

FOLIO

Newsletter Of The Friends Of The Macon County Public Library

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Happy Holidays



Words from the President....

Just imagine....in 4 more years the Friends of the Macon County Public Library organization will be 50 years old. It was established in 1971 by forward-looking individuals who saw the great value of promoting literacy and providing a vehicle for exploring the far reaches of the world. Some of those folks are still around here, and I bet they are amazed and pleased at what our Macon County Public Library offers to EVERYONE in our community! It was a worthy project then....and still is!

May I encourage you to volunteer at the Library or at the Bookstore? It takes a little bit of time, a little bit of training, and then you, too, can reap the satisfying benefits of serving your/our community. -- Sally Dyar

Membership Report

New Members

Gwen Bradley, Lesa Bruger, Mary Jo Dodd, Bonnie O. Haff, Robert M. Haff, Emma Mathis, Bill & Karen McMullen, Deborah Riecks, Sharon Sellers, Eric Steg, Sue Steg, BJ Woodard, Linda York-Wood

New Life Members **Annette Floreani**
Elena Marsh

Bronze	44
Silver	45
Gold	12
Platinum	4
Senior	16
Life	83

Old Levels

Individual	14
Double	6
Family	6
Patron	1
Total Membership	231

Change in Saturday Bookstore Hours:

It has been noted by the Saturday afternoon cashiers at the Bookstore that very few customers come to the Bookstore after 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

We will start winter hours on November 4th until the end of March, 2018. Closing will be at 1:30 p.m., the usual time for the second shift to start the afternoon hours. Monday through Friday hours will continue to be 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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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.

THE FRIENDS OF THE MACON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

President: Sally Dyar

Vice President: Barbara McLellan

Secretary: Sharon Velten Sellers

Treasurer: Vivian Kuhn

Bookstore Treasurer: Shirley Scott

Directors:

Gwen Bradley, Bill McMullen, Walter Pope, Gene Young

Immediate Past President: Ann McCormick

Bookstore Administrator: Bookstore Committee

Website: www.maconlibraryfriends.org

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bookstore Committee:

Betty Bulgin, Nancy Lynch, Nancy Kershaw,

Annette Floreani, Grace Johnson

Finance Committee: Vivian Kuhn, Shirley Scott

Historian: Cathryn Sill

Hospitality: Karen McMullen

Membership: Max West

Programs: Roberta Swank

Publicity/Folio: Open

Volunteer Recruiter/Trainer: Nancy Kershaw

Bookstore Volunteer Scheduler: Annette Floreani

Web Coordinator: Open

MACON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY LIAISON

Karen Wallace, County Librarian

Website: www.fontanalib.org

More Little Free Libraries To Open Soon

Little Free Libraries are popping up all over Macon County! Friends of the Library have provided books and funding for several of these

Crawford Senior Center Sign

**Little Free Library,
Take a Book, Leave a Book**

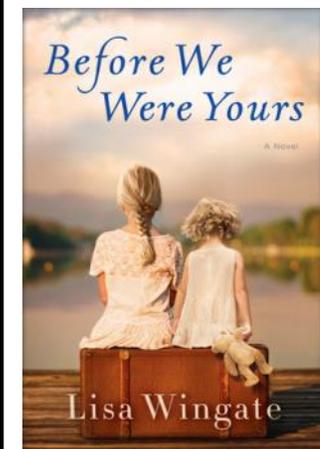


Little Free Libraries. You can “take a book and leave a book” at the Little Libraries found in front of the Franklin Town Hall, Iotla Methodist Church, Holly Springs Community Building, Otto Community Development Building, and Mulberry Methodist Church in Otto. Soon you’ll be able to find books at Little Libraries near Union Academy and inside the Crawford Senior Center.

Many community organizations and businesses have contributed to the success of these Little Free Libraries. Volunteer stewards make sure the libraries are well stocked and maintained so that citizens and visitors to Macon County will always find something to read.

Union Academy Sign

**In Honor of
John and Betty Huffman**



Bestselling Author Visits Macon Library

Bestselling author Lisa Wingate made a visit to the Macon Library in September. Her latest book, *Before We Were Yours*, is novel based on one of America’s most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country in the 1930’s and 1940’s that. Lisa shared the findings of her research and read passages from the book during her visit.

