle was resolved. Next came the back and forth with the insurance company and the multiple estimates that were needed in order to satisfy the insurance companies regulations.

By the end of June the work was underway to repair and restore Ye Olde Book Shoppe's residence. July gave us hope that soon we would be able to reoccupy and put the readers' paradise back together. We are pleased with the new look inside and thank our volunteers and the community for all the support we have received towards helping Ye Olde Book Shoppe reopen. If you haven't been able to stop by we encourage you to do so because there is nothing like a small town book store especially Ye Olde Book Shoppe, the Readers Paradise.

# Fall Holds Promise of Wonderful Events for Children and Youth!

By Nicole Carrington

Children and Youth Services Coordinator/Outreach Assistant



This summer we had wonderful events at the library, as well as many special guests and visitors! From the visiting fire department to the magic show at the YMCA we showed the fun of community and being All Together! Kids participated and learned about emergency vehicles and were taught what they could do to help in an emergency. They even explored inside the vehicles! Our thanks to the local emergency squads and the

Sheriffs department for being a part of our community story times this summer.

We had a wonderful turn out for our story time events and we learned a great deal from them too.



Magic Show at the YMCA



Story Time with the Fire Dept.

It wasn't just learning and story time at the library though! Thanks to our great partners at the YMCA, we were able to hold some larger events, including a Magic show and a visit from EarthQuest Birds of Prey. It was a fun time all around!

We are not stopping with the summer though! Here at the library, we strive to give our young readers fun experiences, as such we have some events and happenings coming this fall for

all ages!



Please join us on Tuesday mornings (if you can of course!) for Story Time! Each month we will invite a local "Hometown Hero" to join us in reading for one of the story time hours! Maybe they'll even join us in our crafts! Not only that, but we plan on having a Stuffed Animal Slumber Party Adventure as well as a Pajama Party for Story Time, stay tuned for more info to come!

After Labor Day, After School Club will start again. Students can come every Wednesday and join us after school as we do crafts, learn, and do some homework. Snacks are of course included! Be sure to fill out your permission slip and arrange transportation at the school.



We will be offering a new club for high school students, a high school book club (exclusive for 9 -12 students). We will meet on the first Friday of every month at 3:30 PM, students can gather, discuss what they are reading and suggest books or read a book together! Coffee, tea, and food will be provided! We hope to see you at the library this fall!



## So Long to Summer, Hello Fall! By Cate Land Customer Service Supervisor



Shonda Knowlton, BINGO  
Challenge Winner



Pam Woolard, BINGO  
Challenge Winner

Another fun and eventful Summer Reading has come to a close. At the time this article was written book totals are still coming in and our Summer Reading Teen Bingo Challenge winners are still to be determined. Stay tuned with us, they will be out soon as we want every book and entry to count! A big congratulations to our Adult Summer Reading Challenge winners Pam Woolard, Shonda Knowlton, and Haley Stoner.

While we are wrapping up Summer Reading, our programming here at the library carries on into the fall.

One of our programs we offer for our youngest of readers is **1000 Books Before**



**Kindergarten** for children from birth to 5 years old. As a mom of 3 children, who just cannot get enough stories read, this is a wonderful program. I had one child complete it, one on the tail end, and I just started this reading journey with my 10 month old. Looking at the titles in their reading logs brings great smiles and fond memories that will last us a lifetime. Parents and grandparents, if you are interested, I encourage you to sign your little one up. You can sign up at the front desk and you will be given a notebook with logging pages. Or you can sign up through Beanstack and log books through the app. For every 100 books read, your budding reader can earn a prize here at the library. Even if your child has a favorite book they want you to read 10 times plus in a row, (believe me, I think I have *In a People House* by Dr. Seuss memorized). write them down 10 times plus in a row. They add up so quickly. When your child reaches 1000 books, they will be given a certificate along with their prize. We like to add their picture to our news monitor and newsletter to celebrate their accomplishment.



If you haven't downloaded our library Beanstack app and would like to give it a try, scan the QR code to the left or download the Beanstack Tracker app from the App Store or Google Play. Be sure to search for Northumberland Public Library once you have downloaded the app. Beanstack is a book tracking app that also has fun reading challenges you can tackle to win prizes. We used it once again this year for our Summer Reading program and I'm looking forward to rolling out some fun challenges for this fall.

So, fall into a good read with us this cozy season, see you

around the Library!

