

BookBytes



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Library Debuts Plans for Proposed Expansion

More books and media. More computers. More room for children's services. A meeting room for library and community programs. Quiet study space. Better seating. More staff work and storage space.

All these were service goals the Library Commission hoped to address in plans for an expanded building, and architect Danny Shelley has developed a schematic design that includes everything! The Library Commission also had two other parameters for the plan: the addition should have the same traditional feel as the current building, and the traffic flow on our site with entrances and exits on both Washington and Garden Streets should be maintained. Even with our challenging sloped site, Mr. Shelley managed to meet those criteria as well.

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Look for this sign when the sale begins!

Friends Annual Used Book Sale Will Begin May 6th

Each year the Friends of the Library sponsor a Used Book Sale to raise funds for programs and projects that support the library. 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 5th, 2:00 p.m.	Sorting and pricing
Sunday, May 6th, 4:00-6:00 p.m.	Special Preview Sale for Friends members (memberships available at the door)
Monday, May 7th-Friday, May 18th	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.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

It's hard to believe, but the Fairfield County Library and I have spent the last 30 years together!

The library building which was brand new and fresh when I started to work in May, 1977, is showing its age and crowded condition...just like me with my gray hair and no-longer-young body. But we have been a good partnership as we have grown older together. I have matured, and so, I hope, have the services and programs the library is able to offer the community.

And, God willing, there is plenty of life left in both of us...the library and me...to be able to continue to serve Fairfield County. These are exciting times at the library: thinking about the proposed expansion of the Main Library gives us a new lease on life by opening up worlds of possibilities for new programs and services for our patrons. Looking at the plans

and visualizing people browsing in the expanded reading area, using all the new computers, or enjoying a program in the new meeting room or children's story time area gives me goosebumps.

A lot of folks worked hard to build this building 30 years ago and gave the community a great gift by doing so. I'm looking forward to working with equally dedicated folks today as we try to make our expansion plans a reality for the future of Fairfield County.

A special thank-you cheer goes out to Representative Creighton Coleman who, along with 63 other House members, approved a \$.25 per capita increase in State Aid to Public Libraries. If this vote is sustained by the Senate, the Fairfield County Library will realize an extra \$10,000 in state funding for 2007-2008.

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The proposed 16,000 square foot addition will be attached to the northwest end of the current building in a "split-level" configuration. Patrons will enter on the first level which will contain the circulation desk, audio-visual materials, a children's area including computers, a young adult area, and a meeting room with seating for 70-90 people. The current library building is a half-level up from the entrance level and will become the adult browsing area with new books, magazines, newspapers, adult fiction, and some study rooms. The third level is the second floor of the new addition and will contain public access computers, reference, a South Carolina history room, and adult non-fiction.

The estimated cost for the project is 4.5 to 5 million dollars. No construction funds are on hand at this point, but the Library Commission and staff are working with County Council to identify resources and secure funding for the project.

Copies of the plan are on display in the front office of the library. Stop by to see them anytime! To schedule a presentation for a club or group about the library plans, please call Sarah McMaster at the library.

Read-In Scheduled for April 27th

Enthusiastic readers from Fairfield County Schools will gather at 10:00 a.m. at Fortune Springs Park on Friday, April 27, 2006, for the tenth annual Read-In sponsored by the Fairfield County Library, the Friends of the Library, the Fairfield County School District, and the Town of Winnsboro. The students will participate in the Parade of Readers, the Reading Cheer Contest, and then will spend time reading before lunch. Storyteller Tim Lowry will provide the 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

Come hear about and see the exciting plans for the library's future!

Architect Danny Shelley will be the guest speaker at the Friends' Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 29, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. He will bring drawings of the proposed library expansion and talk about the design process.

There will be a short business meeting to elect officers before the program and refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

On Wednesday, March 21, five members of the Friends' board attended the Library Legislative Day luncheon in Columbia. Friends members Brent Dorrier, Jane Haynes, John Heilman, Elizabeth Martin, and Joe Steele were joined by Fairfield County Library Commission member Lisa Cathcart

and Library Director Sarah McMaster. Over 300 public library supporters from all over the state were in attendance at the annual event which was held at Seawell's.



**Friends Annual Meeting
Sunday, April 29th at 4:00**

Just for Kids

- Come to **Family Nights** on April 5th and May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
- Join us at the Main Library for a **Spring Story Hour Series** on Tuesday afternoons: April 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Spring Story Hours** will be held at the Ridgeway Branch on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 12, 19, and 26



- **Get A Clue...** is the theme for Summer Reading 2007. **Mark your calendar for the Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 2nd, 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

WELCOME!



We are very pleased to welcome Chrishonda Gaither as the newest member of the library staff. Chrishonda graduated from Fairfield Central High School and completed her bachelor's degree in anthropology at USC in 2006. She is currently taking graduate courses in Psychology at USC and working 18 hours a week for the library. Chrishonda was a volunteer here at the library during her senior year in college, doing everything from shelving books to working the desk to coloring decorations for the children's summer program.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY LIBRARY

Main Library

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

Ridgeway Branch Library

175 S. Palmer Street
Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130
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Hours: M-Th 2-6

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Library Events ~~~ April-June, 2007

Main Library

April 3,10,17, 24 at 4:00 pm Spring Story Hour
April 5 at 7:00 pm Family Night
April 27 at 10:00 am Read-In in the Park
April 29 at 4:00 pm Friends Annual Meeting
May 3 at 7:00 pm Family Night
May 7-19 Friends Book Sale (during library hours)
June 2 from 10 am to 1 pm
Summer Reading Kick-off Party
June 5-July 17 Summer Reading Activities

Ridgeway Branch Library

April 5,12, 19, 26 at 4:00 pm Story Hour
May 3 at 4:00 pm Story Hour
June 7-July 19 Thursdays at 4:00 pm
Summer Reading Activities

*National Library Week:
April 15-21*

The Library Will Be Closed

Friday, April 6th & Saturday, April 7th
for Easter

Monday, May 28th
For Memorial Day

