



Winter 2009

Folio

Newsletter of the Friends of the Macon County Public Library

Making Piglet Ears at the Winnie the Pooh Birthday Party

From the President

Dear Friends,

Another season has passed, and we find ourselves in winter, a winter that brings to mind the title of a hymn, “In the Bleak Midwinter.” Look around and things seem pretty bleak alright – every night on the news we hear about the war in Iraq, the problems in Afghanistan, Gaza... And let’s not forget the world economy, global warming... or maybe a new ice age? And what about our little community? Read the papers and you’ll see more foreclosures than we’ve seen in the past. CareNet is reporting that they are sending out food faster than they can collect it. The county has received so many calls from citizens asking for assistance that they set up a special help hotline. And in my family... I lost my twenty-year-old nephew to a car crash in September, my brother is fighting stage four cancer, my other brother lost his construction job and is contemplating his future. It would be easy to be depressed these days. I’m not.

I’ve always described myself as a “glass half-full” kind of girl. My motto in life is to **choose joy** (yes, it’s a choice) and I do that by: seeing the humor in every situation – it’s hard to cry when you’re laughing; practicing gratitude – being thankful for the things I do have rather than regretting the things I don’t have; being a giver – focusing on other’s needs helps you forget your own; living in the moment, not regretting the past you can’t change or worrying about the future you can’t predict; and finding the bless in

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Our Mission: We are dedicated to assisting our Library with funds raised by the sale of donated books, magazines, and records in a Bookstore run entirely by Friends’ volunteers. We also seek to strengthen citizen’s support of the Library by encouraging their use of the Library’s resources and services.

THE FRIENDS OF THE MACON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Randolph Bulgin Receives Distinctive Award



Randolph Bulgin, Chair of the Macon County Public Library Board of Trustees, received an important award in December. Bulgin was named Library Trustee of the Year by the North Carolina Public Library Director’s Association for his service on the Fontana Regional Library Board. Karen Wallace said, in nominating him, “His gentle manner, good humor, and caring attitude have made friends for the library wherever he goes, and have helped the library boards and library staff through the trying times, as well as triumphs. I cannot imagine a Library Trustee with a greater commitment to his library and his community; it is with the utmost admiration and appreciation that I recommend him for Library Trustee of the Year.”

the mess, just look, sometimes it's hiding, but it's always there. My brother David, who's fighting cancer, has been on a special diet and feels great –says he is thinking of writing a book – “Better Health Through Stage Four Cancer.” There it is – the bless in his mess.

This community, Friends of the Library, is one of the blessings I count. The Macon County Public Library is such a vital center of the community, and being an active member of the Friends gives me a way to give back to my community in a meaningful way. I know that when I work in the bookstore, write a newsletter article, host a volunteer breakfast, or just chair a meeting, that the work I'm doing is making Macon County a better community to live in. And never has that been more important than now. When the world situation seems to be getting worse every day, it's ever more important that our small community come together in ways that uplift us all.

Mahatma Gandhi said “You must be the change you want to see in the world.” And Margaret Mead said “Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” I've seen some of those small groups in action, making positive changes happen right here in this community, and I've been lucky to have had a small part in that change.

I know that this group, the Friends of the Macon County Public Library, is capable of great things. I've seen you raise over a million dollars to furnish this beautiful new library. I've seen you manage a profitable bookstore with nothing but volunteer labor, a first in the state. I've seen you support the terrific work the library does, year after year. But now is not the time that we can rest on our laurels.

The problems in this world are trickling down to our community. The library has already returned five percent of their state budget, and lost all their funding from the town of Franklin during this year. And with budget shortfalls in the county, it's possible there may be more cuts in the library budget coming down the line. It's more important than ever that the Friends continue to provide a steady source of funding for the library if we are going to be able to preserve the vital services that the library provides to the community. I'm not asking you to get out your checkbooks and write a check, I'm asking you to commit your time and efforts. The Friends are in need of more volunteers. We need people to serve on the membership committee, the Folio committee, the hospitality committee. We need people to work in the bookstore and the library. We need your hands; we need your ideas. We need you.

Please contact me and let me know how you can help the Friends. My e-mail address is juliekayv@verizon.net. I'm waiting to hear from you – you're my bless in this mess.

Sincerely,



Monday Movies at the Library

Movies are shown at **3:30** on an 8x10 foot screen using an LCD projector. Popcorn will be served; feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages. There is no charge, however donations are welcome.



