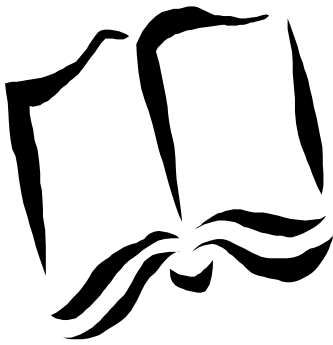


# BookBytes

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## Once Upon a Time...



Beth Myers from the Fairfield County Library and Beth Harris from the Chester County Library organized a traveling puppet show for three counties. The Three Billy Goats Gruff was well received everywhere it went!

Summer Reading 2006 is going strong. Over 250 children have registered to participate and a few have already met the requirements for earning a Summer Reading Medal!

Activities include story hour programs, special performances by Mark Daniel and the Patchwork Players, and a girls' Book Club sponsored by the Girl Scouts.



Harriet Pauling helps children pick out a free book at the Sign-Up Party...compliments of the Robert and Rebecca McMaster Book Endowment.



The Girl Scouts helped at the Sign-Up Party and recruited participants for their Book Club. The book they are reading is *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis.



**See More Summer Scenes Inside!**

# DIRECTOR'S DESK

## SARAH MCMASTER

There are lots of reasons to like summer: fresh corn and tomatoes, swimming, flowers, vacations at the beach or the lake. Growing up, one of my favorite things about summer was...you guessed it!...reading.

I loved having time to lose myself in the newest Nancy Drew or to reread *The Secret Garden* one more time. One summer in high school I read everything by Allen Drury. Friends used to tease me about always having a fat book with me at the swimming pool.

I hope there are still kids today who are discovering the joys of reading...I worry sometimes that video games, computers and ipods are taking over the world.

In the May 22, 2006, issue of *Forbes* magazine, publisher Rich Karlgaard has a column answering the question, "What careers should my kids pursue?" Here's what he says:

"So here is my first piece of advice to parents: Get

your kids to fall in love with reading. It doesn't matter what the writing is. What's key is that the kids claim it as their own....A few years ago a neighbor's kid was struggling with high school, despite an IQ score in the nosebleed zone. His passions were golf and basketball. 'Fire the tutors,' I told his mother. 'Buy him subscriptions to *Sports Illustrated* and *Golf* magazines.' She did. The boy was awakened. Now he works for Lehman Brothers in London."

Educators stress how important summer reading is for students. It helps maintain reading skills, increases vocabulary, and exposes students to new authors. But I think it should also be FUN. Make sure your kids read their assigned books this summer, but also help them find something to read that feeds their passions. Bring them to the library and let them browse...they will come away with books to help make summer memories.

*(As always, feel free to reach me at the library by phone: 635-4971, or by email: sarah@fairfield.lib.sc.us.)*

## Just for Kids

- The library will wrap up its Summer Reading activities at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18th with a performance by the Patchwork Players (see more information below)
- Remember to complete your reading records and return them to the library in order



to receive your summer reading medal.

- A brochure of school year library activities for children will be available in August. Look for it at the circulation desk in Winnsboro and Ridgeway.
- Don't forget Dial-a-Story. Call 635-2020.

## Patchwork Playerhouse to Perform

The Patchwork Playhouse will present a colorful adaptation of *The Sleeping Beauty* written by Artistic Director Catherine Eaker. The Patchwork Playhouse is a professional theatre company now in its twenty-sixth year of touring the South and it is South Carolina's longest running professional company. Genie Eaker is managing director.

Don't miss their performance at the Main Library on Tuesday, July 18th at 10:00 a.m.



# From the Friends

The Friends had a successful Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 23, 2006. The following officers were elected to serve during 2005-2006:

President Frankie O'Neal

Vice-President Joe Steele

Secretary Gwen Harden

Treasurer Peni Chandler

The Friends' popular annual Used Book Sale was held in May. Proceeds from the sale of used books totaled a record \$1761.16. A special thanks to all the Friends who helped sort and price and who manned the cash box during the sale.



The Friends also help with Summer Reading activities by providing funding for refreshments at the Sign-Up Party (Peni Chandler serves hot dogs at left), and by underwriting the cost of performances by Magical Storyteller Mark Daniel and the Patchwork Players.

Don't forget to renew your membership!

**Check the date above your name on this newsletter's mailing label. If the first number is 2006, your membership in the Friends of the Library is current.**

## More Scenes from Summer Reading...



Checking out the EMS guy!



Public Safety demonstration.



Sandy Burns signs up Summer Readers.



Decorating the sidewalk.



Stories with Deb Cooper.



**Smile!  
Summer  
Reading  
is fun!**

# 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 ~ 175 Palmer Street  
Ridgeway, South Carolina 29130  
Phone/Fax: 803 337-2068  
Hours: M-Th 2-6

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## Library Events ~~~ July - September, 2006

### Main Library, Winnsboro

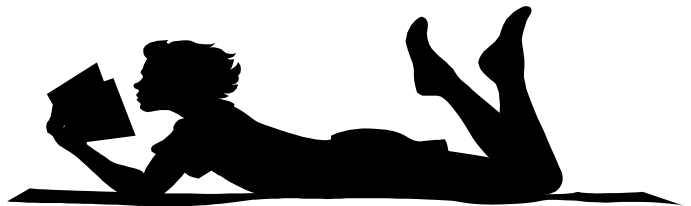
- July 6, 7:00 p.m. Once Upon a Time: Fairies  
July 11, 10:00 a.m. Once Upon a Time:  
Fractured Fairy Tales  
July 13, 7:00 p.m. Once Upon a Time:  
Fractured Fairy Tales  
July 18, 10:00 a.m. Patchwork Players:  
Sleeping Beauty  
August 3, 7:00 p.m. Family Night  
August 30, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting  
September 7, 7:00 p.m. Family Night  
September 27, 5:00 p.m. Friends Board Meeting

*September is*

*Library Card Sign Up Month*

### Ridgeway Branch Library

- July 6, 4:00 p.m. Once Upon a Time: Fairies  
July 13, 4:00 p.m. Once Upon a Time:  
Fractured Fairy Tales



The Library Will Be Closed

Tuesday, July 4th  
for Independence Day  
and  
Monday, September 4th  
for Labor Day