

# The Friends of the Library, Inc.

## Newsletter

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### Friends to Host Annual Membership Dinner on October 16, 2018

The Friends of the Pulaski County Library Board of Directors will host a membership dinner meeting on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 p.m.

The dinner will be held in the Historic Pulaski Train Station and will feature a meal catered by Lindy Mann (Lindy's Good Foods).

The program for this important meeting of the Friends will be presented by Dr. Carolyn L. Matthews, Professor of English at Radford University. Her program is entitled "Pulaski County Celebrates American Evolution 2019."



Dr. Carolyn Matthews

Dr. Matthews is a Pulaski County native and currently teaches classes for pre-service teachers at RU. She began her teaching career in Pulaski County Public Schools, teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts at Dublin Middle School for 14 years.

A lover of history, she has worked with the Wilderness Road Regional Museum for the past 8 years. She serves on the Board and works with volunteers, who keep the door open. She serves on the Pulaski County's American Evolution Steering Committee and attended the American Evolution Summit this spring in Richmond.

We welcome her to the Friends' Annual Membership Meeting.

In addition, during the annual meeting the 2019 proposed budget will be presented for approval by FOL Treasurer Elinor Farmer. One or more FOL By-law revisions will be presented for approval.

Reservations for attendance at the Annual Membership Dinner can be made by either calling Vice President Buddy Johnston at 540-320-1128 or by emailing at [bjohnsto@radford.edu](mailto:bjohnsto@radford.edu).

Reservations are needed by Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please plan to join the Board of Directors in this important and informative annual dinner meeting of the members.

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## Notes from Lance

My sincere thanks to all those Board members and volunteers who have helped the Friends over the many years of my involvement.

I want to make a special “shout out” to the members who are supporting our used book store by helping either with the regular shelving of our books and/or working the monthly book sales. Thanks goes out to:

- \*Mickie Balconi
- \*Dot Cash
- \*Lynn Conrad
- \*Jerry Haynes
- \*Alpha Hudnall
- \*Buddy and Janet Johnston
- \*Betty Montgomery
- \*Ron Southern
- \*Margaret Spradlin
- \*Linda Webb
- \*Rhonda and Henry Whitehurst

Our book store looks the best it has in many years. Our patrons very much appreciate your hard work. Margaret Spradlin and Jerry Haynes have both worked very hard in updating our book offerings.

As our Newsletter has noted (please see the lead article) the Friends are gearing up to host our Annual Membership Dinner Meeting on October 16th. Please call or write Buddy Johnston to reserve your place.

The Board meets quarterly and would love to have you attend one or all of our sessions. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Board will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Board Retreat and Social for our volunteers. Please consider joining us!

Best wishes for a great fall season and I wish you God Speed!

Lance – President (2018-2020)

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## New Dublin Library Branch Manager

**Aaron Jarrells**



Aaron with Scott McGregor, former branch librarian

Aaron Jarrells is a native of Pulaski County and comes to the Dublin Library after six and a half years at the Radford Public Library. Aaron received his bachelor's degree in Theatre from Radford University, and holds

a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas. When he isn't hard at work or reading, Aaron can usually be found either at the gym or doing something silly with his seven year-old daughter Frankie, his wife, Kristin, and their Siamese cat, Pogo.

Aaron is very excited to join the Pulaski County team! He hopes to continue the great work done by his predecessor, and is looking to utilize his experience in programming and outreach to further engage the community.

Aaron is planning to introduce a "Word of the Day" board, and is exploring the possibility of parlaying his love of fitness, games, history, and silent films into programs that can interest, entertain, and benefit the citizens of Dublin.

Welcome aboard Aaron, from your Friends of the Library!!



## **Pulaski Summer Reading Program**

This summer, over 300 local children registered to participate in the Pulaski County Library System's annual Summer Reading Program.

Public libraries across the country offer summer reading programs each year to encourage children and teens to read during the summer months when they are not in school. These programs hope to prevent what is known as "summer slide." Summer slide is the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the school year. Studies have shown that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall.



Pulaski Officer Megan Jennings with summer students

Summer reading programs are also open to babies, toddlers and preschool-age children to encourage parents and caregivers to read with young children and encourage the development of their early literacy skills.

Youths who signed up for Pulaski County's Summer Reading Program were given a reading challenge to participate in throughout June and July. Those who progressed through the challenge earned incentives along the way, including prizes from the library's treasure chest, books, coupons for local businesses and chances to enter drawings for bigger prizes. Close to 100 youths completed the reading challenge.

In addition, the library system offered a full schedule of events for children of all ages, as well as adults. Some of the most highly attended events for children included Charlotte's Web, presented by Roanoke Children's Theatre, Larsens' Amazing World of Reptiles, The Balloon Lady, Mr. Bond's Science Guys, Hogwarts Academy and videogame tournaments.

Congratulations to Jena Hardy Coalson, Youth Services Librarian, for her successful summer reading program.



