Friends to Host Annual Membership Luncheon on October 13, 2016

The Friends of the Pulaski County Library Board of Directors will host a membership luncheon on Thursday, October 13th from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m. in hopes of getting more members to attend during the daytime hours.

The luncheon will be held in the Pulaski Library’s conference room and will feature a meal catered by Lindy Mann (Lindy’s Good Foods).

The program for this important meeting of the Friends will be presented by authors Joyce Covey and Farron Smith. Their presentation will focus on their co-authored book entitled “How the SHEEP Helped Win the War”. Their book is informative, educational, and will spark the imagination of children of all ages.

Joyce Covey’s journey to publishing a book began with her desire to provide young students a visual to improve their understanding of World War I using a history concept she taught. She hopes that young readers will find the book enjoyable and perhaps excite a budding history scholar. Joyce is a graduate of Radford (College) University and a long serving member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary sorority for women educators. A retired teacher from Pulaski County schools, she resides in Pulaski with her husband, M. G.

Farron Smith, as a founder of the Edith Boling Wilson Birthplace Foundation, is dedicated to preserving the only birthplace of a First Lady in Virginia. After graduating from Radford (College) University, she and her husband Bill moved to Wytheville where her career has followed many different roads. Farron is most proud of her contributions sharing the story of a little girl from Wytheville who grew up to become First Lady of the United States.

In addition, during the annual meeting the 2017 proposed budget will be presented for approval by FOL Treasurer Elinor Farmer.

Reservations for attendance at the business meeting luncheon can be made by either emailing Nancy Hudson at wshudson@radford.edu or by calling her at 639-1950. Reservations are needed by October 9th.

Please plan to join the Board of Directors in this important and informative annual meeting of the members.

The public will be invited to join us in a book signing following our meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the front of the library.

Farron Smith
Joyce Covey
Notes from Nancy

My sincere thanks to all those members who helped and donated books to our monthly book sales at the Friend’s Book Store in downtown Pulaski. Not only does our sale provide a great service in providing many books at a super price, but it allows the public to know about the excellent work of the Friends for the Pulaski County Libraries.

We are always looking for new donations of books for our book store. If you don’t have the means of delivering the books, please call either me or Lance Hudnall.

Thanks to all those who came out to our First FOL Plant Exchange back in May at the Dublin Library. We anticipate hosting again next spring.

Our Pulaski Library celebrated its 50th Anniversary on September 9th with a cake cutting. Congratulations to our very devoted staff for making our libraries the best in the area.

As our Newsletter has noted (please see the lead article) the Friends are gearing up to host our Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting on October 13th. We are holding the time of our meeting to noon to encourage more of our members to attend. Please call or write me to reserve your place.

Best wishes for a great fall season!
Nancy Hudson, President – 2016

Please remember to support the Friends’ endowment fund with the Community Foundation of the New River Valley

New Pulaski Library Staff Member

Amber Slusser-Brillhart

My name is Amber Slusser-Brillhart and I am the newest employee of the Pulaski County Library System. I am from Blacksburg, VA and I began my college career at New River Community College. I transferred to Radford University and graduated May 2016 with a major in Studio Art and a minor in History.

I began working at the Pulaski Library in June of this year and I am very excited to be a part of such a wonderful place. I currently reside in Dublin, VA where I just purchased a house with my husband, newborn daughter, dog, and two cats. We just had our daughter on August...
31 and she already has quite a library of her own. I look forward to raising her to be an avid reader like her mother and raising her around a library.

We really enjoy living in this community and we have met a lot of great people. I thank the library staff for giving me the opportunity to have my dream career. I truly am a bibliophile and being surrounded by books each day does not feel like a job, it is a dream come true.

Pulaski Summer Reading Program

This summer, 355 local youths registered to participate in the Pulaski County Library System’s annual Summer Reading Program. The library system offers a summer reading program every year as a way to encourage children to read throughout the summer months with the hope of preventing them from falling behind academically when they return to school in the fall.

