



September 9, 2016

Hello Friend,

It's another academic year and the Friends of the Davis Library have a number of exciting events planned for next few weeks that we know you'll enjoy.

Since the mission of our Friends group is to promote Davis Library within the community both on and *off* campus, the first event we're offering is an outreach program across the river in **Point Pleasant, West Virginia**.

As part of the kick-off celebration for the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mothman Festival**, Friends is helping sponsor a special **"Bigfoot Meets Mothman"** presentation by the **Ohio Night Stalkers**, a Cryptozoology group that explores the possible existence of legendary creatures. This program **begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Historic State Theatre**. Whether you believe such beings exist or not, the evening should provide an entertaining take on local folklore.

In addition to our "Messin' with Sasquatch" moment, we'll also be once again hosting a **"Read-Out & Eat-Out"** lunchtime event in honor of **Banned Books Week**, a national and annual celebration of our First Amendment rights and the freedom to read, which is held each year during the last week of September.

You're invited to come eat pizza with us at the **Davis Library** and read or listen to readings from your favorite frequently challenged books. Beginning around **11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, the event often provides an opportunity for some interesting and thought-provoking conversations during lunch hour.

Then next month as we strive to expand our programs and offerings to the community, we plan to host a **"Zombie-Thon 5K Walk"** on the evening of **Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** that will start and finish on the **Rio Grande Main Campus**, while also giving participants a scenic tour of Bob Evans Farms. Promoting awareness of a variety of community-wellness issues and how libraries and higher education can help is main purpose of this family-fun event.

Here there will be **"No Zombie Hunting."** In this case, Zombies are our friends. They won't be eating our friends. Instead, they'll also be helping to feed our friends. The entry fee will be \$5 with a donation of a non-perishable food item that will go to the **Rio Helping Hands Food Pantry** on campus that supports local families in need. Look for more details on this event to be coming soon as we're still finalizing some of the details.

For those interested in participating in Friends' activities, a **planning meeting** is scheduled for **3:30 p.m. on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Davis Library's Main Floor** to start recruiting and training volunteers and sponsors for the walk-a-thon event. So, please mark your calendars and plan on being a part of the fun.

Finally, if you interested in becoming a Friends of the Davis Library member or need to renew your membership for the 2016-2017 academic year, we have enclosed a form for you to fill out and return to us at your convenience. Remember, without community-minded individuals like you, we would not be able to offer such outreach programming and informal learning experiences for our community.

As always, your generosity and support is much appreciated. Thank you!

Kind regards,

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