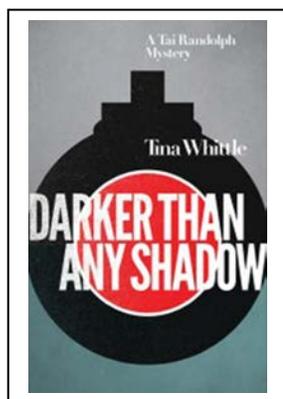




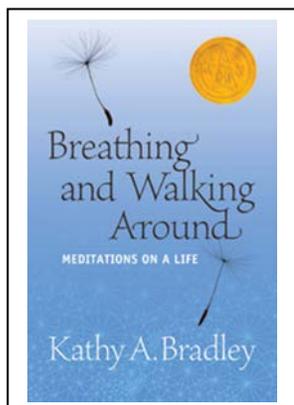
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Statesboro-Bulloch County

2012-2013 Meet the Author Series Kicks Off



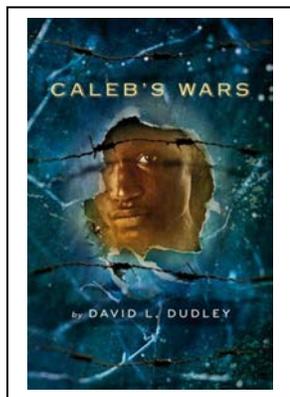
Tina Whittle, September 17, 2012, 7pm

Mystery writer Tina Whittle just published the second book in her very successful Tai Randolph mystery series, *Darker Than Any Shadow*. The Atlanta-based series features female detective and gun shop owner Tai Randolph and corporate security agent Trey Seaver. Booklist offered this review: "A smart and briskly written entry in what is shaping up to be a winning series." Publisher's weekly added, "A passel of colorful characters, more plot twists than the reticulated python who has a key cameo, and plenty of atmosphere make this one a winner." Kirkus concludes, "A must-read if you dote on romance with a touch of wry and mystery with enough suspects to fill a football stadium."



Kathy Bradley, October 22, 2012, 7 pm

Most of us in Statesboro have enjoyed Kathy Bradley's lyrical, insightful, and, often, very funny columns in the *Statesboro Herald*. For about 15 years, she's penned them in her "spare time" from her job as Assistant District Attorney. Now a collection of those columns has become *Breathing and Walking Around: Meditations on a Life*, published by Mercer University Press. The manuscript won the Will D. Campbell Award for Creative Non-fiction. The judges said, "Ms. Bradley's essays attempt to catch, if not to keep, beauty, friendship, the unscrolling of the world of weather and animal and human life. Her voice is one of contemplation and of broad and broadening reverence."



David Dudley, March 11, 2013, 7 pm

Dr. David Dudley's second novel, *Caleb's War*, is a powerful coming-of-age story about growing up black on the World War II home front in Georgia, where German POWs work on farms in Caleb's rural community. Locked in a power struggle with his domineering father and fighting to keep both his temper and his self-respect in dealing with whites, Caleb finds his loyalties shifting and his certainties slipping away. *School Library Journal* says, "Caleb is compelling and believable, and Dudley's rich writing is impressive." *Kirkus Reviews* adds, "The ending...is startling, swift and sure, pointing to America's next great war, the battle over civil rights."

More Great Authors Coming in the Spring.

Retiring Friends President, Walt Strickland: Thanks for a great year.

As your past president, I wish to thank each of the former board members for their service to the Library. I have a special bond with Lynn Lilly and Connie Sanders for their outstanding work on the year at the farmers market, including the many volunteers who man the booth (plus those who blew up balloons). The volunteers who managed and worked the book sales, the special thanks for all the hard work on meet the authors, the best attendance we have had in years, and the receptions were fantastic. The receptions could not have been successful without all the volunteers bringing food and themselves to serve. I could not have served without the support of the board and the great volunteers. A special thanks to Lawton Sack, my Vice President and your President of the Friends. He kept my head above water with his computer skills and sound advice. Please continue to support him as you have supported me.

Very respectfully,
Walt Strickland



PLEASE

Take a minute **TODAY** to renew your
Friends of the Library (FOL) membership!

Our library gets **NO** funding from the state of Georgia
for the purchase of books and programs.

It is up to all of us to support the library
through our Friends group.

We began the new membership year on July 1, 2012.
We need **EVERY** member to renew!

Your membership dollars go directly to the library **(100%)**
for the purchase of **books, materials, equipment, and programs.**

What else do you want? The kitchen sink?



1 (one) kitchen sink

Download a membership form at www.statesborofriends.org/membership.asp

Or email Nelda Bishop at nbishop2@frontiernet.net

And **THANK YOU** for helping maintain and grow our library!

