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Newsletter Of The Friends Of The Macon County Library 2016 - Second Quarter

Every Child Ready To Read On The Reading Rover

The Reading Rover is proud of the new materials recently added to its collection. Materials added to the collection range from books, CD's, felt board kits, and teacher resource books. These new materials support the principles of Every Child Ready to Read which include read, write, sing, talk, and play.

Additions to the collection would be fewer and far between without the donations the bookmobile receives. Imagine a preschool child getting on the bookmobile and choosing *Warning: Do Not Open This Book* narrated by Adam Lehrhaupt.

The very title makes you want to open the book! Imagine a young child choosing *Bug in a Vacuum* by Melanie Watt which tracks a bug on its adventures when it gets sucked into a vacuum cleaner. Finally, imagine a teacher in need of resources to support Earth Day and being able to find *The Adven-*



tures of a Plastic Bottle: A Story About Recycling by Alison Inches and *We Are Extremely Very Good Recyclers* by Lauren Child on the bookmobile.

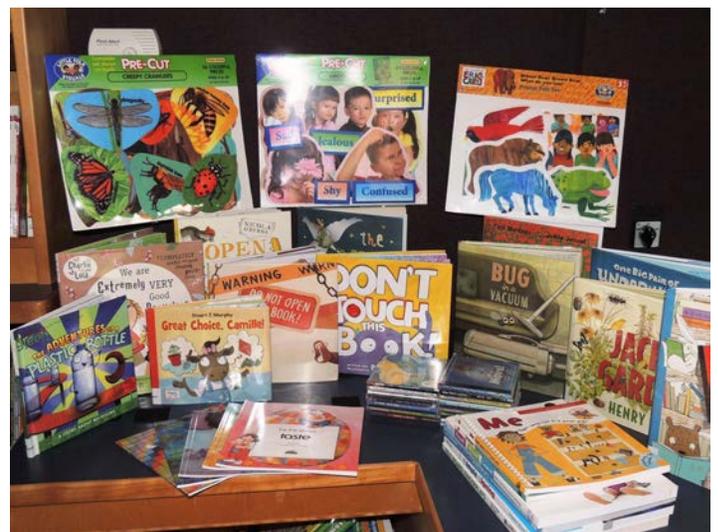
The Reading Rover wishes to thank all of its supporters, including the Friends of the Library groups in Fontana Regional Library. It is because of our supporters that we are able to provide quality service to our youngest patrons.

Samples Available At The Friends Annual Meeting!

Please join the Friends of the Macon County Public Library for their Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 5th at 2:00pm. You can enjoy a sampling of services that the Friends have helped to make possible through their fundraising efforts. A short business meeting will open the meeting.

You can take a tour of Reading Rover bookmobile to see the books, puppets, and games that travel to area childcare centers. Watch a short video of Mountain View Intermediate students making presentations at the Library about Worthy Leaders, both local and global. Help cut the ribbon for the new computers in the Library's Computer Lab and Reference area. Or enjoy browsing the hundreds of new books that are available to community members thanks to funding from the Friends.

And while you're sampling some of the services made possible by the Friends, enjoy some refreshments and good friends!





Volunteers Honored At Annual Breakfast

On April 12th the Macon County Public Library hosted their annual Volunteer Breakfast for The Friends of the Library Book Store and library volunteers. The event was well attended with approximately 50 volunteers present. A select group of books were available for each volunteer to choose one in which their name would be placed in recognition of their time given as a volunteer this year. Librarian

Karen Wallace shared the many ways in which volunteers support the library therefore enriching the citizens of Macon County. She also expressed her appreciation to all the volunteers for their contribution of time and many talents. Also recognition was given to the Duke retirees who donated their time to help renovate and move into the new Book Store.

Little Free Library Comes To Holly Springs

The "Little Free Library" is becoming a "Big" item in Macon County. On April 4th the Macon County Library and the Holly

Springs Community Development Club unveiled a "Little Free Library" in front of the community center.

This is the third little library in Macon County. The other two libraries are located in front of Town Hall and at Iotla United Methodist Church. Plans are in motion to add a little library at the Otto Community Center and at Parker Meadows.

The concept of the free libraries is to take a book and leave a book.

