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• **October:** Famous Southern Author Robert Inman ("Captain Saturday" and "Dairy Queen Days") will speak Oct. 14 at Highland's Hudson Library and Oct. 16 at Macon County Public Library in Franklin. Details later. [Page 4]

• **LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:**

• May 26 for Memorial Day. • May 30 for staff training (in morning); open from 1 to 5 pm. • July 4 for Independence Day. • Sept. 1 for Labor Day.

• **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.



John Redrup (left) and Fred Alexander prepare for their June 1 appearance at the Macon County Public Library with a photo of the Wright Brothers' first powered flight in 1903.

Greenway Human Race Nets \$2,800 for Fontana Libraries

Participation in the May 10 "Human Race" fund-raiser along the Little Tennessee Greenway netted the Fontana Regional Library system (of which our Public Library is a part), an estimated \$2,800. The event marked the first anniversary of the popular Greenway's opening and your Friends of the Library had an info booth next to the Fontana booth along the route. Friends' members Sue Waldroop and Ray Bancroft supplied the canopies on the hot day.



The Fontana Regional Library (left) and the Friends of the Library booths ready for visitors along the Greenway. Peeking from the Friends' exhibit are Secretary Rose Welch (left) and President Sue Waldroop.

Alexander & Redrup Talk June 1 about First Flight

Aviation enthusiasts John Redrup and Fred Alexander will team up at the Friends of the Macon County Public Library annual meeting June 1 for a special program: "The Wright Brothers Centennial: Aviation Milestones & Anecdotes."

The Sunday meeting begins at 2 pm in the Public Library. The public is invited and light refreshments will be served.

Redrup, a retired Air Force jet pilot with 23 years of service, is president of the Macon County chapter of the Aviation Historical Society and a longtime Friends' Bookstore volunteer.

Alexander, district manager for Duke Power, Nantahala Area, and a former Friends of the Library president, writes a weekly *Franklin Press* aviation history column.

Their program will mark the anniversary of the Wright Brothers' historic first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C., on Dec. 3, 1903. Many ceremonies are being held this year to commemorate the event.

Redrup and Alexander promise an enlightening and entertaining program that focuses not only on the early years of aviation, but also on their personal experiences with

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:**Corporate Memberships Grow; Greenway Success**

By Sue Waldroop, FoL President

The Friends continue to be running in high gear down several different paths. We had three persons attend the N.C. Friends' Spring Meeting in Asheville, and—with the Library—participated in the Human Race on the Greenway. Not many people were out that day, but we had a good time and the efforts of all those persons representing the Library pulled in a little over \$2,800 after the 10% cut to the Volunteer Council for expenses.

Active Bookstore and Library volunteers have been presented with T-shirts with the Friends logo on them. Anyone who has not received a shirt and works a shift at the bookstore, please contact me at 524-4261 and your shirt will be left for you at the Bookstore. Any Friends member not an active worker may purchase a shirt for \$10 plus tax by calling that same number. We will soon have the shirts stocked in the Bookstore and in the Library for sale.

We also have obtained tote bags with our own logo imprinted on them and they too are on sale at the Bookstore and at the Library for \$10. Volunteers who attended the reception for volunteers at the Library on April 30 received their T-shirts there, along with miniature books presented by the Library. Call there if you are an active volunteer and have not received your book.

We recently sent out invitations to join the Friends to all member businesses of the Chamber of Commerce. To date we have been pleased to register eight corporate members of the Friends.

The members are: Britthaven of Franklin, Gooder Grafix, Gem Country Republican Women's Club, Huddle House, Inc., Franklin Kiwanis Club, Genealogy Publishing Service, Jim Brown Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge, and Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel. We are hopeful we will receive more corporate members since we feel Library services have untold "trickle-down" benefits to the employees and customers of every business enterprise in the county. [See Page 3.]

