

FALL BOOK SALE

The Fall, 2011 Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held again at the new Chatham Community Library. The library is located on the campus of the Central Carolina Community College, 197 N C Highway 87 North, in Pittsboro.

The sale is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, Friday, September 23, and Saturday, September 24. The hours are from 9 until 7 on Thursday and Friday, and from 9 until 4 on Saturday. **PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER OPENING TIME** which has been changed to coordinate with the library hours. The sale will be held in the Holmes Family Meeting Room.

Our first sale in the new library this past spring was extremely successful as a record breaking \$18,000 was raised. There were aspects which reflected the benefits of holding the sale within this building. For example, just

prior to the sale, library staff selected many books to add to the library's collection. Some sale patrons took the opportunity to obtain library cards and others received their first tour of the new library.



This fall, there are particularly strong selections in history and biography, fiction and mysteries, art, architecture and cookbooks. Almost all the books are donations by individuals.

A listing of rare books (which are placed at the sale in "Collector's Corner" and priced from \$15 and up) can be found on line at the Friends website: www.friendsofthechathamcommunitylibrary.org. Just press the tab for "book sale" and go from there!

The popularity of the Friends book sale seems to be due to several factors: the availability of so many good books and audio-visual materials at very reasonable prices; the excellent and easily accessible organization of books and materials; and the pleasure our customers take in the spontaneous and informal discussions all around the room about favorite authors and titles. For many, finding out about new writers is one of the highlights of the sale!



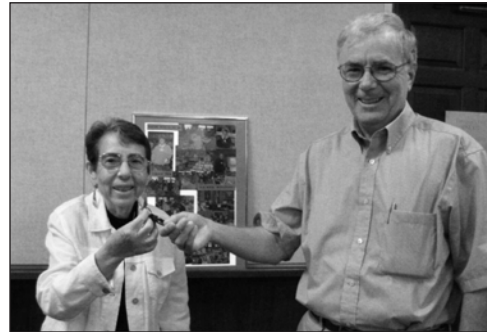
The most frequently asked question received at the sale is what is done with the leftover books? They are distributed to the three local PTA stores and to the Pittsboro Habitat for Humanity store. All funds raised by the Friends from this sale are donated to our library. As you see, the sale is a true community event. Come be part of it!



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I recently noticed the headline in a Friends newsletter of a major hospital complex in a sizable city. The headline praised their organization for raising \$500,000 for the hospital. My husband and I paused as we compared this to the Friends of the Chatham Community Library which surpassed this amount by 50%, raising over \$750,000 for our library.

Our success was due to the efforts of many people, but credit for the extraordinary leadership of the campaign must go to former board members (and former board presidents) Judy Butt and Reece Jones. Their untold hours of service and the expression of their passion for the library have resulted in what our community enjoys today.



Judy Butt and Reece Jones

Fortunately for the Friends, less tethering ties to the library will continue. Judy is the coordinator for the Friends of the North Carolina Libraries upcoming meeting which will be held here in October. Reece continues to be one of the small group of volunteers which runs the twice yearly book sale.

One also wants to thank other departing board members for their inspiring work: Pat and Suellen Cabe, who were co-treasurers during these complex fund-raising years; Kathy Creason, who was responsible for the highly readable newsletter and the Friends eye-catching publicity; Anne Granath, who,

in her years of service, is the very definition of a dedicated library volunteer; and Gary Simpson, who as Program chair, organized many informative and entertaining programs.

These are challenging times for public libraries, their staffs, and those who deeply care about these institutions. In the coming months, we will be exploring how the Friends can most effectively use our energies to be the best support to our library, to this "perfect example of the common good".

— Rhoda L. Berkowitz

SUMMER READING

Chatham Community Library had door-busting circulation and attendance during the months of June and July, especially at programs that were underwritten by the Friends. There were eleven summer reading program events at Chatham Community Library this summer, six of which were performances sponsored by the Friends. Attendance at summer reading events was 872 people, with an average of 125 people at each performance.



THANK YOU BOOK DONORS!

