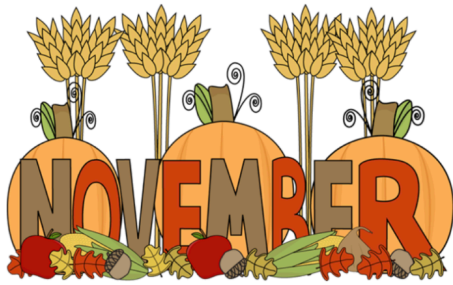


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Dear Friends,

The next few weeks will probably still be busy for most Friends as you wrap up your 2023 activities. The period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is generally quieter as Friends focus more on family and personal lives than on Friends' business.

There is so much bad happening in the literary and library world with our Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read being attacked on so many fronts. It is hard to think about being thankful, but we must! Here are some things we, as Friends, should be thankful for:

- Friends. We continue to support one another as groups and as individuals.
- FONCPL. Our statewide group continues to bring your Friends news, ideas, and information helping you to fulfill your goals and obligations as nonprofits.
- Board members. Without officers and directors, the organization could not function. Be thankful for those that do step up.
- Members. Our members are our biggest supporters.
- Active/engaged individuals. Without the worker bees in the organization, there could be no bookstores, book sales, fundraisers, or projects.
- Library staff. We need library staff that cooperate and collaborate with the Friends. If you work with such a staff, be sure to shower them with love and appreciation!
- Funders, benefactors, contributors. Friends need money to do the good that they do within their communities and for the libraries they support.
- Business and industry. We need their support—if nothing more than for an occasional door prize or physical labor.
- Local government. If you are fortunate enough to have local elected officials and paid staff who make decisions that support Intellectual Freedoms and who make decisions to financially support libraries at a high level, be sure to publicly thank them.

There are probably many more who grease the wheels, be sure to acknowledge them. And don't forget to thank yourself for all you personally do.

In closing, think of unique ways to thank those making a positive contribution to libraries. Share your stories with other Friends. Contribute your pictures and articles to the FONCPL monthly newsletter.

Get outside and enjoy the beautiful colors of fall!

Yours in Friendship,

Judy Hills, FONCP President



Ideas for your Thanksgiving Decorating!

Thanksgiving is a federal holiday in the US celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It is believed to be modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people.



Ideas for your Veterans Day Displays

Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the U.S. observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Congrats!



Here they are!!

NC FRIEND OF THE YEAR AWARDS



*Friends of the
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Joy Helpler



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Southport
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Diana Fotinatos



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Margaret Goldston



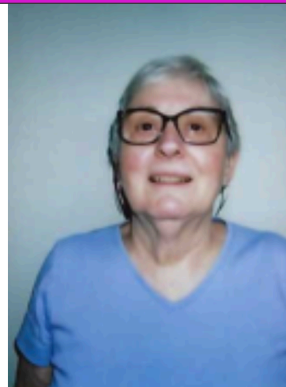
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Charlene Homolka



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Friends of the
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An excerpt from....**If You See a Coin on a Gravestone, This Is What It Means**
Madison Zoey Vettorino



Different coins have different associations.

If you notice a **penny** on a gravestone, this signifies that a person has visited the headstone. It's an act of gratitude for the person's service. Anyone can leave a penny, whether they are a family member, friend or fellow service person.

If there is a **nickel** on the gravestone, this means that the visitor who left it went to boot camp with the person buried.

Next, if you see a **dime** on their gravestone, that signifies that the visitor served with the deceased military member.

Seeing a **quarter** has a particularly heavy association. If you notice a quarter, this signifies that a previous visitor was present when the soldier passed away.

Now that you understand what each coin means when you see it, you'll have a better idea of what it means when you see this emotional item left behind at a gravestone. And more importantly, you'll know the proper way to leave a coin.

Giving Tuesday--November 28, 2023

By Judy Hills

Giving Tuesday is “celebrated” every year by nonprofits. For many, it is the opportunity to launch an end-of-year giving campaign. It gives people a last chance for 2023 tax-deductible donations.