Friends of the Macon County Library and Macon County's Read2me program supply the books for the little libraries. Stewards are assigned to each of the little libraries to maintain and periodically rotate books.

The little libraries are a wonderful benefit to the community, especially to those who do not live close to the public library or are unable to visit the library for various reasons.



Words from the President....

I hope you enjoy each and every FOLIO you receive. We try to make sure you know what is going on with the FRIENDS, and what your membership dollars and donations provide for at the LIBRARY. New computers will be coming soon for the LAB; Children's Garden is beginning to grow; new books are being ordered; keeping the Reading Rover (book mobile) on the road to make sure preschool children in outlying areas have books.

Also, our volunteers are unbelievable. We honored them at a breakfast this past month; but they should be "thanked" each and every day. Our Board of Directors is a "working" board and boy do they work. I could not do my job without them.

I wanted to tell you this because we would love for you to join the FRIENDS. It is easy, inexpensive and helps our organization provide these services. Please see the back of this FOLIO for an application. Also, think about a Lifetime Membership in honor of yourself or a loved one. Ask about this in the LIBRARY or at the BOOK STORE. By the way, if you have not been at the NEW Book Store yet, we are having a Grand Reopening on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. Come join us.

Ann McCormick
President

County Senior Center Watercolors on Display

The Macon County Senior Center's watercolor class will have works on display during the month of June. Join us for refreshments and a visit with the artists on Thursday, June 2nd from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Macon County Public Library Meeting Room.



New Bookstore Getting Rave Reviews

I Just Love The New Store! That's the comment we have heard many times in the past two months. Along with our volunteers, our patrons are enjoying being at the Bookstore. Thanks again to all who help us move.

We would like to welcome several new volunteers: Dick Bryer, Cindi Powell, Grace Kehrer, Paula Brooks, Anita Lawrence, and Beverly and Jim

Upson.

On a recent visit to the new FOL Bookstore, Friends of the North Carolina Public Libraries President Tommy McNeill commented, "While touring the Friends Bookstore, Molly and I had the pleasure of meeting Friends who organize, clean and sell thousands of books per year. Having an off-site bookstore is a very clever idea. It

creates and fosters a positive relationship between the Friends and the library director while achieving a positive revenue stream and promoting literacy in the community. A win/win partnership, under the leadership of Ms Margaret Andrews, a recipient of Frannie Ashburn Volunteer of the Year Award."

Please come and visit your FOL Bookstore and stock up for your summer reading!

There's Music in the Air!

Concerts highlight many of this summer's events at the Macon County Public Library. You can take a musical journey through 20th century Americana with Marshall Ballew in July. Using a variety of traditional instruments, Ballew shows how gospel gave rise to rag-time, jazz, and blues while ballads, old-time, and bluegrass grew in the mountains from the British folk canon brought over by Scotch - Irish immigrants. In August, Blues singer Sugar Barnes and county musician Dave Magill will come together to entertain you with a mix of old-time blues, country classics, and originals.

If you like to sing along, don't miss Country Memories in August. Their old-style Gospel songs will give you an opportunity to relive memories of a simpler time when we all paid attention to the lyrics of the hymns and their messages.

And back by popular demand – our Teen Advisory Groups is hosting Karaoke Night! Past Karaoke events have been well-attended by community members of all ages and everyone has had a great time singing. This event is open to everyone – even if you just want to listen.



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BOOKS ON TAP

Are You Ready For Another Books on Tap?

We hope you are because we have one planned for September 22, 2016. Again, this is a fundraiser for the Library. . . . and lots of fun. Sounds good to me. Mark your calendars and look for the publicity in the near future. See you there!!!!!!



Library Gardens To Be Featured In Tour

The town of Franklin is sponsoring an event entitled "Franklin in Bloom" on all four Saturdays in June. The event will showcase various gardens in the Franklin area. June 4th and 25th will be hosted by the Franklin Garden Club, June 11th by the Macon County Master Gardener's Association, and June 18th by the Otto Garden Club.

Macon County Master Gardener's will be showcasing the Children's garden and Memorial garden at the Macon County Public Library as part of their tour.

The tour will start downtown at Rankin Square Gardens. The next garden to visit will be the Historical Society's gardens. The tour proceeds to The Environmental Resource Center (maintained by the Master Gardener Association), which is located at the first right before the landfill. The tour concludes at the Macon County Library.

