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OF NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Supporting Friends of the Library Statewide

NC FRIENDS TALK

From our President Judy Hills...

Hello Friends,

As we close out 2021, let us not forget to celebrate our successes. What were you able to accomplish in the past year? December is a good time to recount those achievements in an Annual Report, especially if your fiscal year coincides with the calendar year. What did you do? Why did you do it? What were the results? Why did you spend time and money the way that you did? What difference did it make? An Annual Report connects the dot for the readers and provides transparency and accountability to your members, to your contributors, to the library you serve and to the community in general. This is one of the topics presented this fall and posted on the FONCPL YouTube channel. [Click here](#) to view the video presentation and [click here](#) to view an excellent example of an Annual Report produced by the Friends of the Library Southport and Oak Island, NC.

While there are several occasions to celebrate the library staff during the year, December is a nice time to recognize their work. Some Friends provide a lunch, a reception, or small gifts. Do you have any such plans? If you did something like this during December, please send a small write-up and some pictures to the [editor](#) of NC Friend Talk.

December is also an excellent time for personal reflection. What did you do for your Friends? Chances are if you are reading this, you are one of the leaders of your group. The Pareto Principle (also known as 80/20 rule, the law of the vital few, or the principle of factor sparsity) states that for many outcomes, roughly 80% of consequences come from 20% of causes (the “vital few”). In some cases, it may be even less than 20%. This probably holds true for most, if not all, Friends groups. Those of you who give so freely of your time and talents, we salute your steadfastness and passion for the mission!

On behalf of the FONPL Board of Directors, I wish you the merriest of Christmases and a happy and safe New Year! Take time to enjoy family, friends and gifts of the season. And a big THANK YOU for all you do!



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LITERACY FOUNDATION

Friends of the Library Southport Oak Island received a generous \$4,000 grant from **Dollar General's Literacy Foundation** to help fund Playaways and Launchpads through the ***Books Come Alive*** program! Branch Managers at Harper Library in Southport and Barbee Library on Oak Island have selected the pre-loaded book contents for the devices. Playaway offers audiobooks on the go—just use the earplugs and let a book take you into a new world. Launchpads are designed for kids with a simple, easy-to-use interface that is 100% secure. Launchpad tablets are made to be passed from one set of hands to the next. No download time. No need for Wi-Fi.

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**** NEW TREASURER!! ****

FONCPL Election of Treasurer

The individual and group members of FONCPL who paid dues in 2021 are eligible to elect FONCPL officers. The only position requiring a vote this year is that of Treasurer. Former FONCPL Treasurer Mark West resigned this past year and the FONCPL Board appointed Tim Como to finish the balance of Mark's term which ends on 12/31/21. Tim has agreed continue in this position if elected. Officers are elected for two-year terms, so if elected, Tim would serve in that position until 12/31/23.

A little bit about Tim: He lives in Hickory and is a member of the Friends of the Hickory Public Library and is currently their Treasurer. Tim was a professional engineer during his working career and he enjoys reading and genealogy.

Given that Tim is the only candidate we have for Treasurer, there is no requirement to hold a typical election. This calls for a formal vote for a single candidate and Tim is elected via acclamation unless there is anyone who disapproves. Voting entities have until December 3rd at midnight to email any such disapproval to FONCPL Secretary Joanne Straight at jostraight@gmail.com The Board is confident that Tim will serve ably in this position.

Listed on the next page are some fun days for you to celebrate in December in your own creative ways!

And then we started thinking creatively

By planning ahead, the amount of fun to be had is endless!

More Fun Days to Celebrate in 2022

There are no shortage of months, weeks, and days to celebrate over and above the traditional US Holidays. Have you ever perused Chase's Calendar of Events or one of the many online calendars of things to celebrate—some purely for fun? We just listed a few National Days to celebrate in December, but there are oh so many more.

Well and good, you might say, but what use is that information to our Friends? What if you collaborated with the library or libraries you serve to create displays, events, or contests to commemorate these events? How fun would Haiku Poetry contest be to celebrate National Haiku Poetry Day (4/18/22)? What about hosting a "Ghostbusters" party on 5/4/22 which is National Paranormal Day? What if you did a display of angels for Be an Angel Day (8/22/22)?

While there are many, many different calendars you could access, we have taken the time to provide a list of over 250 month-long, week-long and daily celebrations. We really hope that as you plan your Friends' calendar of events and programs for 2022, that you will add a couple of these—just for fun. Put on your thinking caps or do online research for ideas. [Click here](#) to access the list.



**A Few Fun “Delicious” Days
in December to Celebrate in your
Friends Groups!**

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| December 1 | Eat a Red Apple Day |
| December 2 | National Fritter Day |
| December 4 | National Cookie Day |
| December 8 | National Brownie Day |
| December 9 | National Pastry Day |
| December 12 | National Ambrosia Day |
| December 13 | National Cocoa Day |
| December 15 | National Cupcake Day |
| December 17 | National Maple Syrup Day |
| December 19 | National Hard Candy Day |
| December 21 | National Fried Shrimp Day |
| December 24 | National Eggnog Day |
| December 26 | National Candy Cane Day |
| December 30 | National Bacon Day |

It's Time!! 2022 is upon us!

Please Join US



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FONCPL offers two membership options:

Group membership is open to Friends organizations and public libraries. The [Group Membership form](#) is available [here](#).

Individual membership is open to anyone with an interest in the activities of the Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries.

Click [here](#) to access the [Individual Membership form](#).

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Deadline for Newsletter material 1/25/22

And to all our Friends ...



Merry Christmas!