

Friends' Matters



Library Support Organization Turns 30

By Janet L. Flowers, FOCPL Chair



The personalized pavers highlighting the library's main entrance were the result of two successful fundraisers.

On November 5, 1981, a small band of local library supporters passed the following resolution: "That a Friends of the Orange County Library group be formed to maintain an association of persons interested in books, and libraries; to focus public attention on and to stimulate public interest in library services, facilities, and needs; to stimulate gifts of books, magazines, endowments and bequests

and to encourage increased usage of the library facilities and services." Thirty years later, the Friends continue this mission on behalf of our fine local library.

Library highlights from the last three decades include the dedication of the "new" library in the former Hillsborough High School on April 18, 1982, and the opening of a new library facility on Margaret Lane on January 8, 2010. John Idol and others in the Friends were effective advocates for the new facility in presentations to the Orange County Board of Commissioners. In late fall of 2010, the Library celebrated its Centennial.

Over the years, the Friends have engaged in a number of special fundraisers to supplement money collected through memberships and book sales. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, talented local quilters contributed specially designed quilts for raffle sales. The winners of these one-of-a-kind items treasured their beauty and originality, while the library benefited from the money raised by the Friends.

In recent years, the Friends held two successful campaigns to place engraved bricks in front of the new Library. Hundreds of local residents and businesses took advantage of the opportunity to memorialize or celebrate a friend or family member, or to share personal sentiments about books and reading. Every time patrons visit the Library,

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Friends of the Orange County Public Library Annual Meeting

**Open to the Public
December 3, 2011**

2:00-3:30 in Large Meeting Room

Orange County Main Library

137 West Margaret Ln.

Business Meeting



Entertainment
"Although It's Been Said Many Times Many Ways" Holiday Fictions

By Michael Malone



Refreshments



Door Prizes

Raffle for Mark Hewitt Pottery

Silent Auction:
Not for sale DVD:
St. Matthew's Reading
by A. J. Mayhew

Letter from a Friend

By A. J. Mayhew, Author of *The Dry Grass of August*

In December of last year I went to Lee Smith's reading at Orange County Public Library, one of many events sponsored by Friends of the Orange County Public Library (FOCPL). When I entered the meeting room, I was delighted to see half a dozen people I knew. Over the next hour, I enjoyed Lee's lively presentation, made several new friends, and won a door prize (*The Informer*, by local author Craig Nova). I joined FOCPL that evening, and have benefited all

year long. I signed up for notifications by email, and have thus been alerted to readings, the biannual book sale, and other entertaining and educational happenings organized by this wonderful group.

When I moved to Hillsborough twenty years ago, I knew it was a town rich in writers, but didn't immediately realize what a treasure the town had in its library. The new library facility has greatly expanded resources for this town

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Adult Programming

By Jessica Arnold,
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Summer Reading 2011

I would like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to the local businesses and organizations that donated prizes for this year's Adult Summer Reading program: the Flower Patch, the Gulf Rim Cafe, the Yesterday and Today Frame Shop, and the Orange County Wellness Program. We had 225 entries in the adult reading prize drawing and in addition to selecting a winner each week this summer; we were able to offer a grand prize at the end of Summer Reading as well.

Adult Programming 2011

This summer the Library introduced Movies @ the Library with a host of screenings in August that had something for everyone, from an animated family film to a local documentary to a sci-fi thriller. Going forward, the library will continue with a free movie showing each month. Combine these with ongoing local food programs, organizational seminars, and special events, and we've had a very active past few months! Thanks to the Friends for helping to support these events and for organizing their own special programs at the library – all of these activities help to keep the library a dynamic and integral part of the Orange County community.

We're on the Web!

<http://www.co.orange.nc.us/library/friends.asp>

Children's Library News

By Ginger Holler, Head of Youth Services

It was a busy summer for the Children's Services department. Seven hundred and forty children from forty different schools and twenty-three home school families signed up for summer reading – a new record! Once again, there were prizes offered as reading incentives but this summer children could instead opt to receive a "Book Buck," in lieu of a prize, which allowed them to choose a book to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House, SECU Family House, and Orange Congregation in Mission Samaritan Relief program. All children who donated a book had their name written on a "Book Buck," which was then posted on a special scroll in the library. Over 132 "Book Bucks" were posted.

Orange County has a strong readership community, including its younger members. Between June 1 and August 31, 41,324 children's books and materials circulated from the Orange County Main Library. During that same time period, nearly 81,000 items in children's and teen areas circulated throughout our Hyconeechee Regional System. We also had strong turnout for special summer performances by theater troupes, musicians, and even a magician. Kids built creative scul-

tures with Legos and flocked to the lively story times we offered.

