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The Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library

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The Author Talks lecture series is canceled for the 2020 season due to circumstances caused by the Coronavirus outbreak. We are hopeful that Author Talks will return next year with an exciting line up of nationally and locally acclaimed authors.



The Library has transitioned from curbside service to opening the doors on a limited basis. If you wish to visit the Library you are asked to call 828-743-0215 and make a reservation. Visits are limited to 45 minutes. All visitors are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

IN APPRECIATION FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Our library, the heart of our community, has been slammed. The Covid19 pandemic forced the library to close its doors to the public for a significant time.

Closing even for a few weeks has limited access for the students learning from home; for adults who miss the meeting space, magazines, books, and weekly movies; and for the newly unemployed who need computers to search for jobs and social services. Yet, the bills still must be paid -- utilities, staff salaries, costs for online services, books, periodicals, to name a few. Add to this, PPE supplies needed as the doors gradually reopen. The staff is taking extra measures to assure safety, these measures add to costs. Jackson County cannot make up the difference.

Our Friends of the Library has also been affected. For more than 25 years, we've given the library money to buy books, periodicals, e-books, educational programs, critical resources and more. Now the need is greater. Connecting to the community means providing more resources and programs online and off-site and moving children's programs out into the community. Electronic resources like NCLive and Kanopy are more popular than ever as patrons stay at home. The Library pays for these services so that patrons can use them for free.

Last year, Friends contributed over \$45,000 to support the Library. This year, we are committed to \$36,000 in support. Raising these funds will be a challenge. We had to close The Best Little Bookstore, our used bookstore. Likewise, we were forced to cancel our annual June Book Clearance – our largest fundraiser. Membership dues are down. Yet, now more than ever, we need your help.

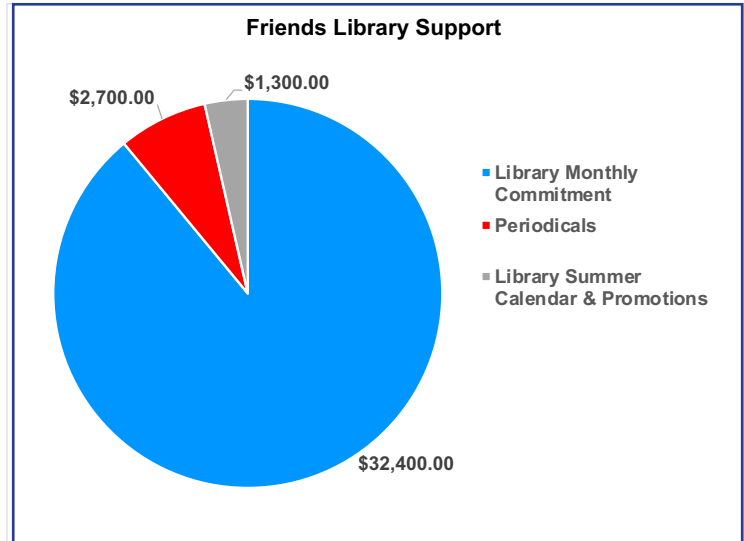
There is no doubt that our community will rely heavily on the Library to support our recovery from this pandemic. Please contribute to the Library through an annual membership! If you are already a dues-paying member, please consider making a separate donation or making an extra contribution when you renew your membership for 2021!

Charlotte W. Collins, President
2020 Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library

FRIENDS ANNUAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO OUR LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library has committed more than \$36,000 this fiscal year to support the work of the Library and buy books, periodicals, supplies and other needed materials. We raise these funds through annual memberships, donations, bookstore sales and clearances, and grants.

State funding for our Library is not enough to provide the resources, services and programs that our Library provides to our community. This year, with closures and safety regulations, we need and appreciate your support more than ever.



IN APPRECIATION TO OUR FY 2020 GRANT PROVIDERS

Over the past year, the Friends of the Library received three grant awards to support the ongoing important work that happens every day at our Library. Through a grant from **the Wade Hampton Golf Club Fund**, the Library was able to purchase e-readers and age-appropriate audio books for our young Library patrons. **The Cedar Creek Club** generously provided much-needed funding to replace worn and broken tables with nine new tables for our community room. These tables are used by the many organizations who take advantage of this convenient and free meeting space. The Friends also received a grant award from **The Church of the Good Shepherd** to supplement the juvenile book collection. The Friends of the Library wishes to thank all of them for their generous support.



