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Hello Friends!

As I write this the end of February, the azaleas and daffodils in my yard are blooming—crazy! While it is not yet spring, we are inching closer. This is a time when we are shaking off the winter doldrums and becoming more active. We hope your Friends group is doing that as well.

Do your Friends have a calendar of events yet for 2022? If not, this is a good place to start. There is something more compelling about completing a task that is written down. We continue to urge you to try something new this year.

One thing we can all plan on this year is that just about everything is going to cost more. For some groups that means you will need to get more funding to sustain your operations. Have you given this any thought?

FONCPL is gearing up for our spring workshop which will be virtual via our YouTube channel again. The YouTube videos from last spring and fall are still available on our website. We need your input on topics and presenters! Do you have a really good Treasurer who understands the importance of an informal end-of-year audit? Suggest that he or she contact FONCPL. It is very easy to make a YouTube video. Please send your ideas to me ([jahnbnc@gmail.com](mailto:jahnbnc@gmail.com))

Some upcoming events to be thinking about: **April 3-9 is National Library Week.** How are you planning to celebrate your library and acknowledge your library staff? **September 18-24 is Banned Book Week.** Given the increasing focus on this topic, are you planning an event to shed light on the issue? The ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom will have a press kit available for it. **October 16-22 is National Friends of the Library Week.** How will you celebrate it?

We hope you will renew your individual and group membership in FONCPL. Many groups have been inactive and may not be aware that dues are due. We plan to give everyone until March 31<sup>st</sup> to renew so if you want to continue to receive this newsletter, please send in your payment soon. [Click here](#) for the group renewal form and [click here](#) for the individual renewal (or new member) form.

That's all for now, Friends!

Judy Hills, President



## Local Friends Spotlight!

My name is Karen Robbins, the current president of the Friends of the Library Rourk Branch. We are part of the Brunswick County Library system. Here's some news from Southeast NC. Our Friends of the Library group wanted to develop a logo, so we partnered with our local high school and sponsored a contest.

The partnership between the library and the high school has been positive and we see many ways to continue working with the school librarian, English teachers, and students.



Megan Ybarra, winner  
*Megan, who is an active reader, and loves Ray Bradbury, said her design was meant to be a coastal symbol without being corny.*

## Come Chat With Us !!



**WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2022 7:00 pm**

Zoom Chat with FONCPL President Judy Hills  
***Is your Friends group floundering?***  
Let's talk about it.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85779741307?  
pwd=NGV0aExBRGx1a3B2SWY3blduMjFjUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85779741307?pwd=NGV0aExBRGx1a3B2SWY3blduMjFjUT09)

Phone: 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)  
Meeting ID: 857 7974 1307  
Passcode: 566094

## Looking to



**April is National Poetry Month.** Request your free copy of the official poster in time for the April 2022 celebration of National Poetry Month by filling out the form below!

<https://poets.org/national-poetry-month/get-official-poster>

**April** is National Poetry Month, 30 days of celebrating the joy, expressiveness, and pure delight of poetry. First celebrated in 1996, the Academy of American Poets organized the **holiday to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry** in the United States. During Poetry Month, help everyone explore poems, poets, and poetry.



## Ways to celebrate National Poetry Month in April?

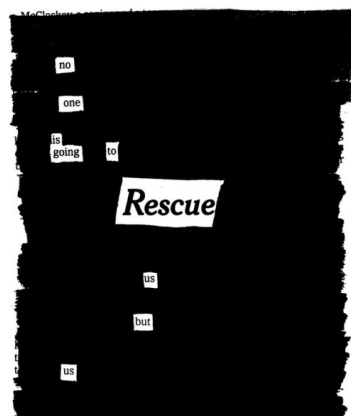
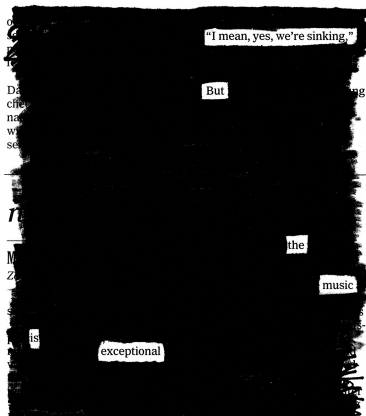
~Order the Official National Poster.

