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Friends and Foundation of the Arlington Public Library

The Bookcase: Fall 2018

President's Message

Well, it looks like Dreams Really Do Come True! What a wonderful spring we had with a successful Book Sale made possible by the hard work of lots of volunteers; a very well attended and entertaining Book and Author Luncheon; and a really grand opening of the spectacular new George W. Hawkes Downtown library. For the evening celebration, we originally anticipated about 200 people. Final count - 367! Three days later at the public opening I was not sure that the crowd could wait long enough for us to cut the ribbon before rushing into the building. Now that's enthusiasm! A huge thank you to everyone who had a part in making the dream a reality.



Carole Hoyer
FFAPL Chair

Until next time, let's continue to enthusiastically love the library!

Join us!

The Friends and Foundation of the Arlington Public Library is a 501c3 nonprofit membership organization that advocates on behalf of the Arlington Public Library System and raises funds to support its programs, resources, and services.

Our Nominating Committee is currently accepting applications for board membership. After reviewing submissions, this committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval.

The full board meets quarterly in October, January, April, and July and members serve three-year terms. The fiscal year runs October 1 through September 30.

If you are interested in applying, please complete an [application](#) by **September 30, 2018**.

Member Spotlight: Ben Parsons

Full Circle: My Experiences Growing Up Alongside the Arlington Public Library

The term "full circle" summarizes my experiences with the Arlington Public Library. Every Saturday during the summer months of my elementary and junior high school years, my mother would take me and my siblings to the downtown Arlington Public Library to select books for check out. My selections ranged from *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis to *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel to *Rumpelstiltskin* by Paul O. Zelinsky. This weekly ritual laid an important foundation that beautifully instilled my love for reading and my admiration for my local public library. As I matured into a young adult, I can remember countless times when I would visit to study for an upcoming mid-term or work on a paper. So, it is fair to say that my life has evolved alongside the many developments that have transpired with the public library.



Witnessing the transformation and innovation that took place from the old Central Library to the new Downtown Library has been quite the experience. The level of detail, vision, and planning of the individuals and organizations involved is truly allowing the City of Arlington's dream to come true.

As a board member of the Friends and Foundation, I have had the opportunity to get involved. I served on the planning committee for the Gala, at which our organization showed appreciation to the generous capital campaign donors. Serving on the Fundraising Committee allows me to help develop ideas for funding library programs. I also volunteer at special events, such as those at Savor Coffee Bar & Eatery and the Legal Draft Beer Company.

My immersion in the source that has stood as a staple in my intellectual, academic, and social life has come full circle. I never imagined in a million years that I would be in a position to volunteer my time and services to the institution that helped develop my love for reading, and my love for the City of Arlington!

Book Sale



The next FFAPL Book Sale is September 26-30 at Meadowbrook Recreation Center! The inventory features over 80,000 items ranging from books and audio to odds and ends so come on out and find your treasure!

Wednesday is for members only from 2 to 7 p.m. and memberships will be available

at the door! Other sale hours are free to the public: Thursday 2 to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday is half price and tax free day.

According to Book Sale chairman Wayne Halliburton (pictured above), teachers and non-profit groups with identification (and a suggested \$5 donation is appreciated) are invited at 5:15 p.m. Sunday to select items from the remainders. "This is just a small way to pay back the community that supports us throughout the year through their donations."

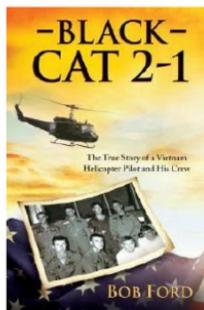
A special thanks goes out to all our members and other volunteers who served at our Spring Book Sale. You gave a total of 1,702 hours (at the warehouse and the sale)! From sale to sale, you continue to give FFAPL and the library such reliable and enthusiastic support. A big applause of gratitude also goes to the many college and high school students who enable the sale to run so smoothly and who "brighten" up us all. We look forward to another incredible turnout later this month!

Book & Author Luncheon

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Book & Author Luncheon

featuring Bob Ford and Deborah Reardon



11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Shady Valley Country Club • 4001 West Park Row Drive
Cost \$30 at <https://banda.abilafundraisingonline.com/registration>

You can never have too many friends!



Show your support of the Arlington Public Library by inviting someone to become a member of the Friends & Foundation. Memberships start at just \$20. Join [here!](#)

Membership Benefits

- The Bookcase newsletter
- Discount coupon for each book sale
- Free admission and first choice of books at "Members Only Night" during each book sale
- Invitation to the Annual Meeting and Dinner

Library Locations

George W. Hawkes Downtown Library 100 South Center Street

East Arlington Branch 1624 New York Avenue

Lake Arlington Branch 4000 West Green Oaks Boulevard

Northeast Branch 1905 Brown Boulevard

Southeast Branch 900 Southeast Green Oaks Boulevard

Southwest Branch 3311 Southwest Green Oaks Boulevard

Woodland West Branch 2837 West Park Row Drive

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Looking for something to do? Check out the Library's [calendar!](#)