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- **April:** Library Legislative Day in Raleigh. Date pending. [Page 2]
- **June 5:** Annual meeting of Friends of the Library, 2 pm in the Public Library. Speaker to be announced. Open to the public.
- **LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:**
 - Sometime this spring for inventory. Watch media for dates. [Page 2]
 - Friday, March 25, for Good Friday.
 - Monday, May 30, for Memorial 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 & click on link.
- **QUESTIONS** about any of these items? Call the Public Library at 524-3600 for complete details.

Fund Drive Nears \$200,000; April Groundbreaking Likely

With the Friends'-backed fund-raising campaign for the new Library approaching the \$200,000 mark, plans are under way for groundbreaking ceremonies likely in April.

Here are the latest developments in the Friends' effort to raise \$1.5 million to furnish the new \$3 million building being built by Macon County off Siler Road:

- A powerful Steering Committee of prominent citizen volunteers is seeking contributions from many sources: individuals, civic groups, businesses, private foundations, and government library program granting agencies.
- A surprise gift of \$100,000 from the estate of the late Mayme Keith plus a \$10,000 check from the Friends got the fund drive off to a \$110,000 start Dec. 5 at the annual FoL holiday party.
- A "wish list" of facilities and rooms for the



Architect Tom Ritter's rendering of the impressive atrium of the new Macon County Public Library.

new Library ranges from 76 \$5,000 book shelf ends and a \$75,000 circulation desk to a \$50,000 computer lab and \$100,000 atrium area. Each donor of such significant sums will be honored with a plaque.

- A pledge level list uses Macon County mountains to recognize contributions. Those giving \$100,000 and up would be known as Standing Indian contributors while those giving \$1,000 or less would be called Tellico Bald donors. Only those donating \$1,000 or more would get plaques honoring their contributions.

- Instead of the standard thermometer often used to measure progress of contributions, the Steering Committee plans to use a hiker climbing a



Joyce E. Luly, executor of the estate of the late Mayme Keith, hugs Library Manager Karen Wallace after handing her a check for \$100,000 for the new Library building fund. At right is Randolph Bulgin, chairman of the County Public Library Board. Partially hidden behind Ms. Luly is Friends' President Roberta Swank.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:**Friends of the Library Volunteers to Be Honored April 12**

By Roberta Swank, FoL President

The Macon County Friends started the year off right at the end of January with our annual book sale at our Bookstore.. The half price sale always brings out many friends and everyone benefits!

This was our best year to date even though Mother Nature threw us a curve and we had to close on Saturday because of the weather; but we did continue the sale the following Monday and Tuesday. [See story on Page 3.]

Remember to come by the Bookstore and be sure to tell your friends about the best place in town to buy used books, magazines, puzzles, craft books, cookbooks, etc.

We will be paying tribute to all of our volunteers for both the Bookstore and the Library on April 12 with a Breakfast at the Library.

The Bookstore is operated completely by volunteers and the hours given by everyone are greatly appreciated; and the work that the volunteers do at the Library is a big asset to the Library staff.

The fund-raising steering committee is getting organized and each committee can use volunteers. The new Library is for everyone and we would love to have your help. Call the Library and give us your name—join us in making the new Library the highlight of Macon County!

LIBRARY NOTES:**Taking Inventory Means Spring Library Closings**

If you've ever worked in a business that requires a periodic inventory, you know how the Library's staff is bracing for its first-ever annual itemized accounting of everything in the building.

"It will come sometime this spring and will require the Library to close while it's under way," said Karen Wallace, Library manager.

No date has been set so she recommends patrons watch the news media for more details.

The inventory is a new federal requirement to value collections for grant purposes.

• April Will Be Busy: Not only will we have (hopefully!) a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Library [See Page 1], but these other important events also are scheduled during April:

• **National Library Week**, April 10-16; see our lobby displays.

• April is **National Poetry Month** and Loretta Holland is planning a lobby display for local poetry lovers. Be sure to check out the display next month.

• The **Annual Library Legislative Day** in Raleigh also is set for sometime in April. Watch the

local newspapers for the date. It features dedicated Library patrons like you traveling to Raleigh for a day of urging state legislators to fully fund state programs for local libraries.

• **New Library Cards** are being issued to Library patrons. Accompanying each card is a keychain tag similar to those issued by local retail stores. So instead of searching through your wallet or purse for the card, just hand over the tag for scanning when you check out your books.

• **Summer Youth Program:** During May, planning gets under way for the Annual Summer Reading Program.

This summer's theme is intriguing: "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds."

The June issue of *Folio* will feature more details as will the local news media.

• **AARP Tax Help:** Need help with your 2004 tax forms? AARP volunteers are at the Library Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4 to 7 pm to help you at no cost. Call the Library at 524-3600 to schedule an appointment.

• **Computer Classes** for Spanish speakers will be held at the Library March 12 and 19 and April 2 and 9 starting at 4:30 pm. Taught by Iva Ryan, they will help Spanish speakers learn about the Internet and typing.

Quarterly Quotable

"Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life."

--Mark Twain

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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BOOKSTORE NOTES

Bookstore Sale Produces \$2,458

By Margaret Andrews
Bookstore Administrator

Once again our hardworking volunteers and "backroom" crew put on an outstanding Bookstore Sale in January.

The patrons of the Bookstore didn't let a little bad weather stop them from getting to the great bargains during our three-day sale. The sale totaled \$2,458, bringing our January total to \$7,500.

Thanks again to the customers who made this possible, and remember, we still have great prices on great books.

We are looking forward to the next sale in October.

Eaton Creative Writing Winners Become Part of Franklin's 150th Celebration

Not only did winners of the 26th Annual Olive B. Eaton Creative Writing contest pen their essays on a "I was There in 1855" theme to tie in with Franklin's 150th celebration, but the Town matched prizes to double the winners' cash awards.

