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If not writing, Shari is probably at one of her kids' sporting events with a book in her lap. She loves all things story, all things community, and all things wine. Shari, along with her husband and five nearly-grown children, think it a beautiful gift to call Roanoke home.