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MISTER OWITA'S GUIDE TO GARDENING

*How I Learned the
Unexpected Joy of a Green Thumb
and an Open Heart*
CAROL WALL

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Words from the President....

This will be the last time you hear from me as President. I turn the gavel over to a new president on June 4th. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your President. I hope many of you who would like to volunteer will consider the Friends of the Library or the Library. The Friends is a fantastic organization. We provide an outstanding Bookstore for the community, and through this Bookstore, provide additional funding to the Library. We hope you will continue to support the Bookstore and our other fundraisers so that we can continue to support the Library.

Last, but certainly not least, a very big THANK YOU to all the volunteers that make the Friends what it is today. We could not do it without you. To the Board Members, you are wonderful to have put up with me all these years....it has been a joy for me.

See you all at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 4th. Don't miss the special presentation of the highly acclaimed book, *Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening*. Copies of the books will be on sale, with proceeds benefiting the Friends. Members of the Friends, we hope you will come to participate in the elections of new officers.

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Help Needed!

How about becoming an active Friends of the Library member and be a volunteer? The Friends Bookstore needs more helpers to cashier.

Shifts are for 1/2 day (approximately 4 hours) once/week OR on an "as needed for shifts" basis. We try to work around other activities and volunteer duties for which you might have committed. Training will be provided. Physical requirements are: able to stand, walk about, and light lifting for the entire shift.

Volunteering is rewarding! Books are fun! People who love books are our customers and they, too, are fun and interesting. Pick up a volunteer application at the Bookstore today. If you are not yet a member, then pick up both, a membership and a volunteer application.

Membership Report

New Members

Judith Moyer, Hoyt B. Massey,
Macon Program for Progress

New Life Members **Nancy L. Brandon**

Bronze	19
Silver	17
Gold	4
Platinum	4
Senior	8
Life	82

Old Levels

Individual	52
Double	28
Family	19
Patron	1
Corporate	1
Total Membership	235

Challenge: Friends Reach Summit!

Thanks to your generous donations, matched by the Friends of the Library, the library's meeting room will have new Audio-Visual equipment this summer.

Donors watched the hiker climb towards the summit by making donations small and large. The Friends doubled the \$5000 given by community members to reach the summit goal of \$10,000. Everyone will benefit from the success of the challenge by having access to the new AV equipment whenever they use the library's meeting room.



Thanks to all of our donors and grantors for their generosity.

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a non-profit organization.

Our Mission: We are dedicated to assisting our Library with funds raised by the sale of donated 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 resources and services.

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MACON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY LIAISON

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Website: www.fontanalib.org

Looking for the Secret of Life? Come to the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting for a Glimpse!

Join the Friends of the Library on Sunday, June 4th at 2:00 pm for a special presentation of *Mister*

Owita's Guide to Gardening: How I Learned the Unexpected Joy of a Green Thumb and an Open Heart.

In this profoundly moving memoir, Mister Owita teaches author Carol Wall how to find grace amid heart-break and to accept that beauty exists because it is fleeting—as in her garden, as in life.

Giles Owita, a Kenyan-born landscape designer, took on the arduous task of rehabilitating Wall's neglected yard in Roanoke, Virginia. Carol's husband Dick Wall will be at the Macon County Public Library in Franklin to share Carol's poignant story of the two unlikely friends affirming life within the eventuality of death. Copies of the book will be available for purchase, with proceeds of the sales going to the Friends of the Library.

Wall received her third cancer diagnosis in 2013, just a few months before *Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening* was published. The book was published to critical acclaim, named one of the top ten books of 2014 by *USA Today* and one of the best books of 2014 by AARP. *People Magazine* gave the book 4 stars. Recently, Carol and Dick's story and a book review appeared in an article on www.parade.com.

Carol passed away in December 2014, just nine months after publication.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the Library at 828-524-3600 or visit www.maconlibraryfriends.org or www.fontanalib.org/franklin.



FRIENDS OF THE MACON COUNTY LIBRARY PRESENT

BOOKS ON TAP

Are You Ready?

