

STATESBORO-BULLOCH COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

SPRING 2011

DINNER AT MONTICELLO



Annual Meeting Meet the Author Series

Damon Lee Fowler
Author of Dining at Monticello
Monday, May 16, 7 pm

In the first cookbook authorized by Thomas Jefferson's Monticello Foundation, Damon Lee Fowler takes readers into the kitchen, gardens and dining room of America's second President. Fowler, also the Food Writer for the *Savannah Morning News*, takes us on his fascinating journey through Jefferson's family's personal letters, recipe manuscripts, accounts of food purchases and Jefferson's own notebook to reveal what meals were like at the famed Virginia manor. Fowler brings us rediscovered recipes, some written in Jefferson's own hand. Sample a few of them at the reception afterward. The Friends are partnering with the Mainstreet Farmers Market on the event because Jefferson was one of the original farm-to-table foodies, growing more than 500 vegetable and fruit varieties right outside his door.

Says *Publishers Weekly* of *Dining at Monticello*, "This intriguing book...will appeal to fans of Americana and culinary history." *The Journal of Southern History* adds, "Ambitious [and] beautiful."

SPRING BOOK SALE

MEMBERS ONLY SALE
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011
5 - 7 P.M.

GENERAL PUBLIC SALES
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2011
12 - 6 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

If you would like to contribute books, CD's, or DVD's, please bring them to the library any time before the sale. To volunteer, please contact Connie Sanders at 690-0683 or consan68@yahoo.com

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NEWSBITS

OFFERING FRESH IDEAS AT THE FARMER'S MARKET!

We're taking the Library to the community! Every Saturday from 9 to 12:30 shoppers at the Mainstreet Farmers Market in the Downtown Sea Island Bank parking lot are invited to find out more about what goes on at the Library and with the Friends. We're offering free RIF books to children, adult books for a donation, and information about events like the Summer Reading Program, Book Sale, Meet the Author and more. Stop by! Want to volunteer? Contact Connie Sanders at 690-0683 or consan68@yahoo.com

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The annual membership drive for the Friends of the Library will take place in June. Membership forms can be filled out at the library during the week of the membership drive or downloaded from our website at statesborofriends.org and returned to the address on the form with a check. We encourage those completing the membership forms to please provide an email address, as this helps us to conserve crucial funds by emailing newsletters instead of mailing them out.

TINA ANSA SPEAKS TO LARGEST MEET THE AUTHOR AUDIENCE OF THE YEAR

Renowned novelist Tina McElroy Ansa spoke to our largest Meet the Author audience of the year on March 29th. The event was offered in partnership with the GSU Department of Writing and Linguistics where Ansa will be the Visiting Author this summer. Ansa, whose work has been praised by the *New York Times*, also has three of her five novels included on the Georgia Center for the Book's 25 Books Every Georgian Should Read list.

MEMORIAL DONATION

A generous memorial donation in memory of Bob Phillips was made to the Friends of the Library by Harvey and Judie Wechsler. Bob was a lifetime member of the Friends of the Library and his wife, Mary, formerly served as a Friends Board member. Bob also made the collection of submarines that are located in the Genealogy area of the Library.

Dear Friends in Deed this Spring 2011,

We're pretty excited about the **presence of Friends at the Farmers' Market** this spring -- talk about "buying local" and supporting local growth! What is more appropriate than books to feed the mind and help our spirits soar? It's wonderful to see the Friends out there promoting the library, educating the public and snatching new members from the crowd!



The Annual Friends Booksale is coming up – that is always an exciting (and busy) time as the stash is pulled out and prettied up for the first night at the Members ONLY sale, Thursday, May 19. The public sale dates are Friday, May 20 - 12:00 – 6:00 and Saturday, May 21 - 9:00 – 2:00. DEAR VOLUNTEERS -- we appreciate your time and efforts!

