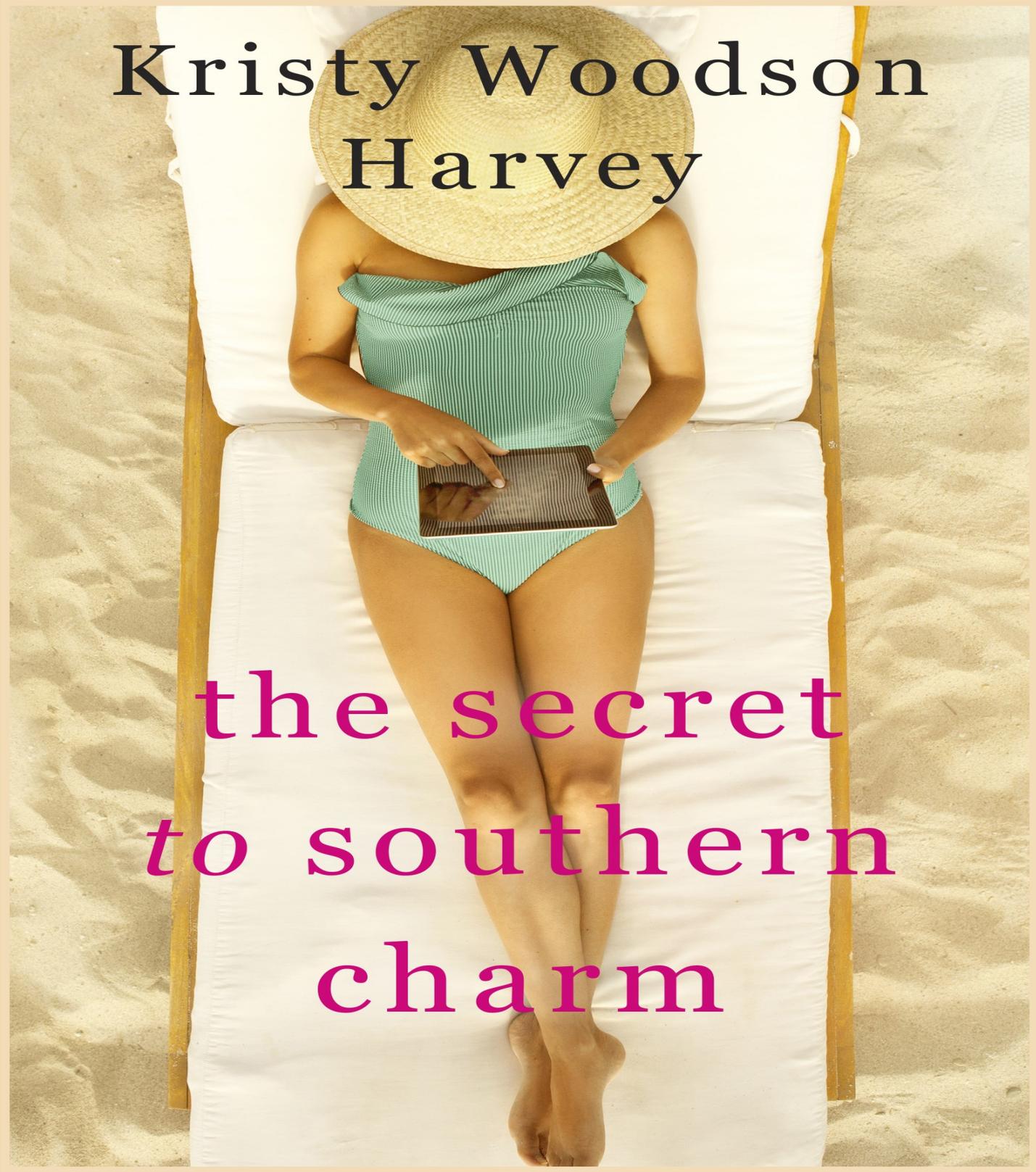


# FOLIO

Newsletter Of The Friends Of The Macon County Public Library 2018 - First Issue



Kristy Woodson  
Harvey

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## Words from the President....

**If I needed a job** and didn't have a computer, I'd go to the Library to fill out my applications....for you see, that's about the only way to apply for a job now. They have FREE computers and FREE Wi-Fi.

**If I wanted to listen to a new audiobook** while I take a trip, I'd *borrow* one from the Library because it's FREE. I could check out a CD or I could download an e-audiobook.