For Friends, it may represent an opportunity to secure funds for a specific project since very few need funds for general operating expenses. So how might your group capitalize on Giving Tuesday? Nonprofits in some communities might join forces and host drive-by events where people can drive to specific locations and make donations to groups that have set up tents or displays. Others may go it alone by doing a mail, email, or social media campaign. For email and social media campaigns, we hope you already have a “give” button set up on your website or webpage. If giving in-person, we also hope you have a credit card reader available as people don’t carry much cash these days.

Your campaign should be attention-grabbing and engaging. Examples include:

- Peer-to-peer where your supporters created personalized donation pages with a link to your “give” button.
- Text-to-give campaign where your Friends send supporters a link to your online donation page via text message. (This assumes you have a database that includes a cell number.)
- A pledge drive where your Friends gather pledges from supporters, who promise to fulfill the donations by the end of the year.
- A social media fundraiser where you share the link to your donation page on Facebook, Instagram, and other sites
- A direct mail campaign where you send letters to supporters with compelling images and fundraising requests. (This assumes you have a database that includes addresses.)

Normally we advise starting planning early, but there is still time to organize something simple, do keep this on your radar for 2024. Do set a goal. What do you hope to accomplish? How much money do you hope to receive? Set a timetable for actions and assign responsibility.

Do an after-action report to assess the campaign and determine what you will do differently next year. And be sure to thank the volunteers who help with the campaign as well as the donors. Post pictures on your website, webpage, or social media site of the project that the funds help to complete.

For more information, check out [Giving Tuesday Resources for Nonprofits](#).



This is a fun graphic about our country's favorite Halloween candy by state!

7 Little Known Facts About America's Founding Fathers

from History Facts

Paul Revere was also a pioneering dentist. "The British are coming" is what he is best known for...but he was a local dentist. Five years before his famous ride, he ran an ad that read "*Fix (teeth) as well as any Surgeon-Dentist who ever came from London.*" Also, he was the first person in the US to practice dental forensics.

Ben Franklin invented a musical instrument used by Mozart and Beethoven. In the mid-1700s, while in Europe, Franklin experienced a popular musical performance of "singing glasses." Intrigued by the beautiful sound of a wet finger on glass, Franklin developed an instrument known as a "glass armonica" in 1761. Working with a glassblower, Franklin altered the thickness of glass bowls interlocked along a rod in order to produce a range of pitches.

Alexander Hamilton likely lied about his age. Hamilton always said he was born in 1757 but documents from the Caribbean island where he was born state 1755. Two theories: he lied so he could score an apprenticeship with a local businessman at 11 years (instead of 13) since that was a more appropriate age to begin training for a trade; and the second one being that he altered his age on his Princeton application to appear more of a prodigy in the eyes of his peers.

Thomas Jefferson wrote his own epitaph and didn't mention being President. "Here was buried /Thomas Jefferson/author of the Declaration of American Independence/of the Statue of Virginia for religious freedom/& Father of the University of Virginia." He never mentioned being President, Virginia Governor, Secretary of State and Vice President.

Thomas Paine wasn't popular until long after his lifetime. Published in 1776, his political pamphlet Common Sense laid out the American colonies' united cause against the British. His follow-up pamphlet The American Crisis opened with the iconic line, "These are the times that try men's souls."

George Washington lost more battles than he won. Washington embodies the phrase "losing the battle but winning the war." Washington's resilience, determination, and long-term strategy eventually won the American Revolution.

James Madison is the shortest President in US History. He was the nation's 4th President and chief architect of the Bill of Rights and is regarded as one of the most influential Founding Fathers. He stood at 5 ft 4 inches tall.....a full foot shorter than America's tallest President Abraham Lincoln.