Friends of the Library provided light refreshments as part of this special “Books and Bites” program. Books Unlimited provided copies of Lisa’s books for sale. More than 50 people were on hand to enjoy the event.

Bookstore news...

Be sure to notice our wonderful new sign at the Bookstore! It was done by Brian Sellers of **Seller's Sign Co** and it looks great! We appreciate the speed with which he created it and got it in place!

Bookstore Volunteers:

Thanks to our great group of Bookstore Supervisors: Betty Bulgin, Nancy Lynch, Nancy Kershaw, Annette Floreani, and Grace Johnson. They all work hard and don't get nearly the recognition and appreciation they deserve.

Special thanks goes to our hard-working cashiers who keep the customers coming back--thanks gang! And kudos to our selfless, never-seen cleaners in the back (who get NO recognition!) Without each of you, it would not be possible to run a bookstore that is open 6 days a week, with a constant overturn of stock.

We are also currently very much in need of more volunteers for work at the cash register. If you are interested at all, please come by the store and get a Volunteer application. You work 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m....only a half day! And only as many times a month as you wish.



Library Closings:

Thanksgiving Holiday: November 23rd & 24th, 2017
 Christmas Holiday: December 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th, 2017
 New Years Holiday: January 1st, 2018
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 15th, 2018

Retirement.....

What does that mean. I retired once from the State of Louisiana, and my husband (Guy) and I moved to Franklin. I realized that I was not ready to retire.....so I went to the Library on Wayah Street to see if I could volunteer. I thought this would be a nice place to work, and, as it turned out, Karen asked if I would like to come to work for pay!! I worked part-time and have continued in that status since 2003..... wow, 14 years.

I have to admit this has been the best job I ever had. Surrounded by a beautiful library and good co-workers. Also, I have met many people who use the Library.

I also had the pleasure of serving the Friends of the Library as their President for several years. Exciting years for me, helping the Board and Book Store into the 21st Century. This organization does outstanding work in providing the Library with additional funding.

Some people have asked me “what will you do now”..... I answer, who knows. I plan on continuing my volunteer work at the Book Store and on the FOL Board. Also, I plan to work out every day (maybe) to keep my body and brain in good condition. Travel more to see family and friends, and most important, will be to see my grandsons more often in Minnesota. I’m looking forward to that.

I cannot say “thank you” enough for all your support during the good times, and also the bad. Y’all are super!!!! -- Ann McCormick



Visit the Children’s Department to meet our newest additions

Welcome to the library

Our New Friends



Stormy



Stella



Charlotte



Luna



Books on Tap Fundraiser

Thursday, September 21st was a hectic day, leading up to an even busier evening. Why? Well, if you don't know (and especially if you DO know), put a note on your 2018 calendar to attend our Fourth Annual Books on Tap event in September. It's our year's biggest fundraiser for the Macon County Library!

Lenny Jordan and Ken Murphey of the Lazy Hiker Brewery, very generously allow us to hold our **Books on Tap** extravaganza there, aimed at raising funds for our Macon County Public Library.

As usual, FOL volunteers prepared a wonderful selection of hors d'oeuvres and

sweets, while the brewery provided craft beers and a selection of wines for our evening's enjoyment. We entertained a large crowd, friends visited with friends, and most folks bought a few dollars' worth of tickets for the 50/50 drawing. The winner happened to be one of our faithful bookstore volunteers, Betty Bulgin, who most generously donated her half of the money back to the Library! What could be better!



All told, we raised over \$3500. Thanks again to volunteers who made it all happen, to our hosts at Lazy Hiker, and to the many guests who bought tickets and made it a worthwhile event. See you again next year!

Thankful for Books

Reading is an essential part of every child's life. To show support and help prove that "Reading Matters in Macon County," local restaurants had books available for families to enjoy while they dined. Many restaurants donated a portion of the proceeds made on November 16th to Read2Me to continue their mission of getting books in the hands of children.



Friends of the Library Love a Challenge!

The Friends of the Library recently challenged community members to help raise the money needed to replace audio-visual equipment in the meeting room of the Macon County Public Library. The community responded with generous donations which were then matched by the Friends to reach the \$15,000 goal.