**If I wanted to borrow a book** that wasn't in my local Library, I could choose one from 6 million books in the Library Catalog and have it sent to me FREE at my Library. Or I could download an e-book for FREE.

**If I needed help** with learning how to use this new-fangled cell phone my kids gave me for Christmas, I'd ask those nice people at the Library to help me. They are knowledgeable...and they'll help me for FREE.

**If I wanted to enjoy a classic film** with friends...I'd check out the Library's weekly offerings....for FREE!

**If I wanted a comfortable place to read a magazine**, for which I don't want to pay subscription prices....I'd go to the Library. They have a wonderfully varied selection of over one hundred magazines....FREE.

**If I wanted to have a nice educational outing for with my grandchild**, I'd check out the Library's Children's Services. They have weekly readings, clubs, and activities for kids...even Big Kids....and Teens....for FREE.

**If I needed space for a meeting** for my favorite club, I'd contact the Library to see if their Meeting Room might be FREE for that date and time.

**And it's FREE, it's all FREE! And it's available to every person in Macon County....plus visitors!**

And while it's not *really* FREE, it's quite a bargain! Be sure to check out the article "**Good Return on Your Investment**" in this issue of the FOLIO.

-- Sally Dyar

## FOLIO

Published quarterly by the  
Friends of the Macon County Public Library, Inc.,  
115 Highlands Road., Franklin, NC 28734,  
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.

### THE FRIENDS OF THE MACON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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*Directors:*

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Gene Young, Jeff Clark

*Immediate Past President:* Ann McCormick

*Bookstore Administrator:* Bookstore Committee

*Website:* [www.maconlibraryfriends.org](http://www.maconlibraryfriends.org)

### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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### MACON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY LIAISON

Karen Wallace, County Librarian

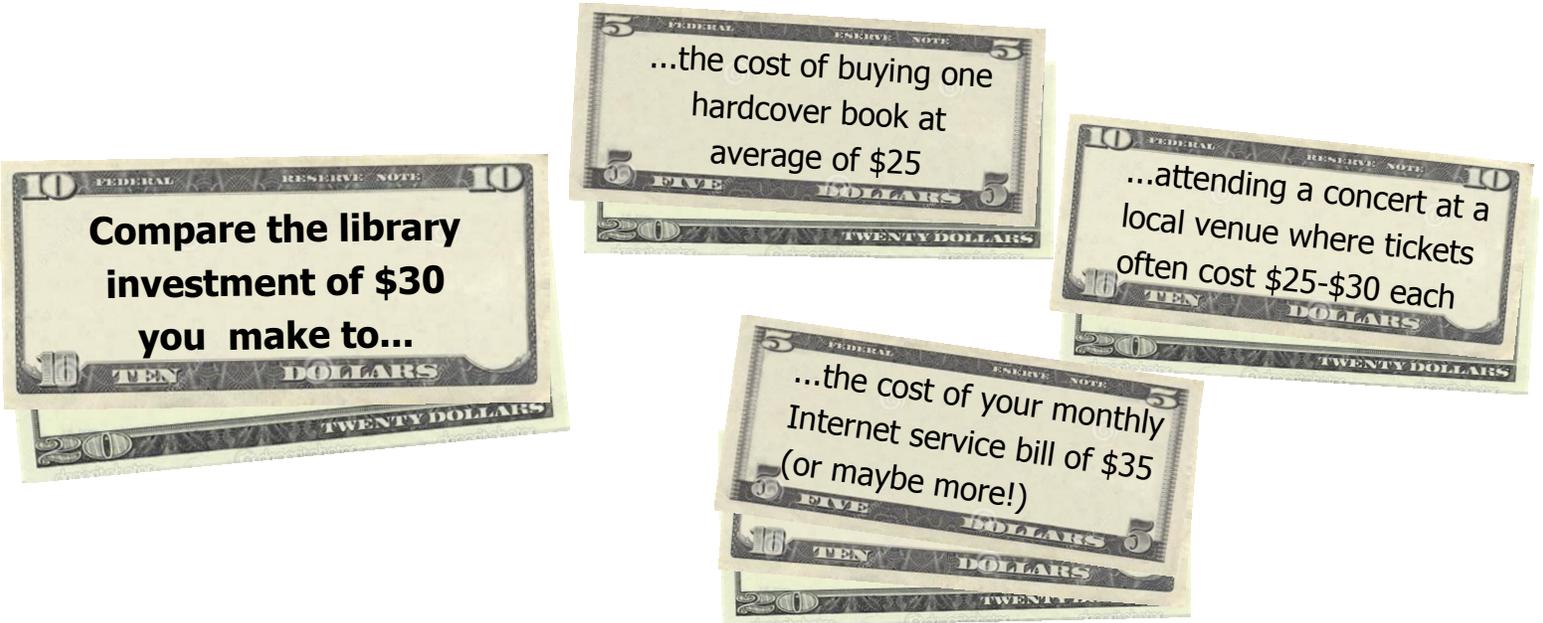
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# Good Return on Your Investment...