February 2 – The Game Plan (PG, 1 hr & 50 min)

Quarterback Joe Kingman is known as one of the toughest players to ever take the field. Blessed with amazing strength and agility, he's famed for being able to handle any hit, no matter how ferocious. Kingman's Boston-based pro football team, The Rebels, is chasing their long-awaited championship and Joe has been living the ultimate bachelor fantasy: he's cool, rich, famous and the life of every party-- and there are a lot of parties. But his dream is suddenly sacked for a loss when he discovers Peyton, the 8-year-old daughter he never knew existed, on his doorstep.

February 9 – Dreamer (PG, 1 hr & 42 min)

February 16 – Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G, 1 hr & 41 min)

February 23 – Sleeping Beauty (G, 1 hr & 15 min)

March 2 – Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears A Who!

March 9 – The Incredibles (PG, 2 hrs & 4 min)

March 16 – Tinkerbell (G, 1 hr & 18 min)

March 23 – 101 Dalmatians (G, 1 hr & 19 min)

March 30 – Racing Stripes (PG, 1 hr & 34 min)

April 6 – The Little Mermaid (G, 1 hr & 23 min)

April 13 – The Fox and the Hound (G, 1 hr & 23 min)

April 20 – Water Horse: Legend of the Deep (PG, 1 hr & 51 min)

April 27 – Ice Age (PG, 1 hr & 31 min)

Tax assistance will be provided at the library beginning February 10. AARP volunteers will use the library's conference rooms and computers for 30 minute appointments to file simple tax returns for individuals at no cost. Appointments should be made at the library's reference desk.



BeBe! The Reading Dog

No. BeBe doesn't really know how to read. But she sure knows how to listen. BeBe and her handler visit the Macon County Public Library for a very special reason. BeBe is a trained therapy animal who has been trained to listen to children read. Why would a child want to read to BeBe? For a lot of reasons: BeBe is attentive, she never criticizes or corrects the child, and she lets the child read at whatever pace he or she feels comfortable with.

You might not know that many children are scared to read to other children or adults, but it's

true. Especially children who find reading a challenge. And what does BeBe get out of it? She gets to hear a great story, read by a happy child. Sometimes she even gets to look at the pictures. And she often gets a loving pat too.

Artistic Bequest Made to Macon County Public Library

A recent bequest to the Macon County Public Library came from the estate of Joyce MacKenzie. MacKenzie was an accomplished photographer and left the library a collection of nearly 4000 original photographs. The collection includes photographs of animals and birds, architecture, flowers, nature scenes, and people. A special thanks goes to Hollis Walker for his volunteer work to inventory and organize the collection.



HELP WANTED

Chairman – Membership Committee: This position is available starting January 1, 2009. Membership records are maintained using a “user friendly” custom database software application which keeps track of all FOL members, generates mail merge letters, FOLIO labels, renewal notices, membership cards and records all moneys received for new and renewal memberships. The past membership chair has provided a User Guide to the software which outlines, step-by-step, all of the membership chair’s tasks and how to perform them, and there is currently an assistant to the Chair in place. Some Word and Excel knowledge is helpful, but not mandatory.

FOLIO Coordinator: FOL is looking for someone to help coordinate the publishing of the FOLIO, the quarterly newsletter. The coordinator will need to assist the president in the gathering of information and photos for the FOLIO, as well as writing some articles and working with the Publicity chair in layout and editing. In addition, the coordinator will work with the president in preparing the FOLIO for mailing. If you like to write and coordinate projects, this is the job for you.

Membership Committee members: will assist with membership mailings, membership drives, telephone calls to membership for special events.

Hospitality Committee members: will assist with special events planning, setup and cleanup.

Fred Kirkland Receives the Robert W. Moore, Sr. Award



During the annual holiday meeting and party of the Friends of the Macon County Public Library, Fred Kirkland was presented with the Robert W. Moore, Sr. Award for his long and dedicated service to the Friends.

Fred served as Membership Committee Chairman for five years, during which time he upgraded the membership records from a stack of index cards stored in a box to a computerized database of members, complete with a user’s manual fully documenting the software.

Fred became Membership Chair shortly after his wife, Polly, began volunteering in the Friends’ bookstore. Polly’s good friend, Sue Waldroop, told Fred that she had just the job for him, serving on the board, and promised it would not involve too much work, something of an understatement. But Fred never shied away from hard work, and his contributions have made a lasting impact on how the Friends do business.

So long Fred. We wish you a happy second retirement. Don’t be a stranger.

Wednesday Movies at the Library

Movies are shown at **4:30 and 7 pm** on an 8x10 foot screen using an LCD projector. English subtitles will be turned on for all films as a courtesy to those with hearing difficulties. Popcorn will be served; feel free to bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. There is no charge, however donations are welcome. In winter movies are show every other Wednesday.



