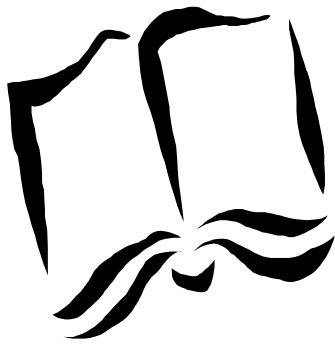


BookBytes



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Friends Book Sale Will Be Held May 2nd Through May 15th

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.



Look for this sign when the sale begins!

Here's the schedule for the May sale:

- Saturday, May 1st, 2:00 p.m.
Sorting and pricing
- Sunday, May 2nd, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Special Preview Sale for Friends members (memberships available at the door)
- Monday, May 3rd-Saturday, May 15th Sale open during regular library hours

Volunteers will be needed to unpack and sort books on May 1st and to staff the cash box during the days of the sale. Anyone willing to help should call Elizabeth Martin at 635-9602, Brent Dorrier at 635-3097, or Sarah McMaster at 635-4971.

Library is 2010 Census Partner



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Anyone needing assistance with completing 2010 census forms can get help at the Main Library in Winnsboro. A census worker is available during the following times to assist individuals in completing the questionnaire:

- Monday, Tuesday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday: 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

If you did not receive a census questionnaire in the mail, or know of someone who did not, you can pick up forms at the library.

Everybody counts! You can help bring dollars for services into Fairfield County by participating in the census. For example, State Aid to public libraries is distributed based on county population.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

Keep your fingers crossed!

Two things have happened that have increased the possibility of moving forward with the library's expansion project.

The first piece of good news is a new, very favorable estimate for the cost of the expansion project. In January, 2008, architect Danny Shelley estimated a total project cost of \$4.92 million. This covered new construction, renovation of existing space, furniture and shelving, professional fees, and other contingency costs. Because of the changes in the construction market in recent months, the library asked Mr. Shelley to update his project estimate. His revised estimate just received this month is for a total project cost of \$3.57 million. While it's been frustrating that our expansion has not moved forward over the past several years, it is now obvious that was a beneficial thing! The major cost saving results from a reduction in per square foot building costs. Library shelving is now on state contract which results in

savings on equipment as well.

While it is exciting to have such a favorable estimate, we are still a long way from having the funds in hand to move ahead. The library has about \$80,000 in our Building Fund, and we have about \$80,000 in grant funds committed through Senator Lindsay Graham.

However, the second piece of good news is the possibility of stimulus funding through the US Department of Agriculture. These loan/grant funds are specifically designated for library construction. Competition will be strong, but we are working with the county to develop an application for our expansion project. Now would be a great time to remind your elected officials how much an expanded library facility would benefit the county.

As always feel free to reach me by phone 803 635-4971 or by email sarah@fairfield.lib.sc.us

BY THE NUMBERS

SC LENDS has been in operation with its full component of ten libraries since early December, 2009. Books and other materials have been traveling between libraries at an astounding rate since then.

The total items lent among SC LENDS libraries for December-February was 51,972.

During that three-month period Fairfield County

51,972

Library has lent 1,115 items to other libraries. In return we have borrowed 386 items from other libraries for Fairfield County Library patrons.

The success of SC LENDS is attracting attention, and there is a strong chance that more libraries will join the consortium before the end of 2010. This means more resources for everyone to share!

Read-In Scheduled for May 5th

Enthusiastic readers from Fairfield County Schools will gather at 10:00 a.m. at Fortune Springs Park on Wednesday, May 5th, for the fourteenth 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, and then will spend time reading before lunch. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Fairfield Central High School chorus.

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



From the Friends



Back by popular demand, Dr. Joseph T. Stukes will return to Fairfield County to present the program for the Friends' Spring Meeting on Sunday, April, 25th.

As a follow-up to his acclaimed performance as Francis Marion, this "historian of many personalities" will bring national

statesman and South Carolina governor James F. Byrnes to life.

Byrnes, 1879-1972, was the 104th governor of South Carolina. Prior to that he served in the US House of

Representatives, in the the US Senate, as a US Supreme Court Justice, and as Secretary of State. As a confidant of President Franklin Roosevelt, Byrnes was one of the most powerful men in American domestic and foreign policy in the mid-1940s.

A short business meeting will precede the program and refreshments will follow.

The membership year for the Friends runs from May to May. Membership is open to anyone in the community. Dues are \$5.00 for individuals, \$10.00 for a family, \$25.00 contributing, and \$100.00 life.

**Friends Spring Meeting
Sunday, April 25th
at 4:00 p.m.**

Just for Kids

- Come to **Family Nights** on April 1st and May 6th at 7:00 p.m.
- Join us at the Main Library for a **Spring Story Hour Series** on Tuesday afternoons: April 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Spring Story Hours** will be held at the Ridgeway Branch on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.



- **Make a Splash@Your Library...**is the theme for Summer Reading 2010. **Mark your calendar for the Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 5th, 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**

Weblinks



StudySC is a new website developed for students, teachers, and parents by the South Carolina State Library.

It provides online content about South Carolina for all ages of students from kindergarten to high school. **StudySC** is a student-friendly environment arranged by grade level and by subject area where students can find the information they need fast. The site is loaded with South Carolina-specific web resources for K-12 homework help and projects. Adults will enjoy the many links to interesting facts about South Carolina as well.

Visit StudySC soon: www.studysc.org

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Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130
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Hours: M-Th 2-6

Bookmobile

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Library Events ~~~ April-June, 2010

Main Library

April 1 at 7:00 pm Family Night
April 6, 13, 20, 27 at 4:00 pm Spring Story Hour
April 25 at 4:00 p.m. Friends Spring Meeting
May 5 at 10:00 a.m. Read-In at the Armory
May 6 at 7:00 pm Family Night
May 2-15 Friends Book Sale (during library hours)
June 5 from 10 am to 1 pm
Summer Reading Kick-off Party
June 8-July 15 Summer Reading Activities

Ridgeway Branch Library

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 4:00 pm Story Hour
May 6 at 4:00 pm Story Hour
June 10-July 15 Thursdays at 4:00 pm
Summer Reading Activities

*National Library Week:
April 11-17*

**The Library Will Be Closed:
Friday & Saturday, April 2-3
for Easter
and
Monday, May 31
for Memorial Day**