Registrants were given the challenge of keeping track of how often they read throughout June and July, with incentives offered along the way. Incentives included books, toys, free visits to the pool at Randolph Park or the YMCA, Pulaski Yankees baseball tickets, and the chance to enter prize drawings for gift cards. Children in preschool through fifth grade who read at least 20 minutes a day for 45 days, along with middle and high school students who read at least three books or more throughout June and July, and babies and toddlers who were read to for at least 30 days throughout the program, were offered the incentive of having their name published as a Star Reader in the local newspapers. In addition, they were invited to a party at the Dublin High School Alumni Shelter at Randolph Park on July 29. The prize drawings for gift cards took place during this time.

The library system also offered a Summer Reading Program for adults. This year, there were 130 registrants. To participate, they simply had to fill out an entry form for books they read during the summer and were able to enter up to four prize drawings of their choice. Prizes included gift baskets and gift cards.

Questions about our youth library programs may be directed to Jena Hardy, Youth Services Librarian, at 540-994-2458 or jchardy@pclibs.org.

Friends Bookstore Update

Our Friends Bookstore is having a very successful year financially. Elinor Farmer, our FOL Treasurer, reports that as of September 10, 2016, our book sales are as follows:

- FOL Bookstore sales: $2,171.70
- On-line book sales: 180.40
- Pulaski Library sales: 474.22
- Dublin Library sales: 212.45
- Dealer book sales: 214.00

Total for 2016: $3,252.77

As you know, the Friends operate the Friends Bookstore in downtown Pulaski the first weekend of most months, except for January and February. Your help is important in making our book sales successful. On Fridays, the store is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Saturdays the store runs from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Most of our hard copy
books (many like new) sell for $1, our paperback books for $.50 each, and children’s books for only $.25. This year’s sales have been enhanced with the large book donation from the Jess Carr estate. A number of Mr. Carr’s original books are still available for purchase in the bookstore for $1 each.

Please let either Lance Hudnall (276-728-4626) or Nancy Hudson (540-639-1950) know of your interest in serving.

Friends to Host a Special Veteran’s Program Tea on Thursday, November 10th at 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Olivia DeSAaugh Clark

The Board is pleased to announce that Mrs. Olivia DeSAaugh Clark has agreed to present at our November Tea. Mrs. Clark served in the Air Force, and Army as a PFC under General Patton at Bad Tolz, Germany. She later served in the Civil Air Patrol after returning to the states.

The program will be held in the Pulaski Library Conference Room. No reservations are needed and we encourage all of our members to come and hear this exciting program about Mrs. Clark’s experiences during World War II. The community is invited to also attend our program. Please encourage friends and family to attend.

Several Important Dates for your Calendars

1. October 7 & 8 – Monthly Book Sale
2. October 13 – Annual Membership Luncheon – 12 noon- 2:30 p.m.
3. November 4 & 5 – Monthly Book Sale
4. November 10 - Veteran’s Program Tea at 3:00 p.m.

Please ask your neighbors and friends to join the Pulaski County Friends of the Library. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated!

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FOL Board Members are in the News

Several of our FOL Board members have been in the news recently. They include:

- **Mary Catherine Stout** for having won the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal. The award is given for “excellence in history, essay writing, declamation and other points of special attainment in the preservation of Southern history.”

- **Nancy and Bill Hudson** for winning the NRV Leading Lights “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” award for their work in the NRV. FOL member Mickey Balconi was also nominated for this award.

Margaret and Warren Spradlin had an interesting article in the Southwest Times for their volunteer work with the Veterans Committee of the UAW Local 2069 in Dublin, where they have raised money and supported the local veteran activities for more than two decades.

Congratulations to our community – involved FOL members!

Access over 89 Yearbooks at the Pulaski County Library System
Yearbook Archives

Yearbooks for Draper, Dublin, Pulaski and Pulaski County High Schools have been digitized and are now available online for free at the library website [www.pclibs.org](http://www.pclibs.org) and on the left click on Pulaski County Yearbook Archives.

You can save, copy, print, email, share and so much more.

For questions, assistance or more information contact Carol Smith at 540-994-2453 or chsmith@pclibs.org

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