When the Nantahala Community Library needed new equipment this summer for their community room, the Friends were ready for another challenge! The \$1400 goal was reached quickly with generous donations from community members and matched by the Friends. The new 65 inch curved HD TV was installed in October. This equipment allows community



members to enjoy movies, share adventures from all over the world, training, and lots more.

Many thanks to the donors and Friends who gave generously to both libraries for the new equipment.

4th Annual Read Local Book Fair



Over 300 people visited with 30 local authors during the Library's 4th annual Read Local Book Fair. Readers had their choice of ghost stories, mysteries, romances, local history, children's books, outdoor adventure, and lots more as they made the rounds to the author booths. Books Unlimited provided copies of books for sale.

The Book Fair was held in September this year, rather than November as in years past, to try and capture more of our seasonal population. Attendance and book sales improved over last year, so be on the lookout for this event next September!

This event supports our local economy with book sales of local authors, as well as creating a community event highlighting books and reading. With the holiday season approaching, don't forget to "shop local" by supporting our local authors and bookstore.

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Do you know someone who loves to read but can't read regular printed materials because of a visual or physical disability? The Library can help! Free services are available to eligible patrons of all ages. More than 50,000 books are available in audio, large print, and braille. There are a variety of magazines in audio and braille format. And these are all delivered to your door postage paid!



The North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NCLBPH) is a special public library that circulates books and magazines especially made for persons who cannot use regular printed material because of a visual or physical disability. The library is located in Raleigh, but mails materials throughout the state. The NCLBPH is a state agency operated by the State Library of North Carolina as a part of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. It is also a part of the network of regional libraries operated by the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS).

Call or stop by the Macon County Public Library to learn more about this free service.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

The Library works with Read2Me and the Literacy Council of Highlands to help sponsor the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for all Macon County children from birth to age 5. Dolly's program provides age-appropriate books each month directly to preschool children who live in Macon County.

While books are provided to each child free, sponsors cover a cost of \$30 per child each year. Friends of the Library have provided funds to sponsor several children in Macon County. Can you sponsor one or more children and give the gift of reading? Make this a Christmas present to a local child by contributing \$30 or whatever you can to help. All of the money donated goes directly to the Dolly Parton effort. For more information, contact staff at the Library.



A Spooktacular Halloween at the Library



The Annual Halloween Costume Parade was bigger than ever! Children were encouraged to come in costume and trick or treat in the Library. Scary stories got 125 preschoolers and their parents in the mood before they ventured on a path through the Library. Visitors from the Crawford Senior Center helped volunteers and library staff hand out treats for princesses, superheroes, animal characters, and even a backhoe!

Celebrating the Holidays:



Don't forget the Library and the Friends of the Library Bookstore have books, magazines, and more to help you enjoy the holiday season.

Santa, Songs, Stories and Snacks – Thanks to the FOL

The Macon County Public Library and the Friends of the Macon County Public Library will co-sponsor a Christmas themed storytime with Christmas caroling on Tuesday, December 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the living room of the library. The event will include Christmas stories, Christmas carols and a visit from Santa Claus. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, everyone can also enjoy cookies, juice and coffee. Also, all children will receive a free book from Santa Claus and are welcome to get their picture taken with Santa!

For school-aged children, we will hold a Christmas themed event at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5th. Kids are invited to wear their pajamas for a ride on the polar express. Again, thanks to the Friends of the Library, children can enjoy cookies and hot chocolate, while listening to Christmas stories and singing Christmas carols.



EPIC Christmas Spectacular...

Ah one, Ah two, Come and see a parody production of the Lawrence Welk Show entitled the *Ludwig Welk Show Christmas Spectacular* put on by Macon Library's Performing Arts Group, EPIC. This comedic show will feature singers, dancers and musicians as they put their own creative spin on the musical variety TV show popular from 1955-1971. This production will be a holiday treat with free all-ages shows on December 15th and 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Macon County Public Library. All fans of Lawrence Welk and those that would like to have fun and travel back to 1965 are welcome. It's wunnerful, wunnerful!





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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes!

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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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\$10 a year |

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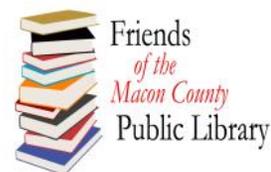
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