Is the Library a good investment? Does it save you money?

YES! "It keeps money in my pocket," a library user told us.

Macon County citizens invest about \$30 dollars per year in their public libraries. That includes county and state funding provided to the library to serve you.

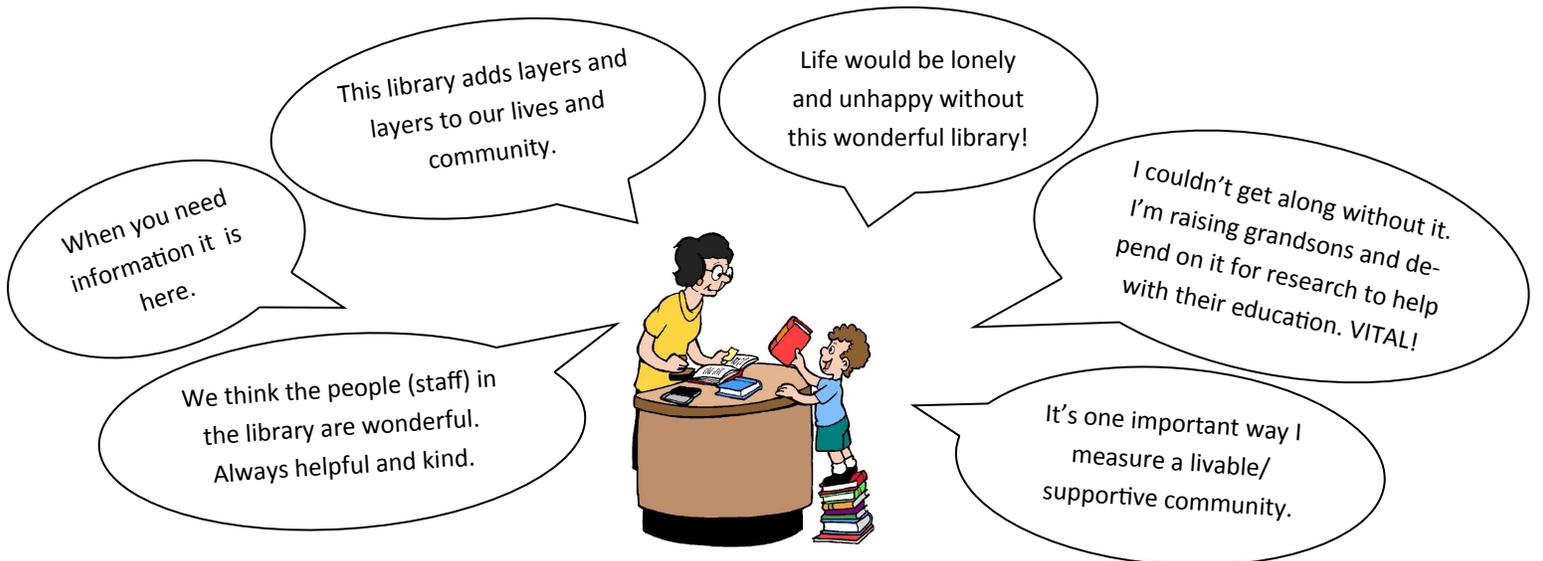


Macon County citizens make the most of their investment and we have the numbers to prove it! Library statistics from last year reveal that:

- 70,000 computer and wi-fi sessions were used
- 260,000 physical and digital items were checked out
- 43,000 people attended library and community events
- 190,000 visits were made during the 6000 hours Macon's libraries were open

**"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted, counts." William Bruce Cameron**

Here are some of the ways people say they count on the library:



## Books & Bites Features Author Kristy Woodson Harvey

Kristy Woodson Harvey is the newest author to be featured at Macon County Public Library's Books & Bites. Join us on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Noon for a talk by the author. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments and Books Unlimited will be on hand to sell copies of Kristy's books.