We hope you are because our 3rd Annual Books on Tap event at the Lazy Hiker Brewery is being planned for September 21, 2017. Again, this is a fundraiser for the Library. . . and lots of fun! Mark your calendars and look for the publicity in the near future.

See you there!!!!!!

Library closings:
 Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day
 Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day
 Monday, September 4th for Labor Day
 Friday, September 29th for Safety & Security Training

Spring Cleaning Makes Everything Sparkle

It's been a year since Annette Floreani organized volunteers to clean, paint and move furniture and books into our fresh new Bookstore digs at 115 Highlands Road. And we've gotten nothing but compliments on our beautiful store ever since!

But it was time for a good deep cleaning....so Annette rounded up another work party and we swabbed the decks, wiped off shelves, and busted every dust bunny in sight.

A crew of us met on Sunday afternoon, March 26th, to bring the *shine* back to the bookstore for another year. We worked up a sweat! In just over 2 hours, we were proud to have the store spiffed up again. You really need to come by and check it out! And if you see a NEW dust bunny....we have a push broom that we can loan to you!



Bargain Hunters Delight in Bookstore Treasure Map!

If you like hunting for a bargain, we have just the thing for you! Fontana Regional Library's "Used Book Stores Locations Map" is a treasure map, guiding you in finding any of the five used bookstores operated by the volunteers of the Friends of the Library in Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties.

A locations map highlights these five locations, along with a short summary of details and hours of operation for each Bookstore. Stop by the Library or the Friends Bookstore for your trail to treasure!

To further support the Macon County Public Library, the Macon Friends continue to place this brochure in local hotel/motel lobbies and campground offices for visitors to our beautiful county.

Bookstore Locations:



Sylva: 536 West Main Street, Sylva, NC 28779
828-586-1221



Bryson City: 32 Everett Street, Bryson City, NC 28713
828-488-5655



Cashiers: 249 Frank Allen Road, Cashiers, NC 28717
(located in the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library)
(828-743-0215 - Cashiers Library)

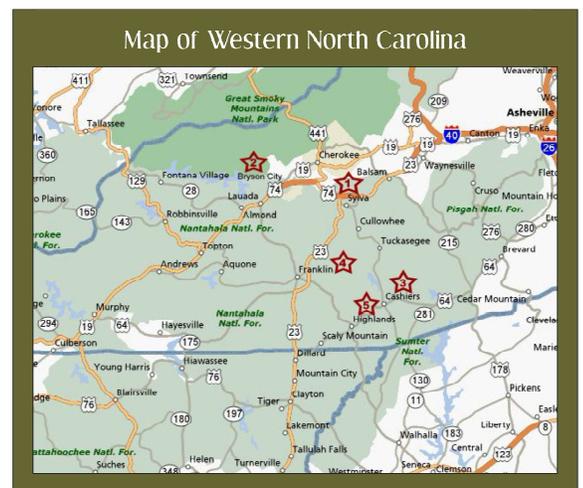


Franklin: 121 Highlands Road, Franklin, NC 28734
(828-524-3600 - Macon County Public Library)



Highlands: 555 E. Main Street Highlands, NC 28741
(828-526-3031 - Hudson Library)

Further details and hours of operation for each Bookstore are on the reverse side.



FOL Bookstore Can Now Accept Debit and Credit Cards

If you've been in the Friends of the Library Bookstore recently, you may have noticed a big change at the desk. At the beginning of April we upgraded from our old cash register to a new Square system. You may have seen or used others around town or in your travels. Ours runs using an iPad and looks lovely as you walk in the door.

We'll continue to accept cash and checks, but thanks to the new Square system, we can now also take credit and debit cards. Stop by and see us!

Margaret Andrews Retires As Bookstore Chair

Retiring??? I prefer to think of it as “more time at home” and “less time at the bookstore!” Back in 1989 when I moved to Franklin, one of the first things I did was get my library card. Then a friend commented that she was a member of the Friends of the Library, and I said, “Sure, I’ll join.” Soon after, I found myself addressing envelopes for a fundraising for the addition to the Library. Little did I know that I’d go on to be president of the Friends from 1996-1998. And that I’d be the Mountain Area representative to



the statewide Friends of North Carolina Libraries.

