

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2022

Message from the Chair



Welcome Friends!

Fall is the time to regroup from the lazy days of summer. Colder weather sets in, and we make plans for what is often a busier time of our year. This fall, with the promise of “back to normal,” I invite you to consider adding our Boatwright Friends events to your calendars. And at the same time, to think about renewing or becoming a new Friends member.

Begun in 1971, Friends is a volunteer group that works with library staff to celebrate and support the importance of our libraries to the intellectual and cultural life of the university. We do that by offering membership that includes circulation privileges to our libraries’ vast collections and an informative newsletter. More importantly, we promote our libraries by holding events such as lectures, book talks, and more recently musical events at Parsons music library.

Members enjoy early access to these events before they open to the general public. Interested in helping to support the Boatwright beyond general membership? Those of us on the board assist in planning and coordinating the events you find on these pages. Any Friends member is welcome to apply.

Peruse and enjoy our photos of events from the recent past and announcements for future ones. We hope to see you at a Friends of the Boatwright event this year!

Vicky Lewkow
Friends Chair

Membership

We’d love to have you join Friends of Boatwright Memorial Library. We support the mission of libraries across the University of Richmond campus. You can join online at uronline.net/library or by visiting the Friends website at library.richmond.edu/about/friends and mailing the membership form with your check. Membership is open to anyone interested in supporting libraries at the University. Individual membership is \$35, family membership is \$50, and lifetime membership is \$1,000. And if you’re already a member, be sure you’ve updated your membership for 2022-2023.

New in Boatwright Library

Edited by Vicky Lewkow

In search of a new read? Look no further than our catalog at library.richmond.edu. On average, the library adds close to one-hundred new books every month to our catalog. As a Friend of the Boatwright Library member you have full access to these holdings. Here are a few that were recently added.

Paris Adrift

E.J. Swift

For fans of science fiction and fantasy, *Paris Adrift* offers a time-travel story of Hallie, a student geologist looking for a new life in the City of Lights. During the course of finding love, she also finds herself linked to a hole in time, and tumbling through Paris' turbulent past and future.

PS3619.W535 P38 2020

Just Go Down to the Road: A Memoir of Trouble & Travel

James Campbell

Author James Campbell, a native Glaswegian, recounts his years as an incipient juvenile delinquent (arrested for stealing books) and his young adulthood spent on the road in the early 1970s. After dropping out of school at fifteen, Campbell struggles with family relations and factory work before throwing it all over to go traveling through Europe, the Near East, and North Africa.

PN5136.C36 A3 2022

We Refuse to Forget: A True Story of Black Creeks, American Identity, and Power

Caleb Gayle

Award-winning journalist Caleb Gayle tells the extraordinary story of the Creek Nation, a Native tribe that both owned slaves and accepted Black people as full citizens. Thanks to the efforts of Creek leaders like Cow Tom, a Black Creek citizen who rose to become chief, the U.S. government recognized Creek citizenship in 1866 for its Black members. Yet this equality was shredded in the 1970s when tribal leaders revoked the citizenship of Black Creeks, even those who could trace their history back generations—even to Cow Tom himself.

E99.C9 G36 2022

Flying Snakes & Griffin Claws: And Other Classical Myths, Historical Oddities, & Scientific Curiosity

Adrienne Mayor

A collection of short pieces by historian of myth and science, Adrienne Mayor, on a wide array of fascinating and fun classical myths and the reality that often lies behind them.

GR71 .M39 2022

Uncertain Ground: Citizenship in an Age of Endless Invisible War

Phil Klay

When Phil Klay leaves the Marines a decade after serving as an officer in Iraq, he finds himself a part of the community of veterans who have no choice but to grapple with the meaning of their wartime experiences—for themselves and for the country.

JK330 .K53 2022

The Great Man Theory

Teddy Wayne

From acclaimed Whiting Award-winning author Teddy Wayne comes the hilarious, incisive, yet deeply poignant story of a liberal armchair-revolutionary desperate to save America from itself.

