

BookBytes



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Friends Book Sale Will Be Held May 1st Through May 14th

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, 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)

Monday, May 2nd-Saturday, May 14th 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 or Sarah McMaster at 635-4971.



Library Receives Allstate Grant

Thanks to Peni Chandler and Insurance of Fairfield, the library has received a \$1,000.00 grant from The Allstate Foundation. This "Hands in the Community" grant may be awarded to organizations where Allstate agents volunteer.

Peni is a long-time supporter of the library and gives of her time in many ways. She has served on the Fairfield County Library Commission for eight years and has served as treasurer of the Friends of the Library for many years. She is always there to prepare and serve food, whether it's refreshments for a Friends program or hot dogs at the Summer Reading Kickoff Party. She has helped with other children's activities such as the annual Read-In and the Halloween Costume Contest. Her beautiful quilts brighten up the library's walls.

The grant funds will support the Annual Read-In and Summer Reading Programs.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

The State newspaper recently featured an op-ed piece by State Library Director David Goble. Mr. Goble did an excellent job of describing why South Carolina needs a strong public library system to meet today's challenges.

His last paragraph is worth sharing here:

"I am not sure how we overcome the economic situation in which we find ourselves. But I believe that we will learn our way through it, and libraries are essential to doing that. Our founding fathers understood that our freedoms depend on an educated populace. In his 1796 farewell address, George Washington said: "Promote then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public

opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened." What was true in 1796 is truer today, and public libraries remain the most accessible instruments of public enlightenment."

I'd like to add to that my favorite quotes from two other founding fathers:

A democratic society depends upon an informed and educated citizenry. *Thomas Jefferson*

Knowledge will forever govern ignorance, and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.

James Madison

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SC BOOK FESTIVAL

The annual South Carolina Book Festival will be held May 14th and 15th, 2011, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Sponsored by the Humanities Council ^{SC}, the event will bring together authors, scores of booksellers and vendors, and thousands of avid readers.

Some of the authors scheduled to speak are Roy Blount, Jr., C. J. Box, Mignon Ballard, L. A. Banks, Margaret Maron, Mary Alice Monroe, Cathy Pickens, Cokie Roberts, and Kathryn Wall.

For a complete schedule of events, check out the following website:

www.scbookfestival.org

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Read-In Scheduled for April 29th

Enthusiastic readers from Fairfield County Schools will gather at 10:00 a.m. at Fortune Springs Park on Friday, April 29th, for the fifteenth 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. Entertainment will be provided by the Fairfield Central High School Drama and Music departments.

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

Gina Price White, Director of Archives and Special Collections at Winthrop University will present the program for the Friends' Spring Meeting on Sunday, April, 10th.



Covenanters' Banner

Ms. White will talk about the **Covenanters**, a sect of Presbyterians originating in Scotland and Ireland who settled the South Carolina upcountry in the mid 1700s. This group was instrumental in overthrowing the British occupation of South Carolina which led to the victory of the Colonies over England.

In addition to her research on the Covenanters, Ms.

White has co-authored several books including *Palmetto Women* with Ron Chepesiuk, *Along the Catawba River* with Dr. Edward Lee, and *Chester County* with Glinda Price Coleman.

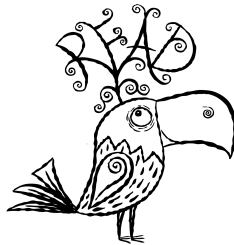
A short business meeting will precede the program and refreshments will follow.

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 10th
at 4:00 p.m.**

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.
- **Spring Story Hours** will be held at the Ridgeway Branch on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. on April 7, 14, 21, and 28.



- **One World...Many Stories** is the theme for Summer Reading 2011. **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

Weblinks

Ebooks are easy, convenient, but expensive if you read a lot. Most new and bestselling ebooks will be available only for purchase. Older digital material may be available free, however. Here are some sources on the Web that offer free ebooks:

- **InkMesh** <http://inkmesh.com>
- **Project Gutenberg** www.gutenberg.org
- **Online Books Page** from the University of Pennsylvania Libraries <http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books>

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

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Library Events ~~~ April-June, 2011

Main Library

April 7 at 7:00 pm Family Night
April 5, 12, 19, 26 at 4:00 pm Spring Story Hour
April 10 at 4:00 p.m. Friends Spring Meeting
April 29 at 10:00 a.m. Read-In at the Armory
May 5 at 7:00 pm Family Night
May 1-14 Friends Book Sale (during library hours)
June 4 from 10 am to 1 pm
Summer Reading Kick-off Party
June 7-July 12 Summer Reading Activities

Ridgeway Branch Library

April 7, 14, 21, 28 at 4:00 pm Story Hour
May 5 at 4:00 pm Story Hour
June 9-July 14 Thursdays at 4:00 pm
Summer Reading Activities

*National Library Week:
April 10-16*

**The Library Will Be Closed:
Friday & Saturday, April 22-23
for Easter
and
Monday, May 30
for Memorial Day**