Again, I want to use this means of thanking all our volunteers who work so hard. I have a feeling no one could pay enough salary to obtain the services these volunteers provide to our Library and to the County.

We can still use workers for the Bookstore and can promise that you will be proud of your contribution. There are tasks for everybody—so "Come on Down!"

**Quarterly Quotable**

“ It used to be a librarian would be pictured with a book. Now it is a librarian with a shredder. ”

—Barbara Gail Snider

Santa Cruz, Calif., library branch manager, on a provision of the new federal Patriot Act that allows the FBI to examine lists of books read by readers.

Quoted in *Time* Magazine, April 2, 2003

LIBRARY NOTES:**'Tales for Tots' Program Has 175 Children Aboard**

Talk about success!

The Tales for Tots program—which provides a free book a month for five years to children born to Macon County parents—has grown to include 175 children since its start in 2001.

Funded privately by the fund-raising efforts of George and Bonnie Pettway of Highlands, the program is administered by the Macon County Public Library whose staff selects the books each month. Volunteers help package and mail the books.

Research shows that children do better in school when books and reading time are commonplace at home. More information about the program at the Library or by calling 524-3600.

- Life Members of the Friends Bonus Books—The newest wrinkle in book contributions to the Library is part of the Friends' Lifetime Membership program. The option is to designate \$200 of the \$250 fee for a special annual gift book to the Library for 10 years. The remaining \$50 goes to the Friends for membership. Most of the books are given in honor of relatives or friends.

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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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Summer Reading Program for Kids June 9 to July 18

The Macon County Public Library's ever-growing Summer Reading Program for children kicks off June 9 and continues through July 18.

Registration for the programs begins Saturday, June 7, from 10 am to noon at the Library. Programs are free. Public Library

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Director Karen Wallace said a special effort is being made to sign up children attending the many summer day camps in the county. The program lineup:

- Monday Programs, 10:30 am Preschool story time for children aged 18 months to 5 years. School age programs for kids from kindergarten to 5th grade.
- Wednesday Bilingual Story Times, 10:30 am For Preschool to 3rd grade.
- Friday Art Classes, 1-2 pm For Kindergarten to 5th grade.

Purpose of the Summer Reading Program is to build and maintain reading skills throughout the summer. It also includes an independent reading club with special rewards for older students, including 1,000 gift certificates from The Factory.

Our Corporate Friends

These businesses have joined our Friends of the Library as corporate or community organization members. We thank them for their support.

- Britthaven of Franklin
- Franklin Kiwanis Club
- Gem Country Republican Womens Club
- Genealogy Publishing Service
- Gooder Grafix
- Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel
- Huddle House, Inc.
- Jim Brown Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge



Eaton Winners Honored at Reception

Winners of the annual Olive B. Eaton Creative Writing Contest for middle school students at a Library reception in their honor and for Library and Friends Bookstore volunteers. From left: John Carroll (honorable mention [HM]), Matthew Vinson (second), Casey Jenkins (third), Casey Ledford (first), Kevin Hope (HM), and Josh Bailey (HM).

Elastic Missing in Budget

There's not much "wiggle room" in next year's Library budget outlook. Macon County's share is frozen at the current year's level while state funds are expected to be cut again. Meanwhile, costs rise. Example: health insurance rates for Library employees are up 20 percent. The Friends' contributions from the Bookstore help fill the gap.

Wright Brothers Program June 1

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aircraft and their crews.

Redrup was 10 years old when Charles Lindbergh flew the Atlantic in 1927, worked at a local airport to earn his first hour in the air, and was hooked on flying. He entered the Aviation Cadet Training Program and in later years flew many aircraft, including the B-25, F-61 Black Widow, F-82 Twin Mustang, F-80, F-94, B-57, and "the best of them all, the F-86D Sabre Jet," which he flew for the famous 4th Fighter Wing in Japan.

