

# FCCPL Brunch & Annual Meeting

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# Branch Leaders Bon Air:

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Clover Hill: Paula Price
Enon: Angela Roisten
Ettrick-Matoaca:

Angela Roisten
LaPrade: Cherie Heintz
Meadowdale: Bill Brown
Midlothian: Mary Bawol
North Courthouse Road:

Randy French

Program Agenda October 19, 2024

# 11:00 AM Brunch & Annual Meeting

- Enjoy Brunch!
- Annual Friends Meeting
- Purchase Books!
- Get Books Signed by Audrey Burges!
- Renew Your Friends Membership!

# 12:00 PM Author Event with Audrey Burges

Welcome - Kahil Dotay, Friends Director at Large
Remarks - Kevin Carroll, Representative, Board of Supervisors
Remarks - Carolyn Jensen, Library Assistant Director
Author Introduction - Mary Beth Cox, Friends President
Presentation and Q&A - Author Audrey Burges
Closing Remarks



Audrey Burges is the author of two novels: The Minuscule Mansion of Myra Malone and A House Like an Accordion. Her work in humor, fiction, and nonfiction has appeared in The New Yorker, McSweeney's, Writer's Digest, and numerous other outlets. When

she isn't writing, she's retrieving snacks for her two children and her dog, and also trying to finish telling her husband a really funny story she started recounting sometime in 2013, when the kids learned to talk and never stopped. Audrey was born and raised in Arizona by her linguist parents, which is a lot like being raised by wolves, but with better grammar. She moved to Virginia as an adult but still carries mountains and canyons in her heart, and sometimes, when she closes her eyes, she can still smell ponderosa pines in the sun. The settings where she grew up inspire both her writing and her other hobby, sketching botanical illustrations.





Many thanks to the Friends' Library branch groups for their contributions and support.



# Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library Accomplishments 2023–2024

## Friends Accomplishments

- Achieved a membership base of 302 Friends for 2024.
- Filled three Board vacancies: Vice Presidents of Programs, Community Relations, and Membership.
- Partnered with the Library's Special Projects department to complete major fundraising projects: The Fall Fundraiser in November 2023, which raised funds for literacy projects, and the May 2024 Golf Tournament, which raised funds for library resources for people with disabilities.
- Raised funds through book sales: daily book sales at each library using A-frame units, specialty book sales, and online book sales through Amazon.
- Funded the CCPL Staff Recognition Dinner in June 2024 and provided library staff appreciation refreshments and/or activities throughout the year.
- Held the first-ever Book Swap to raise awareness about the Friends and promote books and literacy.
- Continued to learn about library trends through events such as the United for Libraries Conference.
- Supported and promoted library resources and staff through frequent communication with library administration.

## **Branch Accomplishments**

- The **Bon Air Friends** contributed to the Program Fund (\$6,000/year), to LEAP, and to the Friends' Golf Tournament. We purchased a large book sale sign for use at every branch. We had a successful book sale at Bon Air Library plus a book sale in May on Victorian Day. We will hold an Autograph/Holiday Book Sale on December 6 and 7 at Bon Air Library.
- The **Central Friends** held our annual book sale in April, raising the largest amount ever, in addition to gaining 11 membership renewals and four new members. We contributed to the Program Fund and the Golf Tournament. The Central Friends continue to sort and box donations on a weekly basis, which are available to all Friends groups for their A-frames and book sales.
- The **Chester Friends** donated to the Program Fund, provided a staff appreciation brunch, purchased a movie license, and contributed towards LEAP.
- The **Clover Hill Friends** donated to the Golf Fundraiser, funded the Pet/Literacy Day, supported the Aquarium, and supported staff appreciation activities.
- The **Ettrick-Matoaca Friends** donated towards the Program Fund, provided a staff appreciation lunch, and were an integral part of the Friends' Annual Golf Tournament.
- The Enon Friends donated towards the Program Fund and purchased new toys for the Children's area.
- The **LaPrade Friends** held a Cookbooks & Kids' Books Sale in early August. We made several hundred dollars in profits from the sale. We provided financial support for the Program Fund and LEAP. We provided special treats for branch staff on various occasions throughout the year.
- The **Meadowdale Friends** paid for food for the "Building Readers/Construyendo Lectores," a Spanish literacy program, for the past two years which fed 80 families. The Friends provided three library staff appreciation lunches. We are having a "cart book sale" from October 21 to 26. The Meadowdale Friends contributed to the Program Fund and to LEAP.
- The **Midlothian Friends** selected the artist and funded the mural at the new Midlothian Library. We also commissioned a statue for the children's outdoor area and contributed to the Program Fund.
- The **North Courthouse Road Friends** held our Annual History Sale in September. We donated \$5,000 to the Program Fund and \$1,000 to LEAP. We are making plans to celebrate the 10-Year Anniversary of the North Courthouse Grand Opening in 2026.