

Newsletter of The  
Friends of the Macon  
County, N.C., Public Library

# Folio

Providing Citizen Support  
for an Essential  
Community Resource

Franklin, N.C.

June 2005

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- **June 2:** A wide variety of free 7 pm "Thursdays at the Library" programs begins for adults. [Page 3]
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- **Aug. 25:** Your Friends of the Library sponsors a Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" reception at the Friends' Bookstore from 5 to 7 pm. [Page 2]
- **LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:**
  - Monday, July 4, Independence Day.
  - Monday, Sept. 5, Labor Day.
- **WEEKLY LIBRARY HOURS:**  
Regular library hours are:  
**Mon. thru Thurs.:** 10 am-7 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](http://www.maconweb.com) & click on link.
- **QUESTIONS** about any of these items? Call the Public Library at 524-3600 for complete details.

## Ron Rash to Speak June 5 as New Library Drive Launches

Acclaimed author Ron Rash will speak at the Macon County Friends of the Library annual meeting Sunday, June 5, at 2 pm in the Library, 108 Wayah St., Franklin. The meeting is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.

In addition, the Friends' general campaign drive to raise \$1.5 million to furnish the new library officially will begin. A new 4-foot by 8-foot sign will be unveiled in front of the library to show the progress of the fund drive.

Rash, who is the Parris Distinguished Professor of Appalachian Studies at Western Carolina University, is the author of two critically recognized novels: *One Foot in Eden*, *Saints at the River*, and a children's book, *The Shark's Tooth*.

Books Unlimited will sell some of Rash's books at the meeting and he has agreed to sign them.

Rash also has authored three volumes of poetry and two collections of short stories. His works have appeared in over 80 journals and magazines. He received the prestigious 2005 O. Henry Prize for his short story, "Speckled Trout."

While Macon County will build the new estimated \$3-million library building off Siler Road, the Friends of the Library is conducting a campaign to furnish and equip the building.

Also speaking at the June 5 meeting will be Randolph Bulgin, chairman of the Macon County Public Library Board; Karen Wallace, public library manager; and Roberta Swank, president of the Friends of the Library.



Ron Rash

They will give progress reports on the new library's construction and the fund-raising campaign.

Construction bids have been advertised and are due to be submitted to the county by

June 15. Special groundbreaking ceremonies are planned. Completion and opening of the new public library is expected by fall 2006.

Donation/pledge envelopes are available at the county's public libraries and the Friends' Bookstore for those wishing to contribute to the fund. All contributions are tax-deductible.

## County Commissioners Support State Increase in Public Library Funds

Macon County Commissioners voted unanimously for a resolution urging the State to boost its aid to public libraries by \$4.7 million to \$19.4 million.

Noting that state aid to libraries has declined since 1998 to \$14.7 million, the commissioners said the increase "is needed to keep pace with increasing public demand for services and increasing operational costs."

A 41 percent increase in insurance costs is an example of these increases, said Macon County Public Library manager Karen Wallace. [See quotes, P. 2]

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:****Between Annual Meetings: Just How Active Can We Get?**

By Roberta Swank, FoL President

Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, June 5, and we will be starting our membership drive at that time. As I think about why we need to belong to the FoL, let's take a look at what our dedicated Board and other volunteer members accomplished this past year:

- Last July was our first book auction, "An Evening With Authors and Auctions." Eleven regional authors donated their books to be auctioned and we had many other books in our silent and live auctions. That evening we made over \$3,500 for our new Library.
- Fontana Regional Library celebrated its 60th Anniversary in August. All three member counties made an effort to get individuals to give \$60 for their endowment fund. Our FoL was one of the donors from Macon County.
- The treacherous storm Ivan kept most of us from enjoying our County Fair, but our FoL educational booth received a blue ribbon.
- Margaret Andrews, our Bookstore administrator, was elected as one of two mountain area representatives on the Friends of the N.C. Public Library Board. She keeps us informed about what is happening on the state level.
- Thanks to Fred Kirkland, our membership chairman, our membership has increased 10 percent this year and we now have 441 members.
- Ray Bancroft, our publicity chairman, prepares our *Folio* newsletter four times a year which goes to over 500 people.
- Our Christmas Party is one we will all remember. Joyce Euly announced that through the estate of Mayme Keith, we were blessed with \$100,000 for our building fund. Later this year we received another \$50,000 from her estate.
- The FoL gave \$10,000 to open a special building fund account for the new Library.
- Our Board voted to cover the overhead costs for the fund-raising campaign so that all donations will go directly to the building fund.
- Joe Wright, owner of the East Franklin Shopping Center, gave the Bookstore \$6,400 with which we had a new heating and air conditioning system installed.
- We held our annual FoL Book Sale in January which gave us a profit of \$2,458.
- Each year we are committed to give the Library \$5,000 each quarter from our proceeds at the Bookstore. Depending on the income, additional amounts are given to the Library. This

means extra programs and services that would not be provided.