After retirement from the Air Force as a major, Redrup continued flying as a flight instructor, charter pilot, and as a pilot with the N.C. Forest Service in Franklin. And also operated the Macon County Airport for four years in the 1970s.

Alexander, while never a pilot, has flown as a passenger in a wide variety of military and civil aircraft. He was chairman of the first local air show in the "new" series begun in 1986 and helped start the local Aviation Historical Society. A retired veteran of 22 years in the Marine Corps Reserves, he served on active duty in Vietnam and the Gulf War.

'Thursdays at the Library' Unveils a Full Summer Slate

There's something for everyone this summer in the popular free "Thursdays at the Library" series. (All programs begin at 7 pm.) Here, take your pick:

- June 5—Raymond Baker, Smoky Mountain Hillbillies, old fashioned mountain music.
- June 12—Forest Stewardship

ADULT PROGRAMS

program with Ann & Larry Nandrea and Bobby Mashburn.

- June 19—Becky Lipkin, Aromatherapy Make & Take workshop.
 - June 26—Feng Shui Basics: The Energy of Wind & Water, Dr. Jill Henry, Mountain Valley Cntr.
 - July 3—No program.
 - July 10—Columnist Bob Satterwhite, The Joy of Fly Fishing.
 - July 17—Sheila Kay Adams, Stories and Music from Sodom Laurel.
 - July 24—Matlock Creek Farm, Container Organic Gardening.
 - July 31—The Carolines, In the Good Ol' Summertime music.
 - Aug. 7—Rob Amberg, "Sodom Laurel," photos of vanishing Madison County from his book of the same name.
 - Aug. 14—Ian Moore & Hal Herzog, Mak'n Music in Mountain Time, Swing Time, and Jazz Time.
 - Aug. 21—Mary Bennett & Lara Jackson, Nature's Bounty: Making Mini Wreaths.
 - Aug. 28—Mary Ferrick, The History & Tradition of Drumming and a drumming demonstration.
- Your Friends of the Library support helps make these programs possible. For additional information, please call the Library at 524-3600.



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**Macon County Public Library
Summer Youth Reading Programs:
Register Sat., June 7, 10 am-Noon**



'Together We Read' Ready To Go

A new Western North Carolina reading program—"Together We Read"—launches this summer with participants reading Fred Chappell's novel, *Brighten the Corner Where You Are*.

Macon County's Public Library is one of those taking part in the program. Library Director Karen Wallace says 20 copies of the book have been bought for use by Library patrons.

The plan is for readers to borrow and read the book during the summer and to take part in follow-up discussion sessions planned for the fall.

Based in Haywood County, the novel was published in 1989 and, according to Ingram Books, a leading book distributor, "was hands down one of the most widely read and favorably reviewed novels" of that year. "This story of a day in the life of Joe Robert Kirkman, North Carolina mountain school teacher, sly prankster, and family man, won the hearts of

readers and reviewers across the country," said Ingram.

A reader's and storyteller's guide to the book will be available in June. For more information about the program, call the Library at 524-3600.

Robert Inman To Visit Franklin, Highlands Libraries This October

Better put this on your calendar:

Author Robert Inman will visit two Macon County Libraries this fall to talk about his novel, *Captain Saturday*. He will be at the Hudson Library in Highlands Oct. 14 and at the Macon County Public Library in Franklin Oct. 16. More details later.

Inman, author of *Dairy Queen Days* and two other novels, has built a large readership for his views of life.

Bookstore Notes

By Margaret Andrews
Friends' Bookstore Administrator

We would like to welcome back our summer Bookstore volunteers and all our summer residents and visitors.

We have received some very nice gardening books just in time for you to plant your garden and perk up your flower beds.

Recently we had a visit from Sparta, N.C., FoL members who are beginning their own bookstore. If you are ever in their area, please stop by their store. We enjoyed sharing our experiences with them.

We certainly thank Macon County for presenting us with a beautiful new checkout desk.

Remember: we have FoL book bags for sale at the store.