

BookBytes



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Friends Annual Used Book Sale Will Begin May 1st

Each year the Friends of the Library sponsor a Used Book Sale to raise funds for programs and projects that support the library. And each year the sale seems to get a little bigger and better, thanks to donations from the community and thanks to book lovers in search of bargains. Last year's sale netted over \$1500.00 for Friends' projects.

Prices are truly affordable with paperbacks selling 10 for \$1.00, and hardbacks 4 for \$1.00. Specially priced items sell for \$1.00 and up, with sets of books individually priced also.

Here's the schedule for the May sale:

Saturday, April 30th, 2:00 p.m.
Sorting and pricing

Sunday, May 1st, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Special Preview Sale for Friends members
(memberships available at the door)



Look for this sign when the sale begins!

Monday, May 2nd-Friday, May 13th
Sale open during regular library hours

Volunteers will be needed to unpack and sort books on April 30th and to staff the cash box during the days of the sale. Anyone willing to help should call Elizabeth Martin at 635-9602.



The new branch library sign is a welcome addition to Ridgeway's main street.

Ridgeway Branch to Reopen in April

It took a year, but the Ridgeway Branch Library will reopen in a new location in April.

Ridgeway residents still think of the building as the "old liquor store," but the building at 175 S. Palmer Street will soon house books and computers. Owner Howard Mattox has worked closely with the library staff and county maintenance staff to get the building ready for the library. Fresh paint, new carpet, and of course a new sign (left) will welcome folks as they stroll down the street.

Although the collection will be a bit smaller in the new location, patrons will still be able to choose from paperback and hardback books, magazines, videos, and books on tape. Branch librarian Margot Kuebler will fill special requests as quickly as possible. The branch will also have four public computers with access to word processing and the Internet. Photocopying and fax service will be available as well.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

Change is hard.

This is what comes to my mind as we continue to tie up the loose ends of our software upgrade project. Our new Horizon software is much more flexible, has many new features, and makes our card catalog much fancier. Learning how to use it has not been easy.

How we react to change is a defining factor in our lives...especially in these fast-paced, technology-driven days. I wanted to use this space to praise some folks who have faced change and performed magnificently: our library staff. Every one of them tackled learning new processes and procedures cheerfully. As a result, our upgrade was accomplished smoothly, and, I

hope, with a minimum amount of inconvenience to our patrons.

Much of this was due to the calm leadership of Mike Poole, our system administrator. Mike handled everything from ordering and installing new equipment to loading software to tutoring staff. We couldn't have done this project without him.

So, my thanks to Beth, Bydester, Kevis, Marge, Margot, Sandy, Zelma, and especially Mike for handling change so well. I'm the luckiest library director in South Carolina to have such a great staff!

As always feel free to reach me by phone: 635-4971 or by email: sarah@fairfield.lib.sc.us

Just for Kids

- Come to Family Nights on April 7th and May 5th at 7:00 p.m.
- Join us at the Main Library for a Spring Story Hour Series on Tuesday afternoons: April 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 4:00 p.m.
- FUNtastic Reading!
Mark your calendar for the Summer Reading Kick-Off



Party on Saturday, June 4th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Main Library. Sign up for Summer Reading, have a hot dog, and participate in other fun activities.

Complete brochures for Summer Reading programs at the Main Library and the Ridgeway Branch will be available by May 1st

Read-In Scheduled for April 15th

Enthusiastic readers from Fairfield County Schools will gather at 10:00 a.m. at Fortune Springs Park on Friday, April 15, 2005, for the eighth annual Read-In sponsored by the Fairfield County Library, the Friends of the Library, and the Fairfield County School District. The students will participate in the Parade of Readers, the Reading Cheer Contest, and then will spend time reading before lunch. Tim Sonfelt will provide magical entertainment in the Old Armory.

You're invited! Come for the parade at 10:00 a.m., visit with the students, and join the fun! For more information, contact Elizabeth Myers at the library.



From the Friends

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library will be Sunday, April 17, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. at the library.

The program will be “**An Afternoon with Authors**” featuring four local authors. Each participant will introduce themselves and their book(s) and then will be available to meet and talk with the audience. Some of the authors will have books for sale and to sign.

The authors are:

- John Lyles-Belton, author of “A Year of Scrambling to Stay Alive in Vietnam: A Black Soldier’s Story”
- Lynda Allison Doty, author of numerous



fiction and non-fiction titles will be represented by her husband, George Doty

- Clyde T. McCants, author of “American Opera Singers and Their Recordings”
- Sharon Easley Williams, author of “Consider the Lilies”

A brief business meeting to elect officers will be held before the program.

Friends Annual Meeting
Sunday, April 17th ~ 4:00 p.m.

OUR NEW SOFTWARE...

On Wednesday, February 9th, the library went “live” with our new Horizon software from Dynix, Inc.

The most visible differences for patrons are the new flat screen monitors on the circulation desk and for the card catalog. The PC-based catalog now has colorful graphic screens that make searching for books a new experience. Features include book jacket art, sample book chapters, tables of contents, and links to book reviews for

many titles.

Behind-the-scene changes include the installation of two new servers. New circulation and cataloging software required the staff to learn new procedures.

The software project was made possible by a \$50,000 federal LSTA grant administered by the South Carolina State Library. Matching funds came from the South Carolina Education Lottery.

...BROUGHT US VISITORS



Left: Dynix trainer Betty Keller demonstrates a new procedure for staff member Kevis Wadlington.

Right: Jim Wilson, a founding partner in Dynix, Inc., with Sarah McMaster and Mike Poole during a visit to the library to check on the new software installation. Kathy Adams from Dynix looks on.



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Ridgeway Branch Library

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Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130
Phone/Fax: 803 337-2068
Hours: M-Th 2-6

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Library Events ~~~ April-June, 2005

Main Library

April 5, 12, 19, 26 at 4:00 p.m. Spring Story Hour

April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night

April 15 at 10:00 am Read-In in the Park

April 17 at 4:00 pm Friends Annual Meeting

May 2-13 Friends Book Sale (during library hours)

May 5 at 7:00 pm Family Night

June 4 from 10 am to 1 pm
Summer Reading Kick-off Party

June 7-July 14 Summer Reading Activities

Ridgeway Branch Library

May 5 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour

June 9-July 14 Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
Summer Reading Activities

*National Library Week:
April 10-16*

The Library Will Be Closed

Monday, May 30th
for
Memorial Day

