

Newsletter



Interim Library Director Named

Marilyn Martin, a 26-year Library employee, has been named Interim Library Director effective July 1, when Lynn Dodge, the current Director, retires. Marilyn has been the Head of the Downtown Branch and Public Law Library since 1987, as well as the Library's technical liaison with the LION library system since its inception in 1990. She has also served as the Acting Head of Adult Services for the past 18 months.

A graduate of the University of

Tennessee-Knoxville, she earned her Master's in Library Science at Emory University. Prior to coming to Lynchburg, she worked at the Charleston (SC) Public Library.

Always interested in local history, she is a past president of the Lynchburg Historical Foundation and is currently a book reviewer for *Lynch's Ferry Magazine*.

The Lynchburg, Bedford and Campbell Public Libraries are currently discussing establishing a regional library system, under a single Library Director.

Flag Day Celebrating Old Glory's 236th Birthday Friday, June 14, 1:00 pm



Explore the history, meaning, and etiquette of our American flag, hosted by the James River Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Members of the American Legion will present the colors and demonstrate the correct way to fold a flag. Mark Day, president of the Thomas Jefferson chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, will be the guest speaker. Music, crafts, and food will also be available.

Gifts to the Library

The Friends of the Library gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

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Lynchburg Suburban Woman's Club (children's books)

Dorothea Fuller, The League of Women Voters, AAUW, and the audiences at the Great Decisions lecture series in February (a new audio system for the Community Meeting Room)

Are you in a reading slump? Have you finished all your favorite author's books and don't know what to read next? We can help. Just fill out a "Your Next Good Read" form at either Library or online, telling us what types of books you like. Within 3 to 5 days, you will receive a personalized, annotated, recommended reading list of books to try.

For example, Sheila likes books with a lot of description, with which she can take her time. She's enjoyed *A Room with a View* by E.M. Forster and books by Kaled Hosseini. Her personalized recommended reading list includes *The Historian* by Elizabeth Kostova, *The Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri, *The Forsyte Saga* by John Galsworthy and any book by Virginia Woolf.

Lists vary in length, but average around six suggestions.

Open Mike Saturday, August 3, 1:00 pm

Join the Poetry Society of Virginia for an Open Mike where poets of all ages and experiences can read their own poetry or share their favorite poem by someone else. Each person will get at least five minutes to read. Reservations are encouraged but not required. Call 455-6317 to reserve your time at the mike.



What Should "Your Next Good Read" Be?



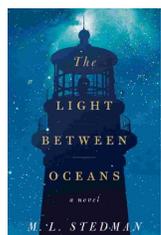
To find the new Friends Facebook page, launched this spring, readers should search for "Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library."

"Speaking of Books" Discussion Group Third Wednesday of each month, 1:00 pm

Come join the Library's book club to talk about the books listed below. Participants enjoy a lively discussion, sharing thoughts and opinions about the selected titles. No registration is necessary and light refreshments are served. Call 455-6310 for further information. (Summaries below are adapted from Amazon.com.)

June 19: *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain

At least a third of all people are introverts, the ones who prefer listening to speaking and reading to partying, who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion, and who favor working on their own over brainstorming in teams. Although they are often labeled "quiet," it is to introverts that we owe many great accomplishments – from van Gogh's sunflowers to the invention of the PC. Filled with remarkable stories of real people, this extraordinary book has the power to change permanently how we see introverts and, equally important, how introverts see themselves.



July 17: *The Light Between the Oceans: A Novel* by M.L. Stedman

After 4 years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia, taking a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock. To this isolated island Tom brings his young wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby. Tom wants to report the man and infant immediately. But Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God" and, against Tom's moral principles, they claim her as their own. When she is two, Tom and Isabel return to the mainland and discover that their decision has devastated another person.

August 15: The selection for our August discussion is forthcoming.

MAIN LIBRARY

2315 Memorial Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 am-5:30 pm
Tues., Thurs.
9:30 am-8:00 pm

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
455-6336

Reference and Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

DOWNTOWN BRANCH AND LAW LIBRARY

900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
455-3820

Mon. - Fri.
9:30 am-5:30 pm

BOTH LIBRARIES CLOSED

Thursday, July 4,
Independence Day

Visit us online at:

www.lyncburgva.gov/library

on Facebook, or at our blog

<http://lyncburgpubliclibrary.wordpress.com>

Facebook: Lynchburg Public Library



LPL Celebrates National Volunteer Week

The Library's volunteers were honored at a luncheon by the Friends of the Library on April 18 in conjunction with National Volunteer Week. In 2012, 80 volunteers provided 2,560 hours of service to LPL patrons and to the City of Lynchburg.



The Bronze Presidential Service Award, honoring those who have given more than 100 hours in a calendar year, was awarded to **Mary White**, one of LPL's first volunteers, who worked 225 hours last year. Mary has now retired after providing a grand total of 5,331 hours since 1995 as our Gift Processor.

This award was also given to the following volunteers:

Romana Battle, 163 hours, Circulation • Vaun Snead, 191 hours, Circulation
Noel Fugate, 108 hours, Technical Services • Bob Lightle, 166 hours, Technical Services
Audrey Webster, 132 hours, Technical Services

Other outstanding volunteers recognized at the luncheon were:
Susan Allmon, 595 hours since 2001, Outreach and Shelf Reader
Sylvia Denny, 902 hours since 2004, Technical Services

Barbara Haskins, 859 hours since 1999, Technical Services

The Library's volunteer program, a partnership between the Friends and the City, has been operating for eighteen years. Volunteers work in every department of the Library, helping the Library better serve the citizens of Lynchburg.