Here's an idea:

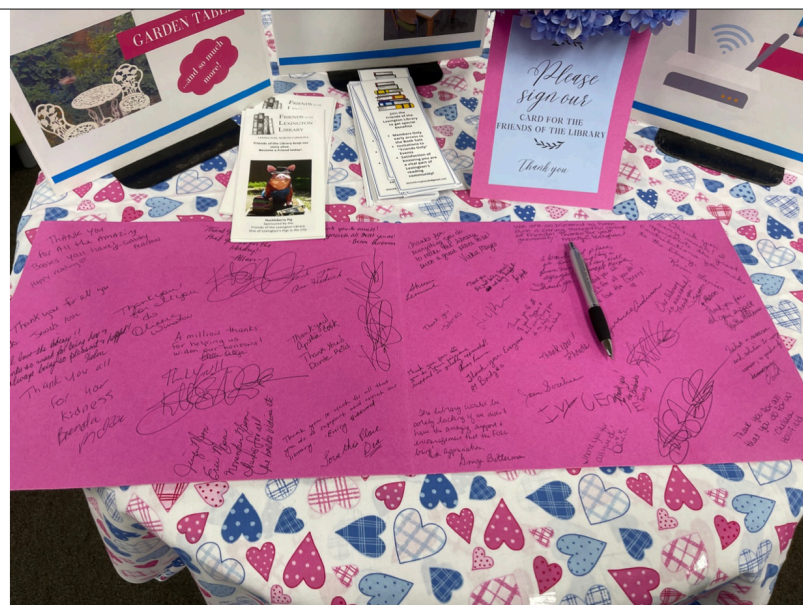
If you are crafty, you could make these and give them as Christmas presents to all of your book reading friends!!

Excerpt from **The 22 Best Books of Fall**
by Kristina Wright September 8, 2023

We've rounded up a stellar list of new page-turners to help you welcome the new season. Happy reading!

	Holly Gibney, a brilliant recluse turned private detective who first appeared in <i>Mr. Mercedes</i> , can't say no when Penny Dahl asks her to find her missing daughter, Bonnie. The investigation takes Holly to the doorstep of Rodney and Emily Harris — two elderly professors with a dark secret.		Facing an untamed wilderness in winter, a young woman flees a 17th-century Jamestown with little more than a burning desire to survive.
	In 1873 England, the "Tichborne Trial" stirs controversy and captures the attention of the entire country. Sir Roger Tichborne claims to be the rightful heir to a title and large estate — but is he telling the truth?		Flair Hardwicke has given up on magic and love. Newly single, she takes over her grandmother's Kansas bakery but shuns her family's magic — until a batch of Tarot card cookies turns her world upside down.
	Ceres sits by her daughter Phoebe's hospital bedside, reading fairy tales to the comatose young girl in the hopes of bringing her back. She's intrigued by a nearby house belonging to a missing author, which pulls Ceres into a world of magical creatures. . .		With <i>North Woods</i> , Pulitzer Prize finalist Daniel Mason weaves history and nature into an innovative tale about a house in the New England woods and the people who have lived there over the centuries.
	... a thought-provoking novel that follows a young chef on a transformative journey. As the smog thickens and food crops dwindle, the chef leaves the city for a remote mountain haven untouched by the food crisis.		a sweeping multigenerational saga about a Black mother's fight for survival against all odds. Ava Carson is desperate to protect her young son from life in a family shelter — and from the turbulent past that landed them there.
	With his mother in the hospital and unable to communicate, Remy Wadia returns to India to visit her and adopt a baby. Guilt-stricken over his mother's condition, he commits to her recovery — only to discover an old photograph laden with secrets that make him question everything he thought he knew about his family.		After the love of his life dies, Cam returns to his hometown of Houston and reunites with his former best friend, T.J. Will the two men be able to reconcile the past and rebuild their friendship?
	Physics graduate Annie Fisk follows her dream to work for NASA — and quickly gets a promotion from her secretarial job when she catches the mistakes that others missed. But how far will she go to pursue her ambitions when faced with a mystery that conflicts with everything she's been taught?		On the run from her husband, Jasmine Yang leaves her Chinese village for New York City, hoping to find the daughter who was taken from her at birth. Rebecca Whitney is wealthy and successful, with a high-powered career and an adopted Chinese daughter.
	Burned out and needing a break from her demanding, annoying, sexless life, Sasha takes off for the seaside resort she used to visit as a child. Unfortunately, the idyllic setting of her memories is gone, and in its place is a ramshackle hotel and a disgruntled guy named Finn...		Sequel to <i>The Firm</i> , picking up 15 years after Mitch and Abby McDeere uncovered the crimes of Mitch's Memphis law firm. The couple now lives in Manhattan, where Mitch is a partner at the largest law firm in the world.
	The riveting tale of Annis, an enslaved girl sent south by the white enslaver who fathered her. In the years leading up to the Civil War, Annis finds comfort in her memories of her mother and the stories of her African heritage.		In Saigon in 1963, two American women's lives intersect due to their husbands' high-powered jobs. Tricia and Charlene will reconnect 60 years later, comparing notes on their time in Saigon and the consequences of the Vietnam War.
	Recipe writer Stella Park is off to Italy to celebrate her best friend's wedding — but her excitement fizzles when she's thrown together with her ex, Samuel Gordon. It's been 10 years since Stella broke Sam's heart and it's all water under the bridge now... or is it?		Maggie Bird, a retired CIA operative who now lives in the small seaside village of Purity, Maine. Maggie is trying to put the past behind her, but when a body turns up in her driveway, she knows it's a message from her enemies.
	Martha Einkorn fled her father's cult only to land in a dystopian world where billionaires control everything, even the weather. On the other side of the world, Lai Zhen is a survivalist who is saved from an assassin by a piece of software. When Martha and Lai's lives intersect, all hell breaks loose.		When the Nazis invaded his small Greek village, young Nico Krispis was an innocent truth-teller. After his family was taken to Auschwitz, he became a pathological liar. . . . weaves a memorable tale of three Holocaust survivors — Nico; his brother, Sebastian; and their schoolmate Fanni — into a heart-wrenching story of love and loss, survival and revenge.
	a family fractured by loss and lockdown. Dan and Isabel's relationship grows shakier when Isabel's younger brother, Robbie, moves out of their home before the pandemic. A year later, the couple's children grapple with change while Robbie isolates alone.		Charming sleuth Molly Gray, head maid at Regency Grand Hotel- a famous mystery author has dropped dead in the hotel's tea room — and it's up to Molly to search the memories of her childhood and catch a killer.

