

BookBytes

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New Bookmobile Hits the Road

The library's new bookmobile is now on the road serving Fairfield County residents.

Built by Matthews Specialty Vehicles in Greensboro, North Carolina, the bookmobile has a Utilimaster body mounted on a Ford truck chassis. It can hold over 1,500 items and is stocked with children's and adult's books, magazines, and videos. A laptop computer handles book circulation.



Purchase of the new bookmobile was made possible by funding from the Fairfield County Council and a federal LSTA grant administered by the South Carolina State Library.

Part of the bookmobile project was a survey mailed to library outreach services users to solicit their opinions on the quality of their services. Bookmobile users, daycare centers, and doctor's offices all responded with 78% rating library services a "10" which was the highest rating possible. No rating was lower than a "7."

When asked how access to library Out-

reach Services affected their lives or workplaces, comments from users included the following:

- We have met an angel in Bydester Hall.
- Makes books available without driving 20 miles.
- The children are excited and look forward to reading the books when they visit the office. (Doctor's Office)
- Outreach services save us on time and money. (Daycare Center)
- We feel library outreach services are a great asset to this community.



Louise Sanders

Louise Sanders Joins Library Staff

The new face you see doing children's programs and visiting daycare centers around the county belongs to Louise Sanders, the library's new Community Services Librarian.

Louise and her husband Lloyd moved to Fairfield County from Cherokee County just last year. She worked for many years in a municipal library in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, serving as the Children's Librarian and Outreach Coordinator. She is brimming with new ideas and her experience with adults and children of all ages will be a wonderful benefit to the library's programs.

When not working at the library, Louise is an active member of Washington Street Baptist Church and is busy starting Zombie Furnishings, a part-time vintage furnishings business located next to her house on the corner of 321 By-Pass and Newberry Road.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

As most of you know, the library is governed by the Fairfield County Library Commission whose members are appointed by the Fairfield County Council. Board members may serve no more than two terms and then must be replaced.

The Council has just appointed five new members to the Library Commission: Lisa Cathcart, Peni Miller Chandler, Tom Fletcher, James McCornell, and Virginia Roseborough. Continuing members of the Commission are Plumie Richmond and Mary Lynne Zeno.

All five new Commission members are library users and committed supporters of good library service for Fairfield County. Virginia Roseborough is such a library stalwart that she is serving her third rotation on the Library Commission!

Welcoming new members to the Commission is al-

ways a treat, however it does mean saying good-bye to some very special people: Bubba Lyles, Dorothy Martin, Clyde McCants, Lanna McMeekin, and George Mobley. Each of them has generously given of their time and energy to benefit the library over their terms of service.

I would be remiss in not saying a special public "Thank You" to Dr. Clyde McCants for his service as Chairman of the Library Commission for the last eight years. He has become a familiar figure around the state through his participation in statewide library activities, however it is his bedrock dedication to the Fairfield County Library that endears him to me. He has been a special friend and mentor to the whole library staff. Thanks, Dr. Clyde!

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

Just for Kids

- Come to Family Nights on January 8th, February 5th, and March 4th at 7:00 p.m.
- Remember the Winter Story Hour Series will be every Tuesday afternoon in February at 4:00 p.m.
- When the weather is bad and you can't come to the library, remember you can call Dial-a-



Story at 635-2020 to hear a story over the telephone.



- The Tree-Trimming Party (left) was a great success with stories, ornaments, and refreshments!

Tax Forms Available at the Library

The Fairfield County Library will once again serve as a distribution point for state and federal tax forms. Located in the front lobby of the library, the forms are available free to the public.

Basic federal forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040 EZ and instructions will be available throughout tax season. Most of the schedules and many other supplementary forms will also be available. Unusual and less-used forms not stocked can be printed out from the Internet for \$.10 per page.

State tax booklets include all the basic state forms and will be available throughout the tax season.

The library staff will try to assist patrons in locating forms, but cannot give advice about which forms are needed.

From the Friends

Recent Friends activities include providing judges for the Halloween Costume Contest and readers for Children's Book Week programs. Elizabeth Martin, Peni Chandler (dressed as a very elegant witch!), and Joe Steele had the hard job of choosing winners for the Costume Contest. *See photo on right.*

On March 3, 2004, the Friends will sponsor a group to attend Library Legislative Day. Library trustees, Friends, and library staff from all over South Carolina will gather in Columbia at the Adams Mark Hotel for a luncheon with members of the South Carolina House and Senate. The event provides an annual, structured opportunity for discussing public library issues with our state elected officials. Public library funding has suffered with recent state budget cuts, so advocacy at the state level is especially important right now. Contact Sarah McMaster if you are interested in attending.



Friends membership forms are available at the library or online at www.fairfield.lib.sc.us (click on Friends of the Library). Ask someone to join today!

BY THE NUMBERS

No, it's not a superstitious omen of bad luck. In this case it's the number of computers the Fairfield County Library has available for public use.

Nine are located in Winnsboro, and four are at the Ridgeway Branch. Nine have Internet access. Two have special children's software. Two are reserved for

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word processing only. All have Microsoft Office applications such as Word, Excel, and Publisher.

The computers are available on a first come/first served basis. There is a 30 minute time limit when others are waiting.

NOTE: A new DISCUS database will be available January 1. Scribner Writers Series includes information about 1,600 authors.

Don't Miss SC Book Festival in February

The eighth annual South Carolina Book Festival will be held Saturday, February 28th and Sunday, February 29th at the South Carolina State Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the South Carolina Humanities Council, the event will feature more than 70 authors, scores of booksellers and vendors, and thousands of avid readers. Authors scheduled so far include David Baldacci, Tina McElroy Ansa, Carolyn Hart, Kathy Hogan Trochek, Ron Rash, and many others.

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

www.scbookfestival.org



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

P.O. Box 160 ~ Century House
Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130
Phone/Fax: 803 337-2068
Hours: M-Th 2-6

Bookmobile

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Library Events ~~~ January-March, 2004

Main Library

January 8 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
February 5 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
February 3, 10, 17, 24 at 4:00 p.m.
Winter Story Hour Series
February 21-22 South Carolina Book Festival
(see article on page 2)
March 3 Library Legislative Day, Columbia
March 4 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night

Ridgeway Branch Library

January 8 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour
February 5, 12, 19, 26 at 4:00 p.m.
Winter Story Hour Series
March 4 at 4:00 p.m. Story Hour

*Don't forget the Community Calendar at
<http://calendar.fairfield.lib.sc.us>*

The Library Will Be Closed

Monday, January 1
for New Year's Day
and
Monday, January 19th
for Martin Luther King Day