We are ready for this sale. Please hold your book donations until after September 26



COMING SOON TO YOUR HOME: YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Residents of Chatham County will soon be able to check out downloadable books without leaving their homes. Chatham County Public Libraries will launch e-iNC Library, a virtual library branch that provides free downloadable e-books and audio books to patrons with valid Chatham County Library cards, early this fall. The platform will be provided by OverDrive, a leading distributor of e-books and audio books to libraries. e-iNC Library will feature bestsellers, popular and classic fiction, children's titles, and nonfiction. Patrons will be able to check out up to four books at a time, as well as to place holds on four books at a time.

The service will be compatible with numerous e-readers, such as the Nook, the iPad, Sony Reader, and Kobo; portable audio devices such as the iPod and the Zune; and mobile devices ranging from iPhones to Droids. Library patrons will be able to download e-books to their Kindle readers later this year. A complete list of compatible devices can be found at <http://www.overdrive.com/resources/drc/>

e-iNC Library is a consortium of fourteen North Carolina library systems serving populations below 100,000. Chatham County Public Libraries' participation in e-iNC is underwritten by funds raised by the Friends of the Chatham Community Library at their spring book sale.

"We are excited about this opportunity to make library services more widely available to residents of Chatham County," says Linda Clarke, director of Chatham County Public Libraries. Clarke adds that Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro will offer classes to help patrons learn to download materials to their personal devices. Once the service goes live, patrons will be able to access e-iNC Library by clicking on an image located on the library's home page at www.chathamlibraries.org and entering their library card number and PIN.

FRIENDS SUPPORT TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

How to define a good library: broad and diverse collections; welcoming and comfortable spaces; and helpful and knowledgeable staff. To help achieve the latter, the Friends of the Library provides two scholarships. The first is for an academically accomplished and needy student at the Central Carolina Community College who is preparing for a career in libraries. The second scholarship is administered by Linda Clarke, the Director of the Chatham County Libraries, for staff development to help individuals enhance important library skills.

The recipient of a scholarship receives not only much needed funds, but also a great morale boost. A letter recently received from a recipient, summed it up beautifully: "...words can't begin to express my gratitude, not simply for this gift, but for the encouragement I received..."

Thanks to all the Friends for your membership dollars and book sale revenue which make these scholarships possible.

FRIENDS PARTICIPATION IN THE DAY OF THE BOOKS/ EL DÍA DE LOS LIBROS

The Day of the books/El día de los libros is an annual event which took place this year on April 13th, 2011 at Bray Park in Siler City. It's a nationwide event the purpose of which is to promote reading and literacy for children.

Beth Kalb, Chatham County's Children's Librarian, was involved in the planning of the event. She also made beautiful and creative banners and read a story during the program. Chatham County Partnership for Children was one of the participants, along with a number of other county and non-profit groups, such as the Hispanic Liaison of Siler City.

The Friends of the Chatham Community Library supported the event with manpower, tables, a pop-up tent, and a \$400 donation which was used to purchase books so that every child could go home with a free book.

Right, Beth Kalb, Chatham County Children's librarian (in the cowboy hat) and Holly Reynolds, Library Assistant.



LOOKING BACK AT THE FRIENDS' CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE FIRST BIRTHDAY OF THE CHATHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

by Carol Hall

The citizens of Chatham County paid for the new Chatham Community Library, but it was the Friends' contributions that turned the library into a special destination.

Thanks to the Friends, young readers soar over a whimsical fairyland in the children's story room.

Thanks to the Friends, local history enthusiasts research their roots in the genealogy area.

Thanks to the Friends, book lovers settle down on stylishly comfortable couches before two unique tile fireplaces and page through the latest books to arrive.

Those are just a few examples of how the money raised by the Friends has been used to bring special enhancements to the new \$8.1 million library. The Friends raised \$750,000, more than doubling our goal of \$350,000. Our book sales brought in approximately \$100,000.

The Friends contributions have been divided among three main areas: the collections of books and audio-visual materials, the furnishings and art work, and technology. The stars show a breakdown of how that money has been spent.

All this adds up \$641,000 that has been spent so far. That leaves \$109,000 that is available for future projects. Most of this will probably be spent on keeping the collections up to date.

These contributions came from more than 500 donors, who are listed on the donor wall at the library's main entrance.

All the fund raising efforts was done by a volunteer committee led by Reece Jones. The Friends paid for all fund raising expenses from our general treasury and no paid consultants were used, so 100 percent of all the funds raised are going directly to the library.