PS3623.A98 G74 2022

The Crux of Theology: Luther's Teachings and Our Work for Freedom, Justice, and Peace

Edited by Allen G. Jorgenson & Kristen E. Kvam

A dense but thoughtful dissertation of the connecting themes in Martin Luther's Heidelberg Disputation (1518) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly, originally published in 1948.

BR333.5.C72 C78 2022

Gary Snyder: Collected Poems

Edited by Jack Shoemaker and Anthony Hunt

For the first time, the poetry of Gary Snyder (known as the Thoreau of the Beat Generation) is gathered in a single, authoritative Library of America volume. Here is a collection of his poetry spanning a career of almost seventy years.

PS3569.N88 A6 2022

How to Check out Books

In three easy steps, Friends of Boatwright Library members can request a book and within 24 hours, it will be available for pickup.

1. Go to library.richmond.edu.
2. Search the book by title and/or author.
3. Email *Selah Depriest* at scoleman@richmond.edu
 - Include the book's title & author.
 - Once it has been processed, you will receive a confirmation email.

Books can be picked up inside the entrance of the Boatwright Library.

Event Roundup

Rosette String Quartet

Featuring the music of Kenji Bunch at Parsons Music Library, May 2022



Parsons Music Library was the venue for a June evening concert featuring Rosette, a Richmond-based string quartet that creates unique concert experiences with the music of contemporary composers. Featured artist was Kenji Bunch, who incorporates classical sounds mixed with jazz, bluegrass and other genres.

Event Roundup

Richmond Author Kristen Green

Green discussed her latest novel, **The Devil's Half Acre: The Untold Story of How One Woman Liberated the South's Most Notorious Slave Jail**, in October 2022.



We were pleased to sponsor a book talk on October 23, with Virginia author Kristen Green, discussing her most recent book, **The Devil's Half Acre**. The book provides an account of enslaved woman, Mary Lumpkin, and slave trader Robert Lumpkin, owner of an infamous Richmond slave prison. Mary Lumpkin would eventually play a pivotal role in the founding of the first school for freed male slaves from that prison building, which would lead to the founding of Virginia Union University. Green's first book was the New York Times bestseller **Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County**.



Event Roundup

Launch of Project ACT

Richmond Community High School students toured campus including Boatwright Library

The launch of **Project ACT** (*Advocating for College Today*) was a tremendous success! Friends of Boatwright Library are individuals who share a passion for reading, a robust appreciation of libraries, a love for their community, and a hunger to promote an awareness of our phenomenal library with the community, particularly public and private school students. Likewise, members of the Educational Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., play an active role in the educational movement, seeking to inspire, motivate, and support the aspirations and achievements of youth and to help promote and enhance academic excellence through programs, tools, and partnerships. Collaboratively, a new and wonderful partnership was born. Both organizations seek to encourage and strengthen relations between the Library and the community and to provide public and private school students the opportunity to gain experiences in an academic setting, including the library.



On October 28, forty high achieving, spirited junior and senior high school students from Richmond Community High School, an alternative high school operated by the Richmond City Public Schools, visited campus for a college tour. The school was founded in 1977 as America's first full-time, four-year, public high school for academically talented students primarily from minority and low-income families. The visit began with a campus tour where they learned not only about college preparation, selection, admissions, financial aid, and other essential steps for college entry, but also about the importance of setting high expectations for themselves and remaining focused on their future.

After lunch in the Heilman Dining Center sponsored by the Friends, Chair Victoria Lewkow welcomed and greeted the students and their chaperones. Selah Depriest and two amazing library assistants provided the tour of the library and handed out swag and treat bags. Students were fascinated by how well equipped the library was, but also by the rare collection and the Book Arts Studio.

Not only does our library work to touch and engage in literally every part of the University, and not only do we support teaching, learning, and research, but we also work hard to build and nurture strong partnerships in our community. The goal of the new partnership was two-fold—to increase awareness of the presence of our library in the community and to expose students from Richmond City Schools to our campus and the library. Mission accomplished!

