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OF NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Supporting Friends of the Library Statewide

April

NC F\*R\*I\*E\*N\*D\*S TALK

2022

March was a busy month for FONCPL. We continued to attract new members, both individual as well as groups and we had a number of renewals. It is gratifying that FONCPL is recognized and supported for the work that we do in “providing a nexus for the exchange of information, ideas, and experiences among Friends of the Library groups in North Carolina” as it says on our website home page.

On March 9<sup>th</sup> we held our very first “Open Mic Night”—an informal zoom meeting. Although the advertised topic was “Are your Friends floundering?” we ended up with a free-ranging discussion. We had 14 participants, four of which were FONCPL Board members. There were some really good ideas shared and there was a consensus that this was a valuable communication tool. So, we will plan for additional “Open Mic Nights.” The next one will be Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The link is included in this edition.

On Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> we plan to go live with our Spring Workshop YouTube videos. We are still in the process of identifying topics and speakers so check our website for updates. In this edition will give you a few hints about what to expect.

We have had a number of Friends asking our opinion on certain topics. Our Board is always happy to respond. Your FONCPL membership gives you access to consultation. Our answers may not always be what you want to hear. We try to help our Friends understand the bigger picture and we try to present a balanced approach. We encourage both Friends leadership and library management to know and understand each other’s operational constraints.

I have been asked by the State Library to participate in an orientation session for new(ish) library directors. My presentation will include a little about FONCPL, how Friends are structured, and how Friends and libraries can work together. Education is the key to understanding. We thank the State Library Friends’ Consultant Lynda Reynolds for arranging this opportunity.

If your Friends are having a book sale or a fundraiser this spring, we wish you every success! If you are trying anything unique or different, we’d love to hear about it. We invite FONCPL members to contribute material and photos for this newsletter.

Yours in Friendship,

Judy Hills, President

Don't forget to



and please share pictures with us for our May Newsletter!



Let's us know how you celebrate National Poetry Month!!



### **Weeding Library Collections**

Some Friends have become involved in situations where the library is weeding their collections. All libraries should have written policies governing this subject. They may or may not include specific guidelines on how the discarded material will be disposed of. We hope they will give the discards to the Friends for them to sell at their book sales, but if not, what does your library do with its discards?

One library recently was getting heat from the public. Some were saying that because public funds were spent on the purchase of these materials, that the library could not dispose of them. Au contraire, the UNC School of Government (the experts in all things governmental in NC) has produced a document "[Property Disposal Options for North Carolina Local Governments](#)." Books weeded from library collections have no value and as such can legally be discarded or donated to nonprofits. Libraries may donate their discards to Friends of the Library, and we hope they do.

We advise all Friends to be aware of this and other library policies and procedures. [Click here](#) for a collection of articles on Collection Management which is posted on the Resource page of the FONCPL website.

### **FONCPL Spring Workshops by Judy Hills**

Now that Friends are starting to meet again, we were hoping that you will use one or more of our YouTube videos as a point of discussion at your meetings. Round three is coming up on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We have a few hot topics planned. "Money Matters" came about because several Friends groups asked how Friends should spend their funds. "Online Sale of Books to a Buy-Back Seller" is a step-by-step tutorial on how to sell books to certain companies online. "Volunteers and Friends" addresses who does what in libraries. Again, this question was asked recently. "Effective Collaboration" is similar to the presentation I gave for the United for Libraries online webinar. It primarily discusses how Friends and libraries should cooperate. We have a few other topics in the pipeline, but don't know yet if they will come to fruition. We will post the topics on the FONCPL website along with the past YouTube videos. Stay tuned!



## StoryWalk® Grand Opening at New Park in New Bern

The Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library purchased permanent StoryWalk® displays (20 of them) for the new Martin Marietta Park in New Bern, NC. The displays were purchased almost three years ago, but were not installed until March 2022 due to delays. During this period the Friends created StoryWalk® panels for seven different titles. These were professionally done. Several teachers reviewed the literacy and activity prompts. These StoryWalk® titles are available for use by the community. The Friends provide metal stakes (like a political sign) for use outdoors.

Project partners included the City of New Bern Parks and Recreation Department, the Craven-Pamlico Regional Library and the Harold H. Bate Foundation which provided some funding for the StoryWalk® panels. The Friends paid for the permanent displays. The 20 stations are around a one-half mile walking trail that goes around the playground and along the lakefront.

