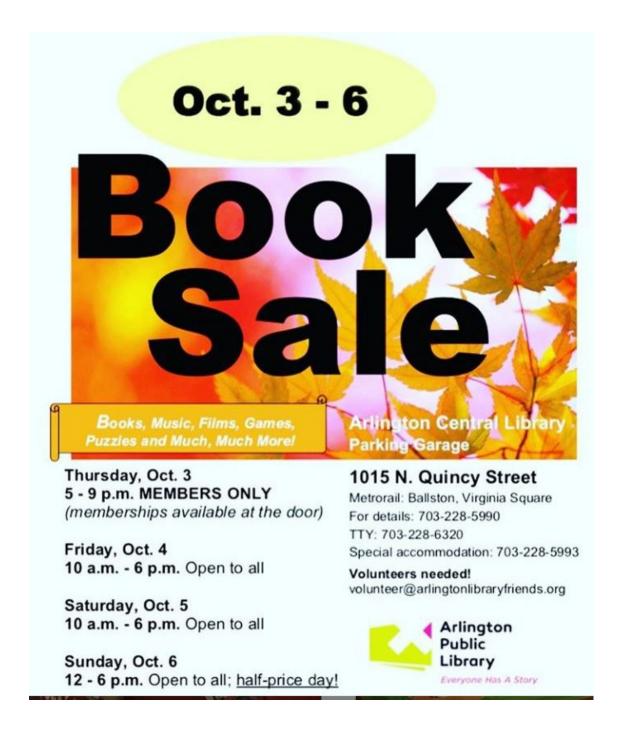


### Friends of the Arlington Public Library Newsletter

Fall 2019



#### Fall Means Pumpkin Spice, Autumn Leaves, and Our Book Sale!

Book lovers, it's that time again! The second of our twice-yearly book sales will be held October 3 through October 6.

The event is held in the parking lot underneath Central Library at 1015 N. Quincy Street. The closest Metro stops are Ballston and Virginia Square on the Orange Line.

Members-only night is Thursday, October 3 and all sales on Sunday, October

6th are half-price! You can become a member on Thursday night at the sale or now. Check out our new member registration process below in this newsletter.

NOTE: Please bring proof of membership: your membership card (printed from the new Membership portal), or one of the invitation emails sent to current members from <a href="membership@arlingtonlibraryfriends.org">membership@arlingtonlibraryfriends.org</a>.

We love our local educators and Arlington teachers and librarians with a valid id who are looking to stock up their classrooms will also receive half-price on Friday and Saturday!

Money raised at the book sale will be used to provide programming at all branches. It will also be used to increase and maintain support for the Library's budget. We can't wait to see you in the aisles!

Read our Website Learn More About FOAL and Our Book Sales

#### Our New Membership Portal - What You Need to Know



To check your membership status, renew, or reprint your membership card, print your donation receipt, or change your email for the newsletter, please log in to FOAL's <u>website</u> using the email address you used to sign up. The member login is on the top of the home page (as shown in the image above.)

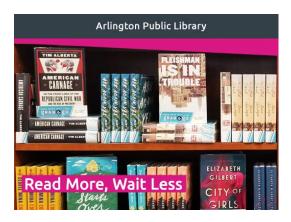
- 1. Choose Member Log in from the front of the FOAL website.
- 2. Enter the email address you used to join FOAL it's the same email where we send the newsletter.
- 3. Choose LOST YOUR PASSWORD
- 4. You'll receive an email in a minute or two that prompts you to change/set your password

- 5. Once you've set your new password, you can enter it and gain access to our Member's portal
- 6. On the Member's portal you can print out a membership card, check your membership status, renew, change your email, print out an IRS donation receipt, and print out the thank you note that you get when you join. You can also check upcoming library events and volunteer to help at an event or at the library.
- 7. Need help? Email <a href="mailto:membership@arlingtonlibraryfriends.org">membership@arlingtonlibraryfriends.org</a>.

Thank you for joining the Friends!



The Library's New Grab and Go Process Gets the Hottest Books to You Faster!



