

Next LLI Forum

Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

*How Are Our Fairfax Public Libraries
Coping in a Most Difficult Budget Year?
Learn About Some New Library
Services That Will Benefit You.*

Sam Clay, the Director of Fairfax County Public Libraries, will discuss several issues relating to the management of the Fairfax Public Library System. What are the procedures for selecting new books, enforcing privacy and Internet standards, and meeting the diverse needs of the community? Mr. Clay will give insight into his best practices for promoting leadership among staff, handling recent challenges in the start-up of new regional libraries, resolving conflicts, and continuing to enhance users' access to the library through new programs and internet services. Following his talk, there will be opportunity for questions and answers.

Please Note: *Parking is in the pay parking garage. Parking in the B and C lots is by permit only.*

Lunch Bunch

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Following the Forum, join the Lunch Bunch at the **Ruby Tuesday** restaurant (first time booking by LLI), 9444 Arlington Blvd. and Pickett Rd. (in the Staples Shopping Center before Fairfax Circle); phone 703-273-5862. American foods and salad bar are featured at moderate prices.

Directions: From NOVA, left on Rt. 236, right on Prosperity Ave., left on Arlington Blvd. On Arlington Blvd., cross Pickett Rd. and turn right into the shopping center. The restaurant is next to the H&R Block Building.

Annual Valentine's Day Open House

Friday, Feb. 13, 12:30 — 2:30 p.m.*

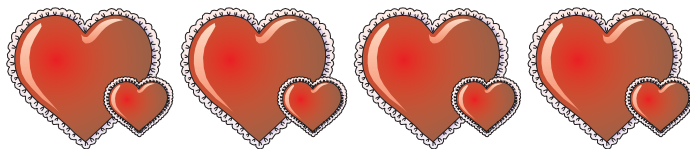
**Little River United Church
of Christ Choir Room**

Come celebrate Valentine's Day (a day early) with members of the poetry group.

Read, recite or just listen to favorite poems about love. Light refreshments will be provided by the LLI Poetry Group.

** NOTE earlier time than previous years*

For more information contact Richard Risk at 703-578-9898.



Reminder

In the event of inclement weather, LLI activities (except day trips/travel) are cancelled in accordance with Fairfax County Public School cancellations, regardless of class location. LLI morning classes are cancelled if FCPS announces a two-hour delay; LLI afternoon classes are cancelled if FCPS announces early dismissal. Trip/Travel cancellations: The person designated as the trip leader for a particular trip is responsible for the decision to cancel a trip.

Study/Travel Utah National Parks Trip

The trip is now sold out; thirty six have signed up to go. There will be a study program in August that all can attend. Look for more details in the summer catalogue.

Calendar of Events



February 2009

- 3 Forum (Tues.)
- 6 March newsletter deadline
- 13 Board meeting
- 13 Valentine's Day Love Poem Party
- 16 Newsletter mailing

March 2009

- 3 Forum (Tues.)
- 13 Board meeting
- 13 April newsletter deadline
- 23 Newsletter mailing

April 2009

- 7 Forum (Tues.)
- 10 May newsletter deadline
- 10 Board meeting
- 20 Newsletter mailing
- 24 Trip: Virginia's Capitol Bldg., Richmond

May 2009

- LLI Annual Picnic (date TBD)
- 5 Forum (Tues.)
- 6 Trip: John Wilkes Booth Escape Route
- 8 Board meeting
- 8 June newsletter deadline
- 18 Newsletter mailing

18-22 Trip: Southern Highlights

June 2009

- 2 Forum (Tues.)
- 12 Board meeting

July 2009

- No Forum, no newsletter

August 2009

- No forum, no newsletter
- 7 September newsletter deadline
- 17 Newsletter mailing

September 2009

- 1 Forum (Tues.)
- 9 Trip: Montpelier
- 11 Board meeting
- 11 October newsletter deadline
- 14-24 Trip: Western National Parks
- 21 Newsletter mailing

October 2009

- 6 Forum (Tues.)
- 9 Board meeting
- 9 November newsletter deadline
- 15 Trip: Gettysburg Battlefield and Visitor

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Welcome, New Members! We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.

