



Among Friends ...

Newsletter - Spring 2010

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Friends Events

Apr 1-30 *Donate Used Books*
(see related story)

Apr 21 *Friends 2010 Annual
Business Meeting*
7:30 pm, Northern
Regional Center,
350 E. Holding Ave

May 1 *Used Book Sale*
9:00 am* – 4:00 pm
Senior Center
235 E. Holding Ave
*8:00 am – Friends
Members Only

(Check at the library for details
on these and other Friends of the
Library events)

Support the Wake Forest Library Join Us at the Used Book Sale on May 1

The Friends of the Wake Forest Library's Used Book Sale is held each year on the first Saturday in May, the same day as Wake Forest's "Meet in the Street" festival. This year the sale will be on May 1 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Northern Wake Senior Center, 235 E. Holding Ave in Wake Forest. The Senior Center is across and down the street from the library. This year the used book sale benefits both the Wake Forest Library and the Northern Wake Senior Center.

Our sale inventory will include used hardcover books at \$2 and used paperback books at \$1. The books are 100% donated and sorted to the extent that time and manpower permits. We will also have some CDs and DVDs (sold as is), along with Friends' of the Wake Forest Library tote bags for \$5 and, of course, Friends of the Wake Forest Library memberships. Among the categories of books available at the sale will be Animals & Pets, Business & Career, Children's Books, Cook Books, Gardening, Fiction (hardcover and paperback), Health & Fitness, Religion & Spirituality and Self-Help.

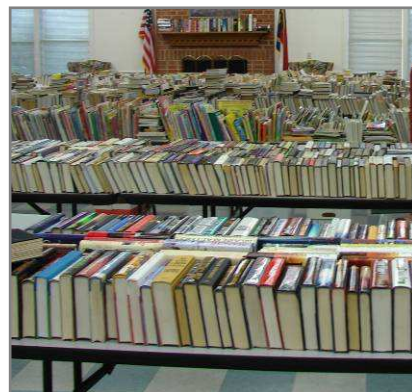
**Members of the Friends of the Wake Forest Library
are invited to shop early from 8:00 to 9:00 am.
You can become a "Friend" the day of the sale**

The used book sale is our most important fundraiser and we can use all the help we can get! Join us at the Senior Center on April 30, May 1 or May 2 to help with the sale. To volunteer, call Mary Petretich at 761-1130 or email the Friends at friendswflibrary@yahoo.com.

*Each year the Friends Board of Directors, Friends members,
library staff and volunteers from the community work throughout April
to collect and sort books in preparation for the used book sale.*



Where we begin on April 1



*Where we hope to be on May 1 with a
lot of help from our "Friends"*

President's Message

from Bill Lee

We initiated a membership drive at the community Autumn Arts Festival in October. You may also have seen our Friends membership table set up on Saturdays at the Wake Forest Library. So far this year we have welcomed 85 new members. Also, we have opened a new membership category for Book Clubs and you can read more about that in this newsletter.

I would like to issue a challenge to every Friends of the Wake Forest Library member to "get a friend to join The Friends" to help us meet the needs of our library that are not covered by the Wake County budget.

This year we have supplied the Wake Forest Library with 24 portable chairs and are placing new poster art in the library to help spruce up the atmosphere. We are also providing magazine subscriptions that would otherwise be dropped because of budget constraints. Some other organizations are joining us in this effort and donating subscriptions. If you or your organization or book club would like to sponsor a subscription, please read how to in this newsletter.

Our annual used book sale is coming up May 1 and we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact us.

Give a Magazine Subscription to the Library

The Wake County Library system has cut the periodicals budget for its branches by 40%. The Wake Forest Library has asked for help in getting 12 subscriptions "gifted" to the library to replace those that the County will no longer purchase.

The Friends will accept donations from organizations, book clubs and individuals to cover the cost of the

magazines and to purchase plastic magazine covers. The subscriptions cost \$10 to \$40 for one year and \$20 to \$80 for two years; covers are \$13 each. The Friends have already ordered the magazines so that givers need not deal with renewal notices. A card will be put on each magazine's plastic cover thanking the donor of the subscription.