January 28 - 4:00 pm (early) & 7 pm

Love in the Time of Cholera

Rated R - 2 hrs., 18 mins.

Javier Bardem, Benjamin Bratt, Giovanna Mezzogiorno

At the turn of the 20th century youthful romantic Florentino

Ariza spots the stunning & sheltered Fermina Daza & immediately falls in love. Denied by her father, and even though she marries the well-born Dr. Urbino, Florentino refuses to give up his dream of winning her hand ...Even if that means waiting decades to fill the passion in his heart.

February 11 - Ladies in Lavender

February 25 - Brideshead Revisited

I do not mean to suggest that our handsome, newly enlarged library is to be a headquarters of busy bookworms, old and young, routinely absorbing knowledge by the hour while birds sing outside and the Mets fight it out for last place in the National League. On the contrary, a good library is a joyful place where the imagination roams free, and life is actively enriched.

- John K Hutchens

Friday Movie Classics

We are showing movie classics and other time-honored movies each **Friday at 2pm**. Enjoy some of your old favorites, and perhaps you'll discover a new favorite or two.

There will be no charge for these screenings which will be shown on an 8x10 foot screen using an LCD projector. English subtitles will be turned on for all films as a courtesy to those with hearing difficulties. Donations are always welcome. Popcorn will be served; feel free to bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.



January 30 - Stagecoach

Claire Trevor, John Wayne, Thomas Mitchell, Andy Devine, John Carradine

In 1855, the Overland stage from Tonto to Lordsburg leaves town with eight people on board. In the front, sit Buck the driver and Marshal Curley Wilcox, who is riding shotgun to protect the stage from hostile Indians and from the Plummer brothers, a vicious band of outlaws.

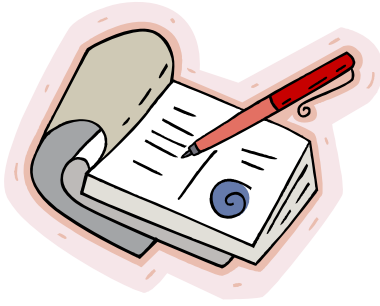
February 6 - The Apartment

February 13 - Angels with Dirty Faces

February 20 - An Affair to Remember

February 27 - Mutiny on the Bounty

Mark Your Calendars



- February 12, 13, 14, 15: Annual Book Sale at the Friends of the Macon County Public Library Bookstore
- April 23: Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in the Meeting Room at the Library at 9:00 am
- April 18: North Carolina Friends of the Library Spring Workshop will be hosted by the Friends of the Macon County Public Library in the Meeting Room at 10:00 am

Did you know? That Public library service in Franklin began in the early 1890's, when ten young men and women decided that their town needed a library and set out to establish one through voluntary contributions and by fund-raising projects.

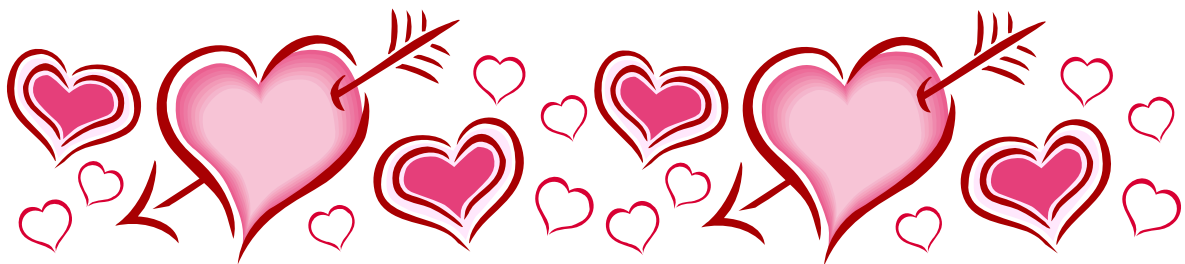
Scenes from the Friends' Annual Holiday Party



The annual party in December was well attended with nearly 100 people enjoying the entertainment provided by local guitarist Tom Quigley and delicious holiday refreshments.



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ANNUAL BOOK SALE: The annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is coming up in February! On Thursday, February 12, the sale will be open to FOL members only from 4 to 7 p.m. Doors will open to the general public on February 13, 14 and 15th. There is still plenty of time to join FOL and get in on the best selection on Thursday evening! Show your Valentine Sweetheart how much you care with a bag full of romance fiction.