## Friends Host Farewell Dinner for Scott McGregor

The Friends hosted a farewell dinner for Scott McGregor, his wife, Meghan, and his mother and father at the Pulaski Train Station on the evening of Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-eight family members and Friends enjoyed a great meal prepared by Lindy Mann. Carol Smith provided the decorations and Lance Hudnall acted as our MC for the evening. A large number of the audience spoke about how Scott had supported the Dublin community during his seven years as Branch Library Manager.

Also highlighted was Scott's support of the local Dublin book club and his work with the Friends of the Library. Scott, in turn, thanked the attendees for their support of the library and its activities. Scott's last day was Tuesday, July 31. His new position is librarian at the Dublin Middle School with the Pulaski County School System.

The Friends wish Scott the best of success!



## Friends Bookstore Update

Our Friends Bookstore is having a very successful year financially. Elinor Farmer, our FOL Treasurer, reports that as of September 11, 2018, our book sales are as follows:

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| FOL Bookstore sales   | \$2,125.75        |
| On-line book sales    | 128.00            |
| Pulaski Library sales | 324.21            |
| Dublin Library sales  | 167.00            |
| Dealer book sales     | 190.00            |
| Miscellaneous sales   | <u>385.00</u>     |
| <b>Total for 2018</b> | <b>\$3,319.96</b> |

As you know, the Friends operate the Friends Bookstore in downtown Pulaski the first weekend of most months, except for January and February. Your help is important in making our book sales successful. On Fridays, the store is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Saturdays the store runs from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

More volunteers are needed! Please let Lance Hudnall (276-728-4626) know of your interest in serving.



## Things You Need to Know!

- The Friends conducted a very successful August Book Drive. A large number of books, DVDs, and CDs were donated by the community. Thanks to everyone who made the drive such a success.
- Two new employees have joined the staff of Pulaski County Library. Cathy Scharlau is now working in the evenings at the Pulaski Library and Sharon Johnston is working at the Dublin Library. Welcome to our new staff members!
- In March of last year, the library released a new service to the public titled "Hoopla". This service is free to patrons who register with their library cards. Formats available in the service are movies, eBooks, comic books, audio books, and music albums. Up to six items can be downloaded each month per account. Movies check out for 3 days, eBooks, comics and audio books for 21 days and music albums for 7 days. The 600,000 titles are always

available so there is no need to place a hold or wait for titles to be available. Titles can be downloaded/viewed on computers, smartphones, tablets, smart TVs, and other Internet capable devices. Visit the library website [www.pclibs.org](http://www.pclibs.org) soon and sign up for your Hoopla account to start enjoying this new service. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Carol Smith at 540-994-2453 or [chsmith@pclibs.org](mailto:chsmith@pclibs.org).

- The Friends received a \$480 allocation this spring from its “Friends of the Library Endowment” with the NRV Foundation. The Fund was worth \$14,306.85 as of January 1, 2018. Please support our FOL fund with a tax deductible donation!
- The Pulaski County Library is now participating in the “1,000 Books before Kindergarten” program.

The purpose of the program is to encourage families to read to their young children with the goal of reading at least 1,000 books before they enter kindergarten. Reading together is a great opportunity for bonding and it’s a simple way for parents and caregivers to help their children establish strong early literacy skills.

Interested participants may register at the Pulaski County Library. The program is self-paced, so, it could take anywhere from a few months to a few years to finish. Participants will receive a small prize for every 100 books they read as an incentive along the journey to 1,000 books.

For more information, contact Jena Coalson, Youth Services Librarian, at 994-2458 or [jcoalson@pclibs.org](mailto:jcoalson@pclibs.org).

- Please consider bringing your surplus plastic bags to our Annual Dinner to

support the “Bags for Benches” project for the Draper Community Park.

Carol Smith would greatly appreciate your kind support.

- Please make sure that you make your dinner meeting reservations with Buddy Johnston by Friday, October 12 by calling 540-320-1128 or writing Buddy at [bjohnsto@radford.edu](mailto:bjohnsto@radford.edu).



### Several Important Dates for your Calendars

1. September 28 – 6 p.m. – Silent Movie at the Dublin Library, featuring Buster Keaton in “The General”. No charge!
2. October 5 & 6 – Monthly Book Sale
3. Pulaski Libraries closed for Columbus Day Saturday and Monday, October 6 & 8.
4. October 16 – Annual Membership Dinner, Pulaski Train Station, 6 p.m.
5. November 2 & 3 – Monthly Book Sale
6. December 7 & 8 – Last Book Sale of the Year.
7. December 13 - FOL Board Meeting and Volunteers Retreat/Social – 2-4 p.m.
8. No sales in January and February.
9. March 1 & 2, 2019 – Monthly Book Sale

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**Please ask your neighbors and friends to join the Pulaski County Friends of the Library. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated!**