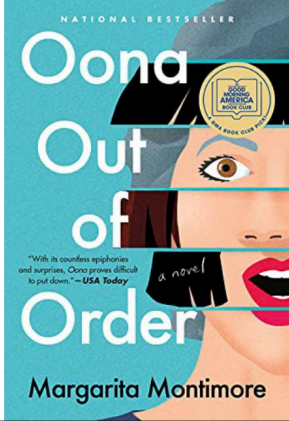

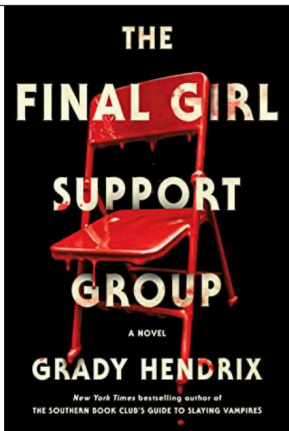
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Lexington Public Library had to honor the
Friends of the Lexington Library's support since 1999!!
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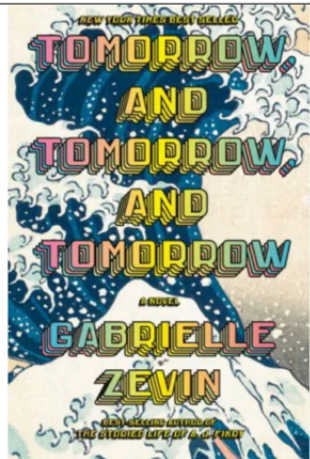
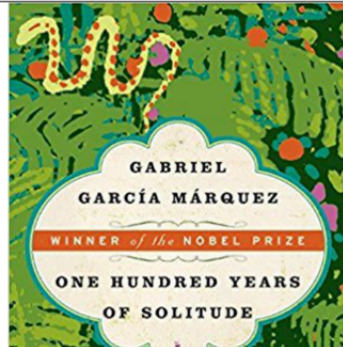


