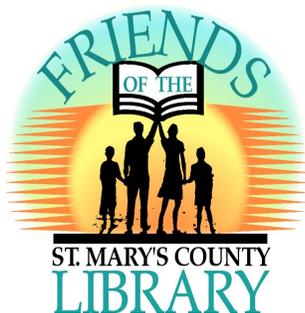


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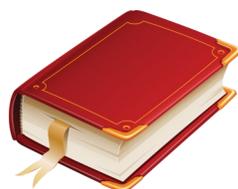
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"There is no friend as loyal as a book."

Ernest Hemingway



BOOK SALE



Visit our **online Book Sale!**

New books added frequently!!

<https://folstmarys.com/>



ACCEPTING BOOK DONATIONS!

Accepting books, audio books on CD, music CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles—no smoke, water or mold damage please.

Drop off: M, W, F & SAT 10am - 2pm *behind* the new St. Mary's County Board of Elections offices.

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Good Year for the Friends

by Lloyd Timberlake



It is hardly half over, and already 2022 has been a very good year for the Friends of the St. Mary's County Library (FOL)!

We held our first three-day book sale at the SMC fairgrounds since 2019, grossing over \$54,000 and setting a record in funds raised for the library, just as the library is raising money for a bookmobile and planning to renovate the Lexington Park branch. The new money will be added to the \$30,000+ that FOL made in just its first year of on-line book sales (<https://www.stmalib.org/about-us/friends-of-the-st-marys-county-library/>).

Almost more important than the funds raised was the great coming together of the county that the spring sale always causes--a beautifully diverse community congenially commingling, renewing old and forming new acquaintances and talking and buying books, records, films and puzzles and things.

We had more books than usual as everyone cleaned out their houses during the pandemic, and the pandemic meant that we did not know until the last minutes whether the first three days of April was going to be a go. It was, but getting ready meant a lot of last minute hustle, including opening a fifth fairgrounds building for the overflow of novels.

Under the keen direction of fearless book sale chair Amy Harvey, the huge team of volunteers kept books, cash and credit cards moving rapidly for all three days. Many of these volunteers were part of the sorting room crew who had been sorting and selling books in cramped quarters over the past two years. (Amy has also been running the sorting room.)

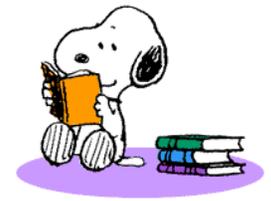
FOL board members were involved in every aspect of the sale, from hauling books to managing money to signing up new members (a membership that post sale is now near 500).

We celebrated all this on May 23rd at the Front Porch restaurant in Leonardtown. County Commissioners James "Randy" Guy, Todd Morgan and Michael Hewitt attended and listened to an excellent talk by county library director Michael Blackwell on the struggle to get the big book publishers to give the libraries a reasonable deal on e-books. As I write this, Michael is helping organize a Maryland bill on the issue.

Befriending the library is fun and rewarding. Anyone interested in helping with the book sorting and sales or serving on the board, please call 240 561-9828 or email folstmarys@gmail.com.



Sorting Room Sensations



A Word From The Sorting Room

Yes, it is true, when you donate books to us, they are checked for quality – books with broken spines, missing pages and water damage are separated for recycling. We know, you are aghast to hear that we recycle books. You are even more upset when you hear that maybe we even recycled some of the books you donated. We are often told that as book-lovers (and yes, we really do love books), we should champion books and certainly not recycle them. It is exactly because we are such “book champions” that we recycle books. Over 5 million copies of The Da Vinci Code were published in just one year. The battered copies have lived full lives and we have beautiful copies waiting to take their place on the shelves of those who love Dan Brown. We have to make tough decisions when we sort the books we receive but we know our books. Extra copies of popular titles and worn, but still readable copies of many titles can be found on our free cart. We also share books with Little Free Libraries. We identify books for our public schools and crafters often use our castaways in their projects. We work hard to find new shelves for many of the books we cannot store but at the end of the day, many must be recycled.

But so many are not! We even use Magic Erasers (thank you, Mr. Clean), baby wipes and elbow grease to freshen covers and remove coffee stains and daily grime from the books that we keep. If you joined us for our Spring Book Sale in April you know that we had over 100,000 books for sale. Throughout the year, we sort all of those books into their subject categories and either list them in our virtual bookstore or pack them for our annual sales. Each book is handled multiple times before it is shelved or packed by our volunteers. Each week, our volunteers spend a combined total of 45-60 hours processing donations, running the virtual store, and packing high quality books for upcoming sales. We do all of this because we want to provide books to our community while raising valuable funds for our county libraries. We also do it because, well, we get to work with books!

Wish List

Our book sales (online and in-person) are powered entirely by volunteer hours! Please help us keep our costs low. If you would like to donate a specific item to our efforts, please check out the items below. They can be dropped off at the sorting room M.W, F and Saturday from 10-2. Thank you for thinking of us.

- Copier Paper
- Scotch Packing Tape
- Sharpie Markers (For writing on boxes.)