The city held a grand opening and ribbon cutting for the park, the playground and the StoryWalk® on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>. There was a nice crowd. The Craven-Pamlico Regional Library brought their new Tech/Book Mobile which the Friends also helped to fund. Friends' VP Judy Hills (also FONCPL President) was given a few minutes on the agenda to say a few words about the project. She was also interviewed by the local TV station WNCT. [Click here](#) to hear her remarks.

StoryWalks® provide an innovative and delightful way for children (and adults) to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from a children's picture book are installed along an outdoor path. As you walk the path you are directed to the next page in the story. Read more about StoryWalks® on the [Project Ideas page](#) of the Resource section of the FONCPL website.



# Fun Days in May

## MAY



1 National Mother Goose Day  
*Have a fun reading day for your children!*

2 National Teacher Appreciation Day



4 May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you  
*Star Wars Fans celebrate by saying "May the Fourth Be With You". Throw a party & serve up food inspired by the movies....such as blue milk & rice balls.*

5 Cinco de Mayo



*Celebrate the Mexican victory over the French in 1862.*

8 National Have a Coke Day/Mother's Day

12 National Limerick Day

*Have a contest for the best limerick!*

13 National Apple Pie Day

*Celebrate by eating a piece of apple pie & tag a pic on #NationalApplePieDay*

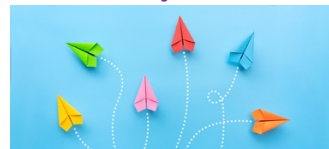
14 National Dance Like A Chicken Day

20 National Rescue Dog Day

*Partner with a local pet shelter for an adoption day!*

24 National Scavenger Hunt Day

*What fun could be had in the library!! Memory maker!*



26 National Paper Airplane Day

*Have a class on the different ways to fold an airplane! Then display!*

31 National Smile Day

*Smiles are infectious! Encourage everyone to wear their best smile!*



Just an idea to increase your “Friends” Membership !

**Sell memberships as Birthday or Christmas Gifts!**



Give the gift of  
friendship!  
Support our library  
by giving a gift of  
Membership to the  
Friends –  
It's perfect for  
holidays, birthdays  
or any day!

**A FEW TIPS:** Be sure to include who they need to contact – Name of contact, phone number, email address, the cost, and what occasion the gift is for so that you can provide the correct theme of gift card to be given! Design a Birthday Gift Card, a Christmas Gift Card, etc



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## **FONCPL offers two membership options:**

**Group membership** is open to Friends organizations and public libraries. **\$35**

**Individual membership** is open to anyone with an interest in the activities of the Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries. **\$15**

Just go to **FONCPL.org** for applications

**CURRENT 2022 GROUP MEMBERS:** Albert Carlton-Cashiers Comm. Library, Alleghany County Library, Ashe County Public Library, Braswell Memorial Library, Buncombe County Libraries, Burke County Public Library, Camden County Library, Carteret County Public Library, Caswell Library, Catawba County Library, Cleveland County Memorial Library, Denton Public Library, Down East Library, Edgecombe County Library, Goldston Public Library, Harnett County Public Library, Havelock Craven County Library, Henderson County Public Library, Hickory Public Library, Hocutt Ellington Memorial Library, Johnston County-Smithfield Public Library, Paddison Library – Kernersville, Lewisville Library, Lexington Library, Madison County Public Library, Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Library, Mars Hill Public Library, Midland Library, Mountains Branch Library, New Bern -Craven Co Public Library, New Hanover County Public Library, Pamlico County Library, Pender County Public Library – Burgaw, Rourk Branch Library, Rowan Public Library, Sneads Ferry Library, South Buncombe, Southport/Oak Island Library, Stanly County Public Library, Union County Public Library, Vanceboro-Craven Co Public Library, Walkertown Library, Watauga County Public Library, Western Carteret Public Library, Western Watauga

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**Come Chat With Us !!**



# OPEN MIC NIGHT

**RECRUITING YOUNGER & MORE DIVERSE MEMBERS**

**Hosted by FONCPL President Judy Hills**  
**Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting by Computer**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85646454372?pwd=ZmZXYnlYmFYWkczU0U2eHpHckI2UT09>

**Join Zoom Meeting by Cell**

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Meeting ID: 856 4645 4372 Passcode: 051032

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

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