

BookBytes

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Library Receives Grant from Midlands Foundation

The Fairfield County Library has received a \$2,800.00 grant from the Psaras Foundation to establish a program called "Kids Who Read Succeed...and Use the Library."

The goal of the program is to encourage parents of young children to become library users so that their children will have access to the materials and resources needed for school success. The library will develop a package of information that will be mailed or distributed to parents of children in targeted groups. The package will include information about getting a library card, reading lists, bookmarks, and a refrigerator magnet with library information and a Read To Me message. Also included will be a coupon redeemable for a free book when the parent and child visit the library. The books will be provided by the library's Robert and Rebecca McMaster Book Endowment.



Matching funds of \$500.00 have been provided by the Friends of the Library, bringing the project total to \$3,300.00. The project hopes to reach at least 500 children during the next year.

The Psaras Foundation is located in Columbia and provides seed money for innovative projects that impact those most at need with a special emphasis on education and school readiness.



Left to right:
Gale Frank, Sarah
McMaster, and Andi
Dillingham

AllSouth Donates Raffle Proceeds to Library

Each year AllSouth Federal Credit Union holds a raffle as part of their participation in the Rock Around the Clock Festival. For the last two years, the credit union has donated the proceeds of the raffle to the Fairfield County Library to support library programs for children. This year's raffle total was \$113.00. AllSouth representatives Andi Dillingham and Gale Frank presented the check to Library Director Sarah McMaster. The funds will be used for supplies for story hours and other children's activities.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

SARAH MCMASTER

Your library has been the beneficiary of a number of unexpected gifts recently. Two of them are detailed on the front page of this newsletter: a grant from the Psaras Foundation and a gift from AllSouth Federal Credit Union.

In the last few days, however, two more gifts have come our way.



Lisa Wickham, from WalMart arrived at my door with a check for \$1,000.00! The library had received a grant from WalMart earlier in the year for support of our Summer Reading and other children's programs. This surprise donation will also be used toward our Annual

Read-In and other children's programs.

Then, Dr. Clyde McCants stopped by with a check that he described as his "annual remembrance" for the library. Dr. Clyde's "remembrances" have helped the library purchase a truly stellar collection of art and music reference books.

We at the library are on the receiving end of many kindnesses from the community. Some are large and some are small. Sometimes it's food treats for the staff; sometimes it's new handmade holiday decorations; sometimes it's checks and grants.

Often it's a smile and a thank you from a patron. When the tax notices come out, we have one patron who always makes a point of telling me he's happy to pay the library assessment!

It's humbling—and heartwarming—that the community cares about the library. Thank you!

Just for Kids

- Come to Family Nights on January 6th, February 3rd, and March 3rd 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 in December (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.

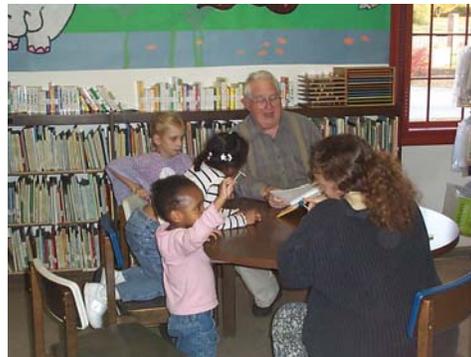
From the Friends

Recent Friends activities include providing judges for the Halloween Costume Contest, readers for the Children's Book Week programs (see photo at right), and refreshments and supplies for the Trim-the-Tree Party. Dr. Clyde McCants' series of opera programs was well received. (Friends Treasurer Peni Chandler presented him with a handmade Aida-themed quilt.)

On March 2, 2005, 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 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 libraries received additional lottery funding as a result of grassroots advocacy last year. We need to keep up the good work this year. 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

As you have read in a previous issue of BookBytes, the library is installing new Dynix Horizon computer software for circulation, cataloging, and online catalog functions.

Our estimated "go live" date with the Horizon software is February 9, 2005. System Administrator Mike Poole has been working behind the scenes ordering and installing new equipment and learning about the new

Feb. 9th

software. Staff members have participated in web-based training sessions to become familiar with the new procedures.

Our goal is to make the transition from Dynix Classic to Dynix Horizon as seamless and pain free for the public as possible. As with anything new, however, there are bound to be glitches. Please be patient with us as we learn and work out the kinks!

Don't Miss SC Book Festival in February

The ninth annual South Carolina Book Festival will be held Saturday, February 19th and Sunday, February 20th at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Sponsored by the South Carolina Humanities Council, the event will feature more than 60 authors, scores of booksellers and vendors, and thousands of avid readers. Authors scheduled so far include Barbara Taylor Bradford, Jan Burke, Dottie Benton Frank, Reshonda Tate-Billingsley, and many others.

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

www.sbookfestival.org



South Carolina Humanities Council

FAIRFIELD COUNTY LIBRARY

Main Library

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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
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Bookmobile

Phone Main Library at 803 635-4971

Dial-A-Story 803 635-2020

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Library Events ~~~ January-March, 2005

Main Library

January 6 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
February 3 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night
February 1, 8, 15, 22 at 4:00 p.m.
Winter Story Hour Series
February 21-22 South Carolina Book Festival
(see article on page 2)
March 2 Library Legislative Day, Columbia
March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Family Night

Ridgeway Branch Library

Temporarily Closed
*Bookmobile service every Thursday
From 2:00—5:30 at the Century House*

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

The Library Will Be Closed

Saturday, January 1
for New Year's Day

Monday, January 17th
for Martin Luther King Day

Friday, March 25th and Saturday,
March 26th for Easter