And to top it all, the winners got to read their essays to the crowd that gathered Feb. 10 at the Gazebo for the sesquicentennial kickoff.

Megan Ehrenkauser, an 8th grader at the Highlands School, took top \$250 honors with "The Color Black."

Canyon Woodward, a 6th grader in the Far Horizons Homeschool, won \$150 for "Tahlequah Secrets."

Lyle Jones, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, took \$100 third place for "History at the House at the Foot of the Hill."

Honorable mention awards went to: Catarina Everington, Casey Jenkins, Hannah Krumbolt, Luke McClellan, Codi Moore, Marisol Ruiz, Jamy Beth Suminski, and Bobbi Jo Talley.

The contest honors Ms. Eaton who was a teacher in the Macon County schools. It is a joint project of the Olive B. Eaton Creative Writing Endowment, the Macon County Public Library, and the school system's Community Schools Program.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids' Storytime Themes Plus Party for Dr. Seuss

From "Silly Stories" to "Book Characters," preschoolers and toddlers taking part in the Library's Storytimes will enjoy something different each week.

Here are the topics Amy Patton has lined up for them in the coming weeks:

- March 7-8: Boats
- March 14-15: Irish Stories
- March 21-22: Spring & Easter Stories
- March 28: Book Characters
- March 29: Play Dough Day!
- April 4-5: Silly Stories
- April 11-12: Rain and Clouds
- April 18-19: Flowers
- April 25-26: Planting Gardens

The Macon County Public Library provides free 30-minute Storytimes Mondays at 10:30 am for preschoolers from 3 to 5 years old.

The Tuesday Storytimes, also at 10:30 am, are for toddlers 18 months to 3 years old. No preregistration is needed. The sessions are held in the Castle Courtyard of the Youth Services Area in the Library's lower level.

• Dr. Seuss' birthday party: The famous children's book author will be honored Saturday, March 12, from 10 am to noon at the Macon County Public Library. The program is for children 3 years old to those in the 3rd grade. Space is limited so be sure to call the Library to sign up: 524-3600, ext. 17.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Foreign Film Series Off to Strong Start

"Morlang," a Dutch film, was the first in the new monthly foreign and independent film series at the Public Library. It was well received.

The schedule for the 2005 film season is available at the library. All films start at 7 pm in the meeting room. Here is what's coming up:

- March 18: "Ginger and Cinnamon," an Italian movie with English subtitles.
- April 22: "Long Life, Happiness and Prosperity," a Canadian movie in

English and Cantonese with English subtitles.

- May 20: "Carol's Journey," a Spanish film with English subtitles.

Please be aware that these films are not subject to Hollywood rating. They may portray adult situations and are not recommended for ages under 17 without parental permission. Films continue thru December.

Contact Tracy Fitzmaurice at the library for more info about the films: 524-3600.

FRIENDS' NOTEBOOK

An Extra \$7,500 for Library; 2 New Officers

- The FoL Board voted an extra \$7,500 from Bookstore proceeds to the Library for ongoing operations.

- Two new officers have been appointed: **Hank Shuler**, active in many groups, is now Vice President, replacing Rose West; and **Gail Criminger**, former FoL president, is now Historian, replacing Robin Swaby.

- Our FoL will host on April 2 a

workshop for members of other FoLs in Western North Carolina to discuss ways to improve Friends' activities in support of local public libraries.

- The Library has designated a computer for the Friends to use for membership and tracking fund-raising activities for the new Library.

- The Board voted to join the Highlands Road Merchants Assn.



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New Library Campaign Shapes Up as Construction Nears

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mountain to show the campaign's status. It will be erected in front of the present Library.

- Pledge envelopes for people to use for their contributions to the building fund campaign are available now at each Public Library in the county as well as at the Friends' Bookstore.

- Presentations about the new Library are being made now to civic and community groups by members of the Steering Committee. The presentations include architect renderings, location maps, and aerial photos. Groups already visited include the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Franklin Board of Realtors, League of Women Voters, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Retired Teachers Assn., and the Clarks Chapel Development Club. To

Who's Who in Fund Drive Effort

The Library Building Fund Steering Committee is a team effort led by Randolph Bulgin, chairman, Macon County Public Library Board; Karen Wallace, Macon County Public Library Manager; and Roberta Swank, president of the Friends of the Library. Here are the citizen volunteers who serve as subcommittee chairs for the campaign:

Honorary Chairman: Bob Moore

Production/Mailing: Mildred Everest

Publicity: Guy Gooder and Woody Sapp

Advance Gifts: Randolph Bulgin

Visitation: Roberta Swank

Special Events: Jan Gallman

Records: Sue Waldroop and Gail Criminger

Financial Records: Ken Stonebraker

Individual Donors: Betty Ann Bulgin and

Charlie McLaughlin

Out-of-State Donors: Betty Merrill

Library Donation Tree: Doris McConnell

Business and Civic Donors: Ed Shatley and Ben Swafford

Community Development Clubs: Kenneth McCaskill

Church and School Groups: Carol Mitten

schedule a presentation before your group, call the Library at 524-3600.

As for the \$100,000 gift, Keith estate executor and friend Joyce Luly said Mrs. Keith died at the age of 95 last August. She was a homemaker and a devoted user of the library. Her husband Sam, who died about five years ago, had been a typesetter for the *St. Petersburg* (Fla.) *Times* before retiring and moving to Franklin.

"Sam Keith managed his investments very well," Luly added. Several other nonprofit groups in Franklin also received large Keith estate gifts.

The new 29,000-sq. ft. Library is scheduled to open in 2006. It will be located adjacent to the new Southwest Community College campus off Siler Road near the U.S. 64/441 Bypass.