MEET SANDRA STEPHAN, PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS LIBRARY BOARD, 2014

When Sandra Stephan visited the Friends Annual Book Sale only days after her arrival in Williamsburg in 2008, she certainly did not expect that she would be recruited for the Book Nook by Friends Board member (and later President of the Friends Board) Ray Wolf. She has been a Book Nook volunteer ever since, while also serving as a Friends Board member and taking on the responsibility of Public Relations Chair for three years. Even with her new duties as the President of the Friends Board, she can be found in the Book Nook at WRL every week, sorting and shelving a new supply of materials. She definitely is a "hands-on" leader.

Sandra describes herself as a "bibliophile of the highest order." Her lifelong love of libraries began in her youth. Because there was no public library in the small town where she grew up, she and several of her friends were fortunate to have moms who took turns driving them each week to the nearest library until "that wonderful day" when the Bookmobile started coming to her town. Sandra confesses that "when other kids dreamed about being left on their own in the toy store or the candy shop overnight, I fancied having free reign in... a public library." She continues to be "amazed and delighted" at the wealth of resources the library provides today. And she is especially proud to be president of an organization that supports a library awarded a four-star rating by the national library periodical, Library Journal.

If you are not already a member of Friends, Sandra invites you to fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and join the over 1000 members who support (and enjoy the resources of) our library. Your benefits will include receiving Ex Libris by mail, discounts to the popular Dewey Decibel Series concerts, and the knowledge that you are a supporter of one of your community's greatest assets. And if you are already a member, consider volunteering your time to support the WRL.

Perhaps you will agree with Sandra that James Michener's appraisal of the value of public libraries says it all:

"Public libraries have been a mainstay of my life. They represent an individual's right to acquire knowledge; they are the sinews that bind civilized societies the world over. Without libraries, I would be a pauper, intellectually and spiritually."

SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY

The Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) has been a part of our community for more than a century. Originally located in the front room of the St. George Tucker House with 50 volumes, the collection now exceeds 335,000 materials shared among the Williamsburg Library, James City County Library, and Mobile Library Services. A very rough estimate suggests that there are more than four miles of shelving at the Williamsburg Regional Library (probably more). That does not include tens of thousands of digital materials that can be checked out. With all these options, it is not surprising that about 1,000,000 items circulate among residents each year.

This illustrates that 100 years after being established, WRL is a vibrant community center. The library is expecting to support our community for the next century, also. You make this easier because you contribute your time, money, and ideas to the library.

Since the earliest public library in Williamsburg, contributions from the community have been generous. Elizabeth Bisland Wetmore and Margaret W. Bisland contributed to the Williamsburg Free Library in memory of Percival Bisland within a few years of the founding of the institution. Their gifts are among the first recorded private donations from the community to the public library. Since then, the library has benefitted from private contributions which help ensure the margin of excellence WRL strives to provide.

We appreciate your continued charitable support of the library. To learn more about how to give to the library, visit us online at www.wrl.org/giving or call 259-4042.
On view in the Williamsburg Library Gallery this month: 
515 Scotland Street - open during regular library hours
Virginia Native Plant Society Exhibit

05/01 - Thursday Films - Educating Rita
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1983)
A young woman on the path to self-discovery enrolls in literature tutorials at a British university. She is assigned to a disillusioned English professor who encourages his students to forsake dead poetry and enjoy life.

05/02-03 - Pippin
7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre
A production of Pippin presented by the Library Players, with an enchanting score by award-winning Stephen Schwartz, composer of Wicked, and a hilariously witty book by Roger O. Hirson, Pippin is sure to bring a smile to your face. Directed by Ryan Davy, whose previous productions include The Fantasticks (2012) and The Shineshine Boys (2013). $10 suggested donation at the door only. All proceeds will benefit the Williamsburg Regional Library.

05/04 - Pippin
2:30 p.m. - WL Theatre
$10 suggested donation at the door only. All proceeds will benefit the Williamsburg Regional Library.

05/05 - Job Searching - Resume Help
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - WL
Need help with your resume? Does your resume need polishing? Or do you need help creating a resume from scratch? Join us for a resume workshop with Dan Phillips, retired employment counselor. Space is limited. Sign up at the Reference desk or call 259-4050.

05/07 - How to Start & Manage Your Own Business
6:00 p.m. - WL Schell Room
How to Start & Manage Your Own Business is sponsored by SCORE and presented by local, seasoned professionals from the volunteer staff of Williamsburg SCORE. Admission is free, and advance registration is required. Register online at www.williamsburg.SCORE.org/localworkshops or by phone at 229-6511.

05/08 - Thursday Films - The Best Years of Our Lives
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1946)
Recounts the problems faced by three returning veterans of WWII as they attempt to pick up the threads of their lives. Captain Derry is returning to a loveless marriage, Sergeant Stephenson is a stranger to a family that's grown up without him, and sailor Parrish is tormented by the loss of his hands.

05/14 - Celtic Film Series - The Devil's Own
7:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (rated R, 1997)
A thriller about an IRA gunman who draws an American family into the crossfire of terrorism. Frankie McGuire is one of the IRA's deadliest assassins. But when he is sent to the U.S. to buy weapons, he is housed with the family of Tom O'Meara, a New York cop who knows nothing about Frankie's real identity. Their surprising friendship, and Tom's growing suspicions, force Frankie to choose between the promise of peace or a lifetime of murder.

05/15 - Thursday Films - Stage Fright
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1950)
A woman disguises herself as a maid in order to clear her friend who's been accused of murdering his mistress's husband.