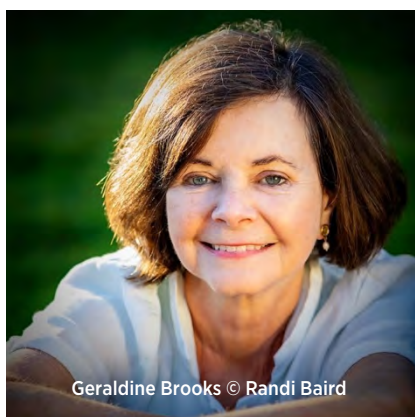


Save the Date

January 20, 2023—Arias and Duets from Favorite Operas with Virginia Opera Artists

We're pleased to announce that **Virginia Opera artists** will join us on January 20, 2023, to sing a selection of arias and duets from favorite operas. The event will open at 6 p.m. with light refreshments followed by the free concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public, location and program TBA. Look for more details on the Friends webpage: library.richmond.edu/about/friends.

March 12, 2023—Edward C. & Mary S. Peple Lecture with Geraldine Brooks



We're delighted to announce that New York Times bestselling author **Geraldine Brooks**, winner of the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in fiction for her novel *March*, will be our featured author for the 33rd Annual Peple Lecture on March 12. More details will be announced as the event draws closer.

Brooks is an author and journalist who grew up in the Western suburbs of Sydney, attending Bethlehem College Ashfield and the University of Sydney. She worked as a reporter for *The Sydney Morning Herald* for three years as a feature writer with a special interest in environmental issues.

In 1982 she won the Greg Shackleton Australian News Correspondents scholarship to the journalism master's program at Columbia University in New York City. Later she worked for *The Wall Street Journal*, where she covered crises in the Middle East, Africa, and the Balkans. In 1990, with her husband Tony Horwitz, she won the Overseas Press Club Award for best coverage of the Gulf War. The following year they received a citation for excellence for their series, "War and Peace." In 2006 she was a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies at Harvard University. She returned to Harvard as a Visiting Lecturer in 2021.

She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in fiction in 2006 for her novel *March*. Her novels *People of the Book*, *Caleb's Crossing* and *The Secret Chord* all were New York Times Bestsellers. Her first novel, *Year of Wonders* is an international bestseller, translated into more than 25 languages and currently optioned for a limited series by Olivia Coleman's production company. She is also the author of the nonfiction works *Nine Parts of Desire*, *Foreign Correspondence* and *The Idea of Home*.

Brooks married fellow journalist and author Tony Horwitz in Tourette-sur-Loup France in 1984 and were together until his sudden death in 2019. They have two sons, Nathaniel and Bizu. She now lives with a dog named Bear and a mare named Valentine by an old mill pond on Martha's Vineyard and spends as much time as she can in Australia. In 2016, she was named an Officer in the Order of Australia. Learn more about Brooks at geraldinebrooks.com.

Closing Notes

Friends of Boatwright Memorial Library Board

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Library Mission, Vision & Values

Mission. The University of Richmond Libraries function as a pivotal catalyst for the success and well-being of our community by producing, preserving, and disseminating knowledge to further the production of scholarly and creative work and supporting the holistic development and creative expression of students, staff, and faculty.

Vision. The University Libraries will work together with our campus to empower and sustain a research and learning community that is inclusive, intercultural, and innovative.

Values. The University Libraries operate according to these values: Growth; Knowledge; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Ethical Engagement; and Stewardship.

About Friends of Boatwright Memorial Library

The Friends of Boatwright Memorial Library was founded in 1971 by alumni, faculty, staff, and supporters of the University of Richmond. The Friends celebrate the central importance of the Libraries to the intellectual and cultural life of the University of Richmond. We work with library staff to increase public awareness of the vast array of resources and services available through the Libraries, expand to these programs, and encourage generous giving in support of our excellent Libraries. Gifts to the Library help us support one of the finest undergraduate libraries in the nation.

The purpose of the organization is to:

- **Encourage understanding and appreciation** of the work of Boatwright Memorial Library and its importance to the University, faculty, students, alumni, and the community; and to initiate activities as appropriate in support of the libraries.
- **Serve members of the Friends** as a medium through which they may share their enjoyment of the library resources at lectures, receptions, exhibits, trips, and other special events.
- **Encourage gifts and bequests** of books, manuscripts, monies, gifts-in-kind, and other materials to the Library.