**Novelist & Goodreads!**  
**Great tools are just a click away for your next read!**  
**By Alison Towles**  
**Cataloger and Librarian**



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**Check out our social media pages:**

YouTube [@northumberlandpubliclibrary](https://www.youtube.com/northumberlandpubliclibrary)

Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/northumberland.library/>,

Or like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/northumberlandlibrary>





**Do you like to solve mysteries?**

Come to Northumberland Public Library on  
**Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**  
 and help us solve the crime of the century.

The clues will be plentiful,  
 the food will be wonderful.

Bring the whole family and help us find the missing  
**Golden Book!**

There may be murder and mayhem but the best  
 detectives will be on the case.

Appropriate for all ages, this is one adventure you  
 and your family don't want to miss!

Watch for more information coming soon and brush  
 up on your crime solving skills!

In September both of our board meetings are **Annual Meetings**, everyone is invited. Want to find out more about our Friends Board or Board of Trustees? Come to either or both of these meetings:

**Friends Board Meeting Thursday, September 7th at 5 PM**  
**Board of Trustees Wednesday, September 20th at 5 PM**

**Get to know your Library Staff:**

Jane Blue: Library Director

Cate Land: Customer Service Supervisor

Arthur S. Newman: Community Outreach  
 Supervisor

Alison Towles: Librarian

Nicole Carrington: Children & Youth Services  
 Coordinator/Outreach Assistant

Maddie Jones: Children's Program Assistant

Andrea Trescott: Library Assistant

Kara Goodrow: Library Assistant

Sandy Heath: Library Assistant

Karen Whelan: IT Specialist

Kathy Lewis: Bookkeeper

Gay Posey: On Call-Library Assistant



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Did you know that September is Na-  
 tional Library Card Month:

This year we will launch a Library  
 Card campaign. If you don't have a  
 card come in and get this wonderful  
 FREE resource today!



# Friends of Northumberland Public Library

## News and Coming Soon!

By Jane Blue

The Friends of the Library are in the middle of transition and as of this writing are about to embark on some new adventures. First, new officers will be installed on September 7th at the annual meeting. The slate of officers includes many who have served for a long time and some new faces. The board voted in May to change their meetings to the first Thursday bi-monthly at 5 PM. This change was prompted by a need to get some new members involved who either work or could not make a mid-morning meeting. "It is exciting to watch the changes and hopefully usher in a new era for the Friends", shared board member Sandy Heath.



The Friends held an end of summer picnic for the Library staff at Mallard Bay Clubhouse. "The Library staff was so thankful for the wonderful food and hospitality, shared Jane Blue, Library Director. It was a great way to wind down all of the summer reading programs and end on a high note. Thank you."

Our outgoing President Richard Becker was honored by the Friends and by the Library Board of Trustees. He served faithfully and jumped into the President's role in the middle of the year. What was a one year commitment turned into three. We are so thankful for him and the time and attention he gave to the Friends.


There are some wonderful events coming up this fall sponsored by the Friends, to include the MEGA Yard Sale, Books



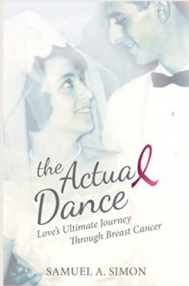
Check out the last pages of this newsletter for a yard sale

Sponsored by the Friends of Northumberland Public Library

# Books Alive!




Featuring Sam Simon, author of *The Actual Dance: Love's Ultimate Journey Through Breast Cancer*



**WHERE**  
Northumberland Public Library

**WHEN**  
October 27th at 5:00PM



Alive! featuring Sam Simon and of course the drawing for the Inflation Busting Lottery on September 16th at the Heathsville Farmers Market. Check out the newsletter for more information on all of these events and check our website after the next meeting for the new officers.

## The Inflation Busting Lottery!

# Win \$5000



Recently Northumberland Public Library was gifted the Middle Grade book **"That Smudge of Smoke"** by Edith Hemingway. Edie stopped by to share her book with us. Set in the Chesapeake Bay area in 1929, **That Smudge of Smoke**, is a compelling work of historical fiction. After her mother dies suddenly, twelve-and-a-half year old Penelope Grace Sinclair (Piper) must go live aboard a steamboat captained by her father. Before she saw her father only twice a month when he was off-duty. Now, she must see him every day. As Piper learns how to adjust to her father and grieve for her mother, she also learns about life and work on a steamboat just before the Great Depression.