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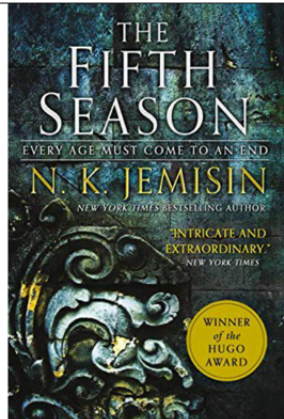
10 Books You Didn't Know Were Getting Adapted

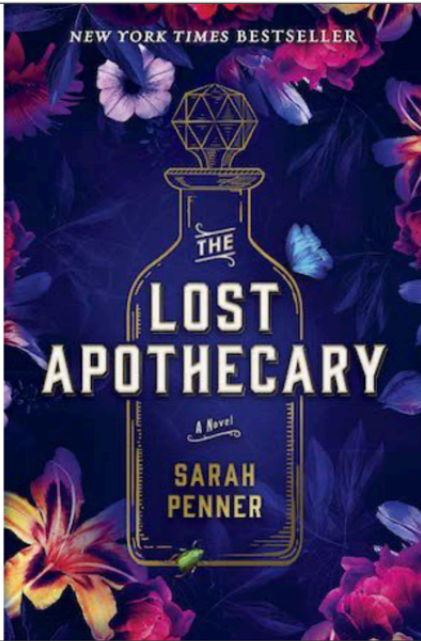
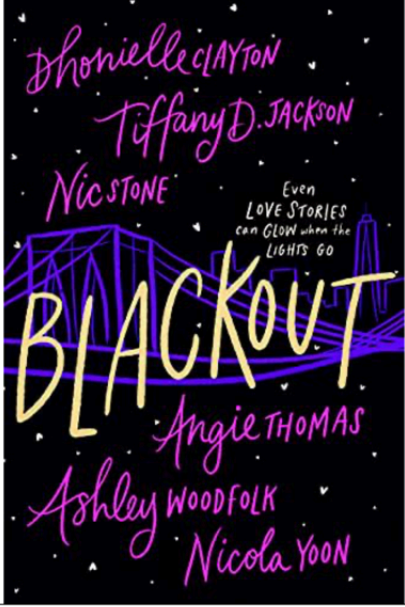
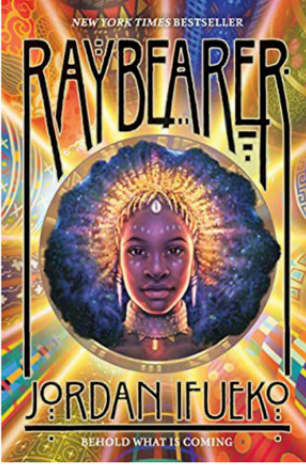
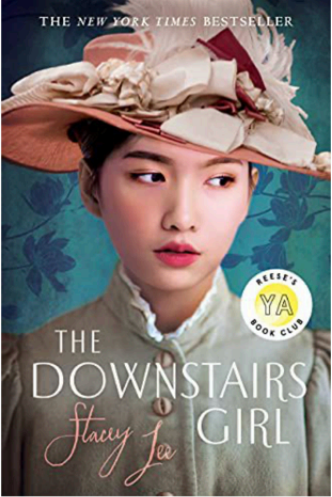
By Mara Franzen August 15, 2023

	<p>Oona wakes up on her 18th birthday to discover that she is a much older woman. She's left herself some notes, letting her know that the rest of her life will be out of order. As the years go by, Oona experiences being young and then old, then middle-aged, then young again. Each year brings new challenges in keeping her story in order. Luckily for Oona, she's left herself notes and has trusted friends around to help her out.</p>	<p>OONA OUT OF ORDER By Margarita Montimore</p> <p>TV series on Amazon in 2024</p>
	<p>Eva is a best-selling erotica author and a single mother. Shane is an award-winning literary novelist. When their paths cross one fateful day in New York, they find in each other something the other has always been looking for. But of course, it's not love at first sight. Oh no! In fact, they spent one passionate night together 20 years ago. While Shane is in the city, they reconnect, share their past trauma, and figure out where to go from here.</p>	<p>SEVEN DAYS IN JUNE By Tia Williams</p> <p>TV series</p>
	<p>There is a group of women out there who have survived against all odds. They are the final girls, the last survivors of atrocities that come straight out of a horror movie. These women get together to support each other in this unique experience. However, some of these girls start to turn up dead. Someone is targeting these women, and they must figure out who before there is no one left standing.</p>	<p>THE FINAL GIRL SUPPORT GROUP By Grady Hendrix</p> <p>Miniseries on MAX</p>