In the early 1990s, the Friends decided that once a year book sales were not enough. Not only that, they were paying to store the donated books until it was time for the sale. Lo and behold, the idea of a Bookstore was born. Maethel Shindleman was chairman of this project and we were soon on our way.

Our first store was during the summer months only downtown Franklin. We quickly outgrew that

and moved to a full-time, year-round store that opened in April 1992. This was located at the Westgate Plaza Shopping Center and proved to be a success.

After a brief period of selling books in the lower level of the Library on Wayah Street, we moved our Bookstore to the Highlands Road location in 2001. Now in their our second location in the Shops at Riverwalk site, we’ve enjoyed being part of the Highlands Roads merchants.

I’ve enjoyed meeting and working with all of my “Friends” at the Bookstore and with all of the Board members. I have learned so much – about books and people!

Breakfast Held Honoring Volunteers

The morning of April 27th found volunteers from the Macon County Public Library and Friends Bookstore enjoying a special breakfast together. They were being honored for their many hours of unpaid work benefitting patrons of the Library, the Bookstore, and ultimately, the Macon County community at large.

Volunteers and guests were welcomed by Vice-President of the Friends, Sally Dyar, who commended the volunteers for their generous service. Librarian Karen Wallace introduced Mayor Bob, and Mrs. Scott, and Alderman Barbara McRae as special guests. Everyone enjoyed the breakfast buffet, organized by Roberta Swank and company. Wallace gave a brief history of the Library, highlighting benefactors from the past who made individual monetary donations that allowed our community to have a viable library from grass roots devotees’ donations. This is the ten year anniversary of the Library’s new building, and Wallace

encouraged everyone to let County and Town elected officials know what the Library means to them.

As a way to further thank the volunteers, Wallace asked each volunteer to choose a book to be dedicated to the Library in their honor.



Members Attend NC Friends Meeting

A spring meeting of the Friends of the North Carolina Public Libraries was held in Hayesville, NC on Saturday, March 25th. Many of the Friends from the Macon Library attended this meeting. Moss Memorial Library Friends hosted this meeting and it was informative, fun, and time to talk to each other during an open forum discussion and a great lunch. Caroline Shephard, North Carolina State Librarian was one of the speakers and discussed State funding and how important a Friends group is to each individual Library. Think about joining us next year!

Tween/Teen Summer Events will run June 7th to July 27th and will include three exciting programs

EPIC (Each Person Is Creative) is a teen-created group that focuses on art, drama and writing. No special skill is required, just a willingness to collaborate and create. EPIC will also enjoy inspirational visits from artists, writers and actors. All participants will be working together to create a July 27th showcase, demonstrating how we can “Build A Better World” through the arts. EPIC will continue to meet after the summer and will be working on a

theater production slated for December.

Teen Reach, a service project group will be meeting on Thursdays and will be learning about the community garden, writing to Seniors, collecting donations for a Children’s Hospital and learning other ways they can be active in their community. This group will also focus on career paths and will feature a visit from a talented architect.

Anime Club will meet on Fridays and tweens, teens and young adults will enjoy watching anime, learning about Japanese culture and more. Register at the library or online through the library’s website.

And as always, there will be an **Online Reading Contest** for prizes. For more info, e-mail maconteens@fontanalib.org or call the library at 524-3600.

Children to “Build a Better World” This Summer at MCPL

Readers of all ages will explore engineering, science, art and design, and community service this summer as the Macon County Public Library presents “Build a Better World” during their summer library program. Activities will include science and engineering experiments, hands-on art and

design, planetarium shows and more. The 2017 Summer Learning Program is open and free to young people, babies through young adult, with programs, prizes, storytimes, and more.

