

FRIENDS OF THE WATAUGA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Fall 2019

READING AND ROLLING



Some of our wonderful volunteers, with Mary Sue and Pat Morgan, the program's founders and directors!

Reading and Rolling turned 16 this year! Once again, this summer program's success is due to the library staff, main library and Western branch, to our hard working and hard driving volunteers, 24 in number and the 55 eager elementary readers in our county. Over the summer approximately 2200 books reached children in rural Watauga and four elementary schools received checks to bolster their book budgets with \$15.00 per participating student. The Friends of the Watauga County Library make the program possible.

NOVEMBER BOOK SALE

Friends of the Library will hold its traditional Fall book sale November 21-23 in the Johnson Meeting Room at the public library, just to your left as you enter the front door. There will be a wide selection of books available, so come early and browse. Here are the details:

Thursday, Nov. 21, 4pm til 7pm

Friday, Nov.22, 9am til 5pm

Saturday, No.23, 9am til 3pm

There will be books in many categories including beautiful, specially priced books for wonderful gifts.

For other items, prices are:

Most Non-fiction hardbacks, \$2.

Most fiction hardbacks \$1

Most paperbacks, 50 cents

CDs, DVDs, Videos, LPs \$1

Children's hardbacks, 50 cents

Children's paperbacks, 25 cents

We appreciate donations of baskets, knickknacks and decorative items, which can be brought to the library before Nov. 20th. If you'd like to help assemble these gift baskets, please come to the meeting room on Nov. 20th at 10AM.

WHERE YOUR MEMBERSHIP MONEY GOES!

Friends' dues and proceeds from sales of books provide much support to the library, which includes:

Reading and Rolling Summer program

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Adult Reading Challenge prizes

Books, audiobooks, DVDs for adults and children

Children's Department supplies for craft programs, fish tank supplies

Program refreshments

Reception after Christmas parade

Book Clubs: Book Bunch, Book Brewers and Mystery

Support for staff continuing education in Library Science

Refreshments for Library Open House

Laura Donovan, musical story times

Genealogy programs

VITA, tax assistance programs

Computer classes with Caldwell Community College

Community Poetry event

Boone Boo-Twist the Magician

Movie license

Constant Contact subscription for E-Newsletter

Performances by King Bees, Peter Fletcher and others

Thank you for your help!!!

BEST WISHES TO ROSS COOPER!



We bid a sad farewell to Ross Cooper, longtime reference librarian and Adult Services manager. He will be dearly missed! He has accepted a position at ASU and will be working in the Special Collections area of Belk Library. Having served seventeen years

as a Reference Specialist and Adult Services manager at the public library, Ross will greatly miss all the library's patrons but invites them to visit Special Collections of the 4th floor of Belk. and see all the resources available there. Ross, we will miss you here at the library!

WATAUGA LIBRARY ENDOWMENT

Like the Friends, the Endowment provides library support in areas not supported by government funding. The difference is it invests donations and uses only the earnings from the investments. The Endowment currently has and invests about \$185,000. This produces about \$8000 each year for it to spend for the library. Recent support has helped fund new staff PCs, a phone system upgrade to VOIP, new books for Battle of the Books, Alphabet Ready matching funds, and a poster size printer.

Because only the earnings are spent, the Endowment is most appropriate for larger donations. Donations can be via cash, appreciated stocks, property, or bequests. The Endowment could greatly benefit by being included in estate plans.

For cash donations, checks should be made out to CFWNC, the community foundation that is the keeper of Endowment funds, with Watauga Library Endowment in the memo line. Donations can be mailed to Watauga Library Endowment, 140 Queen St, Boone NC 28607, or dropped off at the library.

