



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

Hello Friends!

Loving this spring weather! Feels good to be able to meet again in person. Our Friends just had their big book sale (one of two we have per year). It was a whole lot of work, but fun to get to talk about books with the attendees. We gained some new members and got a significant number of renewals just by asking people to join. Our Friends have also begun petitioning our county commissioners for a larger, modern library. I have written a short article about the process in this edition of the newsletter. Remember that one of our primary roles is advocacy.

In this edition you'll find information on the latest YouTube videos that we have posted—our Spring Virtual Workshop. We hope you will show one or more videos at your meetings. It will certainly give you something to discuss! The presentations from the Spring 2021 and Fall 2021 workshops are also still available online. Go to the FONCPL website and access the pull-down menu from the workshops tab.

Last month's Open Mic night was on the topic of recruiting younger and more diverse members. We shared our thoughts. Everyone on the zoom meeting thought it was worthwhile. We hope you'll be on the next session on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We'll talk about fundraisers—other than selling books. The link can be found in this newsletter.

The training session for the new(ish) Library Directors hosted by State Library Liaison Lynda Reynolds went very well. We were given time on their agenda to discuss Friends in general and specifically how Friends and libraries can work together. Recently we mailed dues notices. This resulted in a number of groups paying FONCPL dues. We sincerely appreciate those who support FONCPL! If you are not individual members, we invite you to join. We need all the help we can get.

We hope that both the improved weather and the lessening of COVID impacts has caused your Friends to reenergize and recommit to the mission. If we can help in any way, please let us know. Good luck!

Yours in Friendship,  
Judy Hills, FONCPL President



**Welcome to the**  
**2022 FONCPL**  
**Spring Virtual Workshop!**

*You don't want to miss out on these!!*

<https://foncpl.org/spring-2022-workshop/>



A question was asked:

*Does the State Library have any set standard or guideline regarding library size (sf per capita)?*

And the answer from Lynda Reynolds of the NCPL:

We just released our updated Public Library Standards document. It is viewable here: <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/services-libraries/resources-library-staff/public-library-standards> There is a standard under Facilities Size that has a table for recommended square foot per capita:

<https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/services-libraries/resources-library-staff/public-library-standards/facilities#size>

Keep in mind, however, that these are guidelines, not requirements, and it is up to the public library system to determine which tier level- essential, enhanced, exemplary- it chooses to meet for each standard.

In excitement for the upcoming 2022 Pulitzer Prize Winners to be announced,  
looking back.....how many of these Fiction Winners have you read?

2021 The Night Watchman  
2020 The Nickel Boys  
2019 The Overstory  
2018 Less  
2017 The Underground Railroad  
2016 The Sympathizer  
2015 All The Light We Cannot See  
2014 The Goldfinch  
2013 The Orphan Master's Son  
2011 A Visit from the Goon Squad  
2010 Tinkers  
2009 Olive Kitteridge  
2008 The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao  
2007 The Road  
2006 March  
2005 Gilead  
2004 The Known World  
2003 Middlesex  
2002 Empire Falls  
2001 The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay  
2000 Interpreter of Maladies

Louise Erdrich  
Colson Whitehead  
Richard Powers  
Andrew Sean Greer  
Colson Whitehead  
Viet Thanh Nguyen  
Anthony Doerr  
Donna Tartt  
Adam Johnson  
Jennifer Egan  
Paul Harding  
Elizabeth Strout  
Junot Diaz  
Cormac McCarthy  
Geraldine Brooks  
Marilynne Robinson  
Edward P. Jones  
Jeffrey Eugenides  
Richard Russo  
Michael Chabon  
Jhumpa Lahiri

Wouldn't it be fun to have a party on  
May 9, 2022 for the  
2022 Pulitzer Prize Winners?!







One of our April “Open Mic Night” discussions centered on how to increase membership in our local Friends groups both in number & diversity (age & race). Many ideas were discussed and one “30 something” person suggested putting an “interest blurb” on Linked In for diversity interest. Linked In is more popular with them than Facebook is. Here is an example of a post that was made.

