



FRIENDS

OF THE MATHEWS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, INC.

From the President...

Dear Friends,

The fall weather has been wonderful - a respite from the heat of the summer and an opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities.

The Campaign Steering Committee of the Library Addition Project is in the process of bringing to a close the first phase of our fundraising activities of working with select foundations, businesses, and individuals. Grant proposals have been submitted to several private foundations this fall, and proposals are being readied for select corporate foundations.

The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation of Virginia has issued a 2 to 1, \$50,000 challenge for the campaign. We must raise \$100,000 in new gifts, pledges or increased commitments to secure the Parsons Foundation grant. The challenge, announced earlier in the fall, launches the public phase of the campaign. **Your donation is needed to help us complete our goal. Your tax deductible donation can be sent to Friends of the Mathews Memorial Library, Inc., P.O. Box 127, Mathews, VA 23109.**

DONA HONORARIA

We have received honoring gifts, since the last newsletter,

To the H. Bland Hudgins Library
Addition project:

In Memory of Virginia Hoskins Joice

The Campaign Steering Committee has worked closely with our consultant, Stumpf & Associates, throughout the year in bringing us to where we are today. We have raised approximately \$935,000 toward an estimated goal of \$1,320,000. Hopke & Associates, our architects, are nearing completion of the construction documents. The

Building Committee and FOL directors are holding meetings on the next phase of the construction project. The Building Committee is comprised of County Administrator Mindy Moran, Library Trustee Carolyn Taylor, Library Director Bette Dillehay, Steve Whiteway, and Maree Morgan.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 20, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

John Warren Cooke Room

Mathews Memorial Library

Bette Dillehay will be the guest speaker.

*From the Library Director...***Honoring Excellence**

Libraries don't just offer the hardware, but also the expertise of librarians in helping teach people how to use the Internet and find the information they need quickly.

Each day of the week, as well as on weekends, the Mathews Memorial Library opens its doors to begin a day of meeting the many and varied needs of its nearly 10,000 patrons and numerous visitors. Some come to check out books; large numbers use computers, but many come because they enjoy the sense of community that pervades the warm, inviting atmosphere of the library. This daily challenge is almost always met. Those who make this possible are the staff and volunteers who are constantly striving to ensure the library achieves its mission and more. Both the staff and volunteers are well known in the community, but recognition of their dedication and hard work is sometimes overlooked.

The library has five full-time and five part-time staff as well as twelve volunteers. Each has a specific role to fulfill, but success depends on a tremendous amount of sharing and working together. Looking at the skills of each, one understands how this spirit of working together is so effective. Through this and future issues of the Friends' newsletter, I will share information about these individuals and their contribution to the library.

More and more daily activities in the library depend on its complex technology environment. Greg Lewis, the soft spoken and patient Head of Technology Services, is never overwhelmed when it comes to providing the needed support. Whether restoring a network, assisting a patron with a problem or downloading an eBook onto a reader, he presents a spirit of helpfulness that puts everyone at ease. Greg is equally on top of the game when answering questions about the library collection or searching through the numerous databases for obscure facts or lengthy treatises on a pet subject. His tenure with the library began as a part-time endeavor in 1996. In 2002, it was recognized that Greg could be a more valuable asset on a full-time basis and thus he was named to the position of Head of Technical Services. He received his bachelor's degree from Mary Washington College (now University of Mary Washington), majoring in geography and graduating in 1992. Thought by many to be a confirmed bachelor, he found his lifetime partner at the library in 2008 when he married Leigh Wilder, and both now reside on Gwynn's Island.



Perhaps Greg's greatest challenge comes during events such as "Deck the Hall" when, in the past, he has been gently coerced into portraying a variety of roles, ranging from Santa to the Nutcracker. On other occasions he has filled in as Dr. Seuss's *Cat in the Hat* and Count Olaf of *Lemony Snicket* fame. Whatever the challenge, Greg approaches it in good humor and with a great deal of enthusiasm, as he does all aspects of his multi-faceted role.

Those most in danger of being left behind in the Information Age are most in need of assistance from professionals like Greg, whether it be using a mouse, establishing an email account, filling out government forms online, using new software or effectively navigating Internet resources.

Like Greg, all Mathews Memorial Library staff and volunteers are at work in the literacy trenches, taking books and effective programs directly into the lives of children, parents, grandparents, childcare providers, and educators.

Bette Dillehay
Director

Welcome New Members

* Mae and Bernard Buchanan * Gale and Graham Hood * Jerry Pate * Naomi and Marion Sutton *
* Mary and William Whitley *

From the Treasurer...