Meet your Friends Board

We want to hear from you! What are your ideas about how we can serve the library, what we can do for Friends and patrons, and ways we can help make a difference in the community. Want to start a new project? Have an event idea? See a need to be met? Please talk with any of us any time.

Lawton Sack, President. It seems that the Statesboro Regional Library has always been a part of my life. My mother worked at the Statesboro Regional Library when I was a young child, so I spent a lot of time reading and observing the behind the scenes of the Library. It was a much more innocent time then, so I was able to check out and check in books for patrons, stamp and organize RIF books, perform in the puppet shows, and assist with many other tasks that the librarians were involved in. The grandest highlight was being able to dress up in the Rif-Rif dog costume for RIF one year! Even after my mother was no longer working at the Library, I found myself spending most afternoons after school at the Library reading and checking out as many books as they would allow me. After I started dating my future wife in high school, we would spend many afternoons together at the library enjoying the love of reading together. Now, we find ourselves many years later as proud parents of three children who spend countless hours each week exploring the shelves at the Statesboro Regional Library to find books to take home and read.

I did not hesitate when Ceil Hardin called a couple of years ago to ask me to join the Friends of the Library Board. My wife and I had just become Life Members for the Friends of the Library, and I thought it was time to do more than just write a check each year. I wanted to get more involved in giving back to the Library that has truly been an integral part of my life. It has been a great experience seeing the Friends meet some of the needs of the Library during the last two years, especially with the decline in funding. As I transition from Vice-President to President, it is my hope that we will work together as a team to help our Library to continue to make a positive impact on our Community.

Nelda Bishop, Membership Chair. As an avid and life-long reader and learner, I am pleased to continue my work on the Friends of the Library (FOL) Board as the Membership Chair. I have continued to contribute to FOL over the years, and I am now a life member of the organization because I know how much FOL contributes to the library and to Statesboro and the surrounding communities. I have learned so much about our wonderful library and its services as a result of my previous five years on the Board. My career as an educator was spent in the classroom for several years and subsequently as an Educational Consultant with First District RESA and a teacher of graduate students at Georgia Southern University helping teachers, administrators, and parents with approaches to assist learners to become effective, critical readers and writers. In my retirement I have had more time to read and write.

Mikelle Calhoun. I'm an Assistant Professor at Georgia Southern University teaching International Business. I received my B.A. in Communications Studies, an M.A. in Speech Communications, and a joint J.D./M.B.A. degree. Before returning to academia, I worked as commercial litigation attorney and, briefly, as a Civil District Court Master in Dallas, Texas, then earned a Ph.D. in International Business and Management. Since moving to Statesboro three years ago, I've participated in a number of Library events and was eager to become more actively involved as a Friend.

Sarah Domet. I am a fiction writer and author of *90 Days to Your Novel*. I also teach in GSU's Department of Writing and Linguistics where I serve as the internship coordinator. Originally from Ohio, I'm excited to join the Friends of the Library Board to help connect readers and writers of every background and to share my passion for literature with my newly adopted community.

Tricia Duggan, Treasurer. I moved to Statesboro from Tallahassee, Florida, in 1970, with husband Comer and son Dug, age 7. I'm still living in the same house on Highway 67. We added Carl in 1971 and Deane in 1972. Now I have eight grandchildren, 2 boys and 6 girls, ranging in age from 2 to 19 years of age. I've worked as assistant treasurer for the Rotary Club of Statesboro, bookkeeper at Bulloch Veterinary Clinic and secretary in the admissions office at Georgia Southern, and I've been treasurer of United Methodist Women at Pittman Park UMC for the past 24 years.

Cathy Edenfield, Recording Secretary. I became a member of the Friends of the Library in 2009 and have served as Recording Secretary on the FOL Board since that time. I am a homemaker married to Statesboro native, Doy Edenfield, and we have two children; Katie is in her fourth year at Mercer School of Medicine in Macon and Patrick is a student at East Georgia College. My love of our local library (and books) was instilled in me by my Mother at an early age, spending Saturday mornings at the library near my home in Savannah. I passed that on to my children and want this library to continue to be here for the people of Statesboro. I feel it is a very important part of our community and should be treasured.

Lee Elbracht. Born into a military family, I've always considered myself a gypsy. However, since moving to Georgia and settling into Statesboro in 2005, my traveling days have just about disappeared! This is the FIRST time in my entire life that I've worked at one job and lived in one town (both 7+ years) and lived in one state this long! I'm currently living in my 99th (really!) home and am blessed to live only three houses away from my only child, a daughter, and her handsome husband and my two delightful grandsons. My interests include reading all types of books, laughing, Miss Kitty (my rescued 18 year old cat), collecting moose paraphernalia and basically loving life. My volunteering includes the Friends, being a reader of new children's books for the library, ushering at the Performing Arts Center, helping out at most of the student residence hall functions on campus, helping the Alzheimer's Association, and donating blood.