***Why not use this idea and post one for your local Friends group?***



**Cameron Lambe Gilmore** (She/Her) • 1st

Recovering Attorney, Air & Space Geek, Conflicted Duke Fan, Talent Ac...

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Hello, all lovers of libraries!

Did you know that every public library in North Carolina has a "Friends" group which is made up of volunteers dedicated to serving the needs, goals, and maintenance of that library?

These boards are always looking for people from all backgrounds and walks of life to help- you just have to love the mission of public libraries.

Refresher: What do your local libraries do?

- Reading and literacy programs for all ages
- Childrens' reading and activity programs all year long
- Organized book clubs
- Community groundskeeping events
- Instructional classes on art, gardening, and crafting

and best of all:

FREE access to an unlimited supply of books and audio books all year, every year, forever!

Interested in keeping this crazy & wonderful mission going by serving on your local Friends board?

Contact one of these nice board members (<https://foncpl.org/board/>) or ask me to introduce you.

**#library #publiclibraries #books #reading #boards #boardservice  
#volunteeropportunities #northcarolina #raleigh**

**Board Members - Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries**

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# Petitions



**This is good info !!!**

## **PETITIONS by Judy Hills, FONCPL President**

The New Bern-Craven County Public Library (the city's only public library) is tucked up in the middle of the historic district and is in the flood plain. When Hurricane Florence flooded parts of New Bern in 2018, the area where the library was located was closed off for quite a while and the library had to close—at a time when residents most needed its computer services for researching help. As a result of the flooding, the library floors need to be replaced and the plan was “floated” to move the entire library for a period of time (probably months) while the floors were fixed.

This got the trustees to thinking about the whole issue of space—something they had been discussing prior to that hurricane. At a trustee meeting in April 2022, one trustee who is a county commissioner, said, “We need a petition—right now.” I happened to be there that night to give a report for the Friends, so naturally, I volunteered for the Friends to spearhead the effort since one of our primary roles is advocating for the needs of the library. This is what got the ball rolling.

This is the first time that I have ever designed a petition campaign and drafted a petition, so I began with doing online research. First, I had to gather some data on the history of the library and the population of the greater New Bern area—the service area of the library. Next, I researched how to write an effective needs statement. I found an interesting formula: PAS: Pain, Agitate, Solve. It begins with laying out the problem. Then I drafted an Open Letter to the Community, a hard copy petition, an online petition (free), and a press release. We are currently working on the marketing plan.

Here are a couple of tips & resources:

- The more information you try to collect from people, the less inclined they will be to either sign the petition or fill it out completely. Also, people don't like to give out their personal info for fear they will be bombarded with requests/information. We just captured names and zip codes so commissioners will know that the signers live in the library's service area.
- The only petition I was able to customize so it did not collect the email address was on [petitions.net](https://petitions.net).
- [Everylibrary.org](https://everylibrary.org) will help you with a petition.
- Remember that your library's service area is generally larger than just the municipal boundaries.
- Per Lynda Reynolds: The State Library just updated Public Library Standards document. It is viewable here: <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/services-libraries/resources-library-staff/public-library-standards> There is a standard under Facilities Size that has a table for recommended square foot per capita: <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/services-libraries/resources-library-staff/public-library-standards/facilities#size>
- [Click here](#) for a copy of our hard copy petition.
- [Click here](#) to view the Open Letter.
- [Click here](#) for our online petition.
- [Problem Agitation Solution model.](#)

So, I hope this helps you if you are ready to advocate for your library!



Mar 31, 2022

## SLNC Racial Equity in Libraries Toolkit

The State Library of North Carolina (SLNC), in partnership with the North Carolina Library Association's [Roundtable on Ethnic and Minority Concerns](#) and with consultation from Dr. Love Jones of Interwoven Consulting, has created the *Racial Equity in Libraries Toolkit*.

