

Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer



NATIONAL LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH!

National Library Lover's Month in February is dedicated to the people who love whole buildings devoted to reading, housing, organizing, categorizing, finding, studying, and otherwise loving books. Doesn't that sound like us?

Did you know that you could request to have your library carry copies of my books? You can contact the library's acquisitions librarian and ask them to add the book to their collection. My books are available through Ingram Spark and if the acquisitions librarian feels it's something other patrons would enjoy, they can buy it.

The Dial-A-Story phone line makes story time for children available on the phone all day, every day – in English or Spanish – at 833-690-0646. The stories change every Wednesday. This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. It is managed by the Library of Virginia Library Development and Networking Division.

Did you know that you can check out a Virginia State Park pass at a Virginia public library, including the Richmond Public Library? The pass comes in a locking case with a Virginia State vehicle park pass and a sticker for the Virginia State Park website. You can borrow the pass for seven days and renew it once. You can also check out a nature backpack that includes the parking pass, books, flora and fauna identification guides and more. The backpacks are designed

A GLIMPSE OF
WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**A library-themed
word search--but it
only works on
desktops, not mobile
devices!**

**Win a copy of Mrs.
Gari Melchers!**

to help families learn about nature and explore Virginia's state parks.

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In writing news, I sent in an essay titled **Dancing Through Life with A Greyhound** to Publishherpress in January. They are running a contest for dog-themed essays as a tribute to the special bond between women and their dogs. If my essay is selected, it will be published in their anthology called **Dog Years** later this year. My novel **Mrs. Gari Melchers** is ready for proofreading at the publishers.

As the bonus for February's newsletter, I'm attaching a library-themed word search for you. Unfortunately, it only works on desktop computers. If you complete it, please tell me about it in an email; or post it and tag me on social media to let me know and you'll be placed in a drawing to get a signed copy of **Mrs. Gari Melchers** when it's released this summer!

I live in the Church Hill section of Richmond, VA with my husband and my retired racing greyhound. Before I started writing, I worked for 30 years at a nuclear physics research laboratory.

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In the Library

Word Search Puzzle



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C Z N Y X U M A G A Z I N E S E H V S
T V N U K A Z W B N F D I O A D U K X
M T F Z M D I U S E E U C P V T O C N
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F T B Q F T M N K R O J B L H O G S S
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I L H H E L C M T N L H J X H K V C O
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M G Z B Z R O W I N T E R N E T J M P
C W P M E J F H Y O Q J K H O I T R U
P E R I O D I C A L N Z S N H Z O E T
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