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Deadline for March newsletter is February 6.

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President's Message

We joyfully celebrated the start of the holiday season on December 4 when one hundred and thirty-eight LLI members and guests dined and socialized together at our annual Holiday Luncheon, which, this year for the first time, was held at the Country Club of Fairfax. It truly was a wonderful affair, and our thanks go to Kathy Hall and her committee for planning and executing it. Everyone will be pleased to learn that we will be back there again this year. Thanks to Bea Werner, our CC member contact, we already have the next LLI Holiday Luncheon booked there for Wednesday, December 9, 2009. While on the subject of social events, please be aware that our annual picnic will be held in May this year, the date for which cannot be set until the National Park Service opens its Fort Hunt Park reservation system. "Stay tuned" for a future announcement.

Thanks go to our Curriculum Committee for developing a fine 2009 Winter-Spring term education program. I hope that you registered to take at least one of the courses offered. If so, please understand that you may attend only the courses to which you were accepted, i.e., received the letter "A" on your returned registration form. If you have been placed on a course's wait-list ("W"), you may not attend unless subsequently notified by the LLI course coordinator that an opening has occurred which you may fill.

What keeps LLI going strong is our members' volunteering either to serve on committees, assist in administrative work, or accept appointed and/or elected positions. Two recent examples of this are Karren Scott who chaired the Audit Committee of our 2008 fiscal year finances, and who has also accepted appointment as chair of our Administrative Review Committee (ARC); and Lynda Mullins, who also served on the Audit Committee and has volunteered to serve on the ARC. Now, when the LLI Nominating Committee calls you to serve as a member of the Board of Directors or as an officer, please give serious consideration to the opportunity this gives you to help assure that our Institute will continue to thrive and produce the programs from which you and your fellow members benefit. *Better yet, don't wait for them to call you, call the committee chairman, Don Reynolds, to offer your candidacy for their consideration.*

Community Outreach

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Many thanks for your January food donations; we collected three full grocery carts of food for the Lorton Community Action Center.

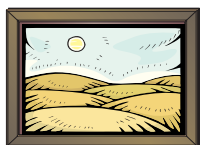


The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) will be the recipient of LLI's food donations at the February 3 Forum. While Arlington County is one of the wealthiest areas in the US, many of its residents do not have enough to eat. AFAC is a nonprofit organization that works to remedy this situation. In these challenging times, AFAC has been distributing food to more than one thousand families each week, families who rely on these groceries to make ends meet. This is a huge number more than in the past year! About 40% of these are families of four or more, 30% families of two or three, and the rest are individuals living alone, many with disabilities or health conditions that preclude their working. AFAC can use cereals, cereal bars, canned goods of all kinds (vegetables, fruit, soups, etc.), tuna, pasta, and rice. ***Please remember, if you are bringing something from your pantry, do check the expiration dates of canned goods!*** Marianne Moerman will deliver these donations to AFAC.

Finally, I offer two important reminders: first, please continue to be generous with your donations to our community outreach program by bringing your gifts of food to each of our Forum meetings, where they will be collected and brought by member volunteers to the selected charity of that month [this LLI program is co-chaired by members Carol Weber and Betty Lee Thatcher]; and, second, please volunteer to bring baked goods to our Forum hospitality table, the hostesses for which are Trudy Hynes and Sally Reynolds, — sign up to do so with LLI's Volunteer Coordinator, Liddell McLeod.

Dick DiBuono

Special Interest Groups



Arts & Smarts

Donna Trogler, 703 751-8932 or
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No museum tours are scheduled for February. Future tours will be announced in upcoming newsletters. If you wish to be included in the group's mailing list, please contact Donna Trogler.



LLI Bridge Group

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February and March Play Dates –

In February, we will play on

Thursday, February 5, and Wednesday,

February 18. In March, we will play on

Thursday, March 5, and Wednesday, March

18.

Location: Mason District Government Center.

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch.

You do not need a partner because we rotate partners so you will play with everyone. We are always looking for new players, and all levels of players are welcome in this very friendly game. Please call, or email me, if you would like to attend (or for more information) so that we can provide sufficient card tables.