Gardens should be in full bloom and a delight to the senses. A very beautiful and enlightening way to spend the day.

New Chapters

Ronda Bingham:

"As I prepare to "bid you all adieu", I would like to take a moment to reflect upon my time here working for the Macon County Public Library. What have I enjoyed the most, you might ask – without a doubt, my co-workers (especially the circulation desk staff – I love you guys!), helping patrons find what they need, and being around all those wonderful books."



"This has truly been a "dream job" for me, and one that I never would have guessed I'd be retiring from after over 27 years. I am looking forward to travelling with my husband (Alaska, here we come!), spending more time with our family (we have a new 11-month-old granddaughter!), and tackling those home improvements we've been putting off doing. Perhaps I'll even be able to rest up and actually read some of those wonderful books without falling asleep after a couple of pages – I'm sure going to try!"



Chris Wilder:

"What I'll remember best about my time here is how much I learned about the community and most importantly the people."

"Thank you all for sharing with me. We are off to Tacoma, WA, and the beautiful Pacific Northwest. I hope to further my library career out there. "

Behind The Scenes - Meet The Volunteers



Betty Ann Bulgin

Betty Ann Bulgin has been a volunteer at the Friends of the Library book store since 2004. She and her husband were born and raised in Macon County. They lived away from Franklin for many years but returned in 2004.

Betty was approached by a friend to become a part of a committee to raise money to build a new library for Macon County. Through numerous volunteers and countless hours of diligent work the Friends of the Library of Macon County raised over \$1,000,000 towards the new library.

The Friends of the Library Board asked Betty to serve as secretary and through this effort she became a volunteer at the Friends of the Library Book Store. Betty notes that her husband became a member also. Under Margaret Andrews's direction, Betty became part of the "backroom" team, preparing, cleaning, and pricing bountiful donations of books to sell in the bookstore.

Betty is dedicated to her volunteer position and states she works with a group of people who are willing to do what is necessary to benefit the library. To Betty, the goal of the Friends of the Library is to make money for the Library to continue programs, purchase books, and update equipment.

"We have a beautiful Library and it is comforting to make a small contribution to that end," Betty replies with a smile.

Peggy Sherman

Peggy Sherman has spent the past year volunteering at the Macon County Library, shelving books and doing other necessary tasks asked of her.

Two years ago Peggy and her husband retired and moved to Franklin. Being an avid reader all her life Peggy wanted to be involved with the library. She stated she loves to learn of new authors and read, read, read.

She was so impressed by the abundance of books and activities the library offered. "The personnel and patrons of the library are very friendly, outgoing, and helpful.

There is a new activity available at the library. On Friday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. an adult coloring group meets. Peggy was one of the people instrumental in its coming about. Peggy invites everyone to come out and color! It is a great stress reliever and fun socializing.

"I have made wonderful friends with the staff and public patrons; this library is like heaven to me." She said enthusiastically.



Children Got on the Path to Math at the Library

The Macon County Public Library presented "Get on the Path to Math" on Thursday, April 21st in the youth services area of the library. "Get on the Path to Math" was an official event of the 2016 North Carolina Science Festival presented by the Biogen Foundation.

"Get on the Path to Math" was an all-day event designed to get children (and parents) excited about math. The day started with a math-themed storytime for children from 0-5 years old that focused on counting, shapes, patterns and other beginning math skills. In the afternoon, homeschool children enjoyed a hands-on math program, where they constructed 3-D geometry, played fraction bingo and completed spy training. At 6:30 PM, children celebrated math with "Math Party Time."

As an official 2016 North Carolina Science Festival event, the Macon County Public Library was among hundreds of community-based events that showcased STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) activities for the citizens of North Carolina.

Founded in 2010, the North Carolina Science Festival is the first statewide science festival in the United States. Through a two-week series of community-based events each spring (hosted by schools, colleges, libraries, museums, parks, businesses and other local organizations), the Festival celebrates the economic, educational and cultural impact of science in North Carolina.

"Science is fun, science is everywhere, science is for everyone — that's what the North Carolina Science Festival is all about," said Jonathan Frederick, Festival director. The North Carolina Science Festival is presented by the Biogen Foundation and produced by Morehead Planetarium and Science Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For more information, visit www.ncsciencefestival.org.