~Talk with your Librarian about making a display of Poetry Books.

~Put out some information about NC's Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green.

~Do a class on Book Spine Poetry.

~Try Black Out Poetry



# NATIONAL ★★★ LIBRARY WEEK

**APRIL 3-9, 2022**

"Libraries are places where communities connect—to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other."

**MOLLY SHANNON**  
NATIONAL LIBRARY  
WEEK HONORARY  
CHAIR



**CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY**

ALA American  
Library Association

Library  
Champions  
Investing in America's Libraries

LIBRARIES  
TRANSFORM

**So How Will Your Friends Group Celebrate?  
How will you share some love with your library and the Staff?**

*Please be sure to check with your library's governing entity on their gifting policy.*

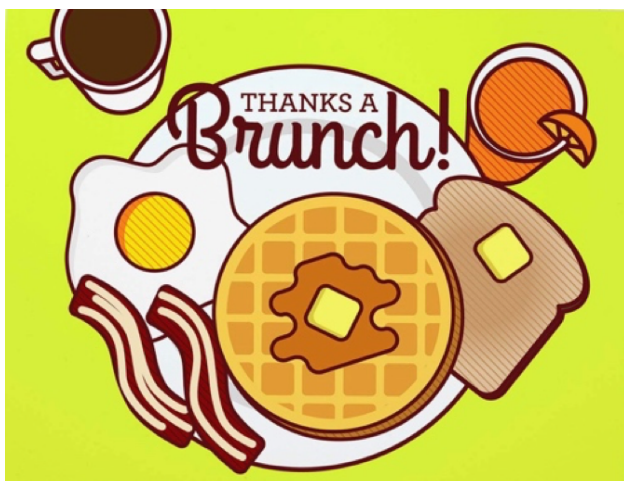
## *Thank you note?*



## *Drinks & Snacks?*



## *Thank you Brunch?*



## *Gift Cards?*



Book banning is a hot topic .... some of our Friends are aware of this current issue, some are not, and some are uncomfortable with it. In preparing for Banned Books Week September 18-24, 2022, this may be a subject on which you do some research. As this week gets closer, we hope to offer you more information while also hoping that you educate yourself.

Here are a few suggested articles from United for Libraries:

The United for Libraries Intellectual Freedom Task Force has compiled two new resources to support Trustees and libraries to prepare for program, material, and access challenges.

["Terms and Definitions Related to Intellectual Freedom & Censorship"](#) is a collection that clearly defines the language used relating to intellectual freedom and censorship challenges.

["Materials Challenges: Key Library Policies to Review and Revise"](#) reviews the key components of well-constructed and legal policies and describes the policies that a library should review and/or implement to prepare for the possibility of a materials challenge.

Both Tip Sheets are featured on the United for Libraries resource page ["Trustee Resources for Program & Material Challenges."](#)

ALA's ["Fight Censorship"](#) resource page includes further information on preparing for and responding to challenges, censorship legislation, how to support intellectual freedom, and more.

## SO THEY MADE YOU THE TREASURER. NOW WHAT?

*by FONCPL Treasurer Tim Como*

If you somehow got volunteered to be the treasurer of your Friends group, but are not really clear what you have let yourself in for, here are a few tips to get you started. Your first action will be to sit down with the previous treasurer and get a full turnover in regard to what your duties will be and how they are done. Be sure to take good notes on everything that is said, as you will probably be referring back to them for some time to come. Your group will have a charter with duties and responsibilities of the treasurer spelled out. You will need to review that as well.

You will need the assistance of the previous treasurer or President of your group in transferring check-writing authority. This will have to be done at the bank. You need to be sure that at least two people in your group have check-writing authority and have authority to use the group's charge card, if you have one. If only one person has such responsibility and decides to move on, you will find yourself with a big, big problem. It would be advisable for you to go through the treasurer records for previous years and make yourself a calendar of what expenses and income sources to expect for the coming year. Your group will be depending on you to be aware of anything coming up that may become a financial problem.