By having an active, hands-on, fun summer learning program, the library’s goal is to prevent the “summer slide” for local children. According to the National Summer Learning Association:

- All young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer. Research spanning 100

years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer (White, 1906; Heyns, 1978; Entwisle & Alexander 1992; Cooper, 1996; Downey et al, 2004).

- More than half of the achievement gap between lower- and higher-income youth can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities. As a result, low-income youth are less likely to graduate from high school or enter college (Alexander et al, 2007).

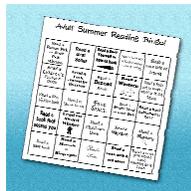


Not Just For Children!

Summer Reading Programs are not just for children. We are planning a fun Adult Summer Reading Bingo activity for our adult patrons.

Following the rules of bingo, patrons will be asked to complete a bingo card by reading the suggestions of books on the bingo squares. When a player has covered five grid spaces on their card, bring the bingo card to the library for a prize. If patron completes the entire card, they will get a special prize. All books count including ebooks, audio books, and books read aloud.

Adult Summer Reading Bingo runs June 1st through August 31st.



Silver Arts Show Displayed at Library

The Arts Council of Macon County sponsored the 2017 North Carolina Senior Games / SilverArts. The SilverArts (Visual, Heritage, Literary and Performing) are the spiritual and mental side of the Senior Games. A juried arts show celebrates these creative expressions of North Carolina seniors.

This year, due to remodeling work being done at the traditional venue of the Franklin

Community Center, the art show portion of the SilverArts was hosted at the Macon County Public Library. The art was on display in the main central area of the Library (the “Living Room”) May 1 and May 2.

Want to see the winners? Check for the photos of the winning entries in each category by visiting Library’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MaconCoPL





Science to Eclipse MCPL August 21

As MCPL is located within the direct path of the 2017 total solar eclipse, the library will celebrate by hosting an Eclipse Science Festival on Monday, August 21st from 1-4 PM. MCPL was awarded an American Astronomical Society Juliana Steinheider Duncombe grant to purchase "science stations" to engage the public in eclipse and astronomy education. In addition, Fontana Regional Library was selected as a Carolinas Solar Eclipse Party Host by the UNC Morehead Planetarium. As an official eclipse party host, two MCPL staff members attended training on May 8th at Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute in Rosman, NC. At this training, they received an eclipse kit with 13 different activities, participated in activity demos, and were given an overview about the eclipse. Finally, MCPL was awarded 1000 free eclipses glasses from STARNet to ensure safe viewing for our eclipse science festival participants. Regardless of weather, science is sure to eclipse the day!

Franklin Native Eddie Ray and the NC Music Hall of Fame

The Macon County Public Library is pleased to welcome Franklin, NC native Eddie Ray as he shares stories from his years in the music industry.

As a teenager in the early 1940's, Ray had to leave Franklin in order to finish high school. He went on to become a record company executive, record producer, songwriter, author, and is currently Operation Director and Vice Chairman of the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame Museum in Kannapolis, North Carolina. (northcarolinamusichalloffame.org/) Kristina Moe and her husband,

Justin, visited the museum and met Eddie Ray earlier this year, and together decided that our library would be the perfect place to help promote the museum in our part of the state. We're collaborating to display pieces of the exhibit during June and July, showcasing WNC musicians who have been inducted into the NC Music Hall of Fame. Mr. Ray will join us on Thursday, June 8th to speak about the NCMHOF and his personal history.

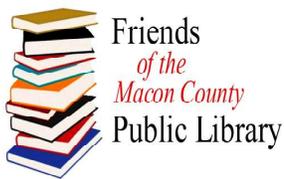
Later in the month, while the exhibit is still here, Justin Moe will present another DJ music night, this time

spinning records by musicians with roots and ties to North Carolina.



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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes! Sign me up as a NEW Friend of the Macon County Public Library

I want to help our public library. Sign me up as a NEW member of the Friends of the Library in the following category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Membership
\$15 a year | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Membership
\$25 a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Membership
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\$100 a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership
\$250 one payment | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Membership
\$10 a year |

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- I understand that my membership card will be issued in accordance with Friends of the Macon County Public Library procedures.

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