Carolyn Kessler. I reside in Bulloch County, having relocated last year from Effingham County where I worked as a school media specialist and a county technology coordinator for 24 years. I hold an Education Specialist degree in Instructional Technology from Georgia Southern University. I'm involved in the Statesboro Newcomers' Club and recently assumed the role of President. I actively participate in water aerobics classes and enjoy long trips with my husband in our Airstream travel trailer. My two sons and five grandchildren reside in North Carolina. I was asked by fellow FOL members to join the Board and felt that my experience as a media specialist at both the elementary and high school levels would be helpful as FOL strives to support the library and its staff in promoting literacy and assisting youth and adults with research.

Lynn Lilly, Vice President. I'm a freelance writer who grew up in her local library, loving reading. Today, I'm honored to volunteer with the Friends and be a part of supporting the heartbeat and public square of our community -- the public library. I'm also a member of the board of the Friends of Georgia Library, an organization connecting Friends groups around the state, and on the board of the Georgia Center for the Book.

Mary Mincey. I am a retired Social Worker, originally from Savannah, and my husband and I moved to Statesboro to be near our grandchildren. I enjoy quilting, reading, and involvement in church and community activities. I feel the library is a very special place for both adults and children, and that each of us should be supportive of the programs and opportunities it offers.

Ray Mincey. My wife and I moved here in 2006 as we wanted to be close to our grans. I am a retired Engineering Project Manager and Contract Specialist and worked 35 years with the Corps of Engineers. I build fine-scale models as a hobby and currently serve as president of the local NARFE chapter. I just wanted to give something back to the community and through Friends of the Library I am involved in the Adult Literacy Program

Connie Sanders, Corresponding Secretary. I am a retired special education teacher and also a registered nurse. I have always loved the library and have been involved in activities in the library throughout our numerous moves: the last one from TN. I thank Ceil Harden for getting me involved in the local group of the FOL and since joining the group I have been responsible for getting volunteers to help with activities at the library and working at the farmers market booth on Saturday. I will be corresponding secretary this year and also in charge of the book sale. I have been involved in Backpack Buddies at Pittman Park Church, Board of the Botanical Garden, Historical Society and on the board for the Statesboro Regional Library. I spend free time with 6 grandchildren, working in the yard, reading and travel with my husband (who lets me be involved in all these activities).

Nancy Anderson Retires. Fond Farewell and Celebration!

Nancy Anderson spent a career making the library a special place for children, adults, and families. She was a smiling face and trusted resource for thousands.

And on August 20, colleagues, Library friends, and family joined to celebrate all that Nancy has given us and wish her well on her retirement. Friends President, Lawton Sack, read proclamations from

the County Commissioners and our State Representative, recognizing her contribution.



We sincerely thank everyone for the support that you provide to the Statesboro-Bulloch County Library as an active Friend!

Life Members: Have donated \$1000 or more to support Friends of the Library

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Thanks, Volunteers! We couldn't do it without you.

We'd like to thank everyone who helped with the reception for Janisse Ray after last May's Annual Meeting. Your delicious food, beautiful flowers, and gracious hospitality really helped make it a special evening. Barbara Brown, Tricia Duggan, Flo Fordham, Ceil Harden, Beth Oldham, Connie Sanders, Kathy Smith, Charlene Stewart, Walt Strickland and Kathy Williams.



Janisse Ray to lead Writers' Workshop at Library on Saturday, November 3.

Janisse Ray, the award-winning author who drew one of our largest crowds ever for Meet the Author, will be leading a writers' workshop at the Library on Saturday, November 3rd at a time yet to be finalized. The no-cost workshop is one of three scheduled that day in Downtown Statesboro. The other workshops will be in poetry, led by Eric Nelson of Georgia Southern, and a professional travel writer from Atlanta. Details are still pending, so stay tuned! The workshops are part of The Write Place Writers Festival, an event which honors local authors with a free public reading on Wednesday, November 1, at 7 pm in the Emma Kelly Theater.

Fall Used Book Sale October 25-27. Donate now! Buy later!

