

Newsletter of The
Friends of the Macon
County Public Library

Folio

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for an Essential
Community Resource

TO DO

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- **LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:** April 18, for Good Friday; May 26 for Memorial 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.

\$2,714 Bookstore Sale Week Results !!

How do you like that big number? It's the total take at the Friends' Bookstore for the week from our big 6th annual sale in January.

Imagine: An average of \$452.33 per day in used books, magazines, records, and other items. Amazing!

"We're really pleased," said Friends of the Library president Sue Waldroop. "We appreciate the donations and the people who worked so hard." [See column, Page 2.]

Buyers came from all over Western North Carolina and North Georgia to purchase books by the bag and box, most at half price.

Proceeds from the store go to the Macon Public Library. In 2001 and 2002, the store provided \$81,200 and Library Director Karen Wallace says the aid "has been crucial to keeping library services and staff from being cut." [See P. 4]



January sales scene at the Friends Bookstore.



Public Library Director Karen Wallace (left) happily accepts final FoL 2002 contributions of \$15,000 from Friends' Bookstore stalwarts Maethel Shindleman (center) and Grace Johnson at the Annual Meeting in December.

Library Fun Fund-Raising on Greenway

Fund-raising for the Public Library and other community groups will turn the Franklin Greenway along the Little Tennessee River into a fun-packed "Human Race" of walking, running, canoeing, and kayaking on May 10.

The Volunteer Council of Franklin is coordinating the event which will raise funds from entrants and sponsors for their particular cause or group. These organizations will keep 90 percent of the money raised and the Volunteer Council will get 10 percent.

Small booths will be spaced along the Greenway to provide information on the nonprofit groups taking part.

The event will mark the first anniversary of the opening of the Greenway. To earmark your donation, see any member of the library's staff or go on line at www.maconweb.com for registration forms available at the library's web site.

Vendors are required to rent space from the Friends of the Greenway (FROGs) if they want to sell food, drinks, crafts, etc., during the event.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:**Membership Grows as Bookstore Sales Boom**

By Sue Waldroop, FoL President

Writing these quarterly items for our Friends' newsletter truly makes me realize how rapidly the months go by. This is my third column!!

It cannot be said that the Friends of the Library slow down in their hard work during the winter. In December Bill O'Cain, our membership person, racked up 6 renewals, 2 new members, and 1 lifetime membership. In January we had 2 renewals and 20 new members, 17 new and 1 renewal occurring during the week of our annual sale, which happened to take place in one of our coldest weeks of the winter. It also bears repeating, if you haven't already heard, that the deposit for sale week was \$2,714.00, and we have had several \$300 days since then.

As a means of keeping the name of "Friends" before the public, board members and their spouses or significant others are taking turns attending the Business After Hours and Business Before Hours events sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. We are wearing our "Friends" volunteer badges and have been made very welcome by Chamber officials.

Two memorials to the Library have been made thus far this year in honor of recently deceased relatives of Board members. These are Mrs. Buena Cabe, mother of Edwin Hall, and Miss June Bancroft, Ray's sister.

There is still a tremendous need for volunteers to work in the Bookstore. Work shifts are only three and a half hours, either morning or afternoon, and volunteers who cannot work a regular day are encouraged to be "on call" for times when regular workers cannot come in. Persons interested may call Mildred Landrum at 369-6372 to schedule orientation sessions.

I want to use this means to thank every person who worked during our sale week in particular, as well as those faithful souls who are so great about being on the job, on time, and with such pleasant, beaming faces to greet our customers. I truly believe it is the quality of the Volunteers themselves, as well as the quality of their work, which is making us such a successful business. I so very much appreciate all of you, and I am so grateful for your devotion to the Friends.

Pick Up Tax Forms at Public Library

If you need federal or state tax forms or information booklets, pick them up in the library's lobby.

Poetry Month

April is Poetry Month at our library. Festive "Poetry in Motion" banners will be hung with poems on fabric. Poetry displays also will be featured in the lobby. So be sure to visit the exhibits.

Quarterly Quotable

"The electricity is humming in the library today and every day. These middle school kids are sophisticated users of technology. They Google, keyword search, online source, upload, download, PowerPoint, e-mail, and image digitally. I teach them to use databases, electronic encyclopedias, primary sources, Web site evaluations, graphic organizers, proper note-taking, and bibliographies. Suddenly there is a tap on my shoulder. Among the buzz I hear a small voice. "I loved the last book you recommended, Mrs. Paul. What do you think I should read next?" Ah, now I remember why I went to library school. "

Myra Paul

Silver Spring, Md.
(From *The Washington Post*)

LIBRARY NOTES:**Student Writing Contests Slated for March, April**

The ever-popular Olive B. Eaton Creative Writing Awards contest for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders is under way. Theme for the 24th annual competition is "Who's Your Hero?"

Deadline for entries is March 26 with judging in April. Winners will be announced and they will read their entries at a special reception during Volunteers Week, April 27-May 3.

Cash prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 are furnished by the Olive B. Eaton Creative Writing Endowment which cosponsors the contest with the Public Library and the County School System.

Students can pick up application forms at the library or in the schools.

- Reading Rainbow Contest—UNC-TV and the "Reading Rainbow" series sponsors the 9th Annual Young Writers and Illustrators Contest for kindergarten thru 3rd grade students. Entrants write a story and create accompanying illustrations. Deadline for entries is March 14.

Entry forms are available at the Public Library and from classroom teachers. More info can be found by calling toll-free 1-877-543-7488.

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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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Storytime Themes Go from Flowers, Stars, to Birds, Bugs

From a birthday party for Dr. Seuss on Saturday, March 1, to a variety of themes for the popular Monday (for pre-schoolers) and Tuesday (for toddlers) Storytimes, the Public Library has a full plate for children this Spring.