If you'd like to gift a subscription to the Wake Forest Library, you can call Mary at 761-1130 or email friendswflibrary@yahoo.com for a list of "unadopted" magazines.

Among those who have already contributed are the Wake Forest Garden Club, the Wake Weekly and Les & Dean Tryon.

Donate Books in April

Throughout April, the Friends of the Library will collect paperback and hardcover books (recently published, in good condition, no text or reference books or romance novels), CDs and DVDs for our annual used book sale. We are unable to accept textbooks or romance novels. Look for tote bins marked "Donate Used Books" at the following locations:

- Alphabet Soup (downtown WF)
- Bexley Apartments (Heritage)
- Capital Bank (Hwy 98 & Capital)
- Carolina Health Club (S Main St)
- Dinners at Home (Heritage)
- Fidelity Bank (downtown WF)
- Food Lion (Hwy 98 & Capital / Rolesville / Wakefield)
- Northern Wake Senior Center
- State Employees Credit Union (at Jenkins Rd and at Rodgers Rd in Rolesville)
- Sun Trust Bank (downtown WF)
- Wake Forest Savings & Loan (downtown WF)
- Wake Tire (S Main St)
- Wake Weekly (downtown WF)

Please note that due to space constraints, the **Wake Forest Library is not able to accept donations.** If you have questions or need help with a large donation, call Friends President Bill Lee at 453-0321.

Annual Business Meeting

The Friends of the Wake Forest Public Library's 2010 Annual Business Meeting will be held April 21 at 7:30 pm at the Northern Regional Center, 350 E. Holding Ave.

New board members and officers for the 2010-2011 year will be elected and a vote will be taken on a proposed change to the bylaws.

Proposed Change to the Friends' Bylaws

As required by the bylaws of the Friends of the Wake Forest Public Library, this is notice to the membership of a proposed change in Article VII of the organizations' bylaws as follows:

"Article VII – Meetings

The corporation shall meet annually ~~in the month of April~~ at a time designated by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called ..."

The Friends Board of Directors has proposed this change so that the Friends organization can devote all its effort during April to preparation for the annual used book sale. The sale takes place on the first Saturday in May.

Waterfall Book Club Issues Challenge

The Waterfall Book Club, comprised of 15 lovely book-loving ladies, recently joined the Friends of the Wake Forest Library. The

club has issued a challenge to other book groups in the Wake Forest Library service area to show support for the Wake Forest Library by joining the Friends.

Group memberships are available at the Sponsor Level for an annual contribution of \$50 and the Sustaining Level for \$100. Other membership levels are available.

If your book club would like to take up the Waterfall challenge, email us or contact Mary Petretich, Friends VP of Membership, at 761-1130 to learn how to become a Friend.

The Waterfall Book Club ladies are patrons of the Wake Forest Library as individuals and the group frequently orders book kits from the library. They are confident that many other area book clubs will follow their lead and join the Friends of the Wake Forest Public Library.

Friends Community Interest Programs

This year, thanks to Terri O'Brien, the Friends Vice President of Programs, and the speakers who so generously donated their time and talent, we were able to present the following series of community interest programs.

PAWS-itive Influence. Marilyn Hyatt and her Welsh Corgi Grace demonstrated how therapy dogs can help children improve their reading skills. Marilyn and Grace are involved in the reading therapy program at the Fox Road Elementary School.

Connections... 100 Years of Wake Forest History. Author Carol Pelosi, discussed how she wrote her book about the history of Wake Forest. Carol is a local author and journalist. She produces the *Wake Forest Gazette*, a weekly online newspaper.

An Evening with Dr. Tim Cherry. Dr. Tim Cherry, a local actor, potter, artist and storyteller, demonstrated

pottery and told amusing stories about his life. Dr. Cherry is an actor at the Raleigh Little Theatre.