~ In Memoriam ~

In April, the FOL lost a very dear volunteer, Karen Elinor Brobst. Karen was a regular volunteer at our Spring Sale. She was happy to help sort books and work with customers during the sale and she always brought cases of water and homemade Snickerdoodles to share with the other volunteers. At each sale, she purchased a box of children's books to donate to Head Start. She will be greatly missed.

Amy Harvey

Sorting Room and Book Sale Chair



Library Lowdown



Summer Library Programs

It's time for Summer Reading!

This year's Summer Reading theme is "Oceans of Possibilities" and the Library will be having fun all summer! This year's reading challenge kicked off on June 18 for all ages – babies to adults. Collect a free glow-in-the-dark t-shirt when you complete your first challenge! Each challenge will earn you one ticket to be entered into our end of summer drawings to local businesses or Amazon.

Check our calendar for awesome virtual and in-person programs for all ages! For adults we have author visits, history and archaeology programs, computer and genealogy classes, book discussions and so much more. Teens can look for gardening, writing clubs, anime and Just Dance. Storytime is back for kids in addition to craft programs, STEM programs, and even LEGOs.

Check our calendar on <https://www.stmalib.org/events/summer-reading-2022/> to register for specific events.

Laura Boonchaisri

Library Liason

Library Services

Did you know that St. Mary's Libraries offers the following services? Services may be free, ask for a small donation or require a small fee. For complete details, click on the specific link!

- ◆ 3 D Printing [3D Printing \(stmalib.org\)](https://www.stmalib.org/3D-Printing)
- ◆ Computers and Printing [Computers and Printing \(stmalib.org\)](https://www.stmalib.org/Computers-and-Printing)
- ◆ Makerspace [Makerspace at Leonardtown Library \(stmalib.org\)](https://www.stmalib.org/Makerspace-at-Leonardtown-Library)
- ◆ Meeting and Study Rooms [Meeting Rooms \(stmalib.org\)](https://www.stmalib.org/Meeting-Rooms)
- ◆ Notary Service [Notary Service \(stmalib.org\)](https://www.stmalib.org/Notary-Service)
- ◆ Exam Proctoring [Exam Proctoring \(stmalib.org\)](https://www.stmalib.org/Exam-Proctoring)





FOL Facebook

FOL board members Mary Rossi (administrator) and Carolyn Guy (co-administrator) continue to manage our fast growing “Friends of the St. Mary’s County Library – FOL” Facebook page. New posts are frequently made and include volunteer and book donation appeals as well as products for sale in our Virtual Online Store. Along with all our pertinent organizational information, the page also features a “Shop on Website” link that will take you directly to the FOL’s online Book Sale at <https://folstmarys.com>

We had a hugely significant increase in our page’s growth and activity due to a large variety of posts made advertising the Spring Sale! A post-Sale FB report from mid-April showed that our page likes grew to 347 and that our total Facebook page reach (drumroll please) was nearly 16,000--an increase of 511.3% from the previous month of March!

Currently, as of June 18th we are now up to 404 total page likes. Indeed, FOL’s Facebook page continues to grow and keeps proving to be a great social media presence and platform to keep Friends and our community well informed.

Many, many thanks to all our followers for helping FOL’s Facebook page and social media presence continue to grow! If you have a Facebook account and have not already done so, please like, follow us and consider sharing our new posts with your friends at every opportunity. Ideas for posts are welcomed and can be sent via email to folstmarys@gmail.com (please reference: Facebook idea).

If you are not on Facebook, you *may* still be able to access a *limited* view of our page using a google search for: “Friends of the St. Mary’s County Library - FOL Facebook page”