Statement of Financial Position As of
September 30, 2012

| ASSETS | |
|--|--------------------|
| Current Assets | \$245,840 |
| Pledges Receivable | \$441,575 |
| Capitalized Library Addition Expense | \$292,303 |
| Land Behind the Orrell Building | \$158,000 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$1,137,718 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Funds Restricted for the Library Addition Project: | |
| Donations | \$787,720 |
| Grants | \$17,000 |
| Friends of the Library Savings | \$137,369 |
| Interest on Library Addition Trust Account | \$201 |
| Total Liabilities | \$942,290 |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | \$195,428 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | \$1,137,718 |

Brownyn Hughes
Treasurer

Members Count...

A few numbers for you: ~ 9,000 residents in Mathews County, 9,618 library patrons, 307 Friends of the Mathews Memorial Library. Like yeast in the bread, the Friends are small but powerful. Just this year, we have made huge strides toward an important addition to Main Street: an expansion of the library that will provide more computer space for patrons, a new community meeting room, and a place for teens to use library resources, participate in library programs, and "discover the world". In just a few months, we have already raised \$935,000 of the \$1.3 million needed to create this new space.

Meanwhile, Friends of the Library volunteers are managing and continuously improving the used bookstore in the Orrell Building, which is a major attraction for residents and visitors alike. The bookstore moves books from dusty shelves to eager readers, and this year bookstore sales have already earned more than \$11,000 to support library programs like authors' talks and children's events. FOL volunteers provide punch and cookies at special events like the Open House during Market Days and the Pumpkin Festival. We sell and install bricks. We bring our friends to library events. We answer calls for volunteers at the library.

Please take credit for your part in supporting one of the best libraries in the country. We know Friends of the Library are busy people - even if you haven't had time to volunteer, we so appreciate your support. If you are an annual member, we invite you to renew your membership for 2013.

Christine Ulrich
Membership

From the President... *cont'd*

Jim Hutchins, director and treasurer of FOL, has resigned. We want to commend him for the many hours that he contributed to moving the Friends from a non-profit organization to a non-profit corporation. Bronwyn Hughes, a FOL director as well as a CPA, is our new treasurer. At the board meeting in October, Mary Whitley was appointed to complete Jim's term. Mary brings to the board not only business skills but also a wealth of knowledge of our community. She was assistant principal of Mathews High School for one year and the principal for the next five years. From 2006 to 2010, Mary worked at the Virginia Department of Education.

Please mark your calendars for the annual general membership meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the John Warren Cooke Room of the Mathews Library.

Maree Morgan
President



Chris Semtner, curator at the Poe Museum in Richmond, joined us on October 10 to discuss his newest book. "Edgar Allan Poe's Richmond: The Raven in the River City" reveals how the mystery, madness, and tragedy that Poe encountered during his time in Richmond helped shape his life and literature.

**USED BOOK SALES
ORRELL BUILDING**

Behind the Library

WINTER USED BOOK SALES

November - December
open every Saturday (except December 29)
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

January 2013
open every Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

February, March, April – To Be Decided

Please note the change in store hours.
Winter is coming.
We are closed if there is ice or snow.

FOL members will be notified by e-mail, if we have additional openings. (Are you a current member? Do we have your e-mail address?)

Thank you to everyone in the community and surrounding area for donating all the wonderful books for our sales.

Thank you to the volunteers who make the book store successful: **David Abbott, Martha Arnold, Ed and Michael Cannon, Barbara Churray, George Goode, Nan Hathaway, Joan Metzger, Steve Raptis, Barbara Sampson, Anne South, Louise Witherspoon, Bette Dillehay and the Library Staff and all the members of the Friends Board of Directors.**

Jane Abbott
Chair, Used Book Sales

Newsletter

If you are willing and able to receive the newsletter electronically, please email

friendsofmathewslibrary@gmail.com

BRICK WALKWAY & PATIO

2011 was one of our busiest years as we received 21 brick donations from friends here in Mathews and from many other localities and states. There has been a big drop in donations in 2012, with only five bricks added to the 447 already installed. We still have a couple months to go before the end of 2012 and are hoping for many additional donations, all of which will benefit the Friends efforts in support of our outstanding Library. Bricks are still a bargain at \$100 for a 4"x8" brick and \$150 for an 8"x8" one. An up-to-date list of all donors and inscriptions is available for your viewing in the Friends Book Store. Check it out during your next visit.

Contact me should you have any questions.

Roger Gamble

New Website Coming...

Look for some exciting changes in our Friends of the Mathews Memorial Library website coming soon! We have proposed a collaboration with the Web Design class of Mr. Dennis Whitcomb at Mathews High School to update and to modernize our website. Mr. Whitcomb's students will be interviewing some of our board members to "get a feel" for our goals for the website, and the students will use this exercise as a class project. At present, two groups of students will be submitting designs from which the FOL board may select the most appropriate, effective, and innovative. The board will be responsible for all content approval and will be the agent to upload and to make any future changes to the website. We hope to use the Friends of the Mathews Memorial Library website to attract new members, increase donations, and keep everyone abreast of our progress with the library addition.

More to come soon!!!

Mary Whitley