

## STATESBORO-BULLOCH COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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### The President's Corner

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EVERY ENDING IS A NEW BEGINNING. We already miss Cora Fay, the Statesboro Regional Library's assistant director who retired on September 18, 2009, and wish her great happiness as she begins her new adventures. Cora was exceedingly successful in bringing the community to the library through various programs such as One Book, One Community and Meet the Author. Although Cora has left us, we are beginning a new chapter in the very capable hands of Lois Roberts, library director, who has assumed her duties. Lois is also a pleasure to work with and works tirelessly to make sure the library's story is told in all the media. You can find the library's website at <http://strl.info/> with a link to Facebook for more information. I hope you all will take a look at these sites as well as our own Friends of the Library website listed at the top of this newsletter. You can always find newsletters, important dates and other information there.

As always, feel free to share your ideas with me for making our organization better.

Ceil (839-3150)



### The Open Book: Library News

Dear FRIENDS and ALL who GEEK libraries,

*If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies.* ~ Author Unknown

Change is a given in our lives. With Cora Fay retiring and my retirement postponed, I want to tell you how excited I am about doing the very job I had when we moved to Statesboro in 1995. Goodness -- our library has changed since then!

When I walk through the library's automatic front doors, I realize that Friends even open doors for the community. Every time a stroller or wheelchair approaches, I am so proud of the support from our Friends. In 1995 you were a dream, not yet a reality. Thank you!

Everyone is looking forward to the Friends Fall Book Sale -- October 1-2-3. It will be fun (and hard work!) to set up the room and open for business. We GEEKFriends, book sales and the support provided!

The GEEK the Library campaign will be at the Turpentine Festival in Portal, October 3 & 4. In addition, GEEK the Library will be at the Ogeechee Kiwanis Fair, October 12 -17. We plan to recreate

a library at the fairgrounds -- the GEEK THE LIBRARY -- LIBRARY with the kiosk, handouts and drawings for GEEK the Library tee shirts. Stop by to rest (and read) awhile!

Jim Rickerson updated the library website ([www.strl.info](http://www.strl.info)) and we now have a presence on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Statesboro-GA/Statesboro-Regional-Library/138674325808> ).

There is no finer design than that of a public library -- public support for sharing books, knowledge, and access to information! Have a wonderful fall and LOVE your LIBRARY!

Lois Roberts,  
Public Services Librarian

### **RETIREMENT RECEPTION HELD FOR CORA FAY**

On Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm the staff of the Statesboro Regional Library in partnership with the Friends of the Library held a reception for Cora Fay who has served our local library during the past 8 years as assistant director. Cora devoted her whole professional career to community libraries in places such as Mobile, Alabama and Columbus, Georgia. The library presented her with a beautiful blanket while the Friends purchased 9 books for the library dedicated in her honor. Cora will continue to work as a volunteer on the upcoming Literary Festival that will be held next fall. She has sold her home and moved to Beaufort, South Carolina.

### **CHANGES IN EXECUTIVE BOARD**

During the month of August, two board members resigned. Becki Edenfield, Corresponding Secretary left us to focus more on family activities. She has been replaced by Marcia Parkerson. Marcia and her husband Chris moved to Statesboro in May, 2008 from Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Marcia works with Radonna Sapp at Allstate Insurance Company. We are very happy she was able to step in and finish Becki's term.

John Bressler, vice president and president-elect also resigned in August to accept more responsibilities with our local Ogeechee Area Hospice Organization. We have not yet filled his position. If you know someone with the time and inclination, feel free to make the recommendation to anyone on the board.

As always, feel free to attend our board meetings. We need and value your input into our organization.

### **YOUR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FUNDS AT WORK**

Library funds have been drastically reduced by the state so during the last board meeting held on August 11<sup>th</sup>, the board approved the following donations to the library:

- \$5,000 for Books and Materials for Public Checkout
- \$300 for Genealogy Periodical
- \$1000 for RIF (Reading is Fundamental) Program

## NICK DEBONIS PROGRAM HELD

Dr. Nick DeBonis presented our first Meet the Author program entitled: How to Build Your Business in Today's Economy at 7pm on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> in the library community room. During his presentation Dr. DeBonis enlightened the audience about the effects of the economic crisis on local and national businesses. He made very specific recommendations about surviving and even growing in the midst of this challenging economic atmosphere. He cautioned about cutting customer prices because of the dissatisfaction they will voice once things improve and prices are raised. Dr. DeBonis recommended instead focusing more on meeting the individual needs of customers/clients so they feel they are being better served by the business.

## 2009-2010 Meet the Author Program Continues

Lynn Lilly, our FOL Program Chair, has confirmed that the next Meet the Author program this year will be held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the library community room. Dr. David Dudley, Chair of the Department of Literature and Philosophy at Georgia Southern University will discuss Writing and Getting Published. He is a published author himself of the book, The Bicycle Man. He has another book due to be released soon.

Future programs include:

### Tuesday, January 5, 2010

**Presenter: Lucy Adams** is a syndicated columnist, humorist and author of *If Mama Don't Laugh, It Ain't Funny*.

### Tuesday, March 9, 2010

**Presenters: Hugh and Carol Nourse** the co-authors of *Wildflowers of Georgia* and *Favorite Wildflower Walks of Georgia*.

The programs are all held in the Community Room at the Statesboro-Bulloch County Library at 7pm. A reception follows each program.

## Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will be hosting the annual Fall Book Sale scheduled for October in the community room at the library.

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| Members Only Sale   | Thursday | 10/1 | 5-7 p.m.  |
| General Public Sale | Friday   | 10/2 | 12-6 p.m. |
| General Public Sale | Saturday | 10/3 | 9am-2pm   |

If you would like to contribute books, audio tapes, CDs, DVDs, or videos, please bring them to the library any time before the sale. If you would like to volunteer to help our very own Walt Strickland set-up and clean-up or work during the sale, please contact Connie Sanders (690-0683).

## Memberships and Future Newsletters

This newsletter has been mailed to all current members as well as those who have been members in the past. Memberships run July 1 to June 30 of each year. For those who have not renewed, please complete the enclosed membership form and mail with check to address indicated. If you have already renewed your membership, pass the form to a prospective new member.

Future editions of this publication will be emailed to those members who have given us an email address. If you do not use email, we will continue to mail your newsletter to you each quarter. Please check our website periodically ([www.statesborofriends.org](http://www.statesborofriends.org)), in case your computer security fire wall prevents our emails from getting to you. Do not hesitate to contact our president, Ceil Hardin (839-3150 or [chardin@hardinsystems.org](mailto:chardin@hardinsystems.org)) if you have any difficulties receiving our online communications. We need to keep you informed.

## Upcoming Events

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| Fall Book Sale at the Library         | October 1-3                   |
| Meet the Author-David Dudley          | October 6 at 7pm at Library   |
| October Board Meeting                 | October 13 at 4pm at Library  |
| Friends of Georgia Libraries Workshop | November 7 in Smyrna, Georgia |
| Holiday Reception                     | December 8, 4-6pm at Library  |
| Meet the Author-Lucy Adams            | January 5, 7pm at Library     |