

BookBytes



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Friends Book Sale Will Be Held May 5th Through May 18th

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 4th, 2:00 p.m.

Sorting and pricing

Sunday, May 5th, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Special Preview Sale for Friends members (memberships available at the door)

Monday, May 6th-Saturday, May 18th Sale open during regular library hours

Volunteers will be needed to unpack and sort books on May 4th 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.



**Reading Makes
You Smile!**

Read-In Scheduled for April 26th

Enthusiastic readers from Fairfield County Schools will gather at 10:00 a.m. at Fortune Springs Park on Friday, April 26th, for the sixteenth 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 magical storyteller Mark Daniel.

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.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

What is the future of the book?

People often ask me whether the huge increase in ebook reading will result in the demise of the traditional book. I always answer that I hope it won't happen in my lifetime!

Librarians have been worrying about the survival of the book since the advent of television in the 1950s. Here's an interesting take on that subject from Will Manley who writes commentary on the library profession in American Libraries magazine:

"Every time someone invents a spectacular new gadget, rumors are spread that books are fast losing their popularity and may soon join the dodo, or be placed in an anti-quarian museum...

Think about it: The book has survived the phonograph, the radio, moving pictures, the reel-to-reel tape, the television, the cassette tape, the eight-track tape, the VHS and Beta videotape formats, the DVD, the CD, the iPod, the

personal computer, the Palm Pilot, the Blackberry, and the internet. Why?...The book format is indestructible...The book requires no periodic upgrades or enhancements and you can't pull the plug on it."

There is no question that the current trend is toward more digital content. The Fairfield County Library provides ebooks and other digital content to our patrons through our membership in the Jasmine Digital Library because it is our responsibility to try to meet the reading needs of our patrons in whatever formats are available. But don't expect us to abandon the traditional book any time soon...it's still the most practical and cost effective way to share content among many readers. Public libraries have always been and will always be about providing free access to literature and information...in whatever formats evolve over time.

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

Just for Kids

- Come to **Family Nights** on April 4th and May 2nd at 7:00 p.m.
- Join us at the Main Library for a **Spring Story Hour Series** on Tuesday afternoons: April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Spring Story Hours** will be held at the Ridgeway Branch on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. on April 4, 11, 18, and 25.



- **Dig Into Reading** is the theme for Summer Reading 2013. **Mark your calendar for the Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 1st, 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

SC BOOK FESTIVAL

The annual South Carolina Book Festival will be held May 17-19, 2013, 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.

A complete schedule of events will be posted on the following website:

www.scbookfestival.org

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From the Friends...

Dr. Virginia Schafer will be the guest speaker for the Spring Meeting of the Friends. She will be discussing and signing her new book *The Legendary Locals of Fairfield County* to be released this month by Arcadia History Publishing.

The book follows the progress of Fairfield County history through pictures and stories of the early settlers, the military heroes, the religious leaders and educators, the politicians, the beauty queens, the artists, the musicians, and even a few ghosts! Pelham Lyles, curator of the Fairfield Count Mu-

seum, contributed the foreword of the book, and proceeds from its sale will benefit the Fairfield County Museum.

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 Program
Sunday, April 21st
4:00 p.m.
At the Main Library**



...The Friends invite you to meet Virginia Schafer

Dr. Schafer is a newcomer to Winnsboro and even though she has been trained in medicine and is a medical writer by trade, she has a keen interest in research and history. She says, "Preservation of our pictures, memories, and history is of utmost importance. If we don't know where we come from, we don't know where we are going. Thanks for letting me take a peek, Winnsboro!"

Join the Friends and meet Virginia on Sunday, April 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Weblinks . . .

Don't forget that the library is now lending downloadable ebooks and audiobooks! We have joined Jasmine Digital Library, a consortium of fifteen South Carolina libraries that offer digital content through Overdrive, a major vendor for public libraries.

To get started borrowing digital materials you must have a library card and pin number which can be obtained at the library. Then go to the website above

jasmine.lib.overdrive.com

and look at the "Getting Started" links in the left-hand menu...you will find instructions on how to set up your account with Jasmine. There are also links with instructions for downloading material to many different types of ebook readers, tablets, etc.

If you have questions, contact Community Services Librarian Chrishonda Gaither at 589-8076.

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Hours: M,Tu,W,F 9-6 Th 9-9 Sat 9-1

Ridgeway Branch Library

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Hours: M-Th 2-6

Bookmobile

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Library Events ~~~ April-June, 2013

Main Library

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 4:00 pm
Spring Story Hour

April 4 at 7:00 pm Family Night

April 21 at 4:00 pm Friends Spring Meeting

April 26 at 10:00 am Read-In at the Armory

May 2 at 7:00 pm Family Night

May 5-18 Friends Book Sale (during library hours)

May 13-17 at 4:00 pm Children's Book Week
Guest Readers

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

Ridgeway Branch Library

April 4, 11, 28, 25 at 4:00 pm Story Hour

May 2 at 4:00 pm Story Hour

June 6-July 11 Thursdays at 4:00 pm
Summer Reading Activities

*National Library Week:
April 14-20*

The Library Will Be Closed:

**Monday, May 27
for Memorial Day**

