

Newsletter of The
Friends of the Macon
County Public Library

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• **LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:** Nov. 28, 29 for Thanksgiving. Dec. 13 at 1 pm for staff party. Dec. 24, 25, 26 for Christmas. Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. Jan. 6 to upgrade computer system. Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King's birthday.

• **WEEKLY LIBRARY HOURS:**

Regular library hours are:
Mon thru Thurs: 10 am-7:30 pm
Fri & Sat: 10 am-5 pm

• **FRIENDS' BOOKSTORE:**

121 Highlands Road, in East Franklin Shopping Center. Used books, magazines, and more. Hours are: **Mon thru Sat:** 10 am-5 pm.

• **FRIENDS' WEB SITE:** Visit us at www.maconweb.com & click on link.

• **QUESTIONS** about any of these items? Call the Public Library at 524-3600 for complete details.

Patti McClure To Entertain at Friends' Holiday Party Dec. 1

By Nancy Scott, FoL Vice President

We are delighted to have Patti McClure as our guest storyteller at our Sunday, Dec. 1 annual Holiday Party in the Library beginning at 2 pm.

All members of the Friends as well as the public are invited to attend. And, of course, traditional delicious Friends' refreshments will be available, too.

Most everyone in Macon County knows our vivacious guest and many of you have heard her perform as a storyteller or motivational speaker.

Ms. Patti grew up in the northeastern part of North Carolina in the little town of Weldon and graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in primary education. She has taught in Greenville, N.C., Spartanburg, S.C., and completed her career here in Franklin.

Patti loves working in her church and community and enjoys volunteering all over Macon County. She is a natural born entertainer who likes to share her talents and make people laugh.

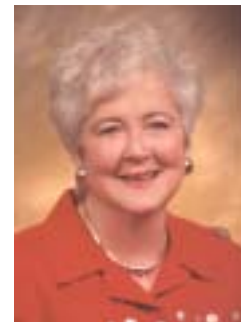
As a wife, mother, teacher, poet, and storyteller, she certainly has the gift of

gab and has never met a stranger.

Most people know that Patti is a heart transplant recipient. She received her new heart in 1993 and since has won four gold medals in the Transplant Olympics in Salt Lake City for swimming and race walking.

Patti was recognized as Macon County and District 8 Teacher of the Year in 1982, received East Carolina's first Outstanding Educator Alumni Award in 1986. In 1992 she was named Woman of the Year by the Franklin Business and Professional Women and served as Grand Marshal for the Franklin Christmas parade.

Even though officially retired, Ms. Patti is always on the go and is quick to tell everyone that her biggest hobbies are "walking and talking" and interacting with people, young and old. Time with Patti McClure is guaranteed to lift your spirits.



Patti McClure

'02 Giving Season: Please Remember Library

With 2002 end-of-the-year financial decisions now being made, we hope you're considering the Public Library.

How can you benefit the Library while helping to whittle down Uncle Sam's tax bite? Let us count the ways:

- General Endowment-Gifts to the Library's endowment, run by the Macon County Community Fund, are



Just a friendly suggestion...

tax-deductible and help provide extra annual income to the Library.

- Olive B. Eaton Creative Writing Endowment-This fund is responsible for sponsoring the annual creative writing contest for middle schoolers. Gifts also are tax-deductible.

- Tales for Tots-This new project provides a book each

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:***Time Flies Faster & It's Already Time for Friends' Holiday Party***

By Sue Waldroop, FoL President

It is a strange phenomenon that as I get older and slower, time keeps speeding up, faster and faster, and the tasks or chores I need to do keep multiplying, so that I think I will never come out even—not that I ever did even in my younger days.

One task I assumed when I agreed to be President of Friends of the Library is a quarterly “address to the troops.” Quarters are shorter than I thought.

Since I wrote my first message as President, my daughter has returned from 14 months in Bosnia and has taken my biggest task—her 15-year-old, 19 -pound, diabetic cat who lived with me in her absence—back to Portsmouth, Va., with her. The cat had to have two shots of insulin a day and considered everyone in sight as his slave. I finally decided he was “somebody come back,” and I was heartily sorry for whatever I did to them in their former life.

