



Friends of the Arlington Public Library Newsletter

Summer 2019



Summer Reading Kicks Off with Washington Nationals Players!

On June 15, Washington Nationals pitcher Aníbal Sánchez and catcher Kurt Suzuki helped kick off our Summer Reading event at Central Libray by reading *Curious George at the Baseball Game*, signing memorabilia, and taking photos with local fans!

This year's Summer Reading Challenge encourages readers of all ages to track their reading and aim to read for at least 25 days between June 1 and September 1 with a variety of exciting prizes including Nationals tickets and gift cards!

[Learn More About the Summer Reading Program Here](#)



In One Year, People Visited Public Libraries More Than a Billion Times!

In today's increasingly digital world, are libraries still relevant? The answer according to a [recent survey by the Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) show the answer is a resounding yes!

In the study published in June, results indicate that "libraries are offering more programs ranging from early childhood to workforce development. Community participation also continues to increase, making it clear that people are using their libraries."



Generous Donation Provides New Materials to our Cherrydale Branch

Patrons of the Cherrydale Library Branch have noticed some big changes in recent months!

Thanks to a generous bequest from the late Darla C. Ellis, the Cherrydale Branch was outfitted with sturdy new shelving throughout the children's area and a new storytime rug for the second-floor balcony.

Ellis, a long-time Arlington Library user and frequent visitor to the Cherrydale location, specifically designated this branch in her will, and the feedback from the community has been positive. Branch librarians report patrons love the new cozy space. Your FOAL donations supplemented Ellis' bequest, providing a brand new puppet theatre to go along with the updated storytime area and ensuring the enjoyment of patrons for years to

come!

We would like to express our thanks for Darla C. Ellis' generosity and thoughtfulness in remembering a library branch she loved.



Pop-Up Library Coming to Ballston Quarter!

And now for something completely different.

From July 1 through August 2, head to the new Ballston Quarter to check out a [new interactive and fun pop-up library experience](#). Sign up for a library card, learn about upcoming library programs and services and check out [Alterspace](#), an immersive library experience that gives you control over light, color, sound, and space to create the ideal environment for meditating, reading, collaborating, playing, or whatever activity brings you here.



FOAL Board Changes and an Open Position

We'd like to introduce our new FOAL president, Kelly Fado! Kelly is a longtime Arlington resident, avid reader, and mom of two teens who got their first library cards as toddlers and still love coming to the library.

After completing a successful two-year term, our former FOAL President Kate Summers, transitioned to become our

Cherrydale Branch representative.

We said goodbye this spring to longtime FOAL board member, volunteer coordinator, and former Cherrydale Branch representative, Nada Sulaiman along with our Columbia Pike representative, Kate Schweigart.

Two new members joined our organization: Jamie Krovontka, as our Secretary and Maggie Colston as our new Membership and Volunteer Coordinator.

We still have an opening for a Columbia Pike Branch representative. If you are interested in joining us and making a difference in our community, please contact us at info@arlingtonlibraryfriends.org.



New, Noteworthy, and Coming Soon

New

- [The Shop](#), our new maker space funded by your FOAL donations, opened this Spring at Central Library. Here you can build, create, craft, code, experiment, program, tinker, invent, imagine, and share. Sign up for a class today!

Noteworthy

- The Traveling Trolley is

back! This summer, students and families at Barcroft, Carlin Springs, Drew, and Randolph are invited to participate in the sixth summer of the Traveling Trolley! Each week starting July 10th, the Traveling Trolley will come to your neighborhood and take you on an incredible journey to your local public library. For additional dates and information click [here](#).

Coming Soon

- Our Fall Book sale dates have been set! Members Only night will kick off the sale on Thursday, October 3, and the sale will run until Sunday, October 6. Tell your friends to sign up to become a FOAL member to get early access.
- With an election year coming up, our Arlington Reads topic for the 2020 season is...We the People. This topic will support the idea of democracy and also celebrate the centennial anniversary of the passing of the 19th amendment.



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