If you are a 501 (c)(3), you will need to get familiar with IRS tax form 990-N, which should be submitted every year. It is very easy and takes very little time, but if you fail to do so for three consecutive years, you will lose your tax exempt status.

Other duties for the treasurer will vary depending on the group, but this is a bare minimum of what will be required of you. But fear not. Once you have been through it for a few months, it gets easier and easier.



*Friends of Western Carteret Public Library  
and Friends of Beaufort Public Library  
Present*

# Books for Babies

During 4th quarter 2021, Friends of Western Carteret Public Library and Friends of Beaufort Public Library joined together to create "**Books For Babies**", a program designed to encourage new mothers to read to their newborns and help them develop a love of reading. Led by Tina Siegel (president of FOWCPL) and Meg Forward (president of FOBPL) a committee was formed to gather materials while finding sponsors and donors to fund the initiative.

This group created 500 "bags" for new mothers who give birth at Carteret Health Care in 2022.

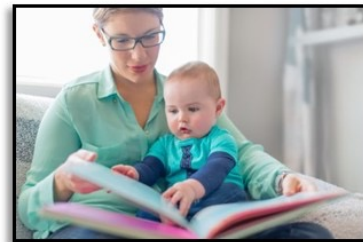
Included in the bags are

- 2 Bilingual Baby Board Books
- Baby's First Library Card
- Locations and Contact Information to libraries located in Carteret County
- Application for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program that gives free books to children from birth to age 5

This "**Books For Babies**" program is hoping to launch in March after a delay due to Hospital visitor restrictions in January and February. A ribbon cutting ceremony is expected to thank the many sponsors and donors who helped make this vision possible:

- Emerald Isle Parrot Head Club
- Lookout Rotary Club of Morehead City
- Publix
- Carteret Craven Electric Foundation
- Carteret County Partnership for Children
- The Diet & Nutrition Dept of Carteret Health Care

For more information please contact **Tina Siegel** or **Meg Forward**.



For more information, Tina & Meg welcome your questions!

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# Here's a fun challenge !

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<https://www.ebsco.com/blogs/novelist/2022-novelist-reading-challenge>



## Reading Challenge *Beginners*

- ☐ Read a gothic novel.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a true crime book about a heist, a cult, or an unsolved crime.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Listen to an audiobook that is less than six hours long.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book set around a holiday other than Christmas.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a mystery set in a country other than your own.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book by a nonbinary author.  
(NoveList tip: Search AG nonbinary)  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book that takes place over the course of a week or less.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book where the main events take place during a wedding, reunion, or funeral.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book with the theme "chosen family".  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book that was a LibraryReads or Loan Stars pick in 2021.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a picture book that is a Storytime Standout.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book that was selected for a celebrity book club in 2021.  
(NoveList tip: Search MM book club)  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reading Challenge *Aficionados*

- ☐ Select at least two appeals in the NoveList appeal mixer and read a title from the resulting book list.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Watch a NoveList Crash Course webinar or read over a genre guide in NoveList and pick one of the suggested titles to read.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book with one of the following appeals: funny, amusing, darkly humorous, or sardonic.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book in translation.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a graphic novel with black and white illustrations.  
(NoveList tip: Search "IC black-and-white")  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a biography or memoir by an indigenous author.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book based on a real person or historical event.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read an Afrofuturism or Afrofantasy novel.  
(NoveList tip: Search GN Afrofuturism OR GN Afrofantasy or check out the Recommended Reads lists for these genres)  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a speculative novel by a Latine author.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book published before 2021 that received at least one starred review.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Read a book that has been adapted into a television show.  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Your FONCPL Board Members

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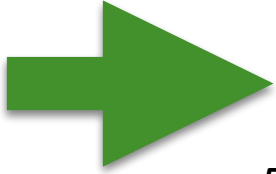
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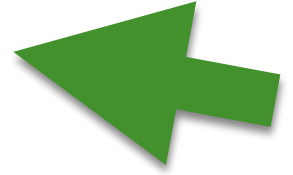
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**2022**

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Send in any activities that you would like to share for the April Newsletter by **March 25, 2022**.

Also, are there any subjects on which you would like to have more information? Just ask us.

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*May your troubles be less and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door.*