The Friends contributed more than just money. More than 50 Friends volunteers helped shelve the books in the new library and gave tours during the first week the library was open.

COLLECTIONS \$237,000

\$57,000 – The children's and teen areas
\$95,000 – Local history and genealogy
\$10,000 – George Moses Horton collection
\$75,000 – Fiction, non-fiction
and general collections

Furnishings \$282,000

\$40,000 – Children's area
\$76,000 – Local history and genealogy
\$78,000 – Art projects,
including the story room mural,
the children's outdoor fence and the hearths
\$88,000 – General furnishings

CHATHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY CELEBRATES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Chatham Community Library will celebrate its first anniversary in September, which is also National Library Card Month.

On Saturday, September 17, the library will host an anniversary and library card party for children and families from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmer Jason will perform, and children can also enjoy activities such as face painting, games, and refreshments. Library staff plan to distribute applications for library cards to Chatham County elementary schools in late August, and children and their parents or guardians are invited to bring completed applications to the celebration to receive new or replacement library cards.

Children 5 years of age and older are eligible for Chatham County library cards; parents' or guardians' signatures are required in order for library cards to be issued to children under the age of 16.



SIGNIFICANT DONORS

An anonymous donor to the children's collection
Rhoda and Roger Berkowitz
Chatham County Historical Association
Friends of the Pittsboro Memorial Library
Galloway Ridge Charitable Fund

Family of Mary Hayes and Edward Holmes
James and Laura Johnson Trust
Melissa and Ray Kelley
Family of Jean Reeves and the Reeves Foundation
Carolyn and Bill Schwartz

In addition, 120 people bought the pavers in the plaza leading to the library, which cost \$150 each. More funds were raised from about 20 naming opportunities for rooms and various areas of the library.

Technology \$122,000

\$95,900 – The radio-frequency identification system, which allows automatic checkout and inventory control
\$7,500 – The water reuse plan
\$8,000 – A hybrid shuttle vehicle
\$10,600 – Computers and other technology projects

PHOTOS BY GARY SIMPSON

CHATHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB LIST

The club meets the first Tuesday of each Month at 6:45 p.m. and reads fiction and nonfiction in alternating months. Titles chosen are usually available in paperback, and often at least a few copies are available for checkout although that is not guaranteed. Anyone can join at any time and new or returning participants are always welcome.

September 6
**THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF
HENRIETTA LACKS**
by Rebecca Skloot

October 4
**ACCIDENTAL BIRDS
OF THE CAROLINAS**
by Marjorie Hudson



Marjorie Hudson is a past president of the Friends of the Library and a local author. She will discuss the book with the club that evening.

November 1
EMPIRE OF THE SUMMER MOON
by S. C. Gwynne

December 6
MAJOR PETTIGREW'S LAST STAND
by Helen Simonson

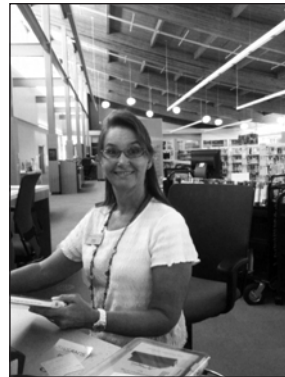
January 3
UNBROKEN
By Laura Hillenbrand

February 7
ROOM
by Emma Donoghue

MEET OUR NEW LIBRARY STAFF

Susan Brinkley-Clayton

Susan may be a familiar face—she has worked at CCL as a temp since we opened last September, and she also served as the coordinator for Pittsboro's First Sundays. She has just joined our staff as a part-time Library Assistant.



Edna Johnson

Edna first worked for Chatham County Public Libraries as a temp before accepting a position as a media assistant at Sage Academy in Siler City for several years.

She returned to the fold as the bookmobile librarian in 2007. Due to the recent budget cuts, the bookmobile was discontinued. We are very grateful to have Edna at Chatham Community Library, in our children's department, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. She may be found at Wren Memorial Library in Siler City on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Brendan O'Connell

Brendan is a student in the library school at UNC-Chapel Hill and recently worked as an intern at the Chapel Hill Public Library. He will be joining our staff as a part-time Library Assistant.

