

Friends of the Library Newsletter-Summer 2010

Presidents Corner

Just reviewing the tentative schedule for 2010-2011 indicates an exciting year.

The Friends have come a long way since May 1993 when Frank Parker and a small group of people meet to form a steering committee for the Friends of the Library organization.

Frank (first president) stated "Anybody that wants to be involved will have a place in this organization." Our first book fair was held in May of 1994. May we continue the tradition set by our first officers and directors! Please give your support to our current directors and make 2010-11 a banner year for the "FRIENDS". Thanks and I need your support. Walt

Thoughts from Past President

Dear Friends,

I thank you all for your support and dedication during the past 2 years I have served as your president. During this time we have supported our library with funds from book sales and membership contributions. The automatic doors that welcome library patrons were installed with our help. Meet the Author programs have enlightened us adults on a variety of topics while RIF and summer reading programs have encouraged our young people to read more. In a time of severe budget cuts, our organization has helped our library to expand materials available to our community for check out. I am very proud.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your president.
Ceil

Opening Doors -- Library News – SUMMER 2010

Can you believe it? The Summer Reading Programs have concluded and we are celebrating the **Dog Days of Summer** with pictures of dogs and their people throughout the library. Stop in to enjoy the wonderful collection of 75 canines and their proud owners. Dogs and books go together nicely with the **Reading to Rover** program the last Monday of each month. We appreciate the participation of **Therapy Dogs International** in this unique program.

The Library remains a very active place even with school starting up. People are lining up to get into the building each morning. I have read how libraries across the nation provide a **cool place for people** in need of air conditioning and a drink of water. I think it's true in Statesboro as well as East Bridgeport or Springfield.

The **Everlasting Book Sale** continues to be popular – it's a low key way to keep **FRIENDS** in the public eye. People who come by for books enjoy the search – browsing through the titles to find a treasure! We rotate the collection frequently and we will start advertising the **BIG BOOK SALE** now that the date is set.

The **need for more computers** is ever present. Lately, I've noted the reasons people need library computers – some home computers are out of service, out of ink, been hit by lightening, have a virus or without a printer. The public library serves a great need in providing computer and printing access – whatever the reason. Our local public library is a major service center for retrieving pay stubs, accessing legal forms, getting a degree, applying for a job or planning a trip on Map Quest.

Statesboro Regional Library Facebook FANS reached 245 this week. We are excited to connect with others this way and on the **Regional Public Libraries' website at www.strl.info**. Drop in for some “real time” at the library or make a virtual visit!

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2010-2011 Meet the Author Series Calendar

Mark your calendar now for this year's exciting Meet the Author programs.

Thursday, September 30, 2010, 7 pm. Deborah Tainsh, author of *Heart of a Hawk and Surviving the Folded Flag*. When Deborah Tainsh lost her soldier stepson in Iraq, she wrote her story of loss and healing to share. *Heart of a Hawk* became a touchstone to military families and all who are mindful of the sacrifices made by our brave military. Families of fallen heroes told Deborah about their own journeys of courage and faith, which became *Surviving the Folded Flag*. President George W. Bush is among her readers. Her book is recommended by military chaplains and counselors.

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 7 pm. Betsy Nichols, How to Write Your Memoirs. If you've ever wanted to write your own or your family's story, Betsy Nichols can help you get started. A memoirist herself (*When Summer Was in the Meadow* was a finalist for a Georgia Book of the Year) and writing professor emeritus from Georgia Southern, she'll share inspiration, ideas and practical advice. Maybe you're a genealogy enthusiast who wants to add the human stories to your ancestry. Maybe you want a permanent record of your best memories. Either way, this workshop can be the place to begin.

Thursday, March 31, 2010, 7 pm. Janisse Ray, author of Ecology of a Cracker Childhood and Pinhook: Finding Wholeness in a Fragmented Land.