The State Library of North Carolina recognizes that deeper learning about bias, structural racism, and racism in libraries is essential for moving the profession forward to create truly diverse and inclusive institutions. Available for all statewide library staff through the [SLNC Niche Academy](#), the Racial Equity in Libraries Toolkit has been created to increase awareness and knowledge around structural racism in the United States, North Carolina, and within the library profession. The interactive nature of this Toolkit makes it one of a kind within the public library world.

"We are delighted that the Racial Equity Toolkit has come to fruition," said Cotina Jones, Director of Library Development. "The Toolkit will be helpful to all North Carolina libraries as they address diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility within their organizations."

This project was made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-246155-OLS-20).

Questions regarding the Toolkit can be directed to [slnc.ld@ncdcr.gov](mailto:slnc.ld@ncdcr.gov).

## **\*\*June Days to Celebrate\*\***



Let's start with something sweet - June is National Candy Month!!

**June 1** – Go Barefoot Day,



Dinosaur Day,



Flip a Coin Day



**June 3** – National Donut Day



**June 5**



**June 10** –

National Flip Flop Day  
and

Ice Tea Day



**June 21**

**NATIONAL  
SELFIE DAY**



**June 24**

### \*\*\* 2022 Group Members \*\*\*

<p>Alamance County Public Library  Albert Carlton-Cashiers Comm. Library  Alleghany County Library  Ashe County Public Library  Bogue Banks Public Library  Braswell Memorial Library  Buncombe County Libraries  Burke County Public Library  Camden County Library  Carteret County Public Library  Caswell Library  Catawba County Library  Central Library  Cleveland County Memorial Library  Cove City-Craven County Library  Cumberland County Library  Denton Public Library  Down East Library  Edgecombe County Library  Gaston County Public Library  Goldston Public Library  Harnett County Public Library  Havelock Craven County Library  Henderson County Public Library  Hickory Public Library  Hocutt Ellington Memorial Library  Jackson County Public Library  Johnston County-Smithfield Public Library  Paddison Library – Kernersville  Kinston Lenoir County Public Library  Lee County Library</p>	<p>Lewisville Library  Lexington Library  Madison County Public Library  Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Library  Marianna Black 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  Perquimans County Library  Roanoke Rapids Public Library  Rourk Branch Library  Rowan Public Library  Rural Hall Stanleyville Library  Sneads Ferry Library  South Buncombe  Southern Pines Library  Southport/Oak Island Library  Stanly County Public Library  Topsail Township Library  Transylvania County Library  Union County Public Library  Vanceboro-Craven Co Public Library  Walkertown Library  Watauga County Public Library  Western Carteret Public Library  Western Rockingham County Libraries  Western Watauga Library</p>
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### \*\*\* 2022 Individual Members \*\*\*

<p>Susan Anderson  Margaret Andrews  James Armstrong  Frances Ashburn  Carol Brolley  Marie Fran Burding  Julie Cannon  Mary Chisenhall  Tim Como  Cynthia Cox  Gail Dickinson  Sally Dyar  Kim Eaton  Julie Flick  Meg Forward  Diana Fotinatos  Hathia Hayes  Judy Hills  Louise Humphrey  Claudia Grunebaum  Sylvia King  Barbara Kiser  Joanne Kollar  Kathy Lambe</p>	<p>Sabrina McKennies  Karen Moll  Donna Morgan  Carlene Mount  Ellen O'Conner  Bill Oelkers  Melissa Oleen  Jamie Packer  Edward Pearce  Faith Phillips  Liz Pialenza  Pamela Poteat  Lynda Reynolds  Kathryn Riddle  Barbara Roberts  Luann Rottmann  Karen Schrader  Marie Sessoms  Gorda Singletary  Rebecca Smith  Joyce Speas  Cindy Stewart  Joanne Straight  Jeff Tudor  Dian Williams</p>
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Our next evening is:  
Thursday May 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Topic:  
"Fundraisers—other than selling books"

Zoom meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86896172823?pwd=aHFXc3AyZW4VnozbXpjRnR1QUpMUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 9617 2823

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

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