To keep her company, Piper keeps a diary which she names Dorie. Magically, Dorie comes alive and tells her side of the story too. Until a mysterious accident happens that separates Dorie and Piper, and all seems lost!

Then, in 2015, a boy named Garrett, who is struggling to cope with his father's traumatic injury, finds Dorie. Garrett reads Piper's story, bringing the past to life again. Because of words and music, families discover that the power of friendship can carry them through hard times.

For fans of Lauren Wolk (*Beyond the Bright Sea*) and Natalie Babbit (*Tuck Everlasting*), **That Smudge of Smoke** weaves together fantasy and history to create a heartwarming read for middle-school audiences. (review copied from Amazon)

**That Smudge of Smoke** is available for check out.

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## Interns honored and new Children and Youth Services Assistant Hired

In early August we said goodbye to long time Children's Program Assistant Hannah Jett as she embarked on her nursing career. We welcomed Maddie Jones into the position. Maddie and our other summer intern Richard Tighe were honored at a luncheon. We had the opportunity to thank Hannah for her more than 2 years of service and Nicole Carrington, our new Children and Youth services coordinator for her first summer on the job. This summer was not without its challenges and they all came through with flying colors. We are indebted to Hannah for working this summer so that Nicole's transition wasn't too bumpy, she will be greatly missed. We welcome Maddie who is already hard at work gearing up for the fall season, decorating and collaborating with Nicole to make sure all of our programs are in place. Welcome!



Jane, Richard & Nicole



Jane, Maddie & Nicole



Jane, Hannah & Nicole



Jane & Nicole



## TIME TRAVEL by Andrea Trescott

Genealogy, or family history research, may be habit-forming. Each time you go back in time with your ancestors you may find yourself wishing for more hours or days to spend on this hobby. If you read mystery novels and love working challenging crossword puzzles you are apt to enjoy the journey through your family history.

I began researching my family lines approximately 35 years ago. While I'm not pursuing a specific goal my personal data base currently includes about 7500 persons, plus attachments of related census records, wills, orphans court records, military and land records, newspaper articles and obituaries, cemetery records, and photographs. Thus far I have lines with immigrant ancestors coming into New York, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Barbados, mostly from Great Britain, but also from Germany. Early settlers were in Isle of Wight and Jamestown in the mid-seventeenth century. I discovered that two of my paternal lines, originating in Germany, came into this country in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.....something I never anticipated. When I hit a "brick wall" about 1800 on my maternal lines, I switched to research on my paternal lines and was so successful I fell into a rabbit hole from which I've yet to emerge.

Along with one of my sisters, I began research by asking questions of our mother and her sisters. Then we visited county clerks offices to view original records, and we also visited cemeteries to photograph markers of ancestors and other relatives. On one vacation visiting Kansas cousins, who understood our genealogy addiction, they took us to visit several cemeteries, as well as a tribal museum in Oklahoma. During early, pre-internet years of research a lot more leg work was involved in order to access the records of interest to us. There are still state and county offices we want to visit in order to explore records, which are not available through on-line sources.

The early conversations with our mother, aunts and distant relatives (often recorded and transcribed) gave both of us a great start and some wonderful stories to preserve. Of course we realized, like so many other genealogists, that we should have started our quest at a younger age, before family members died who may have been able to provide connection details and oral histories. Oral history interviews are great ways to "put meat on the bones" of your ancestors.

Once you've begun accumulating information and records on ancestors you will need to think about how you store the data for easy access. Many people are happy to maintain handwritten records. I've used the Family Tree Maker software, which is both easy to search and to add new records.

New researchers have a plethora of sources for research, in print and on-line. (I have one book case filled with such resources and records.) There are hundreds of free sites available for internet research.

Inside the Northumberland Public Library we are fortunate to offer free access to Ancestry.com, Fold3 (military records), and Family Search Affiliate on several of our computers. Should you need individual help accessing records on those sites you may schedule a 30 minute appointment with me. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more information. You can be assured that I am almost as excited to help you make discoveries as I am when making them for my lines. I hope I've piqued your interest in getting started with this great pastime.



Friends of Northumberland Public Library  
Yard Sale Application  
September 23, 2023  
8 AM to 1 PM



Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

10x12 spaces, may book up to 2 per person: \$25 each space

I need \_\_\_\_\_ space/spaces. I would also like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ table/tables at \$10 each, max of two per applicant.