	<p>Sam sees Sadie across a crowded train platform. And thus, a truly epic partnership begins. Before they even graduate college, they have created the biggest blockbuster game of the season. The world is theirs. Nothing could go wrong. Right? We follow both Sadie and Sam for the next 30 years through their highs and lows. From success, to betrayal, to fame, to regret, we get to be along for the ride.</p>	<p>TOMORROW, AND TOMMORROW, AND TOMORROW By Gabrielle Zevin Paramount Pictures</p>
	<p>Spanning 100 years, from the 1820s to the 1920s, we follow the Buendía family through seven generations. The patriarch of the family, José Arcadio Buendía, decides to build a town in a swamp. While first believed impossible, the town grows in success. That is, until a hurricane comes and erases all signs of this once-impossible city. Luckily, there</p>	<p>ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE By Gabriel Garcia Marquez Netflix Series</p>

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	<p>The world has always known four seasons...until the world is pushed to the brink of collapse by multi-year events dubbed "the fifth season." While the season could bring anything, come at any time, and stay for an indeterminate amount of time, one thing is certain: these seasons bring nothing but death. There are creatures and strange folk with uncanny abilities. If you happen to be one of those, watch out.</p>	<p>THE FIFTH SEASON By N.K. Jemisin TriStar Pictures</p>

	<p>Sometimes extreme measures must be taken. This is the case with some of the women who visit a well-hidden apothecary that dispenses poisons. These are only to be used by women, and only used on the men who are controlling them. An unlikely friendship blooms between the shop's owner and a young client. Years later, a historian, reeling from the discovery of her husband's affair, finds a small bottle on the Thames. She begins to uncover some strange stories about an old apothecary that seemed to help women just like herself.</p>	<p>THE LOST APOTHECARY By Sarah Penne</p> <p>TV series on FX</p>
<p>YOUNG ADULT BEING ADAPTED</p>	<p>YOUNG ADULT BEING ADAPTED</p>	<p>YOUNG ADULT BEING ADAPTED</p>
		
<p>BLACKOUT Netflix series</p>	<p>RAYBEARER Netflix series</p>	<p>THE DOWNSTAIRS GIRL TV Series – Bound Entertainment</p>

This is so very cool !!

The Caswell Friends of the Library completed the
Gunn Memorial Library (Yanceyville NC) staff breakroom
with the help of the FONCPL Challenge Grant.

Kim Eaton writes:

This staff breakroom had not been updated since the building was constructed (1965). To provide the staff with a welcoming place to eat lunch or take a break from their desks, the Friends asked the staff for recommendations for improvements. With their input we purchased a new table and chairs, a recliner, an area rug, and a faucet water filter. We painted an accent wall, installed a colorful backsplash, and printed and framed two National Book Festival posters. We resurrected the current coffee maker and donated a floor lamp. Now the breakroom almost looks like home.

We are so grateful to the FONCPL for helping us to make this idea a reality. Thank you!!!!



