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NC FRIENDS TALK

It's a New Year!!



FONCPL offers two membership options:

Group membership is open to Friends organizations and public libraries.

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

To join, please go to www.foncpl.org to view the Membership Forms.

From President Judy Hills . . .

Many of us begin the new year with resolutions for personal growth and change. How many of you do so for your Friends? I accessed the "100 best New Year quotes for 2022." Here are a few random thoughts/questions on some of them.

Oprah Winfrey: "Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right!" What might "get it right" mean for your Friends?

Robin Sharma: “Don’t live the same year 75 times and call it a life.” Does your Friends group keep repeating the same old things over and over each year?

J.P. Morgan: “The first step toward getting somewhere is to decide you’re not going to stay where you are.” All new beginnings start with a decision. What decision for change might your Friends start with?

Nido Qubein: “Your present circumstances don’t determine where you can go. They merely determine where you can start.” What “present circumstances” might your Friends be using as excuses from moving forward?

Kristin Kruek: “Life is about change, sometimes it’s painful, sometimes it’s beautiful, but most of the time it’s both.” Are your Friends avoiding necessary change because it’s going to be painful in some way?

So, by now you must get the message that Friends, in order to continue to be relevant now and into the future, must change. We can’t stay stagnant. We have to embrace the need to bring our operations into the 21st century. Like the old saw says, “How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.” So, what’s the first bite that you might take to address needed change?

And these words are no less relevant for FONCPL. We have work to do as well. We begin this new year with a survey on the training and educational needs of Friends. There is a short article in the newsletter about it along with the link. Please respond and share this information with your members and even with your library. Later in the spring we will have another survey specific to FONCPL operations.

The FONCPL Board of Directors wish you a very Happy New Year—with the emphasis on “new.” Think of 2022 as your year of renewal. And if this inspired you to make some changes, please write a short article on it to submit to this newsletter so others can learn from your experience.



FONCPL Training & Educational Needs Survey

This is your opportunity to help the FONCPL Board develop its plan of work for 2022. Due to COVID-19 FONCPL did not have any workshops in 2020. In 2021, due to COVID-19 and the Delta variant, we held two virtual workshops, one in the spring and one in the fall. We posted these presentations on our YouTube channel and they are still there for viewing. [Click here](#) for the spring workshops and [click here](#) for the fall workshops. Given that COVID-19 is still with us and variants still seem to be evolving, we are skeptical of planning in-person workshops in 2022 and then having to cancel them. So, the questions on this survey are about the training and educational needs of Friends. We sincerely hope you will participate in this important survey. Please feel free to share with survey with your members and encourage them to respond. Share the link with the library as well.

"FUN" idea from the Friends of New Bern-Craven County Public Library



HOLIDAY BOOK GIVE AWAY

Joanne Straight, President

Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library

The Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library delivered holiday treats to the students at one elementary school the week before Christmas. Fifty percent of students in Craven County Schools are economically disadvantaged. This year we worked with Trent Park Elementary School which has 430 students in Pre-K through fifth grade.

We originally planned to provide books to students in first through third grades. The school principal wanted all students to receive a book. She offered to provide the funds to include fourth and fifth grade students. Luckily, the library's Youth Services Supervisor offered to donate the leftover summer reading program books previously purchased by Friends. This donation combined with the books purchased allowed us to provide each student with at least two books.

We purchased plain brown kraft paper and invited Friends members and the public to help us wrap and decorate the gifts using rubber stamps, stickers, and other decorations plus glitter. Lots of glitter! The books were sorted by grade level to be distributed to individual classrooms. The principal and vice principal dressed up as Santa's helpers. They helped distribute the books and bookmarks while the Friends provided each student with an ice cream sandwich.

Listening to the kids comments on the books they received (and how excited they were about the ice cream sandwiches) made all our efforts worthwhile.



FONCPL President Invited to Participate in United for Libraries Session

FONCPL President Judy Hills has been invited to present recommendations regarding Friends and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) during the United for Libraries' Learning Live virtual session to be aired on January 11th 2 to 3 PM Eastern time. Dan Alridge, Past President of Friends of Georgia Libraries was also asked to present. Following this United for Libraries will make available new and revised resources, and anything our group is willing to share as far as resources we have put together. The theme of the Learning Live will be "Friends and Foundations working effectively with the director/library" and will also focus on guidelines for giving, etc., and will also have 1-2 other speakers. That's as much as we know at this time.

