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Newsletter of Friends of Southern Pines Public Library

Summer 2010



Summer Reading:

This summer an ocean of fun is planned for kids and families at Southern Pines Public Library! “**Make a Splash – READ!**” is the summer reading program theme for rising kindergarten through fourth graders and “**Make Waves @ Your Library**” will be offered for rising fifth through eighth graders.

As part of the summer reading program, students set their own goals for the number of age-appropriate books they would like to read between June 1 and August 20. Audio books and books that are read to them also count. Everyone who meets their goal and turns in their reading records by August 20 will receive prize bags that will include a coupon for a free paperback book from The Country Bookshop and other surprises.

In addition to setting personal reading goals, kids and families may attend any of the free programs being offered at the Library this summer, including Family Fun Nights, Sunday Afternoon at the Movies, Preschool Storytimes, and Children’s Book Clubs.



Juggler and balloon artist Paul Miller of Flow Circus

On **Wednesday, June 16** at 5:30 p.m. Flow Circus will provide amazing juggling, mystifying magic, and comedy appropriate for the whole family. Find out why everyone should “go with the Flow!”



Ben Cherry, AKA “Blackbeard”

The fun continues on **Wednesday, July 14** at 5:30 p.m. as none other than Blackbeard drops anchor at the library! Meet the most infamous pirate of them all and learn why the legend of this notorious swashbuckler has lived on.

On **Sunday, July 25** at 2:30 p.m. join us for a special screening of the animated feature *Surf’s Up*. Go behind the scenes of the high-octane world of competitive penguin surfing while enjoying this PG rated film.

The final Family Fun Night will be held on **Thursday,**

August 5 at 5:30 p.m. Have one last hurrah at an End of Summer Luau. Face-painting, balloon sculptures, and other fun activities are planned for this event.

Summer is also a time for the littlest guppies to make a splash at the library! Summer Storytimes for **children ages 5 and under** will be held on the following Wednesdays at 3:30pm: **June 9, July 21, and August 11.**



Summer Book Clubs

Kids who enjoy a whale of a good tale may want to consider joining one of the library’s summer book clubs. The book clubs are a fun way for kids to put an extra focus on their summer reading and an opportunity for them to interact with other dedicated readers.

When registering for summer reading, those who want to make an extra commitment may choose to sign up for either The Book Bunch (a book club for grades K-4) or in The Band of Bookies (a book club for grades 5-8). Space is limited to 30 club members so pre-registration is suggested.

The Book Clubs will meet 3 times during the summer for fun activities and to discuss and recommend good books. The Book Bunch (grades K-4)

meets on **June 17, July 15,** and **August 19.** The Band of Bookies (grades 5-8) meets **June 24, July 22,** and **August 12.** Kids who join the clubs and who – in addition to meeting their personal summer reading goal—attend 2 of the 3 programs will be awarded a special prize.

All of the summer reading programs are made possible through funding by the Friends of the Library.



Adult Summer Reading

We can't let the kids have all the fun! Adults are invited to pick up their Beach Blanket Bingo game card at the library and dive in! Complete 5 across, down, or diagonally to win a free cup of coffee from a local coffee shop. Those who complete the whole card will be awarded a stylish Friends' tote bag, and all winning cards will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize at the end of the game period on August 5.



Oldies & Goodies

Oldies & Goodies, the nostalgic film series for adults sets sail on **Thursday, June 10** at 2:30 p.m. with *Captains Courageous* starring Spencer

Tracy. Based on the novel by Rudyard Kipling, the 1937 film is a coming-of-age classic.

On **Thursday, July 8** the feature will be *All the Brothers Were Valiant*, the 1953 adventure film starring Ann Blyth and Stewart Granger.

Be sure not to miss *Madame Curie* on **Thursday, August 12.** Greer Garson portrays the first female Nobel Prize winner in this 1944 gem.

The Oldies & Goodies programming is made possible through Friends funding of movie licensing.

Annual Meeting of the Friends Thursday

June 17, 2010

1:00 P.M.

All members are invited to attend.

Annual Summary

During its 2009-2010 membership year, the Friends organization has sponsored these vital library programs:

Summer Reading Program 2009



Did someone say puppets?

Summer was the time to imagine, create and participate at the library! "Be Creative @ Your Library!" was the program for rising kindergarten through fourth graders and "Express Yourself @ Your Library" was offered

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for rising fifth through eighth graders. The K-4th participants had a total of 114 to register, and they read an astounding 2,056 books. The 5th-8th grade summer readers were no slouches either! A total of 418 books were read by the 39 participants.

Kids and families also attended the new summer programs being offered—Family Fun Nights, Children's Book Clubs, and Summer Storytimes. Expenditures for supplies, refreshments, prizes, and two professional performances (Storyteller Ron Jones and Birdman Dave) were funded by the Friends. Other Family Fun Night activities included salsa dancing and a Guitar Hero tournament.

Summer Storytimes for children ages 5 and under proved to be very popular with a total of 111 parents and children attending the three sessions.

The total attendance for all of the Summer Reading programs was 196 children and 129 adults.



Happy crafters at the February FFN

Family Fun Nights

The Library continued offering Family Fun Nights during the school year for kids in grades K-2 and their parents. These programs were good opportunities for busy families

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to spend time together, not to mention eat free supper!

Cats, Big and Small was the theme in February as participants listened to stories, sang songs, and made cat visors before enjoying a purr-fectly delicious meal. In April kids and parents celebrated the arrival of spring with stories, crafts, and a picnic dinner.

