

A Taste for Books celebrates it's 10th anniversary



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Samuels Public Library in Front Royal celebrated its 10th anniversary of the Taste for Books with "A Journey Through Time" on April 22nd.

This year's fund-raising theme featured a DeLorean (Back to the Future) automobile in the entry and rooms referencing sundials & Stones, Time Traveling Machines,

and Space Age Transporters and raised nearly \$25,000.

One of my favorite events (I'm a foodie by nature), Taste for Books, is one of the most colorful and entertaining events of the year. I counted over 60 different costumed patrons and table hosts. And the food, beverages (including a variety of wines), included a dinner with hot dogs and pulled pork barbeque, a variety of desserts and a host of other delights.

The creative nature of the staff and all the participants continues to amaze me.

As always, fun, silent auctions, and games highlighted the evening's festivities.

In addition to food there were games, puzzles, and even auctions. I really enjoyed all the festive costumes and colorful table displays and, of course, the food.

The 200 plus attendees were treated to 20s flappers, Stargate troopers, Star Trek officers, Bill & Ted's excellent adventure, Harry Potter, astronauts, cave men, colonial costumed patrons, Roman gladiators, and characters from all periods of time.

Some 14 table hosts paired books with foods in a fountain of innovative themes.

This is the 10th year I have covered this event and it never gets old. I would personally like to thank all the sponsors, table hosts, and library staff that make this event one of the premier events of the year for Front Royal and Warren County.

Next year's theme "The British Invasion" once again promises to yield another creative and innovative experience and, of course, foods to tickle your senses. The library has a host of events throughout the year including workshops, educational and of

course research opportunities.

The Samuels Public Library a 501(C)(3), prides itself on "Bringing People, Information, and Ideas Together to Enrich Lives and Build Community." Nearly 175,000 people visit the library each year.

The library provides books and movies, Internet connectivity and research, literacy programs, English lessons, GED courses, and more, free to the public.

To find out more about the event visit www.TasteForBooks.net. To learn more about the library, visit www.SamuelsLibrary.net or call (540) 635-3153 or just stop by at 330 East Criser Road, Front Royal, VA 22630, it's worth the trip.

So, try to take part in next year's event, time literally flies while you are there.

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