Genealogy: Using the Internet to Investigate Your Family History. Connie Nourse, first President of the Friends of the Wake Forest Library, and Jennifer Bell presented basics about genealogy and information about internet resources. Connie and Jennifer are family history experts from the General James Moore Chapter of the DAR.

Look for stories about these Friends of the Wake Forest Library community interest programs in future issues of *Amongst Friends*.

Sign Up for the Friends Email List

As the Friends of the Wake Forest Library organization grows, we find that we spend more and more on printing and mailing communication to our members. We believe your membership fees and the money the money we generate through our fundraising efforts would be better spent to support Wake Forest Library programs and improvements. So, we hope you'll agree to receive future communications from us by email.

If you included your email address on your Friends application, look for a first email from us in June. If we do not have your email address, please send a note to the Friends at friendswflibrary@yahoo.com. You can always "unsubscribe" from our list. Please do let us know if you prefer to continue receiving Friends communications from us by regular mail.

The Friends of the Wake Forest Library will not share your email address. We will limit our emails to important information about your Friends membership, announcements of Friends events and notification about our newsletters.

Librarian's Message

from Yvonne Allen

What's new at the library?

Downloadable Audio Books

Wake County Public Libraries now have ear-resistible Downloadable Audio Books! With audio books available 24/7, your library is always open! New to downloadable media? Using this service is easy! To help you get started, please take a guided tour on our website. In just a few minutes, you can learn how to browse, check out and download the titles available. For more information, please visit www.wakegov.com.

Science in the Summer

GlaxoSmithKline will offer Science Camps for elementary and middle school students again this summer. This year the theme will be "*Water and Our Oceans*": Oceanography. The Wake Forest Branch Library will offer:

- Level I Grades 2-3: July 19-23, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Level II Grades 4-5: July 19-23, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- Level III Grades 6-8: August 2-3, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Registration is offered online only, beginning Monday, June 7, 2010 at 9:00 am. Registration will continue until the camps are full. Apply at www.moreheadplanetarium.org. For questions or more information, please call the Science in the Summer Coordinator at 919-843-7716.

Book Sale Volunteers Needed

We need your help at our annual used book sale. Volunteers are needed to set up on Friday, April 30; to assist at the sale on Saturday, May 1; and to clean up on Sunday, May 2. Call Mary at 761-1130 or email friendswflibrary@yahoo.com.



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Volunteer Opportunities

(email friendswflibrary@yahoo.com for information on these and other Friends volunteer opportunities)

- Donate Used Books** Throughout April, the Friends collect used books for the annual sale. Look for a list of drop-off locations in this newsletter.
- Help at the Used Book Sale** The annual used book sale is our most important fundraiser and we can use all the help we can get! Join us at the Senior Center on April 30, May 1 or May 2 to help with the sale. To volunteer, call Mary at 761-1130 or email the Friends at friendswflibrary@yahoo.com.
- Get a Friend to Join the "Friends"** Please join the Friends or, if you're already a member, renew your membership when it expires. We would like to issue a challenge to every Friends of the Wake Forest Library member to "get a friend to join the Friends." Contact us for an application form or pick one up at the Wake Forest Library.
- Book Club Challenge** Encourage your book club and every member in it to join the Friends of the Wake Forest Library. You'll find a story about book club membership in this newsletter.
- Donate a Magazine Subscription** You, your business or your book club can gift a magazine subscription to the Wake Forest Library. Look for details in this newsletter.

Friends of the Wake Forest Library Activities

Autumn Arts Festival - October 2009



Board Member Gene Shapiro and Library Assistant Sandra Rhodes represented the Friends at the arts festival.

Family Halloween Party - October 2009



Mary Petretich, Friends Membership VP, and Paige Bivens, Friends Secretary, handed out treat bags at the library Halloween Party.

PAWS-itive Influence - November 2009



Marilyn Hyatt and Welsh Corgi Grace demonstrated how a reading therapy dog can help children improve reading skills.

Library's 13th Birthday - November 2009



Flow Circus Variety Arts, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, entertained guests at the library's birthday party.