

# FRIENDS OF THE WATAUGA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## ROLLING WITH READING AND ROLLING!!

Reading and Rolling is going well so far. We have 56 children who are receiving 10 books every two weeks this summer. Twenty-four volunteers deliver the R and R sacks; many thanks to them and to our library staff Western Watauga and Boone---it's a joint effort. Our list of volunteers includes the usual suspects plus several newbies Here is an alphabetical list of our fearless crew: Deb Brown, Jane Blackburn, Elizabeth Buchanan, Emily Childers, Gary Childers, Terry Childers, Betty Childers, James & Maggie Christenbury, Joan Hearn, Allan Johnson, Gigi Johnston, Laura Johnson, Beth Mueller, Mary Sue Morgan, Pat Morgan, Susie Morgan, Claire Olander, Don Olander, Melody Roaden, Tish Rokoske, Tom Rokoske, Barbara Perry Sheldon, and Ken Sheldon.

## YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM



Tap into wonder this summer at Watauga County Public Library with our Universe of Stories: Space summer reading program. So far 478 birth to 6th graders and 105 young adults have sign up and there is still time to participate. Stop by the youth services desk and one of our youthful volunteers will sign you up and just for reading you will receive treats such as books,

Stick Boy cookie coupons, and Lost Province kids pizza coupons. Parents and caregivers make sure your child takes time to read so that knowledge and skills are not lost over the summer. And don't forget we have story time every day at 11am and programs such as Bright Star Theater on July 17th at 2pm.

## BOARD MEMBER OPPORTUNITY!

The Friends Board is looking for a new board member to handle hospitality events. We host the Staff Appreciation luncheon and the Cookie Fest after the Christmas parade. Please come to a board meeting to see how we work and, if interested, let Melony Winkelman know you would like to be nominated to become a board member. Board meetings are on the odd months of the calendar on the first Wednesdays at 1:30 in the Johnson meeting room. Thanks for your interest.

## IN HOUSE BOOK SALES



Friends support the in-house book sales at the library. There are many fiction and non-fiction, hardbacks as well as paperbacks, for adults and children available! Prices begin at \$2 for hardbacks. Childrens' books are 50 cents and less. Money raised goes to library programs.

The Annual Mall book sale garnered over \$3000.00 this year. It was held in April, and hopefully will be held next May at the Boone Mall!

## AUTHORS TO SPEAK ABOUT JUSTICE AND RECOVERY

The library is partnering with Appalachian State University to promote the Common Reading selection "*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*" by Bryan Stevenson. This nonfiction riveting book depicts how Bryan and his nonprofit *Equal Justice Initiative* provided legal assistance to numerous prisoners on death row, many under the age of 18. He and his staff worked tirelessly to defend the poor and wrongly accused, while showing compassion and decency. The library has numerous copies of the book and in the NC Cardinal catalog there are a number of copies as well, most of which were available last I checked. The author Bryan Stevenson will speak at Appalachian State University on September 17 at 7 pm, location TBA.

Appalachian Regional Library received a health outreach grant from the Network of National Libraries of Medicine to implement a second Good Neighbor Project: *Stories of Recovery: Hope and Healing*. ARL will bring Dana Bowman, author of ***Bottled***, as a speaker. Her memoir covers her life as a mother of young children and becoming, then in recovery from being, an alcoholic. The grant will cover the purchase of books for the collection and we will have Read and Return copies out into the community also. In Watauga, she will speak on Tuesday, October 29, location TBA. Each of the three counties will plan programming around this theme in October and November.

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES



Many thanks to our Watauga United Way and to Publix Supermarket for the installation of four new Little Free Libraries in our county this spring! Their locations are: Cove Creek Park in Sugar Grove, Mabel Methodist Church lawn, on old 421, Plan B market on 194N and White Laurel Rd. Other LFLs maintained by Friends are in Bethel,

the Tot Lot, Valle Crucis Park, and Leola Gardens. If you would like to help support these libraries, contact Monica Caruso at the Boone library at 264-8784