- Woody Sapp has volunteered to be responsible for our web site and keep it up to date.
- We hosted a district workshop April 2 for all mountain area FoLs which was attended by 25 participants.
- Our Volunteer Breakfast April 12 was attended by 40 plus volunteers and the FoL purchased books for the Library in their honor.
- Legislative Library Day was held in Raleigh April 20. Elizabeth Adams, Jan Gallman, Carolyn Pattillo, and I attended and met with our representatives.
- Our FoL gave \$1,000 toward matching funds to Fontana Regional Library for a grant for our Reading Rover mobile library for kids & parents.
- Many Board Members are working hard with community members on the Steering Committee to raise the \$1.5 Million for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for our new Library. We are getting ready to kick off the County-wide fund-raising campaign June 5.

Please join us in making the coming year another successful and memorable venture!!

**Quarterly Quotable**

- 4.2 million N.C. residents have public library cards; borrowed 45 million items during their 32.8 million visits; and used Internet & computer resources at the libraries over 6 million times.
  - N.C. public libraries had over 93,000 programs for 2.2 million kids.
- Macon County Resolution on Libraries [See Page 1]

**FoL Hosts Chamber Reception**

The August 25 edition of the popular Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" reception series (5-7 pm) will be hosted by your Friends' Bookstore.

We've been a member for many years & this reception will give us a great opportunity to talk up the fund-raising drive for the new library plus point out the value of the FoL to the county in our financial support of the Public Library.

Please come. We need extra volunteers, too!

**Folio**

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

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# Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds

Wow! What an imaginative free 2005 Summer Reading Program the state library system and your Macon County Public Library have come up with!

The above medieval title itself is bound to captivate young readers of all ages during the next few months.

Starting Monday, June 6, here is what's coming for the kids:

## Story Times

(Ages 18 months to 5 year)

- June 6–Balloon Lady
- June 13–Fairies
- June 20–Dragons
- June 27–Music: Marshall

Ballew

- July 4–Library closed
- July 11–Ballet Warraba
- July 18–Royal Court
- July 25–Painting
- July 29–Closing Program

## School Age Programs

(Ages 6 to 10 years)

- June 6–Balloon Lady
- June 13–Mural Painting:

Mary Bennett

- June 20–Bat Program: Jay

O'Keefe

- June 27–Music: Marsall

Ballew

- July 4–Library closed
- July 11–Ballet Warraba
- July 18–Asheville Fencing

Team

- July 25–Storm the Castle!
- July 29–Closing Program

## Joust Read

(Middle Graders: Grades 6-8)

Students in these grades read books of their choice, then fill out an entry form and a Joust Read book review.

The honor system is applied. The students participate independently, when they have time, and at their own pace. They are asked to read eight hours or more this summer.

Each Saturday during the

## A Summer Reading Program With Adventures for Our Youth



summer, a name is drawn from the Joust Read Box and prizes are given out. Readers enter each book they read in the contest.

### Independent Learning Activities

(School Age Children, K-8)

These are weekly activities to take home. Once completed, they are brought back to the library and will be displayed at the closing program.

- June 6–Write a poem on something from Medieval times.
- June 13–Fantasy Creature Poster Contest
- June 29–Design your own Coat of Arms
- June 27–Illuminate your initial
- July 5–Make a weaving
- July 11–Create a Medieval recipe
- July 18–Help build a sugar cube castle
- July 25–Storm the Castle!

PLEASE NOTE: *All participants in these summer reading programs must register at the Library. More details about times & locations from Amy Patton at the Library: 524-3600.*

## Monthly Foreign Film Series Continues at Public Library

The schedule for the 2005 film season is available at the library. All movies start at 7 pm in the library meeting room.

Please be aware that these films are not subject to rating by the MPAA. They may portray adult situations and are not recommended for ages under 17 without parental permission.