Teens Craft Dungeons Board Game at the Library

"I just bought a donkey", said Jakob. "Don't forget the food," replied Matthew. Jakob Cress and Matthew Vargas are not talking about a donkey for a pet or a farm. Instead, they are on a mission for a role playing game they created themselves, called Dungeons. Matthew envisioned the game while in 5th grade and soon found an ally in Jakob, who



Get in the Game- Read! Summer Activities for Teens and Tweens

Think teens who spend their time at the library are the type to stay away from sports and fitness? Think again, because this year, Macon Library's tweens and teens are getting active... exercising their brains and their bodies! The 2016 theme for the Teen Summer Events is "Get in the Game—Read!" Tweens and teens will have the opportunity to register for a wide variety of programs. Some of the activities will be Game Night with Cyber Realms, Karaoke Night, Life-Sized Pac-Man, Cooking Programs, a visit from Professor Whizzpop the magician, CrossFit Teen Machines with Franklin Health and Fitness, lots of outdoor games, Anime Club and more.

New for this year, the summer format will be camp style, entitled "Camp All-Star" and teen programs will have different categories they fall under, such as "Sports and Recreation," "Team-Building," "Arts & Crafts," and more.

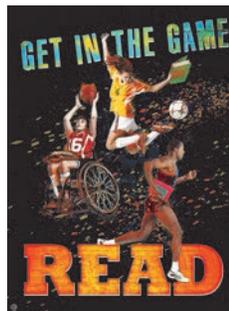
As always, the summer teen programs include optional participation in a Reading Contest. The teens who spend the most hours reading this summer and log their hours online, will receive gift cards. Everyone who participates will receive prizes and hardcover books. More information about participation in the Reading Contest will be available during the first week of teen programs.

Tween and teen programs will be scheduled from 3:30-5:30 on Wednesdays, various evening times on Thursdays and from 2:00-4:00 on Fridays. "Get in the Game—Read" with "Camp All Star" will begin on June 15th and end on July 28th.

enjoys inventing games as well. The boys, now 12, ask Mom to bring them to the library on Saturdays, and work most of the day on the game. They plot new scenarios, make up creatures such as the Exploding Sheep Turtle, or the Crocabearmoose and figure out new ways to get game money and weapons.

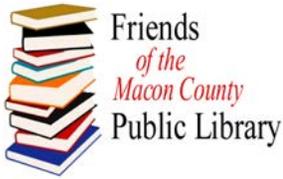
When Mom comes to pick them up, they usually beg to stay at the library just a little longer. Both boys enjoy reading and listening to medieval and fantasy books. They are fans of the Hobbit and the Percy Jackson movies which they sometimes use as a reference guide, along with Dungeons and Dragons, the iconic game from the 70's. Michael Vargas, Matthew's older brother, is a big influence on the game, offering ideas and even has plans to make clay figures of Matthew's monsters to be used as playing pieces in the game. Dungeons is not the only game the boys have created. They have also created games about pirates, zombies, and mannequins. Matthew got the idea for the mannequin game while visiting Bolivia recently.

It is probably no surprise that games are popular with youth, however role playing games and board games that use physical playing pieces have made a comeback in recent years. Video games are still quite popular, but many tweens and teens enjoy the aspect of being able to sit down with friends and play an old standby like chess or Monopoly. Or in the case of Matthew and Jakob, the opportunity to be creative and produce their own game. This summer, Macon Library, as well as libraries across the country, are catering to the idea of tweens and teens and their love of games, by offering video and board game days, coding programs, role playing events, and good old fashioned outdoor games that get tweens and teens moving. Tweens and teens can register for the free summer program, "Get in the Game—Read!" and pick up a calendar of events in early June at Macon Library.



Readers of all ages will explore all things games, exercise and sports this summer as the Macon County Public Library presents "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read" during their summer library program. Activities will include yoga, karate, soccer, art projects, science and engineering experiments, and more. The 2016 Summer Reading Program is open and free to young people, babies through young adult, with programs, prizes, storytimes, and more.

The Summer Reading fun for kids gets started on June 13th. Check for upcoming events on our website <http://www.fontanalib.org/franklin/children> or call the Children's Department at 828-524-3600.



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