FONCPL

The Friends of the North Carolina Public Libraries Annual Meeting and Recognition Luncheon will be held October 22, 2011 at our Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro. Any interested member of our Friends organization may attend. The Frances B. Reid and the Volunteer of the Year awards will be given, including a \$150 check to the winners' local Friends group. This is an opportunity to meet and share ideas of interest to all Friends of the Library.

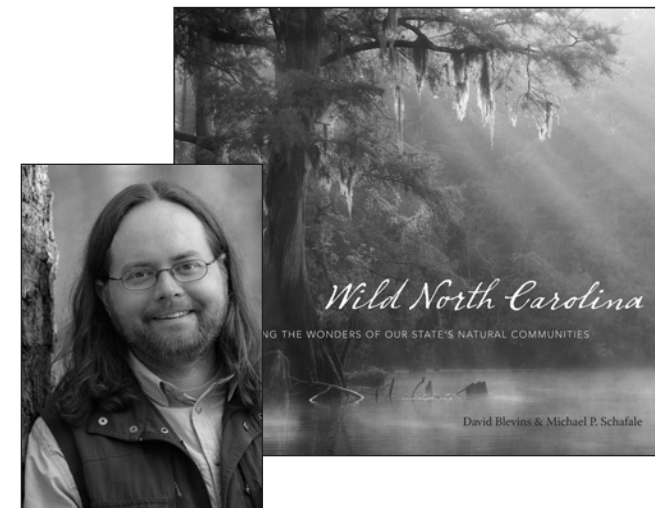
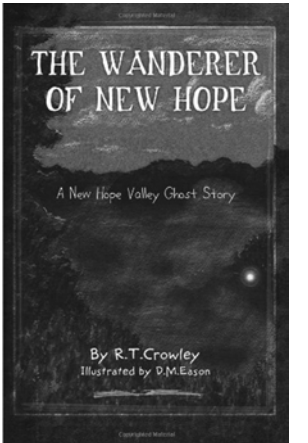
Frannie Ashburn, State Library staff liaison to the FONCPL, will be speaking on the topic "Friends as Community Partners." Jennifer Gillis, branch manager of the Chatham Community Library, and Karen Allen, Provost of CCC, will be giving the welcome and introduction. Members of our Friends will be providing tours of our beautiful new library,

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end with a box lunch. The Natural Chef program of Central Carolina Community College will be catering the breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration is required for lunch with a \$10 check being sent to VP Renee Griffin, 14 Chadbury Ct., Greensboro, NC 27407. Registration forms for this meeting will be available online mid September at <http://foncpl.org/annual.htm>.

"SCARY SHORTS" CONTEST

In September, Chatham Community Library will sponsor a "Scary Shorts" contest and will accept submissions of scary stories of 500 words or less. Younger participants are welcome to submit scary pictures.

Entries will be selected from the submissions and the authors will be invited to read them at a family program on Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m., at which local author Bob Crowley will read from his new book *The Wanderer of New Hope*, a New Hope Valley ghost story.



PHOTOGRAPHER INTRODUCES READERS TO WILD NORTH CAROLINA

Photographer David Blevins will present photographs from his recently published book *Wild North Carolina: Discovering the Wonder of Our State's Natural Communities* at Chatham Community Library on Tuesday, September 27 at 7 p.m.

As they worked on this book, Blevins and co-author Michael Schafale trekked across miles of North Carolina terrain, from sandy dunes to mountain crags. Their compelling words and photographs reveal our state from a different perspective.

Friends of the Chatham Community Library One Year New Membership & Renewal Form

Membership dues help support:

- Special library events
- Programs
- Staff training
- Book purchases for the collection
- Facility enhancements
- Student scholarships

Make checks payable to: **Friends of the Chatham Community Library** and mail to: **P.O. Box 1108, Pittsboro, NC 27312**

Not sure of your renewal date? The date is above your name on the mailing label.

Are you interested in volunteering at the Library? Please ask at the Main Circulation Desk.

To volunteer with Children's Programs, please ask at the Children's Desk.

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We are an all-volunteer organization. Please check where you are willing to help.

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October 4 at 6:45 pm

Local author **Marjorie Hudson** discusses *Accidental Birds of the Carolinas* with the Book Club

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