

# NEWSLETTER

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## President's letter

I wish a Happy New Year to all our FOSL members and Friends. Unfortunately we are still in the Covid-19 fight against the omicron variant. As I write this, I just watched President Biden on TV. His message was clear: 1. Wear a mask indoors in any public places; 2. Get vaccinated or boosted if you have not; 3. Get tested regularly. Walk in testing is available every Tuesday morning at the Salem Civic Center from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Tests by appointment are available at local pharmacies. Many places such as the library have at home testing kits available from time to time.

What does this have to do with the library? The staff has done an excellent job keeping the library safe for all patrons. They are planning for more programs in 2022. This depends on all of us doing our part to bring the pandemic fully under control in 2022. There is a lot of information in this newsletter on what is being planned from our Library director Ann Tripp and from our book sale chairman Ken Sosnowski which I will not repeat here. There will be opportunities for you to volunteer at these events.

All the best,  
John Spruhan  
President, Friends of the Salem Library

## Salem Public Library distributes Covid-19 at-home test kits

In a partnership with the Virginia Department of Health and the Roanoke / Alleghany Health District, the Salem Public Library has joined forces with public libraries around the state to offer Covid-19 at-home rapid test kits. This partnership, called STACC (Supporting Testing Access through Community Collaboration), is an initiative with over 60 public libraries distributing test kits through drive-throughs and in-building distributions. The Salem Public Library has distributed over 1,000 test kits to our community since Thanksgiving, and more test kits are on order. Additionally, the library has been and continues to be a hub of information-gathering and education regarding testing and vaccination, with staff checking VDH and news sites daily for the most up-to-date information for the dozens of queries we receive every day. The most recent test distribution day was as a drive-through site, during which we gave out 360 test kits to interested patrons.

While the rapid at-home test kits are currently in short supply, the Virginia Department of Health is working to open additionally testing sites state-wide to meet the need for rapid and PCR Covid tests. For the most current information, please visit <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/protect-yourself/covid-19-testing/> or call the Virginia Department of Health's call center at [877-ASK-VDH3](tel:877-ASK-VDH3) (877-275-8343).

## Check This Out by the Editor

The menu on Salem Library website list several digital options. The Streaming Video, eBooks entry includes **Libby** and **Project Gutenberg**. See page 2 for more info on Libby. See page 3 for more info on Project Gutenberg. The Library Databases entry includes **Chilton** and **Sanborn Maps**. See page 4 for more info on Chilton. See page 1 for more info on Sanborn Maps.

## Sanborn Maps

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Online Checklist provides a searchable database of the fire insurance maps published by the Sanborn Map Company housed in the collections of the Geography and Map Division. The online checklist is based upon the Library's 1981 publication *Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress* and will be continually updated to reflect new acquisitions. The online checklist also contains links to existing digital images from our collection and will be updated as new images are added. See Salem map on page 3.

## Outside the Library Walls

Ken Sosnowski

Until this September, all FOSL sales have taken place within the Library building. The pandemic forced us to change that this year. Moving to the highly visible tents proved to be a publicity goldmine. People stopped while driving down Main Street on Friday, just to see what we were doing. With that in mind, we decided to try a small sale in conjunction with the Gingerbread Festival at the Museum and Market Square. After some thought, we decided that we would select one topic for the books and cooking seemed the most appropriate. A small group of 6-8 members gathered to unpack a number of boxes of donated books. They put together a number of the best cookbooks for the sale.

On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we set up tables at both locations. The goals were to sell a few books but mainly to become visible to a much larger audience than just those who frequent the Library. It was a success. At the Museum, we had a table on the main path to Santa's lap. The Library staff distributed dozens of packets of coloring materials and Library information. FOSL sold a few books, but talked to dozens about our organization and our sales. At the Market, the table was right at the traffic light corner, the best possible location. Here we sold more cookbooks and interacted with customers, non-stop. We had several who plan to join, others who were surprised to hear about our sale and most amazingly, a number who said, "Salem has a library?".

All of the volunteers found the day to be exciting and a pleasant way to spend a beautiful Saturday. We are planning to do something similar in the Spring and are looking for members who would like to take part. Let me know if you are interested.



Gingerbread Festival at Salem Museum



Crafty Christmas at Salem Market Square

### LIBBY (from p.1)

All over the world, local libraries offer millions of ebooks and audiobooks. You can borrow them — for free, instantly — with a library card and Libby: the award-winning, much-loved app for libraries.

