FRIENDS AWARENESS MONTH. November is Friends Awareness Month – the time when we ask our neighbors, relatives, Greene businesses, and friends to consider joining the Friends of the Greene County Library. We are aiming to increase our membership and treasury at this time since we propose to offer scholarship awards to one or two deserving William Monroe high school seniors next year. Please consider a little extra donation when renewing your membership or send a separate donation designated “for scholarship program.” Your support makes so many library programs and events possible.

NEW LITTLE FREE LIBRARY. We are pleased that Coppersmith’s Restaurant now has a Little Free Library inside the restaurant that is stocked with used books that Friends have donated. The owner, Eric Saunders and his wife, manager Jenny, were enthusiastic when approached about the setting up the little library. Stop by the restaurant for lunch or dinner and bring a book, take a book.

GREENE JMRL TRUSTEE. James West has recently been appointed to the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Board of Trustees as the Greene County representative. Library Trustees are appointed by elected county officials to set policies, adopt official budget recommendations, and develop long range plans for library development. Congratulations, Jim!

FALL BOOK SALE. The JMRL Friends of the Library semiannual book sale will be held Nov. 3-11, 10:00 am-7:00 pm. at the Gordon Avenue Library in Charlottesville. Fabulous books, recordings, games and puzzles, and ephemera of all types will be available.

Election Day is November 6. Your vote matters!
FIRST THURSDAY BOOK CLUB. 7:00 pm, at the library.

Nov. 1 – *Leonardo da Vinci*, by Walter Isaacson;
Dec. 6 – *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles

SECOND FRIDAY FILMS. Film starts at 7:00 pm.

Nov. 9 – *First Reformed* (2017) – A priest of a small congregation in upstate New York grapples with mounting despair brought on by tragedy, worldly concerns, and a tormented past. **NOTE: There is no film scheduled in December.**

MOONRUNNERS. A new science fiction book club, Moonrunners, (grades 6-9) meets the second Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. They discuss the books, partake in a fun activity, and have snacks after the discussion.

Upcoming books: Nov. 8 – *2001: A Space Odyssey*; Dec. 13 – *Freakling*

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE. Share your love of reading with a child enrolled in the Greene Preschool Initiative Program. Select a name from the library tree beginning in early November and buy a picture book for the age-appropriate child. The kids are given their books during the parties that the library staff holds for them.

RECENT HISTORICAL FICTION. The October *BookPage* publication reviewed several historical fiction books. Three of which are: *Transcription*, by Kate Atkinson; *November Road*, by Lou Berney, and *The Clockmaker’s Daughter*, by Kate Morton

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

* VIRGINIA FILM FESTIVAL. This 4-day event starting Nov. 1 will feature 150 film screenings at various venues in Charlottesville.

* CRAFT BAZAAR. The Woman’s Club of Greene will hold its annual Holiday Crafts Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 3, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, at Ruckersville Elementary School.

* DAZZLES & DREAMS. The opening show of Janice Rosenberg’s paintings and Cheryl Ragland’s jewelry is Nov. 3, 1:00-5:00 pm at Southern Grace in Madison.
* ARTISANS STUDIO TOUR. Nov. 10 & 11, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. This tour includes 28 artisan studios in Charlottesville and surrounding counties.

* STORYTELLING EVENT. Monday, Nov. 12, 2-4:00 pm, to honor veterans. Rhodes Gallery, Greene Historical Society.

* FIVE FRIENDS ARTS & ARTIFACTS SALE. Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, at Jack’s Shop Kitchen – Leslie Barham, Cheryl Ragland, Chee Kludt Ricketts, Patricia Temples, and Vickie Watts.

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NOTICE: The Friends Membership Annual Meeting and Social will be held in January. Date and details will be sent after the holidays.

* A man entered the hospital emergency room with both ears burned. “What happened?” asked the doctor. “Well” the man explained, “my wife was ironing clothing, behind my chair, while I was watching TV. She put down the iron next to the phone and when the phone rang I answered the iron.” “Wow that’s terrible” responded the doctor, and what happened to your other ear?” “Well” the guy responded “right afterwards, the phone rang again!”

* Once my dog ate all the Scrabble tiles. For days he kept leaving little messages around the house.

* “I’m sorry” and “I apologize” mean the same thing…except when you’re at a funeral.

WISHING EVERYONE THE BEST OF HOLIDAYS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!