05/20 - Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Group Meeting
7:00 p.m. - JCCL
To R.S.V.P. e-mail: rted@cox.net
Topic: Underrated and Overrated: Come prepared to share one SF or Fantasy author or book that is overrated and one that is underrated.

05/22 - Thursday Films - All That Jazz
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1979)
Based on director Bob Fosse's own extravagant life, this vibrant and spectacular film follows Fosse's alter ego Joe Gideon in his relentless pursuit of sex, drugs and self-destruction. Hovering over all of his excess is an angel.

05/29 - Thursday Films - The Big Parade
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1925)
The highest-grossing silent film of all time, as well as the first realistic war drama, tells the harrowing story of a young man's front-line experiences in World War I. The film captures the heroism of the ordinary foot soldier struggling to survive, and how James' determination to return to the village girl he loves faces the ultimate test.

Coming in June - Book Group Basic Training
Saturday, June 7 - 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 
WL Schell Room
How does your book group run? Are you looking to start or join a book group? This one-day, fun and intensive workshop will help you develop or improve the skills needed to make your discussions count. Learn about resources the library has to offer, find out how to survey your group to find out what members want, and practice ways to get everyone talking. Be prepared to share your experience and make suggestions for others. Whether you want to socialize over the latest best-seller or analyze a classic, you'll come away with tips and tricks to make the most of your shared reading. Please register by calling 259-4050.
BEACON OF FREEDOM AWARD WINNER LAURIE CALKHOVEN

2014 Beacon of Freedom Award winner Laurie Calkhoven will accept her award on Friday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Williamsburg Library Theatre, 515 Scotland Street. A book signing will follow.

Ms. Calkhoven’s award-winning book, Will at the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863, is part of her Boys of Wartime series which also includes 2013 Beacon of Freedom Award nominee Daniel at the Siege of Boston, 1776 and Michael at the Invasion of France, 1943.

Additionally, Ms. Calkhoven has written several American Girl quiz books, Innerstar University gamebooks, and most recently published The Traveler’s Tricks, an American Girl Caroline Mystery.

May Art Exhibit:
WL - Matthew Whaley Elementary School

Teen Volunteers Needed!

Calling teen volunteers to help with our annual Summer Reading Program at the Williamsburg Library or James City County Library. This year’s theme is “Fizz Boom Read.” Volunteers should have completed the seventh grade by June 2014. It is required that our volunteers can alphabetiz and enjoy working with young children. Volunteers must also fill out a summer reading volunteer application, available at both libraries during the month of May. It is necessary for all volunteers to attend a training session on one of the following dates:

Saturday, June 7 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
WL - Youth Services Program Room

Teenage Volunteering Day - Saturday, June 7 - 3:00 p.m.

STORYTIMES

NOTE: Storytimes end on May 25 and resume on a summer schedule in mid-June. Storytimes at WRL are planned by trained professionals to promote emergent literacy and a love of books with young children and to share ideas for using books, music, movement, and activities with parents and early childhood educators.

MONDAYS

Toddler Time (ages 2-4)
10:30 a.m. WL

School Age Storytime
2:15 p.m. WL

TUESDAYS

Toddler Time (ages 2-4)
10:30 a.m. JCCL

WEDNESDAYS

Baby Time (birth-2)
10:30 a.m. JCCL

THURSDAYS

Baby Time (birth-2)
10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. WL

School Age Storytime
2:15 p.m. WL

Want to know what activities are coming up for teens at WRL? Go to: twitter.com/WRLteens to receive tweets or send an e-mail to jmcmurray@wrl.org to receive e-mail alerts.
FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE FIGURES:

- month to date $6809.06
- year to date $24,815.67
- Internet sales to date $4,566.50

Book Nook sales are ongoing at both library locations and include hardbacks, paperbacks, magazines, CDs, records, and more at low prices. Proceeds go towards special library programs and the purchase of new library materials.

LIBRARY HOURS: *

The Williamsburg & James City County Libraries

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Days</th>
<th>Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mon - Thurs</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday</td>
<td>1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Libraries CLOSED May 25 & 26

COMPUTER CLASSES

Featured Class – Windows 8 Basics
Confused by the new Windows? Learn the essentials of navigating and customizing your computer. Bring your Windows 8 or 8.1 laptop.
- May 12, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. - WL Room B
- May 27, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - WL Room B
- May 30, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - JCCL Kitzinger Room

Computer Classes
- Android for Newbies
- Basic Computers: Cut/Copy/Paste
- Basic Computers: Mouse
- Basic Excel
- Basic Internet
- Basic Microsoft Word
- Basic PowerPoint
- iPad for Newbies

For class dates and times, visit www.wrl.org/computer-classes or stop by the Reference desk for a class brochure.

Call 259-7720 for more information or to register for a class.

YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE FRIENDS AND RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION!

Please circle one of the following:
- $10.00..............Student Friend
- $15.00...............Friend
- $25.00..............Good Friend
- $50.00(or more)......Best Friend

Contributions are tax-deductible.

☐ My check to "Friends of WRL" is enclosed.
☐ Bill my Visa or MasterCard. Card number:
   __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __ - __ __ __ __
   expiration date: ___ - ___
   signature: __________________________

Name: __________________________________
Address: __________________________________
City: ____________________________________ State: __________
Zip: ___________________ Phone: _________

Mail to: Friends of WRL
7770 Croaker Road, Williamsburg, VA 23188

EX LIBRIS - MAY 2014