Kristy is the national bestselling author of *Dear Carolina, Lies and Other Acts of Love*, and the Peachtree Bluff Series, beginning with *Slightly South of Simple*. *Dear Carolina* was long-listed for the Pat Conroy Southern Book Prize and has been optioned for film. *Lies and Other Acts of Love* was a *Romantic Times* top pick, a Southern Booksellers Okra Pick and a finalist for the Southern Book Prize. *Slightly South of Simple* was a Southern Bestseller, a Barnes & Noble Bestseller, a Bookscan Bestseller, a PopSugar's pick for "Ultimate Summer Reading" and a Glitter Guide's "Must-Read."



Her much-awaited second novel in the popular and critically acclaimed Peachtree Bluff series will be released this Spring. *The Secret to Southern Charm* continues the story of interior decorator Ansley Murphy and her three grown daughters living with her at Peachtree Bluff, GA, as they face grief-stricken circumstances and work through the bonds of love to manage the traumas in their lives.

This Books & Bites event is free and open to all thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library.

### Membership Report

#### New Members

Dick Bryer, Gabrielle Byrd, Jeff Clark, Dana Daniels, Jeanne Hayes, Frank Oliver, Henry Horton, Pamela M. Simyon, Diana Kennedy, Kathryn Smith, Sonja Thompson

New Life Members ..... **San Ho Choi**

Bronze .....	50
Silver .....	56
Gold .....	14
Platinum .....	5
Senior .....	19
Life .....	84

#### Old Levels

Individual .....	5
Family .....	3

Total Membership ..... 236

### Latest Little Free Library Now Open

The latest Little Free Library in Macon County is located in the Crawford Senior Center. It was dedicated on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. This little library is a bit different than our previous installations. This one is inside the Senior Center at 108 Wayah Street in Franklin. It's a re-purposed pie-safe donated by past president of the Friends, Ann McCormick. Two custom signs identify the Little Library and its shelves are fully stocked with books.



### Library Closings:

Good Friday Holiday: March 30, 2018

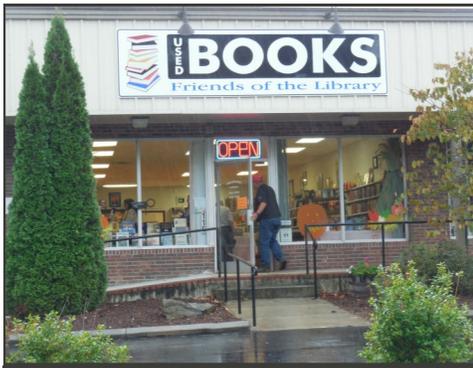
Memorial Day Holiday: May 28, 2018

### Donation of Memorial Bench

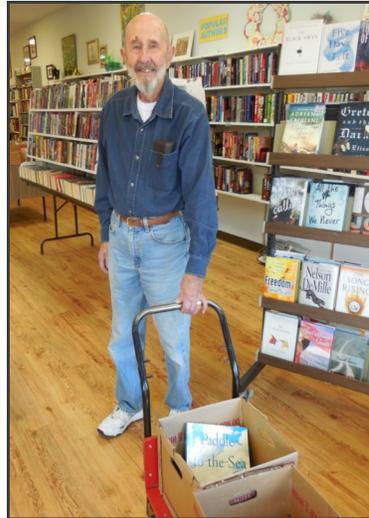
The family of Eva McCall has placed a beautiful bench in the library in Eva's memory. The bench was handcrafted by a member of her family. Eva was a well-known local Author and an avid library user.



# Pictorial story: How FOL Handles Book Donations...



Paton enters our store with a donation



Ron: Trucking donations to the back room



Grace: Checking publishing dates for pricing



Annette & Janet: Cleaning our books



Ann: Ready to shelve books



Jim & Bev:  
Alphabetizing books



Customers browsing our stock



Bev waiting on a customer

...come in for a visit.



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## Meet the Circulation Department Staff at the Macon County Public Library



### Irene Witherspoon:

Libraries draw the most interesting, intelligent people and my greatest joy is to converse with and serve them.



### Sharon Ruffner:

I like working the Circ desk because I get to interact with the public. I enjoy getting to know where they are from and what types of books they enjoy reading.



### Courtney Moses:

I love connecting with the community, whether it's helping someone find a book or movie to enjoy or just being there for someone. The library is another family and I'm proud to be a part of it.



### Tina Galloway:

Working at the library gives me the opportunity to meet all ages of people, and it is such a joy to see their faces light up with excitement when they find a great book.



### Melanie Waldroop:

One of the things I enjoy about working at the library, is helping a patron find new a new author. Most people, including myself, get stuck in reading one author. It is very rewarding, when someone comes back to tell you, how much they enjoyed the new author you found for them.