The 30-minute Storytime programs start

PROGRAM ROUNDUP

at 10:30 am and no registration is required. Here's the Spring theme schedule so far:

- March 3 & 4: The weather.
- March 10 & 11: Birds.
- March 17 & 18: St. Patrick's Day.
- March 24 & 25: Colors and painting day.
- March 31: Bugs
- April 1: April Fool's Day.
- April 7 & 8: Spring.
- April 14 & 15: Easter.
- April 21 & 22: Flowers.
- April 28 & 29: Stars.
- May 5 & 6: Mother's Day.

Remainder of May: Storytime break. They will resume in June.

Reading Exploration Adventure Discovery

"Mission: READ" is the theme of the Library's Summer Reading Program, now being planned by the Youth Services staff.

The lineup of programs that will be available to children of all ages during June and July will help children to view reading as an exciting activity for their lifetimes.

Be sure to watch for the Summer Reading Program details in the *Franklin Press* and the *Macon County News*. And the Friends' own *Folio* newsletter will feature the programs in its June issue.



Pooh Welcomes Partygoers

Emily Patton, 11, played Pooh at the January 18 birthday party for A. A. Milne, author of the Winnie the Pooh stories. Emily's mother Amy, the library's youth services director, says 78 children attended the shindig.

Financial Management Seminars Set in April

A free series of four seminars on "Managing Your Finances" will be held at the Public Library in April.

Conducted by Christopher Brouwer of the Edward Jones firm, the meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm on April 8, 15, 22, and 29. A notebook will be provided to all participants. Registration is required. Call Edward Jones (369-5383) for further information.

Letter to the Friends:

I would like to express my deepest appreciation for your support of our Reading Incentive Program and Contest here at Macon Middle School. We feel strongly that good readers are trained just like champion athletes. The more success and practice a reader has the better reader he or she will become.

Much like in the world of business, incentives are a part of the motivation behind our success stories. Students who do not ordinarily read can often be encouraged to participate for rewards. Thank you for helping us be able to offer rewards that keep our students striving to succeed. It truly does take a village to raise a child, and without the help of local business, our job would be much more difficult. Thank you for your support and donations.

—Sherry S. Henderson, Media Coordinator, Macon Middle School.

One-Woman Play 'Birdell' at Libraries in the Area

Sylva author and playwright Gary Carden's one-woman play, "Birdell," will be hosted by public libraries in the area during March and April.

Starring Elizabeth Westall, "Birdell" tells the story of various Western North Carolina communities that were uprooted because of the creation of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and Fontana Dam and its lake.

Told from the viewpoint of an 86-year-old mountain woman, the play draws on the collective memories and stories of Carden's family, friends, and neighbors to relate an account of a period that brought great change to Southern Appalachia.

The author says he hopes that "Birdell" will spark discussions about the many issues surrounding the creation of the park, the dam, and the lake, including the environmental aspects of the government's actions and the social history.

The performances are made possible by a \$14,000 matching grant to the Fontana Regional Library from the North Carolina Humanities Council.

Here is the "Birdell" lineup:

- Highlands: March 21 at 7 pm in the Hudson Library Gallery.
- Franklin: April 6 at 2 pm in the Public Library's Meeting Room.
- Nantahala: April 11 at 7 pm in the Media Center of the Nantahala Union School.

Other performances will be held in Cashiers, Sylva, Bryson City, Hayesville, Andrews, and Haywood County.



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Fines, Fees & Friends All Add Up

There's bad news and good news on the Macon County Public Library financial front.

First, the bad news:

- The state budget for all public libraries has been cut 8 percent in the current fiscal year and is expected to be down in the next budget, too.
- Macon County's contribution to the library will remain the same with no increase. This marks the second straight year that the library has had no boost in the funds received from the county.

The good financial news for the library:

- The county's library budget has not been cut, just frozen. Other counties have had library cuts.
- Increased fees and fines for library services have gone from \$14,000 to \$21,000 over a comparable period since July 1, 2001.
- Friends of the Library contributions from its Franklin Bookstore sales have totaled \$81,200 for the two years ending Dec. 31, 2002.

Library Director Karen Wallace says these extra revenues have been very important and have prevented service reductions and staff layoffs. She said other libraries have not been so lucky. They have had to reduce hours and cut positions.

Welcome to 24 New Members

Bill O'Cain, Friends membership chair, and other volunteers have been busy signing up new members to bolster our group.

The officers and board members of the Macon County Friends wish to welcome:

Anna Allen	Joanna Michaels
Wayne Allen	Judy Miller
Suzanne Brock	Ruth Moran
Glenn E. Caskey	Pat Pattillo
Virginia Caskey	Sissy Pattillo
Rose Delaney	Bob Petrosky
Shannon Dowdle	Dot Petrosky
Sandra Duncan	Sharon Robison
Chris Fenninger*	Kathleen W.
Alice Foster	Sowder
Grace Harrison	Ben Utley
Barb Limle	Eileen Wall
Rev. Maria Martin	*Life Member

Bookstore Notes:

By Margaret Andrews
Friends' Bookstore Administrator

We certainly want to thank again all our volunteers who helped before, during, and after our January sale. [See also Page 1.]

We have almost returned to normal order and have many new books and magazines for you to check out.

We also are ready for new donations. Please get a head start on Spring cleaning your book shelves and magazine racks for Bookstore donations.

We have had visitors to our store from other Friends' groups. They were impressed with the wide range of books available plus the volunteers we have working in the store.

Please consider becoming a part of our Bookstore staff. The next time you visit the store, consider filling out a volunteer form and join us in an interesting, fun, and worthwhile activity.