December and Semiannual Results – Top three finishers on December 18 were Doug Johnson, Nate Rosenbaum, and Betty Yeary. Top four players for the July-December period were Nate Rosenbaum, Bob Huley, Mary Underwood, and Nelva Berend. Congratulations to all.



Community Theater

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Our next theater venture will be the Arlington Players' production of Tennessee Williams' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, February 8, at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 2nd Street S. Arlington, VA, 22204. Senior tickets are \$12.00. **(Note the date has been changed to Sunday, February 8.)**

Please note: The Arlington Players no longer accepts unpaid reservations via phone; however, they will ALWAYS have tickets available at the door. You may go their website www.thearlingtonplayers.org for information regarding reservations paid in advance. We will gather in the lobby after the performance to decide on dinner at a nearby restaurant. If you are interested, contact Norma Hughes.



LLI Current Events Group

Date: Friday, 6 February 2009

Place: Mason District

Governmental Center, Small Conference Room

Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Topic: The Stimulus package and its status

Join us if you would like to share your ideas or learn more about current events. We want to give all, who wish, a chance to speak. After an hour, we choose the next topic. Then we have open discussion on current events of interest to anyone.

For more information, Email Shirley Lotz at Shirley.Lotz@Ericksonresident.com or svlotz@alum.wellesley.edu or call her at (703) 451-4371.



Favorite Books Club

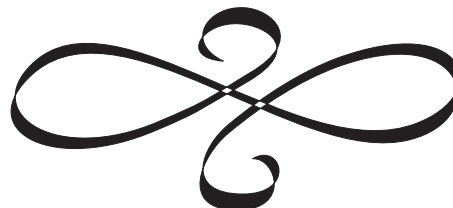
Arlene Gribben 703-569-0357,
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Date: Thursday, February 19

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Place: Mason District Governmental Center, Small Conference Room

The book for review in February is *Angle of Repose*. This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Wallace Stegner is a story of discovery — personal, historical, and geographical. Confined to a wheelchair, a retired historian sets out to



write his grandparents' remarkable story, chronicling their days spent carving civilization into the surface of America's western frontier. But his research reveals even more about his own life than he's willing to admit. What emerges is an enthralling portrait of four generations in the life of an American family.



LLI Gourmands

The Gourmands will dine at the Tempo Restaurant (4331 Duke St., Alexandria) at Noon on Wednesday, February 11.

Please contact Eleanor Shubinski-Mosser at 703-280-2542 or E-Mail emosser@cox.net if you wish to attend this lunch. Beverly Harris is planning the March event at the Tortilla Factory in Herndon. For more information on this event, please contact Beverly at 703-437-5140 or beverh@verizon.net.

LLI Bacchus Wine Tasting Group is a new subgroup of the Gourmands, led by Anne Austin, 703-569-5994, abbaustin@aol.com. The group will not be meeting each month, but their gatherings will be announced at the Forums and in the newsletters. Contact Anne if you wish to be included on the mailing list.



Nimble Fingers

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The February meeting of Nimble Fingers is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Small Conference Room of the Mason District Governmental Center. Bring a small needlecraft project of any type to work on. For more information, contact Bev Portman.



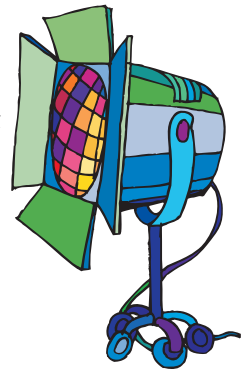
Walkabouts

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On Thursdays February 12 and 26, walks will begin at noon from the Eakin Park parking lot on Prosperity Avenue between Little River Turnpike and Arlington Boulevard. Notify Liddell McLeod if you would like to be added to the Walkabouts email list or you want further information.

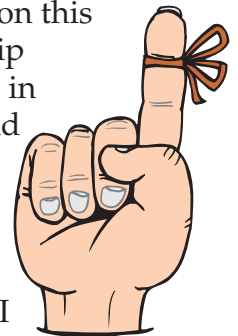
Volunteer Spotlight

At the January Forum, the spotlight shone on the eight members of the 2008 Holiday Party Committee. The Spotlight at the February Forum will shine on the Trip Committee volunteers who dedicate so many hours of their time and efforts to plan, organize, and lead short trips that are educational, memorable, and fun.