The **Meet the Author series** was quite varied this year! In March, Tina McElroy Ansa's presence was in partnership with Georgia Southern University – a first! What a fun evening! And if you think an **Annual Meeting** sounds boring, think again! Damon Lee Fowler will be there May 16 at 7:00 p.m. to talk about his new cookbook. Now that's the way to conduct business!

Several of you went to the **Friends of Georgia Libraries (FOGL) meeting** at Macon State in Warner Robbins April 29 and were there to receive a state-wide award for being such "FABULOUS FRIENDS." Lynn Lilly is the Secretary for FOGL and Connie Sanders is a new board member. Thank you, thank you – you do us proud!

The Everlasting Book Sale has taken off and proven its worth. Janet Donaldson manages the selection and book displays. Treasurer Charlie Cox has the distinct pleasure of emptying the money box and hauling off the proceeds.

Eight computers are on order for the **FRIENDS computer project**. The electrical and data lines were installed Saturday, April 16. The carpet replacement has been delayed but not alarmingly so. The installation will be completed all in good time but not soon enough for those eager users that flock to the library every day!

See you at the Annual Meeting on May 16th. Come as you are and enjoy the Library!

Lois Roberts - #1 Friends' Fan

**THE FOLLOWING WAS THE NOMINATION LETTER FOR THE
FRIENDS OF THE STATESBORO-BULLOCH LIBRARY**

Dear Friends of Georgia Libraries,

2010 was an amazing year for our Friends. Statesboro Regional Library Friends have been loyal activists for community outreach and fundraising for our library for many years and I am pleased to nominate them for the FOGL Fabulous Friends Award. Vive les amis!

- Our busy membership committee increased membership and raised substantial funds to help support the Library
- Held two Used Book Sales and inaugurated the *Everlasting Book Sale*, an ongoing used book sale
- Sponsored the Library's first Usborne Children's Book Fair, resulting in over \$300 in new books for the Youth & Family Services department and providing the opportunity for the community to purchase high quality books for gifts and personal use.

With the help of the Friends, the Library was provided with financial support for a number of projects, a critical need in this time of reduced funding. Their gifts helped us fund:

- Library materials, including books, CDs, DVDs and subscriptions
- Materials for our Genealogy department, one of South Georgia's most sought after genealogical resource
- Free books for thousands of area children in the Reading is Fundamental Program in cooperation with the Library and United Way of Southeast Georgia
- Lighting and other amenities for our library's atrium, an area used for wireless access, reading and a gathering place for receptions and meetings
- Special library projects, such as two flint knapping workshops to attract more adult and young men to the library
- Books for Babies, an organization that promotes reading to new parents

Friends are kicking off a \$10,000 fundraising campaign to provide additional public computers in Adult Services. These eight additional workstations will be strategically located in the Reference area of the library.

In the area of community outreach and membership building, our Friends Group sponsored six Meet the Author events in 2010, bringing in a variety of community members to hear writers on 1930s memoirs and wildflowers, Southern humor and recovering from the death of a child in the military. There was also an annual holiday reception to thank the library staff and the Friends members for their hard work, and the entire Statesboro community for their support.

