

BookBytes



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Friends Annual Used Book Sale Will Begin May 7th

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 \$1,000.00 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, May 6th, 2:00 p.m.
Sorting and pricing

Sunday, May 7th, 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 8th-Friday, May 19th
Sale open during regular
library hours

Volunteers will be needed to unpack and sort books on May 6th and to staff the cash box during the days of the sale. Anyone willing to help should call Elizabeth Martin at 635-9602 or Sarah McMaster at 635-4971.



Library Hires Architect to Plan Expansion

After undergoing a four-month long selection process, the Fairfield County Library Commission has engaged the services of Danny Shelley, A.I.A., of JDMS, Inc. in Sumter to develop plans for an expansion and renovation of the Main Library in Winnsboro.

Mr. Shelley has designed and helped construct public libraries in over a dozen counties in South Carolina including Lancaster, Lexington, and Chester. He has recently renovated and expanded an old post office into a new library for the town of York and is currently the architect in charge of the renovation and expansion of the Sumter County Library. A native of Latta, South Carolina, Mr. Shelley combines experience and talent with a deep appreciation for public library service in our state.

At the end of this planning process, the library will have a site plan, a floor plan, and renderings for the public to see which we hope will communicate a vision for what public library service in Fairfield County could become in the future.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

More books and media. More computers. Room for more children's programs. A meeting room for library and community programs. Quiet study space. Better seating. More staff work space. Longer evening and weekend hours.

These are part of our vision for how public library services in Fairfield County could look for the future.

As you have read on the front page of this newsletter, the Fairfield County Library Commission has contracted with Danny Shelley of JDMS, Inc., in Sumter to provide architectural services to help translate that vision into a design for an expanded and renovated Main Library.

The 6,000 square foot Main Library building will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2007. It's hard to believe.

When I started as librarian and helped organize the move in 1977, the library seemed unbelievably spacious! In the intervening years the library's collection has more than doubled, including all kinds of new media such as videos, DVD's, and books on cassette and CD. The number of residents with library cards has grown from 5100 to over 13,000 and our circulation of materials has jumped from 32,696 in 1997-98 to 81,975 in 2004-05.

And, of course, we have experienced the computer revolution! Thirty years ago, no one could

have imagined automated circulation systems, online card catalogs, or public access Internet workstations.

Our building design has served us well over the years. Its open plan has allowed us to add shelving and rearrange tables and chairs to accommodate computers and new media collections. But we have reached the limits of creative rearrangement...we cannot add shelving without taking away seating and program space, and we cannot add computers without more electrical capacity.

So we are beginning to plan for the future. After considering several options, the library board decided that our current location best serves the community and that we have adequate land to expand here if we plan creatively. Over the next several months, the library board, the staff, and our architect will work toward developing a building design that will help us meet our goals for improved and expanded services. We also hope to have one or more sessions for public input during the planning process.

In the meantime, we need your help...please tell me what spaces or services **YOU** would like to see included in an expanded and renovated building. Call, write, or email...I'd love to hear from you.

Reach me by phone at 635-4971 or by email at sarah@fairfield.lib.sc.us.

Read-In Scheduled for April 28th

Enthusiastic readers from Fairfield County Schools will gather at 10:00 a.m. at Fortune Springs Park on Friday, April 28, 2006, for the ninth 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. Natalie Daise, one of the stars of *Gullah Gullah Island* will provide entertainment through storytelling and song 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 guest speaker for the Friends Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 23rd, will be Warner Montgomery, owner and publisher of *The Columbia Star* newspaper.

His program will be **“The Captain and the Queen: the Lightbourn family of Farenya (Guinea) and Charleston.”**

Dr. Montgomery spent January leading an Explorers Club Expedition to Guinea where he helped conduct an archaeological survey of the village that was founded in the 1800’s by an American (Captain Lightbourn) who married an African queen and established a slave factory. Lightbourn’s brother operated a rice plantation on Wadmalaw Island and his sister was married to South Carolina Governor Thomas Bennett.

The interrelationships between this African village and South Carolina are fascinating. Dr.



Montgomery will show slides to illustrate his talk.

A brief business meeting to elect officers will precede the program and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Warner Montgomery The Friends’ membership year begins in May, so remember to renew your membership soon.

**Friends Annual Meeting
Sunday, April 23rd at 4:00 p.m.**

Just for Kids

- Come to **Family Nights** on April 6th and May 4th at 7:00 p.m.
- Join us at the Main Library for a **Spring Story Hour Series** on Tuesday afternoons: April 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Spring Story Hours** will be held at the Ridgeway Branch on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. on April 6, 13, 20, and 27



- **Once Upon a Time...** is the theme for Summer Reading 2006. **Mark your calendar for the Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 3rd, 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**

LIBRARY HOSTS INTERN



The new face you may see around the library this semester belongs to Jennifer Kelley, a masters degree student at the USC College of Library and Information Science. Jennifer spends several mornings a week in Winnsboro experiencing a wide range of library tasks: ordering and cataloging books, working the circulation desk, helping patrons with computers, learning about budgeting and policies, and helping with children’s programs. Jennifer already knows a lot about public libraries from her volunteer service on the Kershaw County Library Board. She also spent many years managing a Waldenbooks store. Jennifer and her husband live in Bethune.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY LIBRARY

Main Library

300 Washington Street
Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180
Phone: 803 635-4971
Fax: 803 635-7715
Hours: M,Tu,W,F 9-6 Th 9-9 Sat 9-1

Ridgeway Branch Library

175 S. Palmer Street
Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130
Phone/Fax: 803 337-2068
Hours: M-Th 2-6

Bookmobile

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Library Events ~~~ April-June, 2006

Main Library

April 4,11,18, 25 at 4:00 p.m. Spring Story Hour
April 6 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
April 23 at 4:00 pm Friends Annual Meeting
April 28 at 10:00 am Read-In in the Park
May 8-20 Friends Book Sale (during library hours)
May 4 at 7:00 pm Family Night
June 3 from 10 am to 1 pm
Summer Reading Kick-off Party
June 6-July 18 Summer Reading Activities

Ridgeway Branch Library

April 6,13, 20, 27 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
May 4 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
June 8-July 13 Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
Summer Reading Activities

*National Library Week:
April 2-8*

The Library Will Be Closed

Friday, April 14th & Saturday, April 15th
for Easter

Monday, May 29th
For Memorial Day