Janisse Ray, author, poet and environmental activist, looks at life in rural southern Georgia in her blend of memoir and nature study. She grew up in junkyard at the edge of a longleaf pine forest. In her books, she combines her love of “cracker culture”, ecology, and her personal history. Two of her books have been named to list of “25 Books Every Georgian Should Read”. She has two new books coming out this year, and will debut some of them with us.

Monday, May 16, 2011, 7 pm, Annual Meeting and Damon Lee Fowler.

Damon Lee Fowler is the author of six critically acclaimed cookbooks. The feature food writer for the *Savannah Morning News*, Fowler's work has also appeared in *Food & Wine* and *Relish*, and he is editor and recipe developer for the Jefferson Foundation's first cookbook, *Dining at Monticello*. Publisher's Weekly said of his *New Southern Baking*: "Fowler believes 'each recipe tells a story.' This cookbook is a treat, equally satisfying to cook from or to read." As the program for our Annual Meeting, Damon will demonstrate a few favorite recipes and share some of those stories of food and entertaining, Southern style.

Friends of the Statesboro-Bulloch County Library 2010-2011 Planning Calendar

September/October	Meet the Author	9/30 7 pm
	Fall book Sale	9/30 to 10/2
	FOL Board Meeting	10/11 5pm
	Literary festival at GSU	10/22
November	Fall Newsletter	
December	Holiday Reception	12/7 5:30pm to 7pm
	Featuring Michael Braz and honoring past presidents and directors	
February	FOL Board Meeting	2/7 5pm
	Meet the Author	2/9 7pm
	Winter Newsletter	
March	Meet the Author	3/31 7pm
April	FOL Board Meeting	4/11 5pm
	National Library week	
May	Spring Book Sale	
	Annual FOL General Meeting	5/16 7pm
	(Meet the Author at the Annual Meeting)	
	Summer Reading Program Kickoff	
	Spring Newsletter	
June	Annual Membership drive	
	Joint Board Meeting/ Workshop	6/6 5pm

Membership

The 2010-11 membership year began on July 1st, so if you have not yet renewed your membership to the Friends of the Library, please do so today!

Membership dues provide over half of the Friends of the Library's (FOL) total contribution to the library! YOUR membership is crucial to our continuing success in supporting the library as is your bringing new members into our organization. Be a good Friend by making another Friend! Extra membership forms are available at the library. Take a few and encourage others to join us! Forms are also available online at the FOL website.

PLEASE send the form and your dues in promptly to the address on the form. Why not consider increasing your membership contribution this year? Help make 2010-2011 the best year yet!

Nelda Bishop,
Membership Chair
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FOL Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will be hosting the annual Fall Book Sale scheduled for September 30th through October 2nd in the community room at the library.

Members Only Sale	Thursday	9/30	5-7 p.m.
General Public Sale	Friday	10/1	12-6 p.m.
General Public Sale	Saturday	10/2	9am-2p.m.

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 set-up, clean-up or work during the sale, please contact Connie Sanders (690-0683).

Literacy Reception:

We are planning a Literacy Reception for Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 12 - 2 PM. This is International Literacy Day. I was wondering if our Friends could help by bringing some refreshments, and maybe helping to set up and host the event? Please contact Elaine H. McDuffie if you can help.

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FRIENDS OF THE STATESBORO-BULLOCH COUNTY LIBRARY

MEMBERSHIP FORM

My check for \$_____ is enclosed for annual membership in Friends of the Statesboro-Bulloch County Library for the membership year: _____. The membership year runs from July 1-June 30.

Types of membership include:

Annual Individual \$15 Annual Sustaining \$50
Annual Family \$25 Annual Patron \$100
Total Life Membership \$1,000

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr. _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

Email _____

Please check area(s) of special interest in which you would be willing to serve:

Friends Book Sale Receptions Other _____

Children's Programs Adult Programs Clerical Duties

Monetary Support Only

Please print and return this form with your check to:

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