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NEWSLETTER - Spring 2021

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

The Friends of the Wilson County Public Library is a non-profit organization with members who are proud of our local library and are dedicated to helping the library serve our community. The Friends maintain an association with people interested in the library, provides fundraising when the library has special needs, and funds author visits and special programs. Members of the Friends support our library with their time and talents and prepare positive publicity and promotion of the Wilson County Public Library. According to Andrew Carnegie, "A library outranks any other one that a community can do to benefit people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert."

You are invited to join or renew your membership with the Friends of the Wilson County Public Library to help support and promote the joy of reading and lifelong learning at the Wilson County Public Library. You will find a **Friends Membership Form attached to this newsletter**. When joining or renewing your membership, please provide your email, so we can periodically communicate with you regarding Friends updates, including volunteering opportunities within the library and the 2021 Book Sale, as well as other events. We would like to keep everyone as informed and involved as much as possible.

Please consider volunteering your time this year at the 2021 Book Sale during the Whirligig Festival. If you are interested in volunteering, please email me directly at angelahsmall@gmail.com. Please also consider reaching out to volunteer at your local library branch. We are in the process of creating a Volunteer Committee and will send out more information as it is solidified.

The Wilson County Public Library has continued to serve our community with safety features in order to limit the exposure to COVID-19. Books and videos are returned to the outside drop boxes. Books are kept in isolation for a period of time prior to being placed on the checkout shelves. Curbside pickup of items is also available. Masks and social distancing are encouraged.

Sidney Shelton tells us this: "Libraries store the energy that fuels imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better."

If you have any questions, please contact the library at (252) 237-5355 or email me at angelahsmall@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of our local library.

Angela Small
President
Friends of the Wilson County Public Library

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**EXCITING
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Current renovations of the main library's new Study Rooms.

"Why Are Library Workers So Happy?"

There are several answers to this question. First, happy people tend to get hired. A longitudinal study published in the *LSE Business Review* found that, "The happier people are, the more likely they are to later find employment and be satisfied with it." Optimism is something we intentionally look for when we hire for the Wilson County Public Library. And it seems to be paying off!

Another reason library workers are happy is because we work in buildings full of books. Imagine, fiction writers creating stories people will read for relaxation and pleasure. Novels can also give us a deeper understanding of what it means to be human. In children and teens, reading novels builds empathy. Relaxation, pleasure, empathy, and understanding are all building blocks for happiness.

Non-fiction writers provide information and insight on topics like history, social issues, technology, and pets. People want to know how to care for their pets, and their homes, children, cars – the list is long. Knowing how to care for or about the things that are important to you is another source of happiness.

Probably the biggest reason library workers are happy is because they get to help people. It's not always easy, but every one of us can look ourselves in the mirror at night and say, "I did something good and important today. I worked in a public library." Feeling good about what we do to earn a living is a big piece of the happiness equation.

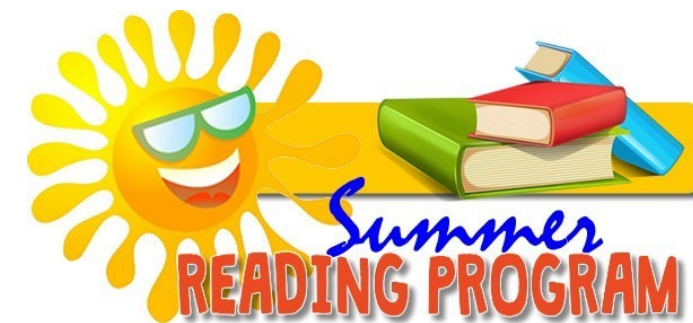
You are our Friends and we want to share these happy feelings with you. By volunteering, you get to help strengthen our communities in meaningful ways and enjoy the feelings that come with that. And there are so many ways to help!

Do you want to be out on the "floor" where the action is? You can work in our collections and have a view into who we serve and how. Or perhaps you would like the quieter atmosphere of the Technical Services department, where you can cover new books or repair older ones.

One of the most important jobs our volunteers can do for us is to process donations for the annual book sale. We also need our Friends to set up and run the sale. Our Five-Year Plan has identified a lot of needs in Wilson County and staff will have all they can do to work to meet those needs. And we need your help if the book sale is to continue.

Please come and join us in our happy place. You'll be happy you did.

Molly Westmoreland, Director



Summer is coming soon, and library staff is busy planning for our annual Summer Reading Program, taking place June 14-August 7, 2021. This summer's theme, *Tails and Tales*, will include a variety of amazing virtual programs and take-home activities. Ages 0-12 may participate in the Youth Services program, 12-18 in the Young Adult program, and 18+ in the Adult Program. Registration may be completed at <http://wilsoncountypub.readsquared.com/> or at the library. Points may be earned for each minute read, activities completed, and book reviews submitted. Prizes will be awarded for all ages!

Visit www.wilsoncountypubliclibrary.org for more information.

The Summer Reading Program is made possible in large part due to the generosity of the Friends of the Wilson County Public Library.