I understand my spaces will be \$25 per space, I owe: \_\_\_\_\_ total for spaces and tables reserved. Checks should be made out to NPL Friends of the Library. You may also pay by credit card at the Library with this application.

Set up will begin at 7 AM on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. All fees must be paid in advance in order for your space to be reserved. Fees will not be accepted at the door the day of the event.

You may bring a canopy if you wish. Canopies, tables and chairs will not be provided, although you may reserve a table (limited number available).

A hold harmless agreement is attached to this application and must be signed and accompany your reservation in order to reserve a space.

Questions should be directed to [Library@nplibraryva.org](mailto:Library@nplibraryva.org) or call 804-580-5051.

Applications and the signed hold harmless agreement may be mailed to:

Friends of Northumberland Public Library

7204 Northumberland Hwy

Heathsville, VA 22473

There is no rain date for this event. Your application fee will be considered a donation. No application fees will be reimbursed for any reason.

Applications received after Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted unless space permits.

Spaces are limited and will be reserved on a first received application basis.



**Northumberland Public Library**  
**2023 FOL**  
**(Friends of Northumberland Public Library)**  
**Yard Sale**  
**Hold Harmless Agreement**



Applicants of the reserved space must agree to these terms and conditions:

Please initial after the I agree.

I agree to indemnify, defend and save the Northumberland Public Library, Inc., its directors, volunteers workers and employees harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, liabilities, losses, damages, and other expenses, including attorneys' fees and expenses, suffered or incurred by the Northumberland Public Library by reason of undersigned vendor's acts or omissions, and those of its servants, agents, employees and invitees. I Agree \_\_\_\_\_

No insurance is provided by Northumberland Public Library to participants in the Friends of Northumberland Public Library Yard Sale. The Friends of Northumberland Public Library and/or Northumberland Public Library shall have no liability to any yard sale participant for any loss, damage or expense suffered or incurred in connection with, or as a result of, such participation at the FOL Yard sale, regardless of cause. The undersigned acknowledges receipt of a copy of any yard sale procedures and agrees to abide by the same. I Agree \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that it is recommended I carry my own general liability and product liability insurance, as this coverage is not provided. Participation in the Friends of the Northumberland Public Library Yard Sale without proper insurance is at my own risk. I Agree \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree by all FOL Yard sale procedures provided. I Agree \_\_\_\_\_

Agreed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email or mail only your two-page application to:

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Or

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 Heathsville, VA 22473

Please keep the separate procedures document (page 3) for your files.



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Saturday September 23, 2023  
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Heathsville,

[Library@nplibraryva.org](mailto:Library@nplibraryva.org) 804-580-5051



1. Set up can be conducted beginning at 7 AM on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2. Each applicant will have a space reserved for them, check in at the meeting room of the Library to get your space number and if you have reserved a table to pick up a table.
3. Spaces are 10x12, no more than 2 spaces per applicant.
4. All vehicles must be moved to the Methodist church parking lot by 8 AM
5. Applicants may not start packing up until 1 PM and the end of the sale, no vehicles may be moved to the yard sale area until 1 PM.
6. Payment is non-refundable, yard sale is rain or shine
7. Cancellations do happen, reservation fees are non-refundable but can be transferred to someone else. It is your responsibility to let the FOL yard sale coordinator know in advance, the new persons name or that no one will be taking your space.
8. Be sure to bring help if you need your equipment, canopy or other items set up, there will not be someone available to help with your items.
9. Free Wi-Fi is available if you need to connect for credit card payments, the login is Nor-Lib and the password is Free1234.
10. If for some reason the Yard sale is cancelled we will make every effort to post the news well in advance on the Library website, Facebook page and Instagram as well as the Library electronic board. You may also contact us at the email or number listed above.
11. All vendors must comply with the State of Virginia Agriculture and County health codes.
12. MUST provide a current inspection report from the Virginia Department of Agriculture or Virginia Health Department, if applicable.
13. Be responsible for the safety & purity of all products offered for sale.
14. Please provide your own food and drink, there will be no concessions unless food vendors are present
15. Take all trash and sale items that have not sold with you, all areas should be policed to make sure you have not forgotten anything, items left will become the property of the Friends of Northumberland Public Library and will be donated to a local charity regardless of the value.
16. Return tables to the meeting room at the end of the sale.

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