My son-in-law returned from eight months in Afghanistan, in spite of a near fatal spider bite. The election finally got over and I won some and lost some as always.

I'm going to Portsmouth for Thanksgiving (not to bring back the cat) and will miss our annual holiday party. However, our efficient, helpful Vice President, Nancy Scott, has the situation well in hand and I know you will all enjoy the program. Have an extra cup of punch and a cookie for me.

Ray Bancroft has taken our logo and designed really neat looking letterhead stationery for us, as I am sure you will agree when you see it. Our new Board members are proving to be excellent choices and working really hard for the Friends.

In September, the County Fair booth was of the first rate quality we have come to expect, and the committee of Nancy Scott, Ray Bancroft, Mary McLaughlin, Roberta Swank and Gail Criminger put in a lot of hours of hard work [See photo, Page 3]. Also in September, Gail was the speaker at a Rotary Club meeting and managed to sow the seeds for a project in which Rotary may help to advance the cause of our Tales for Tots program. This is still in negotiation.

In October our nominee for Volunteer of the year, Margaret Andrews, was honored at a ceremony at Tartan Hall and presented with a plaque which endeavored to attest to the quality of her activities, falling short of being adequate, but a nice effort anyway.

The Bookstore has been in “boom times” all summer and we have had to rent extra storage space for a while.

We still need volunteers to work in the Bookstore, so don't be shy. If you have an hour a month, or more or less, “come on down.” Call Mildred Landrum, 369-6372, to schedule hands-on training, and you will be so very welcome among us.

Grant Permits Longer Library Hours

The main Library will remain open an extra half-hour from Mondays through Thursdays thanks to a \$12,000 Rural Internet Access Authority grant. Thus, operating hours are now 10 am to 7:30 pm (instead of 7 pm). The grant ends in August 2003.

LIBRARY NOTES:**Library Displays Range from Art, Adoption, to Ornaments**

The eclectic nature of a modern public library is nowhere better illustrated than its staff's selection of temporary exhibits put on display.

For example, our Library has scheduled displays on National Adoption Month (through December); art by the students of local artist Lois Livelli (Dec. 2 through Jan. 7); and Victorian beaded purses and Christmas ornaments (through the end of December). Come see them!

- Security Tagging Done; Now Bar Codes—The volunteer-intensive program that added security tags to some 60,000 books and other items in the Library has been completed. Now a new bar code program will begin to place a unique identification tag on the outside back cover of each book in the Library's collection. This new code will meet federal government inventory requirements and speed check out.

“We sincerely thank the many hard-working volunteers who worked on this tagging project and took the burden off the Library staff,” said Library Director Karen Wallace. “It was simply an amazing task to complete. They tagged every one of the items. Our staff will handle the bar codes.”

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Pooh Party Set For Jan. 18 at Public Library

The big news at the Library for Macon County children in the next couple of months is the

PROGRAM ROUNDUP

Winnie-the-Pooh party planned for Saturday, Jan. 18, from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

The shindig honors A.A. Milne's birthday. He authored *Winnie-the-Pooh* which was published in 1926. Limited space requires that party attendees preregister at 524-3600.

Other library program notes:

- Storytime programs take a holiday break starting the week of Dec. 15. They will resume Monday, Jan. 6.

- The popular Carolines singing ensemble will perform a holiday program Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 pm.

- Making Christmas decorations is a special craft program for school age children. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Preregistration is required.

- School visits for the Kindergarten Library Card program are continuing.



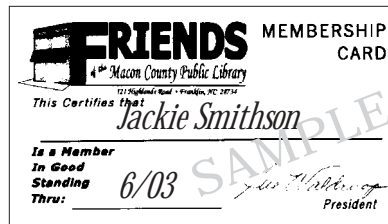
County Fair Exhibit Wins Praise

With a theme of "Our Library is a garden of books which provides food for thought," this creative exhibit at the Macon County Fair was sponsored by the Public Library and the Friends. It featured live plants, books, and handout info materials.

