

STATESBORO-BULLOCH COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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The President's Corner

Since our last newsletter we have been working hard on developing the upcoming One Book, One Community Program that focuses on the Ray Bradbury novel, *Fahrenheit 451*. The activities and programs began with the kickoff at the Holiday reception and the sale of copies of the novel. The other activities are described in this newsletter. We need your support and participation for the program to be successful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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The Open Book: Library News

by Cora Fay

We have an awesome New Year's gift to share with the community! The Statesboro area has been named host of the Georgia Literary Festival for 2010.

The Georgia Literary Festival is ten years old and is coordinated by the Georgia Center for the Book located in Decatur, Ga. It is a "movable feast" and is held in a different Georgia city each year. This will be the first time the festival has come to South Georgia. It will be both an economic and cultural plus for our area.

A committee is in place to begin the arduous two year planning process. Bede Mitchell, Dean of the GSU Library, and I have the honor of coordinating this event.

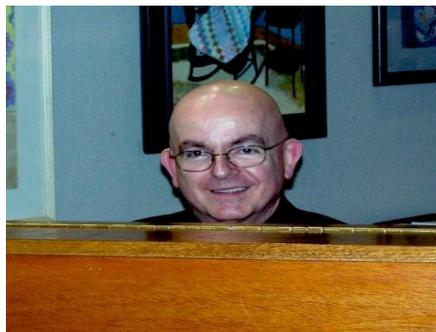
Thirty to forty of Georgia's best known authors will be invited to present programs and discuss their works. This event will be much like the Savannah Book Festival that we have enjoyed over the past several years.

The Library will keep you posted as this exciting event takes shape.

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Holiday Reception with Dr. Michael Braz



Our traditional FOL Holiday Reception was held on Monday, December 8th, from 4-6pm. Special Projects Chair Sue Meikle coordinated the food, beverages, and table decorations. Cora Fay and her staff had already decorated a beautiful tree so the stage was set for a pleasant gathering. We were so happy to have Dr. Michael Braz, back from Europe, this year to entertain us on the piano with holiday music. Most of us cannot

separate Michael's music from the holiday season because the two have been an important part of the season's activities for many years. We thank Michael for volunteering his services once again this year.

Statesboro Fire Department Visits the Library



During the last 30 minutes of the Holiday Reception, we had a surprise visit from Fire Chief Dennis Merrifield and the Statesboro Fire Department. No, there was no fire or emergency. They came by to help us kick off this year's One Book, One Community Project. The community will be reading *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. The book is a futuristic novel about a world in which firemen no longer put out fires but burn books to keep citizens from reading and thinking about the ideas stimulated by literature. Chief Merrifield urged the community to participate in the activities connected with the book. He also assured us all that his firemen would never involve themselves in book burning. The firemen treated library patrons, young and more mature, to a tour of the fire engine they used to come to the library. We certainly appreciate their support.

One Book, One Community - *Fahrenheit 451* Activities

Paperback copies of the novel, *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury have been sold for \$2 at the library during the past 4 weeks. We will also sell books on January 20-21 from 12-6pm. The Statesboro Pilot Club provided funding to keep book prices low. There are audio books and large print copies available for checkout at the library, compliments of the Statesboro Lions Club. We appreciate the support from these two service organizations.

*****Other Activities*****

On Monday, January 26th, book discussion groups will be led by Dr. David Dudley, Dr. John Bressler, and Ken Homer at the library at 7pm. Both Dr. Bressler and Mr. Homer teach at East Georgia College while Dr. Dudley teaches at Georgia Southern University. A morning discussion group will be held on Tuesday, January 27th at 10am in the Community Room. This group will be led by Dr. Caren Town who also teaches at GSU.

On Monday, February 2nd at 7pm, in the Statesboro Library Community Room, Dr. Nick DeBonis from the GSU Communication Arts Department will deliver a presentation entitled, "The Censor in the Mirror,

Lighting the Fuse.” Dr. DeBonis is a former professional journalist in both print and broadcast media. His resume includes teaching at Pepperdine, Louisiana State, Texas A&M, Cal State-Fullerton, and Emory universities.

On Sunday, February 8th, at 2pm at the Averitt Center in downtown Statesboro, there will be an opportunity to view the 1966 film version of *Fahrenheit 451*. Following the movie, a filmed interview with author Ray Bradbury will be presented followed by a brief discussion session for those interested in participating.

Art Contest

One of the great joys of reading is that each reader paints individual word pictures in his or her own mind. The Statesboro Regional library invites you to transform your word pictures into art as part of this year's One Book, One Community project.

The public is invited to read the novel *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and then paint or draw a favorite theme, character or event inspired by reading the book.

There will be two divisions: Youth (12-16) and Adult (17+). Paintings or drawings will be accepted. All art work should be matted with the final project not to exceed 18" by 24" including the mat. Please print name, address, and telephone number on the back. The deadline for submission to the Statesboro Regional Library is January 21, 2009 at 8:00PM. Entries should be turned in at the reference desk. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and effectiveness of presentation of the book.

Meet the Author Program

On Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7pm in the Statesboro Library Community Room, Dr. John Bressler will share his latest journalistic talents in the form of audio CD programs. One is entitled, *Homespun Fun* while the other is called *Homespun Theology*. Dr. Bressler hails from Huntington, West Virginia and graduated from Marshall University. He is a retired Presbyterian pastor who teaches at East Georgia College and writes a column for the *Statesboro Herald*. Following his presentation, there will be a reception and an opportunity to purchase his CD's. You will not want to miss this event.

Volunteers Needed

During the activities connected with *Fahrenheit 451*, the FOL will need volunteers to sell books, serve as greeters and ushers, as well as to setup and clean up. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact our volunteer co-chairs, Charlotte Crittenden (489-8223) or Connie Sanders (690-0683).

Volunteers are also needed for the Libraries Are Awesome program where we visit 4th grade classrooms to tell students about their community library on February 11-12. While in the schools, we read a book to each class and give out promotional information and an application for a library card. A short training session on February 9th at 4:30pm at the library is mandatory for all volunteers for this program. Call Charlotte or Connie if you are available for this fun activity..

Upcoming Events

<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Book Sales	1/20-21 from 12-6pm
Art Contest Submissions	1/20 by 8pm
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Discussion	1/26 @ 7pm and 1/17 @10am
Dr. Nick DeBonis Presentation	2/2 @ 7pm
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Film	2/8 @ 2pm Averitt Center
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Art Exhibition	February-All Month
Training for Libraries Are Awesome Volunteers	2/9 at 4:30pm
Libraries Are Awesome	February 11-12 in various schools
Meet the Author-Dr. John Bressler	3/3 @ 7pm