



*Friends
of the
Greene County Library*



NEWSLETTER
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017



HAPPY NEW YEAR! Wishing you good health, much happiness, many belly laughs, and plenty of time for reading in 2017.

SAVE THE DATE. The Friends annual membership meeting/social event will be held **Friday evening, January 20, 6:30 pm**, at the Lafayette Inn in Stanardsville. Complimentary appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available. We will send out a reminder note prior to the date.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL POLICY. It has been the Friends' practice to send out postcards reminding members when their annual membership renewals are due. So that we can keep membership data current, the policy is that those who do not renew within three months of their due dates will be placed in inactive status. We do not like to lose a single member...we need the support of the whole community. Although there are about 8,700 library card holders in Greene County, we rely on about 100 Friends whose donations keep programs and events funded.

LIBRARY SERVICES. Just a reminder of some of the services and equipment available to the community at the Greene Branch – **a notary, photocopier, fax machine, printer, computers, scanner...and a very helpful staff.**

SCHEDULED LIBRARY CLOSINGS. January 2; January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day); February 20 (President's Day).

FIRST THURSDAY ADULT BOOK CLUB, 7:00 pm. This is a friendly group of serious readers; newcomers are warmly welcomed at any time. January 5 – *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*, by Stephen King.
February 2 – *Sweet Tooth*, by Ian McEwan



SECOND FRIDAY FILM SERIES, 7:00 pm. Watch a free film with neighbors. Complimentary coffee and desserts are served.

January 13 – *Suffragette* (2015). The foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasing brutal State.

February 10 – *Rushmore* (1998). The extracurricular king of Rushmore preparatory school is put on academic probation.

3D PRINTING DEMONSTRATION. Wednesday, January 11, 3:00-4:30 pm at the Greene Library. Stop in to see how a 3D printer works and take home a small printed item.

COMMUNITY EVENT. Sunday, February 19, 4:30-7:00 pm at the Lafayette Inn – **Cause Night** to support the William Monroe High School Theatre Club.

BRIEFING TO THE GREENE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

On December 13, Stephen Walls Mathis, the Greene trustee to the JMRL board of directors, highlighted library successes at the BOS meeting. He cited statistics on library visits, attendance at programs, internet usage, number of books borrowed, etc. He stated that the proposed budget includes a 5.4 percent increase for the Greene Library and if approved, would include increasing library hours from 44 to 48 hours a week. An article on Stephen’s briefing appears in the December 22 *Greene County Record*.

TEENS, TWEENS, AND KIDS PROGRAMS (See *Beyond the Books* and Library material for details on these programs.)

Teen Advisory Board (TAB). (Grades 6-12). This group helps to plan teen programs and is the fun way to earn volunteer hours. Meets second Wednesday at 3:30 pm; snacks are provided. **January 11, February 8.** The Teen Advisory Board has voted not to hold an open-mic night in February as they've done in past years.

Bibliophiles: A Teen Book Club. (Grades 8-12). This group of teen book lovers meets to discuss titles chosen by the group. Meets the fourth Wednesday at 3:30 pm. **January 25 - *Midwinterblood*,** by Marcus Sedgwick. **February 22 – *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives*,** by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda

Rapunzels: Book Group for Tween Girls. (Grades 4-8). This group reads and discusses great books and enjoys snacks, crafts, and games. Meets the third Thursday at 3:30 pm. **January 19 – *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*,** by C. S. Lewis. **February 16 – *Lumberjanes: Beware the Kitten Holy*,** by Noelle Stevenson.

Sharks: Boys Book Club. (Grades 4-8). This group reads and talks about great books, does fun activities, and enjoys snacks. Meets biweekly on Thursday at 3:30 pm. **January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23.**

Storybook Beat. (For ages 3-5). Every **Thursday** at 10:30 am.

Read and Rhyme Time. (For ages 1-2). Every **Wednesday** at 10:30 am.



February 14 –Valentine's Day!



“I was going to join the debating team, but somebody talked me out of it.”
Stewart Francis

“Because the class on time management went overtime, we will move children’s praise to the gym this morning.” Church Bulletin