### Kerri Arbuthnot:

I enjoy helping members of our community in finding what they need or helping them discover something new that can improve their lives. Sometimes just finding a new author can brighten someone's day and that makes my day.



## Walking with Spring...

The 2018 Macon County Public Library's "Walking with Spring" series of movies and programs in partnership with the Nantahala Hiking Club and the Franklin Appalachian Trail Community corresponds with Franklin's Trail Days Celebration period as well as with thru-hiker season in Franklin. Events highlight the A.T., its hikers, and other outdoor activities and environmental issues. All programs are free and open to the public. For info call

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828-524-3600 or visit [fontanalib.org](http://fontanalib.org)

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**, 6:00 p.m. "myATstory" – Short films of inspiration from Appalachian Trail hikers and supporters feature ways the A.T. has changed their lives.

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 2:00 p.m. "myATstory" – Short films of inspiration from Appalachian Trail hikers and supporters feature ways the A.T. has changed their lives.

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 p.m. "Walking Home" Section hiker Bill Van Horn will present a program on section hiking with his wife, Sharon, from Springer Mountain, GA to Franklin, NC (AT 110).

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 p.m. "Hiking with Dogs" presentation by veterinarian Elizabeth DeWandeler

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 p.m. "The Flower Seeker" presentation by Bartram author Philip Lee Williams

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 p.m. "You Took the Kids Where? Adventuring While Your Children Are Young" talk with author Doug Woodward

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**, 2:00 p.m. "Appalachian Trail: An American Legacy" documentary by Sam Henegar

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 p.m. "Nantahala National Forest: a History" Author Marci Spencer will give a slide presentation on the history of areas to explore in Macon County- the Nantahala Ranger District- with Q&A afterwards. Books Unlimited will be selling Marci's book at the event.



## Macon County Public Library to Serve Up Some Science

Macon County Public Library (MCPL) will present Family Science Night: The Science of Food and Drink on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7PM. Family Science Night is an official event of the 2018 North Carolina Science Festival presented by the Biogen Foundation. MCPL was selected by the NC Science Festival Committee to receive a \$750 sponsorship to help fund the evening.

Family Science Night will incorporate the theme of *"The Science of Food and Drink"* and will provide participants with an easily recognizable connection of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) to their everyday lives. We will have a variety of fun and engaging science related activities, targeting different age groups and different interests.

In addition, as part of the NASA@ My Library grant, Family Science Night will feature a cosmic cuisine station, where attendees will get to sample and learn more about space food. The NASA@ My Library project is led by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute. Partners include the [American Library Association \(ALA\) Public Programs Office](#), Pacific Science Center, Cornerstones of Science, and Education Development Center. NASA@ My Library is made possible through the support of the [National Aeronautics and Space Administration \(NASA\) Science Mission Directorate](#) as part of its [STEM Activation program](#).

The event will be free and does not require registration. As an official 2018 North Carolina Science Festival event, Family Science Night is among hundreds of community-based events that are showcasing STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) activities for the citizens of North Carolina.



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](http://www.ncsciencefestival.org). For more information about Family Science Night, please contact the Macon County Public Library children's desk at 828-524-3600 or email [maconkids@fontanalib.org](mailto:maconkids@fontanalib.org).



## Macon County Public Library Shares the Magic of Books at Harry Potter Party

Children at the Macon County Public Library joined libraries and bookstores around the world to celebrate the fourth annual Harry Potter Book Night on February 1, 2018.

We shared the wonder of J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories and, most excitingly, introduced the next generation of readers to the unparalleled magic of Harry Potter.

The library was transformed into Hogwarts and everyone was encouraged to dress up as a Harry Potter book character for our costume contest.

Cristen Dando, director of youth services, said, 'It was so exciting to join up with schools, libraries, bookshops and community centers throughout the world to celebrate the fourth Harry Potter Book Night. We have always been fans of the Harry Potter books because they get so many children excited about reading.'

## Ludwig Welk Show Attracts a Crowd

The Ludwig Welk Show Christmas Spectacular, written and performed by the library's EPIC group, attracted crowds. The performance, set in 1965, was based on the Lawrence Welk TV variety show and contained comedic singing and dancing acts. Opening night saw well over 100 audience members and the show was enjoyed by young and old alike.

For more info on EPIC, e-mail [maconteens@fontanalib.org](mailto:maconteens@fontanalib.org).





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