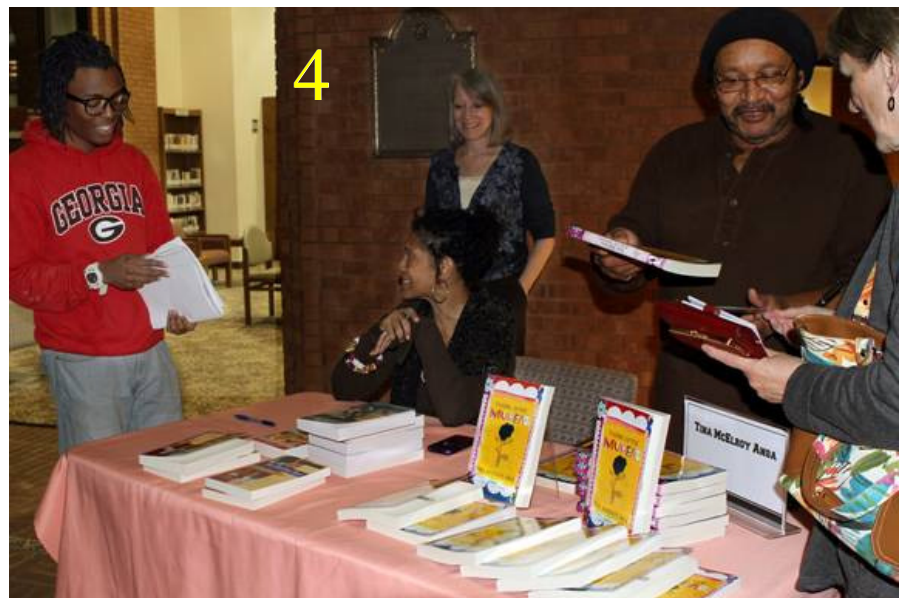
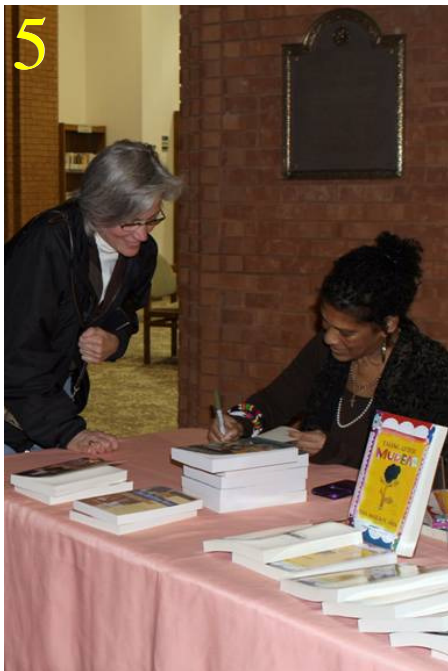
This is also the inaugural year of partnering with the Writing and Linguistics Department of Georgia Southern University to co-promote author visits and writing programs. To increase the strength of the Friends and provide an educational opportunity for students at Georgia Southern University, a new partnership is being developed with a Communications Department class to develop a community relations campaign.

The Friends also played a crucial role in the 2010 Georgia Literary Festival, held October 23rd at Georgia Southern University. When Statesboro Regional Library agreed to be the co-presenter of the event with Georgia Southern University Library, the Friends were the first sponsor with a \$1000 donation. Many Friends served tirelessly on the event committees, which brought 25 noted Georgia authors to the region.

Lois Roberts
Public Services Librarian
December 2010



1. Verdery Kennedy presents a check to Charlie Cox, FOL Treasurer. The check was a donation to FOL from the proceeds of the sale of her children's book
2. Sonya Huber, author, speaking at a recent Meet the Author event
3. Sonya Huber takes time to speak with a guest
4. Tina Ansa, author, shares a moment with a guest at the last Meet the Author event.
5. Tina Ansa autographs a copy of her book



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Farmer's Market

Saturday Mornings

Need: Volunteers to man the booth at the Farmer's Market

Annual Meeting/Meet the Author Series

Monday, May 16, 2011

Need: People with culinary skills who would be willing to prepare some recipes from Damon Lee Fowler's book *Dining at Monticello*.

Spring Book Sale

Thursday, May 19, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Need: Sorting Books

Thursday, May 19, 5 - 7 p.m.

Need: Book Sale Attendants

Friday, May 20, 12 - 2 p.m., 2 - 4 p.m., 4 - 6 p.m.

Need: Book Sale Attendants

Saturday, May 20, 9 - 11 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Need: Book Sale Attendants

Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m. - Until

Need: Clean-up

To volunteer, please contact Connie Sanders at 690-0683 or consan68@yahoo.com

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