Contact Tracy Fitzmaurice by email (tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org) or at 524-3600 for more information.

The following movies are scheduled for June, July and August.

- June 17–"Raja," a film by Jacques Doillon, French/Moroccan
- July 22–"The Middle of the World," a film by Vicente Amorim, Brazil
- Aug. 19–"The Rage in Placid Lake," a film by Tony McNamara, Australia

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Thursdays at the Library– a Potpourri

"Thursdays at the Library" is a popular summer series open to residents and area visitors.

Suitable for adults and families, the free programs cover a wide range of topics and interests. They are meant for enrichment and pleasure for anyone who cares for a good program and a pleasant evening.

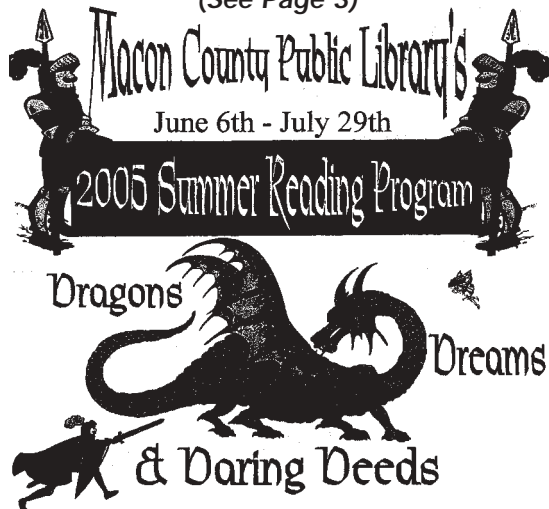
All programs will be in the Macon County Public Library meeting room at 7 pm. Here's what's on tap for you:

- June 2–"Sugar & Pooch" Blues singer/guitar
- June 9–Ellen Rickman, author, Biltmore Estate
- June 16–Music: "Patton String Band"
- June 23–To be announced
- June 30–Americana music: "Quanta"
- July 7–Music: Marshall Ballew
- July 14–Poet Thomas Crowe
- July 21–To be announced
- July 28–North Carolina Extension Service program on canning and preserving food
- Aug. 4–Author Marshall Frank
- Aug. 11–Paul Biery: program on coins; bring coins for identification
- Aug. 18–Classical flute duets: Caroline Ulrich & Sabrina Kumar
- Aug. 25–Friends of the Library hosts Chamber of Commerce "Business after Hours" at its Bookstore, 121 Highlands Rd.



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## Bookstore & Highlands Rd. Merchants to Display Wares at Big Yard Sale

By Margaret Andrews  
Bookstore Administrator

The Friends' Bookstore will be taking part in the Highlands Road Merchants' Association "Yard Sale" June 18 starting at 8 am.

Merchants all along Highlands Road will be displaying their sale items and our Bookstore will be doing the same.

We'll have great prices on our magazines, bargain books, and more. Plan now to get an early start "yard shopping."

The FoL Bookstore is a cool place these days.

Besides having great books and magazines, thanks to our landlord Jim Wright and contractor Bob Simpson, our store now has a completely new heating and cooling system. We know the store will be more comfortable for our customers and volunteers. Thank you!!

We are happy to report that both Barb Limle and Mildred Landrum are recovering from their surgeries and we hope to have them both back at work at the store soon.

## LIBRARY NOTES:

### Next Together We Read: 'The Road'

This year's "Together We Read" book discussion series will have John Ehle's *The Road* as its topic. The Library has extra copies that you read during the summer so you can join in the discussions this fall. More info from the Library: 524-3600.

- Whew! Inventory Done: It took two full days, but Library staff (equipped with laptops they took to the shelves instead of lugging books to a central point) completed its first-ever detailed inventory. Number of items in the collection: 62,000.

- Tales for Tots 'Graduates': The first group of children to complete their five years of a free book each month from birth in the popular Tales for

Tots program will "graduate" this summer at a picnic. Begun by George & Bonnie Pettway of Highlands, the innovative family reading program now has 398 county children enrolled.

- Endowment Fund \$\$: The Library's Endowment Funds have produced \$2,600 in income the past year, Library Manager Karen Wallace reports.

- Lobby Christmas Tree?: Look closely, however, and you'll realize it's really a donation tree for the new Library Building Fund. It was Library staffer Doris O'Connell's idea and the tree has been popular. You can take part, too. The folks at the desk will gladly accept your gift & give you credit on the tree.