Long wait times got you down and frustrated that you'll never get off the waitlist?

Well, now you'll be able to get the most popular books in your hands more quickly!

The library has begun offering "Grab and Go" express displays for both hard copies and e-books for some of the most popular book titles. These displays will host extra copies of these books at each library location, which patrons can check out with no holds.

On the Shelf - Look for the Grab & Go express book collection on designated shelves at Central Library and the Branch Libraries.

Digital - You can also find Grab & Go copies of popular eAudiobooks and eBook titles in our Overdrive collection.

# Now it's Easier Than Ever to Volunteer with FOAL



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Mahatma Gandhi

So many of you in our community have been such passionate advocates for our library and have wanted to get more engaged with us, that we decided to create a special membership and volunteer coordinator position on our board this year!

Maggie Colston, an Arlington parent, and Glencarlyn resident has assumed the position with gusto and finally brought FOAL into the year 2019. She created a SignUp Genius for this Fall's book sale volunteers to make it easier for them to get involved.

Our book sale is one of the best ways to get involved and to reap the benefits! Most sale volunteers inevitably find items to purchase during their shifts and can put up to 10 books aside to purchase at the end of their shift for half-price as a thank you for volunteering.

Book sale volunteers spend most of their shift on their feet - tasks include restocking books and CD's, reshelving abandoned books,

helping with lines, checking out sales.

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old and high schoolers may request and receive a certification of community service from the FOAL Board Member in charge of volunteers for their shift.

While we are set with volunteers for our October book sale, they'll be many more opportunities to help at future book sales and events.

Start by expressing your interest in volunteering on our website here: <a href="https://arlingtonlibraryfriends.org/support-foal/volunteer/">https://arlingtonlibraryfriends.org/support-foal/volunteer/</a> or email Maggie at volunteer@arlingtonlibraryfriends.org



### This Giving Season Consider a Planned Gift to FOAL!

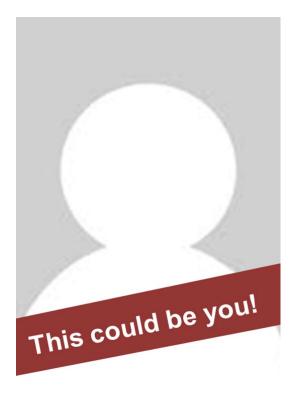
Did you know that there is a way to support your public library system in Arlington while meeting your own financial and charitable goals?

A planned gift to Friends of Arlington Library (FOAL) supports the community resource you value and can provide you with tax, income and other benefits. The most common way to support FOAL is through a named bequest in your will or

beneficiary designation on your IRA account, but those are not the only ways to give.

You can also consider other types of planned gift donations. Let us help you explore the many advantageous ways to give and create a customized plan to make a lasting contribution to support your library.

Please contact our planning giving partner, Jennifer Owens at the Arlington Community Foundation, if you have questions or would like more information about supporting Friends of Arlington Library through your estate. She can be reached at <a href="mailto:iowens@arlcf.org">iowens@arlcf.org</a>.



## FOAL Members: We Need Your Photos and Stories!

Love our Arlington County library activities and events?

We would love to feature you, your friends, and family members in our upcoming quarterly newsletters. Email us your photos, with the names of the people featured along with a description of the event and it's location, and you just might see yourself in this space!



#### **Upcoming Events**

10/6 <u>Author Lulu Delacre</u>, 4-4:30 pm, Family Storytime, Central Library Auditorium

10/10 <u>Author Tommy Orange</u>, 7-9 pm, Central Library Auditorium

Help Us Kick Off a Year
Celebrations of the 100th
Anniversary of the 19th
Amendment by attending
Women's History Trivia Night!, 7-10,
Central Library, 2nd Floor,
Purchase Trivia Night tickets here!

10/23 <u>Author Stephanie Land</u>, 7-8:30 pm, Central Library Auditorium

12/2 Free Pizza Alert! - Community Listening Session at Alto Fuma, 7-9pm









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