**Plan a special day at
your Library!**

Let's Have Fun in January!

January 1	Play Outside Day
January 2	Swiss Cheese Day
January 3	JRR Tolkien Day, Chocolate Covered Cherry Day
January 4	National Spaghetti Day
January 8	Elvis Presley's Birthday
January 10	Clean Your Desk Day
January 14	International Kite Day
January 15	National Bagel Day
January 18	National Winnie the Pooh Day
January 19	National Popcorn Day
January 23	National Pie Day
January 27	National Chocolate Cake Day
January 31	National Hot Chocolate Day

And let's look ahead to February!!

Plan some fun days for your community!

February 2	Groundhog Day
February 4	National Bubble Gum Day
February 5	Play Outside Day
February 8	National Kite Flying Day
February 14	Valentines Day
February 17	National Random Acts of Kindness Day
February 21	Presidents Day
February 23	National Dog Biscuit Day
February 26	National Tell a Fairy Tale Day

**Ways to
Celebrate
February!!**

Supply the gum & then hold a "Bubble Blowing Contest"

Have a Kite Building Class!

Supply all the stuff needed to make Valentines!

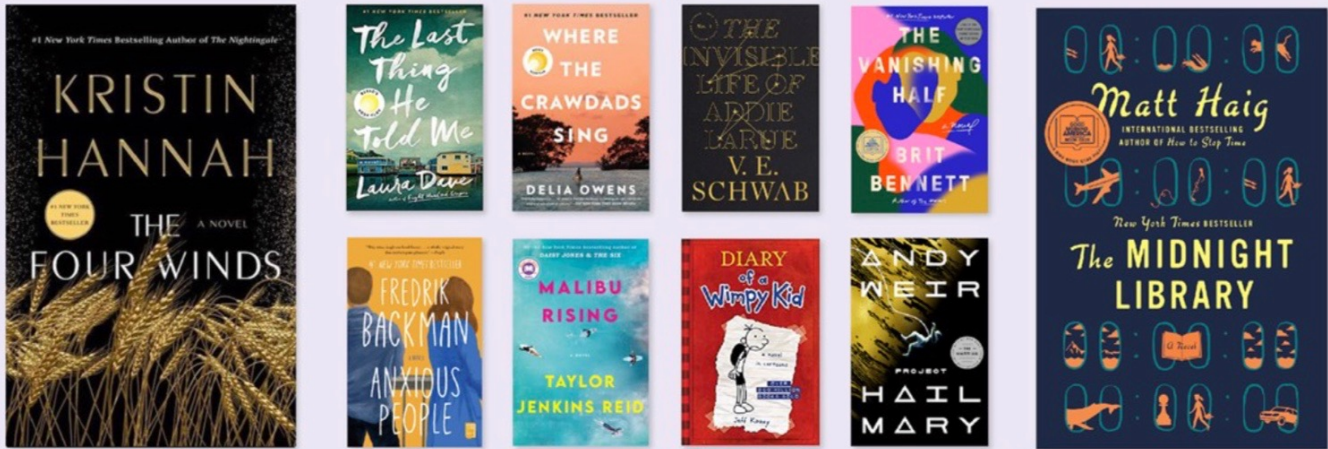
**Have books on our Presidents out for all to read....maybe have a
"Match the President with His Picture" Contest.**

Make Dog Biscuits together and let them take them home to their pets.

Have a great Story Teller come tell Fairy Tales from around the world.

According to libraryAware site,
the top 10 Book Titles searched in 2021 were:

Top 10 Searched Titles



*Wonder which books will be
the most searched in 2022?*



To wrap it up,

*Please remember to take the survey on page 2 by 1/21/22...
It only takes about 3 minutes to complete.*

*Be sure to join FONCPL please –
Just click on the link on the first page.*

*And send in any activities that you would like to share for the
February Newsletter by January 24, 2022.*

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HAPPY NEW YEAR