



*Our Library is the heart of the community*

# The Bookmark

Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library

December, 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JOIN US!**  
DECEMBER 6, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M.

### HOLIDAY Handwriting

CARDS! PENS! INKS!

WITH THE PLATEAU'S PREMIER  
HANDWRITING INSTRUCTOR  
**LAURA PLUSH!**

SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 30 AT THE  
CIRCULATION DESK OR BY CALLING  
(828) 743-0215.

**Fontana Regional Library**  
Albert Carlton-Cashiers  
Community Library

ALBERT CARLTON-CASHIERS  
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

Put a team of  
architects and  
decorators together  
and join us in the  
community room to  
build a gingerbread  
house to display in the  
library! Our patrons  
will choose their  
favorite!

**DECEMBER 12 & 13 at 3:30 P.M.**

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR TEAM BY DECEMBER 8 AT THE  
CIRCULATION DESK OR BY CALLING US AT (828) 743-0215.  
ALL BUILDING AND DECORATING MATERIALS WILL BE  
PROVIDED.

249 FRANK ALLEN RD. CASHIERS, NC 28717

Your Cashiers Community Library has lots of regular and special events for the whole family. Call 828-743-0215 for the most up to date listings.

Sign up for the Library's newsletter subscription form at  
<https://fontanalib.org/cashiers>.

## MEMBER TIME



If you would like to make an end of year tax beneficial donation directly from your IRA to Friends of the Library, please email us at [accclfriends@gmail.com](mailto:accclfriends@gmail.com). We will provide you with the necessary information to make such a donation.

*Jane Dussault, Membership Chair*

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## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

*Greetings my fellow Friends,*

*As we enter the Christmas season, I want to thank you for your support throughout the year. I am especially pleased that the Friends of the Library participated in the Summit Charter School's annual Festival of Trees for the first time. Our volunteers made beautiful wreaths, a table top tree, and other decor. Our Friends group got 80% of the auction proceeds for those items. Thanks to all who bid and who came out to the Festival.*



*Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season!*

*Merry Christmas,  
Cathy Maddock*

## AUTHOR TALKS CONFIRMED FOR 2024 SEASON

HERE ARE THE SPEAKERS WE'VE CONFIRMED SO FAR...

Diane Kelly, *Four Alarm Homicide* - Friday May 10 at 3 pm

Kevin Couhig, *A Man For Others* - Friday, May 31 at 3 pm

Nicole Spangenberg, *Extraordinary, Unknown Women from World War II* - Friday, July 12 at 3 pm

Susan Posey, *A Weed of Old and New* - Friday, August 9 at 3 pm

Katherine Reay, *The Berlin Letters* - Wednesday, August 14 at 3 pm

Mark your calendar for these free author events at the Cashiers Library. Check our website, [cashiersfriends.com](http://cashiersfriends.com), often because more authors are being added.



Author Katherine Reay returns to the Cashiers Library in 2024!

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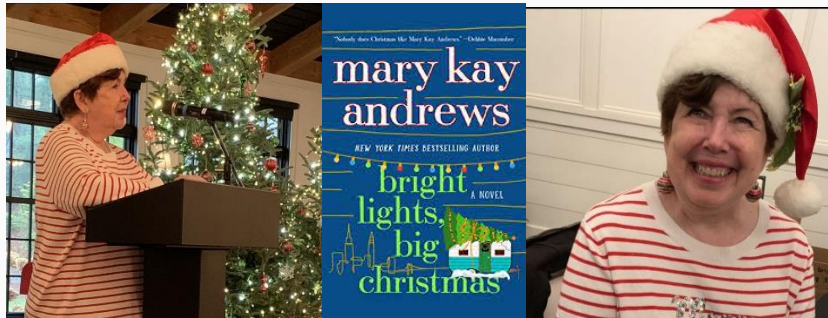


### Remembering Thomas Taulbee

On November 26, 2023, the Friends of the Library lost a valued friend and ally. Thomas Taulbee, Executive Director of the Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce, passed away unexpectedly, leaving a void in the Cashiers region and in our hearts. We will sorely miss his energy, knowledge and friendship.

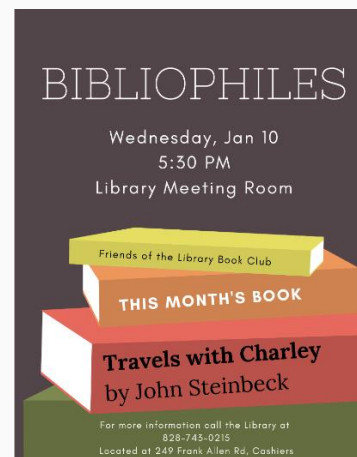
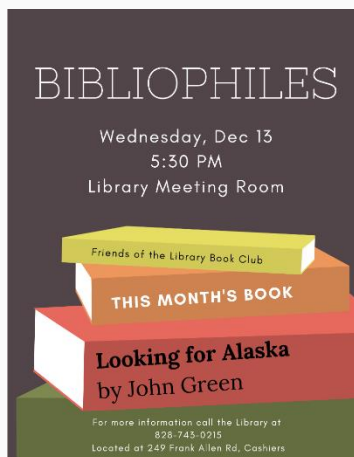
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## MARY KAY ANDREWS IN CASHIERS



Bestselling author **Mary Kay Andrews** spoke to a packed room at the Lewis Hall in Cashiers on Friday, December 1. She signed copies of her new novel, *Bright Lights, Big Christmas*. The next day, she served as Grand Marshall of the 2023 Cashiers Christmas Parade. We are so grateful for her Cashiers appearances!

## T'IS THE SEASON TO READ WITH OUR BOOK GROUP



Bibliophiles Book Group continues its 19th year in December with John Green's *Looking for Alaska*, a coming-of-age novel exploring themes of grief, death and loss. January's book is *Travels with Charley in Search of America*, a travelogue written in 1962 by John Steinbeck.





## DID YOU KNOW...?

Our Library offers free conference space to community groups? It works with Jackson County to host some and publicize all Cashiers Planning Council meetings, events, and listening sessions for the Recodify Cashiers project and community development issues.

## THIS WINTER VISIT OUR BOOKSTORE

OPEN DURING LIBRARY HOURS

### Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library



Gently used books and audio  
Open during library hours  
249 Frank Allen Road

**All proceeds support our Library**

*The Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support and enrich the library through advocacy, fundraising and activities. Founded in 1996, its volunteers operate a used book store and present programs and activities throughout the year.*

[www.cashiersfriends.com](http://www.cashiersfriends.com)