NEW MEMBERS

- Lynn Allen
- Paul & Betty Annulis
- Mary Bettencourt
- Barbara M. Bost (Life)
- Warren Brandsma
- Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Bulgin (Life)
- Bill Criminger (Life)
- Hazel Davis
- Betty L. Dieckmann
- Jennifer Haddix
- Edwin & Louise Hall
- Linda Jones
- Jan Kolber
- Jeanette McAllister
- Richard Meister
- Carol J. Mitten (Life)
- Erika Presley
- Patricia Reed
- Wayne & Roberta Swank
- Bernard L. Webb

FoL Membership Cards



Our new Friends' member card.

By now you should have received your new membership card in the Macon County Friends. If you are a member and have not gotten yours in the mail by Dec. 15, please let us know and we'll send one out.

Foreign Language Sections for Kids, Adults Take Shape

Our Public Library is starting to assemble foreign language books for both children and adults.

First up is the section for children in the lower level Youth Services Department. Initially, the collection will consist mostly of Spanish-language books.

But it also contains books in German, French, and Italian plus several other languages.

The adult collection eventually will consist not only of general interest books but also those for English-speakers learning another language and for non-English speakers learning English.

'03 Library Resolutions:

- I will take advantage of the Library's excellent computer training classes.
- I will search my own library for autographed books that I can donate to the Library for planned fund-raising auctions.
- I will encourage my neighbors to join the Friends and to volunteer for the Library or the Friends' Bookstore.



SIGN UP TODAY!

Now You Can Become a VOLUNTEER To Help Our Bookstore & the Library

Yes, I want to help the Friends support our Public Library! I'm interested in volunteering for:

- Library Ref. Help
- Library Book Repair, Restacking Books
- Library Computer Help
- Library Program Help
- FoL Bookstore Sales
- FoL FOLIO Mailing
- FoL Bookstore Sorting, Pricing, Readyng Books for Sale

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Bookstore Plans Holiday, 6th Birthday Sales Events

By Margaret Andrews
FoL Bookstore Administrator

Thanks again for your support of the FoL Bookstore over the past year. We appreciate the many volunteers who work so hard to keep the store operating. And, of course, we highly value the great donations of books that keep us in business.

Looking forward to the Christmas season, we have many craft and cook books on sale now. And look for some wonderful new and used books for great gifts.

We also are planning for our annual "Birthday Sale" for the weekend of Jan. 24 and 25 from 9 am to 8 pm each day. And, once again, we'll have our "Friends' Member" pre-sale on Thursday, Jan. 23, from 6 to 8 pm.

You do need to be a member of the Friends of the Library to attend this pre-sale. Please make sure to have your new Friends' membership card handy. If you are not yet a member, we'll be happy to sign you up! Visit the Bookstore soon!

Remember Library at Gift Time

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month to Macon County newborns from birth until they reach age five. It takes \$170 a year to provide one child with monthly books. A total of 115 children are now enrolled. An endowment fund has been set up to receive gifts for this innovative and valuable program for our youngest residents.

- FoL Life Membership—This venerable Friends of the Library member category now has a new option, "A Friend for Life and a Decade of Books." It combines a lifetime Friends' membership with an annual gift to the Library of a book for 10 years to honor a loved one or an organization. Cost: \$250.

- Friends' Membership "Upgrade"—If you are an individual member of the Friends (at \$5 a year), how about considering "upgrading" your membership to a family (\$25), patron (\$100), or lifetime (\$250) membership category? After all, when you belong to the Friends, you automatically are helping the Public Library.

- Bookstore Book Donations—When you donate books and other items to the Bookstore or when you buy them, you are directly contributing to the Friends' support of our excellent Library.

'No place affords a more striking conviction of the vanity of human hopes than a public library.'

Samuel Johnson
(1709–84)

'What do we, as a nation, care about books? How much do you think we spend altogether on our libraries, public or private, as compared with what we spend on our horses?'

John Ruskin
(1819–1900)