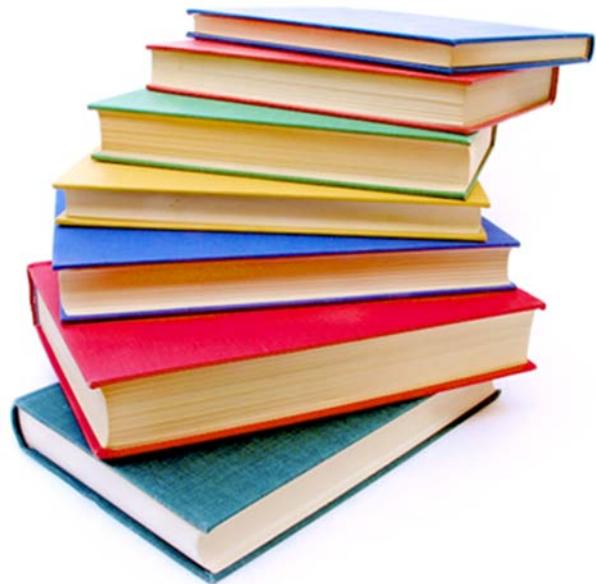
The Isabel Sorrier Community Room will be stacked high with great reading at the annual Fall Book Sale. The Members-only presale is Thursday, October 25, from 5-7 pm. (It's a perfect opportunity to invite others to become a Friend!) Friday, October 26, the sale opens to the public from noon to 6 pm and concludes on Saturday, October 27, with hours from 9 am to 1pm. You'll find kids books, cookbooks, coffee table books, travel books, fiction and reference, biography and more. Hardbacks are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Paperbacks are 50 cents each or three for \$1. Media -- CDs, DVDs and cassettes -- are \$2 each.

Not only is this a great time to pick up a great book, it's also one of our major fundraising events, usually bringing in several thousand dollars that goes straight to support the work of the library.

We need your donations and help!

Of course, now is the time to clean your bookshelves and bring donations to the library. You can drop them off any time at the circulation desk. If you a large number, we can arrange to pick them up. And if you can help with set-up, sales or clean-up, we need volunteers.

Need a good book right now? Don't forget the Everlasting Book Sale that goes on every day at the Library. You'll find several shelves of regularly refreshed volumes every day.



10 Things I learned at National Library Legislative Day 2012

By Lynn Lilly

I had the opportunity to join the Georgia delegation at National Library Legislative Day, a campaign by the American Library Association, April 23-24, 2012. 200 librarians and volunteers from across the country visited Capitol Hill to meet with our nation's legislators. Lamar Veatch, State Librarian for the Georgia Public Library Services, and I met with the staffs of Senators Johnny Isakson and Saxby Chambliss, as well as six members of the House of Representatives, including John Barrow, our own district's Congressman. It was exciting to help represent libraries and



share stories of their importance.

Top Ten Takeaways from National Library Legislative Day

Three things that worried me

1. Even the Capitol Hill staffers admitted that all kinds of funding is at standstill due to a contentious Congress. Last minute bills, the possibilities of shutdowns, the shadow of automatic funding cuts puts libraries at risk.

2. The halls of Congress are crowded with lobbyists – but not those representing libraries.

3. Libraries are not top of mind in any of the budget talks.

Three things that made me feel better

1. Legislators understand – at least to some extent – the importance of libraries.

2. They know library lovers vote. An invitation to do an event at a library – from a town hall to reading to children – met with bright eyes.

3. It's easier than I ever imagined to be heard. We were welcomed and people took note of our message.

We simply need to raise more voices.



Lamar Veatch, State Librarian, Brandon Webb of Congressman John Barrow's staff and Lynn Lilly.

Three things we all need to do.

1. Don't be afraid of the word "advocacy." Simply speak your part to people you helped to elect – via phone call, email or letter.

2. Visit www.ala.org, the American Library Association's website, and click on "Advocacy and Issues." There you'll always find creative ideas – like They even have a place where you can enter your zip code and see the federal and state issues that need attention, as well as a link to your all your legislators' contact information.

3. Focus the message in terms that matter to legislators – libraries as a driver of education and jobs, through resources, programs for youth and adults, perhaps the only free Internet access in a region.

One thing I'll be doing

1. I intend to "practice what I'm preaching" – stay informed, speak up, and engage my community in the same. That means FOGL will be bringing you more updates and ideas!

Mark Your Calendar

September 17: Meet the Author - Tina Whittle

October 22: Meet the Author - Kathy Bradley

October 25-27: Used Book Sale

November 1: Write Place Author Reading

November 3: Writers Workshop - Janisse Ray

Today: Invite a friend to become a Friend!

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Friends of the Statesboro-Bulloch County Library is an association of persons interested in books, reading, and excellence in public library service whose principle goals are to:

- Maintain a quality library for the people of Bulloch County
- Inform the public of the resources, services and needs of the public library
- Improve the services and facilities of the Statesboro Regional Library through financial assistance
- Provide money for purchasing materials and programs beyond the library's budget
- Expand the cultural opportunities available to the public

What do Friends do?

- Serve as library volunteers
- Sponsor programs and special events, including the "Meet the Author" series
- Organize semi-annual used book sales as a fundraiser for library needs
- Underwrite book-related & other cultural programs for adults
- Host community receptions

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