Mary Rossi,
Facebook

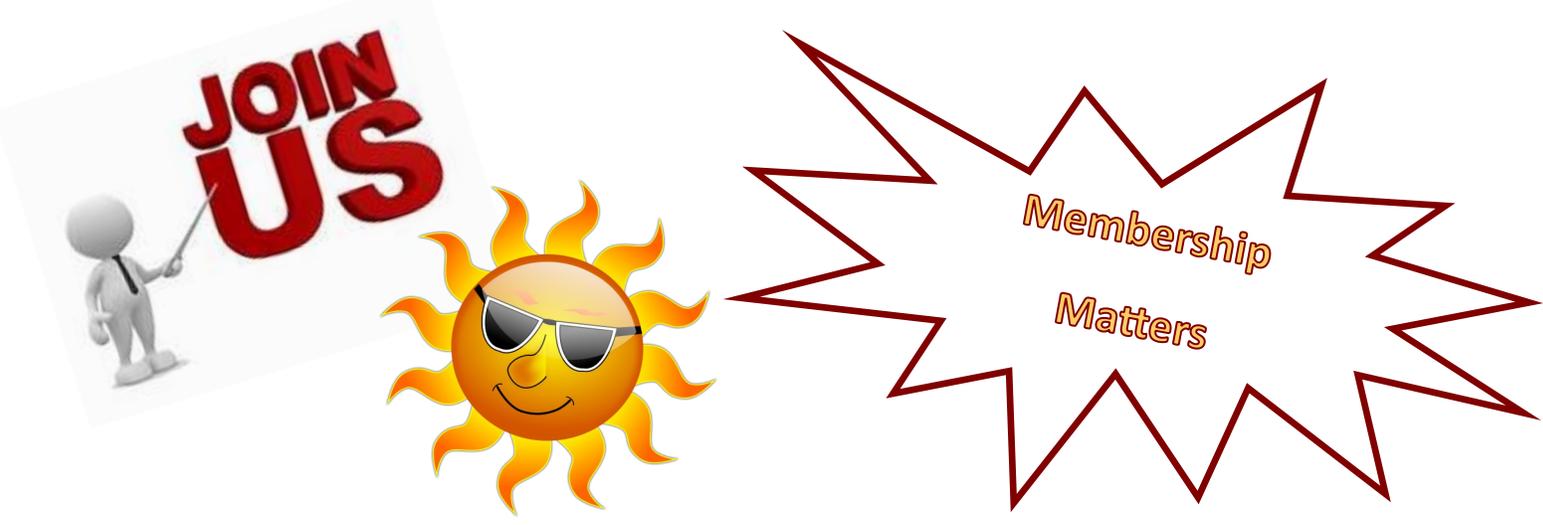
FOL’s Annual Spring Dinner a Success

FOL’s Annual Spring Dinner (the first one since Covid) was held on May 23rd at the Front Porch. Thank you to everyone who attended and also worked hard to make this event a huge success!

Pictured is the evening’s featured speaker Michael Blackwell, Director of St Mary’s County Libraries and Advisor to FOL, along with some Spring Dinner attendees. Michael is at the forefront in leading the national battle for affordable digital media for libraries and eloquently spoke on: "Wither Libraries? Meeting the Future."

Mary Rossi
Newsletter





Membership

FOL membership is strong with 467 fully paid and no lapsed members! In comparison we were at 444 paid and lapsed members in June 2020. However, we could always use more members. If you know friends who might like to join us please encourage them to do so.

To Join online:

To join online go to <https://folstmalib.wildapricot.org/> and click on the Join/Renew link

To Join by mail:

To join by mail, print the membership form (in this newsletter or at <https://folstmalib.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/FOLBrochure19.pdf>) and mail it to us with your check to:

Friends of the St. Mary's County Library
PO Box 165, Leonardtown MD 20650

Jon Baake

Membership



Friends of St. Mary's County Library



Membership form — Note: Membership year is January through December.

Date: _____ New Member _____ Renewal _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Alt Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Annual Memberships (January-December):

_____ \$ 15 Single/Family Membership (list immediate family members below)

_____ \$ 25 Good Friend Membership

_____ \$100 Special Friend Membership

_____ \$200 Corporate Membership

_____ Additional donation to help the library

Immediate Family Members: _____

FOL Participation:

_____ I want to help with the book sale.

_____ I want to help sort books.

_____ I'm interested in serving on the Board.

_____ I'm interested in joining a committee.

SAVE A TREE AND A STAMP—RENEW ONLINE

Register online at <https://folstmalib.wildapricot.org/>

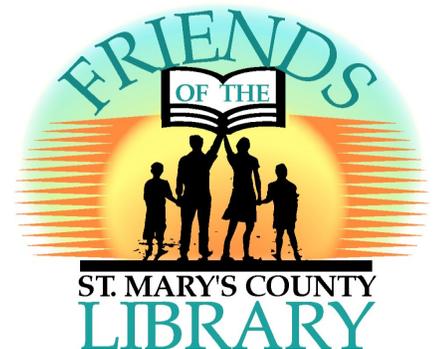
or

Send with your check payable to:

Friends of St. Mary's County Library

P.O. Box 165

Leonardtown, MD 20650



Spring Sale Snapshots

**THANK YOU to ALL who attended and
ALL who worked so very hard to make
FOL's Spring Book Sale 2022 an tremendous SUCCESS!!**



WHAT'S COOKING!

FOL Board Member Carolyn Guy shares a favorite recipe!

Caprese Stuffed Portobellos

Ingredients:

Garlic Butter:

2Tbsp butter

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1 tbsp freshly chopped parsley

Mushrooms:

3 large Portobello mushrooms, stems removed, washed and dried

5 fresh mozzarella cheese balls, sliced thinly

1 cup cherry tomatoes, sliced thinly

Fresh basil, shredded, to garnish

Balsamic Glaze:

¼ cup balsamic vinegar

2 tsp brown sugar

Salt to taste

Directions:

Place oven rack on the middle shelf. Preheat oven to grill/broil setting on highest heat. Combine the Garlic Butter ingredients in a small saucepan (or microwave- safe bowl) and melt until garlic is fragrant. Brush the tops of each mushroom with the Garlic Butter and place them, buttered side down, on a baking tray. Fill each mushroom with mozzarella and tomato slices, and grill/broil about 8 minutes until the cheese has melted and is golden in color. To serve, top with basil, drizzle with the Balsamic Glaze, and sprinkle with salt to taste.

Thank you, Carolyn, for sharing this delicious recipe!