Friends of the Library members Paul Pavlis, Candy Sommer and Connie Dyleski celebrate the arrival of new e-readers with children from the Boys and Girls Club, made possible by a grant from Wade Hampton Golf Club.



Posing with new tables purchased with funds received from the Cedar Creek Club are (L-R) FOL Board Members Susan DeBruin, Charlotte Collins, Mike DeBruin and Cedar Creek Club members Gordon Coleman and Jeanie Coleman.

NEW \$1 MONTHLY BOOK SPECIALS AT THE BEST LITTLE BOOKSTORE IN CASHIERS



It's difficult to get better than the "best." Yet, "The Best Little Bookstore in Cashiers" located in our Library introduced a new bookstore promotion which we think makes this local treasure even better. The Best Little Bookstore now features books in selected categories for the giveaway price of \$1. The monthly \$1 specials will include all books in the selected categories including

hardbacks, paperbacks, and trade books.

The Best Little Bookstore, also the only bookstore in Cashiers, has always offered thousands of gently used books at the low cost of \$6 or less for most books. These prices will not change – the new monthly specials will be in addition to the traditional discount sales.

Bookstore hours and visitor capacity are dependent upon Library hours and state distancing guidelines. Be sure to check our website www.cashiersfriends.com for the latest information.

2019 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

To celebrate the holiday season, The Friends of the Library presented the third annual "Christmas in Cashiers Program" on December 16, 2019. The "Cashiers Angels" singers directed by Betty Morris and accompanied by Bryan Heller on the piano provided beautiful music from different countries around the world. Other musicians, Ranier Finley on violin, Greg Hall on trumpet, Betty Morris on flute, and Phil Perkins on synthesizer added to the performance. The music selections were interspersed with short Christmas readings written and presented by members of our local community.

Following the evening's entertainment, the audience and performers enjoyed homemade refreshments representing favorite foods also from countries around the world. We look forward to many more opportunities to sponsor exciting programs.

As we have done for the past two years, the Christmas Program was dedicated to the memory of Adair Simon whose innovative leadership initiated this celebration as a way to give back to our supportive community.

Monthly \$1 Specials

JANUARY: Self help and Relationships

FEBRUARY: Biography and History

MARCH: Home Improvement and Home Décor

APRIL: Gardening and Nature

MAY: Diet and Health

JUNE: Diet, Gardening, Health, Nature and Science

JULY: Humor, Foreign Languages, Sports and Travel

AUGUST: Business and Politics

SEPTEMBER: Pop Culture and Reference

OCTOBER: Arts and Collectibles

NOVEMBER: Education/Parenting and Cookbooks

DECEMBER: Christmas and Cookbooks



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LIBRARY'S ONLINE OFFERINGS

Did you know that you have access to e-books, online resources and quality movies and documentaries at no cost to you? Yes! Your library card provides you with access to over 5 million library resources from libraries across the state! Additionally, Fontana Regional Library patrons can access our Kanopy Streaming Video Library which contains over 30,000 movies and documentaries, including must-see indie films and classic cinema, that you can stream on your computer or device using the Kanopy app.

This is another example of how your Library is expanding its resources to meet the needs of our community. Today, due to the Covid19 regulations and an increased use of the Internet for news, entertainment and learning, online resources are more important than ever. To learn more and take advantage of these online resources, visit fontanalib.org.

IN APPRECIATION TO OUR MEMBERS

The Friends of the Library is a member organization. It is our membership who provides the financial assistance needed to support our Library's critical needs; it is our members who provide volunteer support; and it is our members who advocate on behalf of the Library's work and mission. We thank you for this!

Our mission is to provide support to our community Library through funding, volunteers and advocacy. While we can maintain our volunteer and advocacy support, we will struggle to meet our annual funding commitment to our Library: more than \$36,000 in the coming year.

The Friends of the Library provides a significant portion of the Library's financial resources. Jackson County funding is not enough. Friends' support is used to buy books, audio books, e-books and needed supplies that make our Library an important, valuable resource to our community.

As our Library begins to reopen and provide needed resources to our community, we need your support. Won't you help our Library during these difficult times through a donation of an annual Friends of the Library membership. It's easy to do. You can fill out the form below and mail to Friends of the Library, PO Box 2628, Cashiers, NC 28717. Or you can donate on our website www.cashiersfriends.com.

Thank you!



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Individual** **\$35**
- Family** **\$50**
- Patron** **\$125**
- Silver** **\$250**
- Gold** **\$500**
- Platinum** **\$1,000**
- Diamond** **\$2,000+**

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Yes! I would like to be a volunteer