Membership Renewal Reminder

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter for your membership renewal date. You must renew in order to register for courses and to participate in LLI's many other activities. Please complete the form in the Winter/Spring 2009 course catalogue and mail it to the LLI office with a check in the amount of \$110 for each person wishing to continue with LLI.



From the LLI Scrapbook

Candid Shots from LLI's 2008 Holiday Party





*We've already booked
the next
LLI Holiday Luncheon
at the
Country Club of Fairfax
for Wednesday,
December 9, 2009.*



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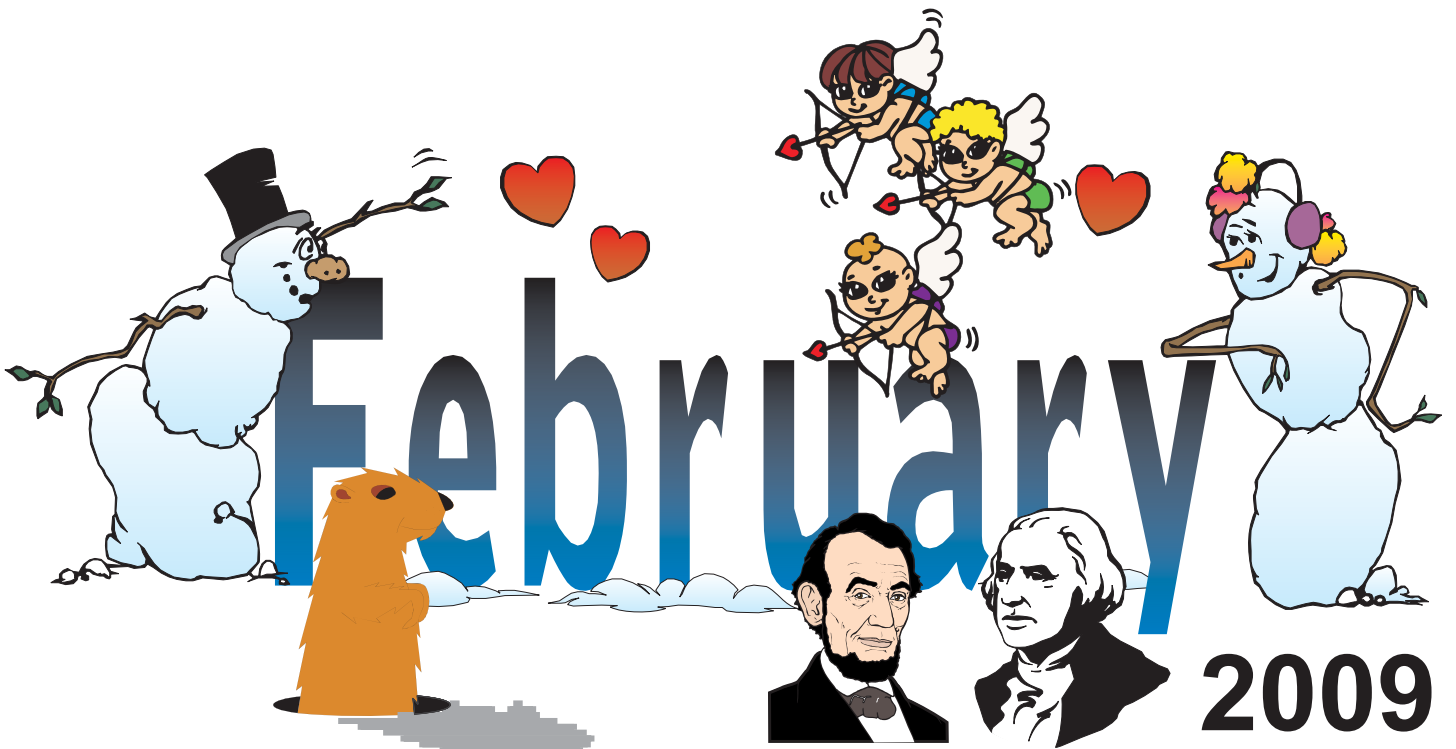


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