8 Notable Secret Service Code Names From History

From interestingfacts.com



LANCER (John F. Kennedy)



PASSKEY (Gerald Ford)



SUNBURN (Ted Kennedy)



TIMBERWOLF (George H. W. Bush)



RENEGADE (Barack Obama)



JAVELIN (Mitt Romney)



PIONEER (Kamala Harris)



CELTIC (Joe Biden)



Tuesday November 4, 2023 7:00 PM. Topic: New ideas for your 2024 calendar of events. This is an opportunity to share with other Friends and to receive some new ideas for 2024.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183513336?pwd=Z3ZqS2Q4QzZNS2dZMzhrQW5sQysvUT09>

To join by phone:

309.205.3325

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Supporting NCPLDA's Lobbyist

FONCPL supports the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association lobbying efforts through a yearly donation. Professional lobbyists can help secure additional federal and state funding for public libraries. We encourage Friends to help with this effort by contributing funds, if the budget allows. <https://www.ncplda.org/home>

You are invited!!

FONCPL will hold its annual meeting and elections virtually on Friday November 10 at 10:00 am.

Join Zoom Meeting

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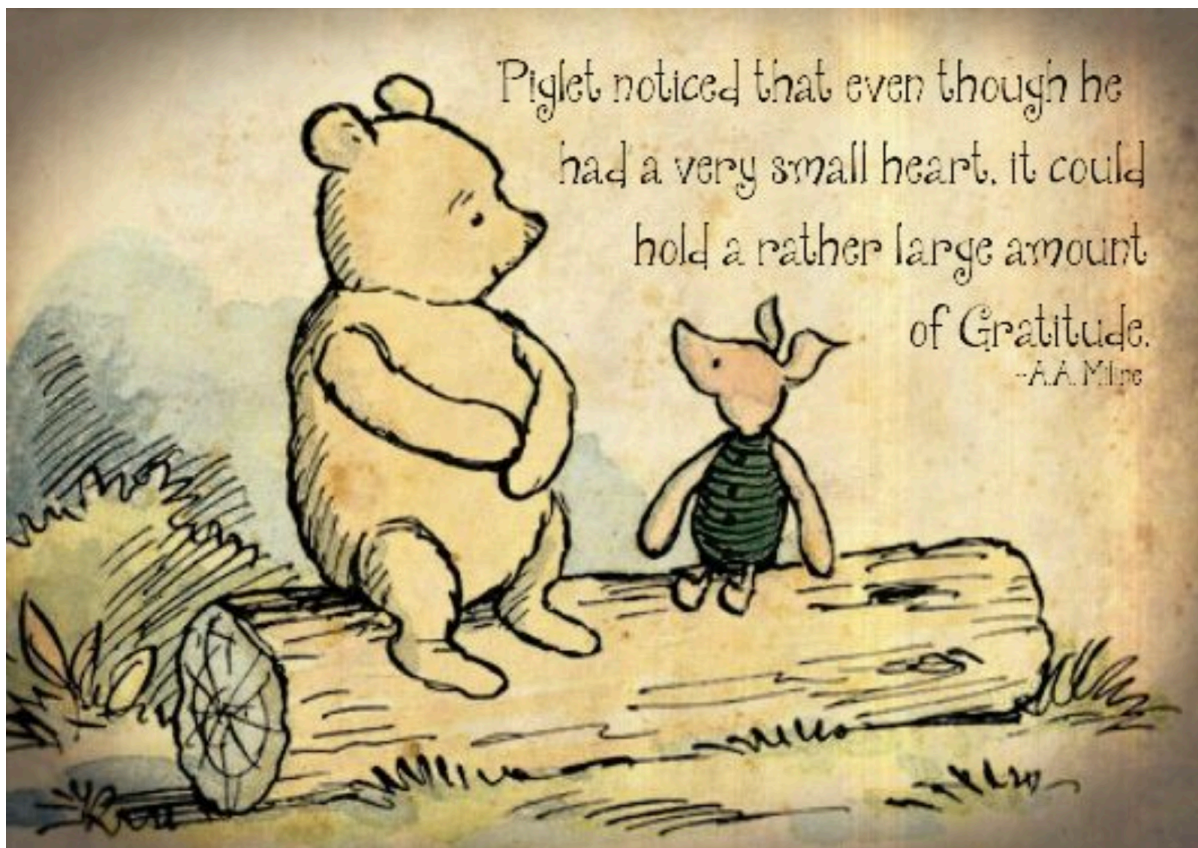
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All representatives
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groups can attend!



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