Both the Friends and the Library congratulate each of these recipients and thank all of our volunteers.



"How-To" Bike Maintenance and Repair



Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 pm

Learn how to keep your bike in tip top condition with the volunteers from The Bike Shack.



Follow the Library on Pinterest!

Discover Your Library 24/7

The Library has a wealth of materials that you can use for research, information, and recreational pursuits in the form of books, magazines and newspapers, and videos. We also have some great and free online resources that you can access anytime with an Internet connection and your library card.

Over the summer we will offer free, in-person tutorials on how to use these resources. There will also be time after each tutorial for individual assistance and general computer questions. To request a tutorial appointment, call 455-6310.

Mango Languages in June



Mango is all about languages. If you're visiting a foreign country and want to pick up a few useful phrases or if you

want to become fluent in another language, Mango is your tool. Mango uses speech with text to help students comprehend other languages. Learn how to create a free Mango account and navigate the lessons and the dashboard.

Zinio and Freading in July

Find lots of books and magazines online for free! Read the latest news stories and novels on your mobile device or at home. Learn how to search, download, and manage your accounts on both of these sites.



Find It Virginia and Literati in August



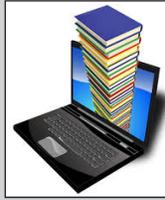
Find it Virginia and Literati are two of our more serious resources, designed with the student in mind. You can research topics like the American Revolution, the Titanic, Women's Roles in Victorian Society and much, much more. With thousands of full-text articles, images, videos, and recordings from newspapers, journals, and encyclopedias, you'll find all the information you need for both personal and academic research projects.

Free Computer Help! Mondays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm • Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Frustrated with your computer skills? Wanting to polish your resume? Needing to use the internet for job searches? We can help you!

Throughout the summer, volunteers are available to help you accomplish these tasks on the computer. Drop by on any of days/times listed above to get help with resumes, online job applications, MS Word documents, online searching, and more. No appointment is necessary; patrons will be assisted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tech Talk: eBooks and eReaders Tuesday, August 6, 2:00 – 4:00 pm



Want to know what eBooks are and how to use them? Need some help navigating your iPad or any other mobile device? Come get help from our Library staff at Tech Talk. For more information, call 455-6310 or visit www.lyncburgva.gov/library.

Do-It-Yourself Classes: Troubleshoot Your PC Troubleshoot Your PC, Part I: Tuesday, July 23, 3:00 – 4:00 pm Troubleshoot Your PC Part II: Thursday, August 8, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm



Two free "how-to" classes on basic computer troubleshooting will be presented by Jonathan Harris, owner of Protech Computer Innovations, LLC. He will demonstrate how to solve a variety of common PC problems, such as recovering files, speeding up a slow computer, removing programs and viruses, reconnecting a lost Internet connection, and fixing hardware malfunctions.

Harris holds an AAS in Electronics Technology and has eight years of experience in both system administration and computer repair/troubleshooting. Participants are welcome to bring their own laptops. Call 455-6310 for further information.

Free Computer Classes

Improve your computer skills with free classes offered at the Main Library this summer. The classes cover basic computer and Internet skills and last about an hour and half. Class size is limited to 11 and registration is required. Pick up a detailed schedule at either Library or visit www.lyncburgva.gov/library and click on "Events." More questions or want to register? Call 455-6310.



Summer Vacation Loans

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, you may borrow most materials for an extended loan period – 5 weeks instead of the normal 3 weeks. Note that the extended vacation loan is not available for DVDs, videos and Adult Collection new books. Please remember to request the vacation loan **before** a staff member begins checking out your items. Happy reading this summer!



Thanks to our AARP Volunteers

This spring, volunteers from the AARP once again assisted citizens with their 2012 tax returns. At the Branch Library, 322 people were served (297 returns filed electronically) and, at the Main Library, 1336 people were helped (1284 returns filed).

In addition, patrons picked up 20,675 federal tax forms and 2,855 federal tax booklets thanks to the efforts of circulation staffer Deborah Beasley, who ordered the publications and kept the distribution racks well-stocked. We also provided approximately 675 copies of the standard Virginia state tax form (at cost) since the state no longer provides paper copies.



Upcoming Board Meetings of the Friends of the Library

Tuesday, June 11
4:00 pm
Community Room
Visitors are always welcome at Board Meetings.

Going on Vacation? Suspend Your Request Until You Return!

Are you afraid you might miss that book you've been waiting weeks to read while you are away on vacation? Then suspend your request during the time you'll be away. Your request will automatically reactivate on the date you choose, resuming your place in the queue.

Here's what to do: After logging in with your library card number on the Catalog page of our website, click on Your Library Records. Click on Hold Requests and then check the box next to the item(s) you want to change. Change the date, using the dropdown boxes at the top, to the date when you want your request to be reinstated. Click on "Change Status." The status column for that book will then read "suspended." If you need assistance, just call the Circulation Desk at 455-6336.

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