‘TIS THE SEASON
Carole Hoyer, FFAPPL Chair

As we look back on the past year, we want to thank the many generous people who have helped us. Our donors have made the difference between a good and a great library system and we are so grateful for your support!

It was donor support that made the difference between another city building and a vibrant community hub when over $7.6 million was raised through the Downtown Library capital campaign. Contributions from individuals, nonprofits, corporations, foundations, and an extensive grassroots effort provided furniture, equipment, and technology in the beautiful, new facility!

Without the help of donors like you, Arlington Public Library staff could not have implemented programming like Summer Reading Club (the seasonal incentivized reading initiative for all ages), or Arlington Reads (the Library’s adult literacy service). Your contributions impact lives, young and old, all year long.

To continue your valued support in 2019, please make your donation online.

Thank you for helping our Arlington Public Libraries be a place where dreams come true! No matter what holiday you celebrate, may you enjoy a happy season and a peaceful new year.
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - Polly Walton

Most of my life I have needed libraries to answer the questions I have wanted to answer. Today, information is much easier to access; it is right there on Google in a smart phone. But when I was growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, there were no cell phones and no Internet, so the Nichols Public Library with its three lovely librarians was the treasure trove of information and entertainment. Although I learned how to use the card catalog to find books, the librarians seemed to fancy suggesting things for me to read. I wondered how they always knew just what I would love. Charlotte’s Web, Black Beauty, King of the Wind and all Marguerite Henry’s other books, Wind in the Willows; it was my happy place.

Read More

LIBRARY EVENTS IN DECEMBER

There’s something for all ages during the month of December at an Arlington Public Library location near you! Be sure to visit the Library’s online calendar for even more activities!

- Touch-a-Truck: Dec 1, 9-11:30 a.m., 313 N. Center St.
- Arlington Holiday Lights Parade: Dec 8, 6 p.m., downtown Arlington
- Gift Wrap Art: Dec 12, 6:30 p.m., Lake Arlington Branch
- Mayor’s Holiday Pajama Storytime: Dec 12, 6:30 p.m., Downtown Library
- Taste the World: Dec 13, 4 p.m., NE Branch
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas: Dec 15, 1 p.m., Downtown Library

Show your love for the Library by contributing to their Amazon Wish List HERE!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our new fiscal year began in October and we welcomed four new members to the FFAPL Board of Directors! We are so happy to welcome them to our organization.

Robyn Barrere  Terry Bertrand  John Hibbs  Nikkie Hunter
BOOK & AUTHOR
The October 11 Luncheon was a great success at Shady Valley Country Club where attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch and stories by authors **Bob Ford** (*Black Cat 2-1: The True Story of a Vietnam Helicopter Pilot and His Crew*) and **Deborah Reardon** (*Blue Suede Shoes*).

The Spring luncheon will be held in April at Shady Valley Country Club. Stay tuned for more details!

BOOK SALE
Thank you to the 80 dedicated **volunteers** who gave 1,057 hours of their time to make the Fall sale a reality! We appreciate you so much.

Heartfelt gratitude also goes to the staff of Meadowbrook Recreation Center who so quickly dealt with the aftermath of heavy rains so that our space would be ready for the sale to open on time.

The Spring 2019 sale will be held at Meadowbrook Recreation Center (1400 Dugan Street) from March 27 to 31. Remember that the first day of the sale is for FFAPL members only, when you will enjoy choosing from the cream of the crop. Don’t miss it - **join today**!