We also partnered with the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough as a part of Family Fun Days. On Saturdays in June, July, August, and September, we distributed 143 "passports"—illustrated guides to select sights around town—to individuals and families from Hillsborough and surrounding towns, including Cary and Chapel Hill. We even welcomed a vacationing family of six from Florida that stopped in while touring the area. For the September Family Fun Day, Children's Services also provided a colonial craft program, with the help of April Holder-Freeman and Hannah Pierce, our great new interns (from UNC's Library School. Our program complemented the Colonial Kids Day that took place the same day at the Burwell School.

Our ever popular story times and afterschool programs returned this fall, with the addition of a monthly evening story time. There was also a story time in Spanish in October. Other events at the library included a library-wide trick-or-treat on Halloween, and an evening with local children's author John Claude Bemis in November.

9 Things That Happen When You Read

BookBrowse Highlights, September 29, 2011

In a series of lectures, Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk ruminated on what goes on in the mind of a person reading a novel. His thoughts are summarized by Susan K. Perry, Ph.D. below. Do these match your experiences? The point about finishing a (great) novel and feeling that it had been written just for me particularly struck home - it maybe irrational but it's so true!

1. We observe the general scene and follow the narrative. Whether action-filled or more literary, we read all novels the same way: seeking out the meaning and main idea.
2. We transform words into images in our mind, completing the novel as our imaginations picture what the words are telling us.
3. Part of our mind wonders how much is real experience and how much is imagination. "A third dimension of reality slowly begins to emerge within us: the dimension of the complex world of the novel."
4. We wonder if the novel depicts reality as we know it. Is this scene realistic, could this actually happen?
5. We enjoy the precision of analogies, the power of narrative, the way sentences build upon one another, the music of the prose.
6. We make moral judgments about the characters' behavior, and about the novelist for his own moral judgments by way of the characters' actions and their consequences.
7. We feel successful when we understand the text, and we come to feel as though it was written just for us.
8. Our memory works hard to keep track of all the details, and in a well-constructed novel, everything connects to everything.
9. We search for the secret center of the novel, convinced that there is one. We hunt for it like a hunter searches for meaningful signs in the forest.

Book Sale News

Turn Right After Entering Front Door

Many of you have found the year-round or on-going book sale in the Library. For those of you who haven't, please turn right after entering the front doors of the Library.

Books are priced from \$1-\$3, and many are in pristine condition. Thanks to all who frequent the sale and all who donate gently used books, audio books and DVD's. All of the money goes back into the Library for your benefit.



YTD Proceeds

The Fall Book Sale, held Oct. 14-16, brought in \$1444. With \$1623 in proceeds from the spring Book Sale and \$2808 from the Ongoing Sale, the year-to-date total for the book sales is **\$5875**.

—Ann Burton
FOCPL Co-Chair

Thanks to Companies and Sustaining Members

Leland Little Auction House provided generous support, through the Friends, to the Baron Von Rumblebuss performance at the Library. Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation also donated generously to the Friends to support the Charles Pettee performance with songs of Carolina.

In addition, the following individuals and families contributed at least \$100 to FOCPL in 2011. We are very grateful for this generous support.

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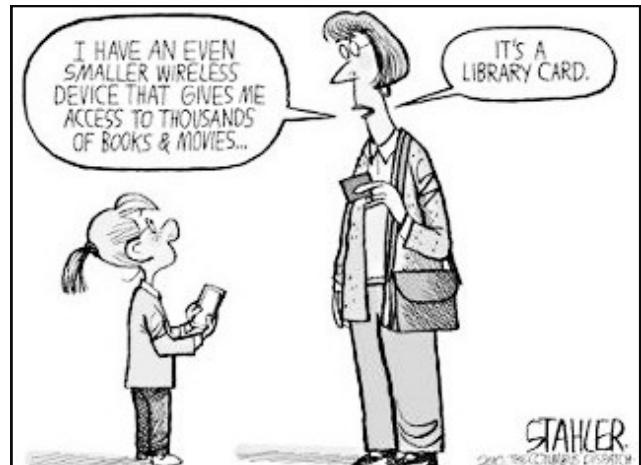
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The American public library is truly the symbol of democracy.

It is one of the few institutions in the world where people have free access to information, allowing them to become informed and to fully participate in the democratic process. For many, the library remains the only affordable source of printed books, and for some, of access to the Internet.

—Sara Levinson



Visit our Web site at: www.co.orange.nc.us/library/friends.asp or pick up a membership brochure at the Library

Become a Friend of the Orange County Public Library and you will make an important contribution to one of our county's most vital educational and cultural assets. In return, you'll also get:

- The satisfaction of working with other like-minded book and library lovers.
- Early access to the bi-annual book sales.
- Email updates regarding library events, issues and news from our secure Friends listserv.
- Ongoing or occasional volunteer opportunities tailored to your personal interests and skills

Dues: Individual-\$15; Family-\$25; Donor-\$50; Sustaining-\$100

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