- Browse your library's digital catalog of books — from classics to NYT best-sellers
- Borrow and enjoy ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines
- Send ebooks to your Kindle (U.S. libraries only)
- Listen to audiobooks via Android Auto
- Keep your reading position automatically synced on all your devices





### Meet New Library Staff Member

Betsy Quillen was born in the Deep South, but grew up in Salem from the age of 9 years old. She was homeschooled through high

school and graduated from Roanoke College with a degree in Theatre Arts. She is still very active in theatre and has been seen in many professional and community productions in Virginia, North Carolina, and Colorado. These days she can usually be found on stage or working behind the scenes at Showtimers Community Theatre. She married her husband, Andrew, in Colorado, and while living there, Betsy worked as a Library Associate for the High Plains Library District, specializing in infant, toddler, and family story times and incorporating American Sign Language to aid in early literacy skills and child brain development. She and her husband returned to Roanoke to raise their family and she now home schools their three young sons. In the rest of her rapidly dwindling free time, Betsy loves to write and is an avid knitter and knitwear designer. She is thrilled to now be joining the Salem Public Library staff as a part-time Page in the Children's Department. One is never too old to read Children's literature, and she will be happy to help you find all of your Children's literature needs and explore everything the Children's Department has to offer! Please say "Hi!" the next time you're in the library!



### January 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes

#### Election Results

President : John Spruhan  
Vice Pres: Lydia Spruhan  
Secretary: Susan Ahalt  
Treasurer: Ken Sosnowski

#### FOSL Supported Projects

Furniture upgrade to children's area  
Children's Art show equipment

### Project Gutenberg (from p. 1)

Offers a vibrant and growing collection of the world's great literature. Read, enjoy, and share 50 years of eBooks!

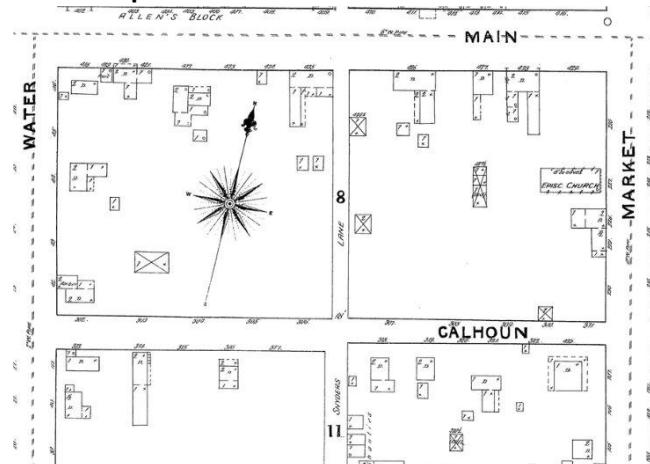
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### Year Round Book Sale

Selected book, audio book, music CD and DVD donations are placed here as part of FOSL fund raising efforts.

### Salem Map



1891 map above from Sanborn Maps shows the block containing the Salem Library today. Water St. is now Broad St.

**The Friends of Salem Library is online**  
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**The Salem Library appears on the city website**  
Library: [www.salemlibrary.info](http://www.salemlibrary.info)  
Menu: Streaming Video, ebooks, and more  
Library Databases  
Friends of Salem Library

#### **Chilton Library of Auto Maintenance** (from p.1)

- Maintenance and specification tables that provide the unique data you need for each specific vehicle.
- Step-by-step service and repair procedures, and labor estimating tool to help you confidently determine your next move.
- Vacuum diagrams to simplify troubleshooting.
- Wiring diagrams to help explain system operation.
- Close-up photographs and illustrations for visual support.
- A print button which allows you to easily print out what is needed.

**CHILTON LIBRARY**

#### **Officers of the Friends of the Salem Library:**

President: John Spruhan  
Vice President: Lydia Spruhan  
Secretary: Susan Ahalt  
Treasurer: Ken Sosnowski

**Board of Directors:** Janis Augustine, Chairman  
Gale Evans Lydia Spruhan  
Betty Waldron Ken Sosnowski

#### **Standing Committees:**

Book Sale: Ken Sosnowski  
Newsletter Editor: Phil Roark  
Historian -vacant-

**Membership dues** (other than Life) are payable **January 1 of each year**. Consult your mailing label. If the date shown is **prior to 2022**, please renew your membership. Pay by check (payable to FOSL) at the Library desk, by mail, or at the Member's Sale.

#### **FOSL Schedule, 2022**

FOSL holds four regular meetings each year. They are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the scheduled month starting at 2PM and last for approximately one hour. Members are encouraged to attend and contribute to regular business meetings and to volunteer to help make activities such as the Book Sale a success.

- **August:** Book Sale Preparation
- **September:** Book Sale

#### **FOSL Meetings, 2022**

- **March 13, 2022** Regular + Board meeting
- **July 10 , 2022** Regular meeting
- **October 9, 2022** Regular Meeting

**Membership Form:** Dues (other than life) are on an annual basis and are payable **January 1 of each year**. Your dues help support the library.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type: Please indicate type of membership below with an X.**

**Individual (\$10)**    **Family (\$15)**    **Sustaining (\$25)**    **Life (\$75)**

**Please mail to:** Friends of the Salem Library, c/o The Salem Public Library, 28 E. Main St, Salem, VA 24153. Make checks payable to: *Friends of the Salem Library* or *FOSL*. You may also drop this form and your check at the Library Desk.