



March/April, 2018

News from the Friends of the Robert Trail Library

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Upcoming 2018 Meeting Dates:

- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 11
- July 9
- August 13
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12

Meetings are held in the Community Room of the Robert Trail Library and begin at 6:30 p.m. We welcome all members, new and old. Not a member? Show up anyway, and we'll make you one!

Please join us!

Become a FRIEND of the Robert Trail Library!

Join today! Only \$10/individual, or \$15/family.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is the one-year anniversary of creating our newsletter. We hope you are enjoying each issue, and we welcome your feedback. Have you read a great book lately? Send us your brief review, and we'll be glad to publish it here in a future newsletter.

March and April are the two busiest months in the Friends' calendar. The first event is the Second Annual Rosemount Writers Festival and Book Fair to be held on March 24. The second is our very own Annual Book Sale during the week of April 17, 2018. Further details on each event are included in this issue.

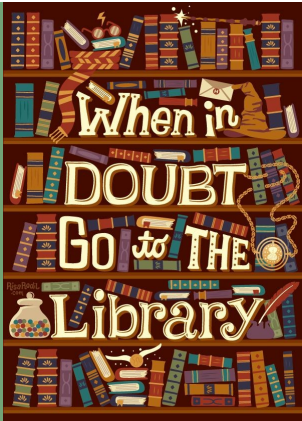
The days are longer, the sun is warmer, and you know that snow will not last long. Can spring be far behind?

~Jo Gilbertson, President, Friends of the RT Library

SAVE THE DATES!

- **March 24: The 2nd Annual Rosemount Writers Festival and Book Fair** will be held at the Steeple Center from 9 am - 5 pm. The keynote address, being given by Lorna Landvik, will start off the day at 9 am. After the keynote, 18 workshops will be offered beginning at 10:10 am and lasting until 5 pm. The keynote and the workshops are only \$15 each. In addition, a **free** book fair showcasing nearly 70 authors and publicists will be held in the Auditorium of the Steeple Center. You may register for any of the 18 workshops plus the keynote online at rosemountwritersfestival.com.
- **The week of April 17-22** we will host our **Annual Book Sale** in the Community Meeting Room at Robert Trail Library. This is our main fundraiser, and we need all hands on deck to accomplish this massive setup. Here are the important dates for your calendar:
 - **Tuesday, April 17 - 4 p.m.—8 p.m. Member Preview Night** (All members who have paid their dues for 2018 will be admitted free of charge. Others wishing to enter must pay \$10 at the door.)
 - **Wednesday, April 18 & Thursday, April 19 - 10 a.m.— 8 p.m.** The book sale is free and open to the public.
 - **Friday, April 20 10 a.m.— 5 p.m.** Free and open to the public.
 - **Saturday, April 21 10 a.m.— 3 p.m.** Bag Sale Day: fill up a grocery-sized bag for only \$5.
- **Here's what to look forward to in the coming months:**
 - Our kickoff to Summer Reading with an Ice Cream Social—June
 - Our Summer Book Giveaway during Leprechaun Days—July
 - Our programming for *One Book, One Rosemount*—September





Book/Library Trivia!

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

1. Name the author who, at age 80, won the Pulitzer for her first and only book.
2. Identify the author and novel in which the Joad family appears.
3. What youthful sleuth regularly locks horns with local bully Bugs Meany?

Last month's answers:

1. Jean de Brunhoff is the author of what famous children's book character? *Babar*
2. What fictional hero takes 35 years to return to England from the island where he was kidnapped? *Robinson Crusoe*
3. What mystery writer names his novels after children's nursery rhymes? *James Patterson*

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New website coming soon!

ROBERT TRAIL LIBRARY TOP CHECK-OUTS FOR 2017

Fiction:

1. *Small Great Things*—Jodi Picoult
2. *Into the Water*—Paula Hawkins
3. *Camino Island*—John Grisham
4. *The Woman in Cabin 10*—Ruth Ware
5. *The Identicals*—Elin Hilderbrand

Non-Fiction

1. *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Woman Mathematicians Who Helped with the Space Race*—Margot Lee Shetterly
2. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*—J.D. Vance
3. *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*—David Grann
4. *The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father*
5. *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing*—Marie Kondo



SUMMARY OF OUR RECENT FRIENDS MEETING MINUTES

We discussed the following:

- Recent research on purchasing a clock for the library. Ongoing.
- Reports on our recent author event with Tim McDonnell and a record-setting Artist Reception for February.
- Ordering a customized sticker to be placed in books we donate.
- Proofing the School Donation Request form to be submitted to selected media specialists in District 196.
- Possible titles for *One Book, One Rosemount*. We wanted to focus on a children's book that would be well-received by any age group. We opted to submit *Turn Left at the Cow* by Lisa Bullard. Library staff will look at it for programming ideas after which we can begin the PR.
- The upcoming Writers Festival in March and a call for volunteers.
- A preliminary look at expenditures we expect for 2018.
- Plans necessary for setting up our book sale in April.

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ALL HANDS ON BOOKS:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE BOOK SALE!

Set-up and book sorting begins at the library on Monday, April 9 at 10 a.m. and we would LOVE your help. We will send out a call for volunteers in late March. Set-up is the most fun a book lover can have! If you are able to assist, email Jo at gilby2048@gmail.com, or simply stop in. Thank you!

