



*Friends
of the
Greene County Library*



**NEWSLETTER
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A Happy and Healthy New Year to All! It's that time of year to dust off and recycle those resolutions from past years. One that we should all try to keep this year - *Read more books and eat more chocolate.*

The Giving Tree. The pre-school kids came to the library on December 14/15 to open their books from the Giving Tree Program. 58 excited kids received new books and were entertained by Zed and Kathy French. A special thanks to all of you who purchased the books and made this a special holiday event for them.

Scheduled Library Closings. New Year's Day, **January 1**; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, **January 18**; President's Day, **February 15**.

First Thursday Book Discussion Group. **January 7**, 7 pm. Newcomers are welcome to this friendly group of serious readers. The January 7th meeting is for choosing the books for the next 6-12 months.



Second Friday Film Series. Join your friends for the latest films on the big screen and enjoy complimentary coffee and dessert.

January 8, 7 pm -- *The Skeleton Twins* (2014). Having both coincidentally cheated death on the same day, estranged twins reunite with the possibility of mending their relationship. **February 12**, 7 pm -- *Seymour: An Introduction* (2015). Meet Seymour Bernstein, a beloved pianist, teacher, and true inspiration who shares eye-opening insights from an amazing life.

Friends Annual Membership Meeting. The Friends annual meeting and social will be held on Friday evening, January 29th at the Parish Hall of the Grace Episcopal Church in Stanardsville. Details will be sent to all members in a separate notice prior to the date.

Friends Membership Renewal Forms. We have simplified the form for renewing memberships to include your basic information only. If there are changes (such as street address or email) since joining, the changes should be made on the form which is available at the library. We send reminder post cards when your memberships are due for renewal.

Librarian's Corner, by Ginny Reese.

Happy new year greetings from all of the staff at the Library! We will be starting a new substitute (Tom Walsh will still be with us) at the Branch in early January. Please say hello to Sharon Griffin if you happen to be in while she is training at the desk. Sharon is just retired from a career in teaching (in middle school in Orange, Va.), and was a reading specialist and language arts teacher, excellent experience to put to use in our Library.

Stay tuned for the second year of the "Winter Reading Program" at JMRL, which runs during the month of February. It is for pre-schoolers only.

This program gives the Library a venue to talk to parents about early literacy and the importance of reading before their children reach school, where literacy is of course heavily emphasized. The Library gives out a cute reading log, and participants get a free book when they have finished the program. This also gives the Library an opportunity to do special outreach to daycare centers, the health department, doctor's offices, and pre-school/Headstart programs in the schools.

You may be aware that the Library in Greene has a second day with evening hours, since Labor Day. The Library is now open until 8 pm on both Monday and Tuesday evenings. Tuesday evening open hours have been going very well, with very respectable door count numbers, even though typically a change in hours takes a while to catch on to the general public. We're very pleased to have this opportunity for families to have extended hours for library use for homework and school assignments in the evening. It's also a boon for folks who work during the day and may not have been able to get to our Library before closing. If you haven't been in on a Tuesday evening yet, give it a try!

(Don't Miss the Literary Quiz on the Last Page of this Newsletter.)



Open Mic Night. The Greene County Library Teen Advisory Board presents its fourth annual Open Mic Night on Friday, **February 5**, at 7:00 pm at the PVCC Eugene Giuseppe Center in Stanardsville. Performers of all kinds and skill levels are welcome. **Performers are required to register by January 31 (limit 15 acts).** Audience registration is not required; just sit back and enjoy the evening of free entertainment and refreshments. The event is open to all ages.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB). (Grades 6-12). This group helps to plan teen programs and is the fun way to earn volunteer hours. Meets monthly on Wednesday at 3:30 pm; snacks are provided. Registration is recommended and is ongoing. **January 13, February 10.**

Bibliophiles: A Teen Book Club. (Grades 8-12). This group of teen book lovers meets to discuss titles chosen by the group. The first 9 teens to arrive each meeting receive a copy of the next month's book. Registration is recommended and is ongoing. The fourth Wednesday at 3:30 pm, **January 27, February 24.**

Rapunzels: Book Group for Tween Girls. (Grades 4-8). This group reads and discusses great books and enjoys book-related snacks, crafts, and games. The first 15 girls to arrive receive a free copy of next month's book. Registration is required and ongoing. The third Thursday at 3:30 pm. The book on **January 21** is *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo; **February 18** – *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM*, by Robert O'Brien.

Read and Rhyme Time. (For ages 1-2). Every **Wednesday** at 10:30 am. This fun class highlights early literacy skills. The kids enjoy short books, puppets, rhymes, finger plays, a flannel story, and exuberant song and movement, using shakers, scarves, and rhythm instruments.

Storybook Beat. (For ages 3-5). Every **Thursday** at 10:30 am. This class focuses on a particular skill important to the child's emerging literacy. The kids listen to books, enjoy a flannel story, puppets, sing and move to music using scarves, bean bags, and rhythm instruments.

Literary Quiz (Answers below)

1. The *Great Gatsby* was published in 1925; what novel won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction that year?
2. Name the authors of these “Three” titles: a. *Three Sisters*; b. *Three Cups of Tea*; c. *The Three Musketeers*.
3. Which presidents on Mount Rushmore have written books?
4. Name the author who won the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.
5. Who is the *Buddenbrooks* author who won a Nobel Prize in Literature but in 1933 was expelled from Germany by the Nazis?

Answers:

1. *So Big* by Edna Ferber
2. a. Anton Chekhov; b. Greg Mortenson and David Oliver; c. Alexandre Dumas
3. Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt
4. Donna Tartt for *The Goldfinch*
5. Thomas Mann

“So what if I can’t spell Armageddon? It’s not the end of world.” Stewart Francis