A total of 53 attended these events for K-2 students and their parents.

Community Read



David Holt performs (with some help from Bob Howell)

Southern Pines Public Library, as part of the Moore County Area Libraries (MCAL) group, sponsored a Community Read of *Serena* by North Carolina author Ron Rash. The participating libraries encouraged citizens to read the book and to take part in discussions, lectures, and other events that were related to the themes found in the novel.

Thanks to funding by the Friends, the culminating event for the Community Read was a catered luncheon and a performance of traditional music and stories of the Southern Appalachian Mountains by four-time Grammy award winner David Holt on March 26. Seventy-five attended the program, which

was also one of the featured events of the Palustris Festival.

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies



Changing from Saturday to Sunday afternoon really improved attendance at this program series aimed at kids in grades 3-5 and their parents. Thanks to the Friends' funding of movie licensing, a total of 106 were able to enjoy these family-friendly films: *The Tale of Despereaux*; *Coraline*; *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*; *Hotel for Dogs*; and *The Princess & the Frog*.

GIS Day



Geography can be fun!

On November 18 the Library celebrated GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Day with fifth-graders from local schools. Library staff members led 37 students from Episcopal Day School and Pope John Paul II Catholic School in activities and trivia games designed to teach them about local, state and national geography. Students were also able to get hands-on

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experience using Google Earth and the Town's interactive mapping.

This was the fourth year the Library has celebrated GIS Day.

Read for the Record



On October 8, 2009 over two million children across the globe read the classic picture book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle, in order to break the world record for the largest shared reading experience.

At Southern Pines Library, participants listened to the story and created a coffee filter butterfly and a construction paper caterpillar before sitting down to a free pizza dinner. Thanks to Friends' funding, 11 children and 8 parents enjoyed this special event.

Every Child Ready to Read



Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) is a program developed by the Public Library Association which introduces six pre-reading skills that are necessary for successful learning.

This year the Library offered four ECRR workshops in November, January, February, and May, serving 40 parents and caregivers.

Pizza with Pizzazz

Check out the rubber band and pop top jewelry!

Because the “tween” years are when many 11 to 14 year-olds stop coming to the library and lose interest in reading, *Pizza with Pizzazz* is a way for the library to stay connected with this age group.

Programs were held monthly and included topics ranging from manga and anime to the popular *Twilight* series. Kids also made rubber band jewelry and magnetic poetry kits, played video games, and met a comic book artist and collector. At “Weird Science,” the final pizza program in May, they went out with a bang, creating geysers from Diet Coke and Mentos candies.

Friends’ funding provided the pizza and craft supplies for the 79 students attending the eight programs held during the year.



TAB members Sarah, Hailey, Jennifer, Maddy, Sophia, and Emily

Teen Programs

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB), comprised of students

from area high schools, met throughout the year in order to plan library programs for other young adults.

TAB held a Retro Flashback Movie Night in October. Teens enjoyed popcorn and other movie snacks while watching *Ghostbusters*.

In December, TAB hosted its third annual “Ugly Holiday Sweater Party,” featuring a gingerbread house-building competition.

In the spring TAB once again sponsored and judged its Peeps Diorama contest, which had entrants ranging in age from 5 to 51. Winners in the two age categories were awarded \$25, courtesy of the Friends.

In May TAB hosted a Harry Potter Party and met at a local restaurant for a farewell dinner for graduating seniors.

TAB members also assisted with the *Pizza with Pizzazz* programs for middle school students and decorated cupcakes for the library’s Cakewalk booth at Southern Pines Primary School’s Fall Festival.

In all, there were 12 TAB events, with a total of 171 attending.

**Oldies & Goodies**

Thanks to Friends’ funding of movie licensing, over 175 adults enjoyed meeting other film buffs for afternoon tea and free classic movies.

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The films were *My Man Godfrey*, *The Strange Love of Martha Ivers*, *Miracle of Morgan’s Creek*, *Cleopatra*, *It’s a Pleasure*; *Ruby Gentry*, *The Trail of the Lonesome Pine*, *The Furies*, *Criss Cross*, *The Palm Beach Story*, and *Captains Courageous*.

Comments from filmgoers included: “You provide a good variety”; “Thank you very much”; “Keep surprising us!”

Explorations: A Forum for Adults

Learning about paddling and canoeing

This ongoing Sunday afternoon series for adults covered a wide range of topics this year. The programs included *Job Searching* in September, *Belly Dancing* in October, *Culinary Arts* in November, *Blue Ridge Parkway History* in January, *Railroads in Western NC* in February, *Old-Time Music* in March, and *Canoeing and Kayaking* in April.

Thanks to Friends’ funding, these seven programs drew 170 adults to the library.

BYOB Book Discussion

Library staff led the continuing program “BYOB (Bring Your Own Book)-A Place Share Great Reads!” in January and April. Adult participants were invited to

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bring any book they were reading to share with the group. Thanks to Friends' funding, the library was able to provide refreshments for attendees.

Titles recommended at BYOB meetings were featured in library displays and on the website, and included poetry, mystery, biography, and contemporary fiction.

Books and More

This year the Friends kept readers informed of new titles through distribution of *Book Page*. They also made the library collection more accessible to patrons by funding 122 large-print books and by leasing 84 copies of high-demand titles.

To carry home those books and protect them from the rain, Friends provide plastic bags, as well as newly designed canvas bags for purchase.

Committee Reports

Friends Book Sales

Committee Chair Steve Saye

Over \$4,400 was raised this year at the annual spring sale held at the Southern Pines Train Station during Springfest. Thanks go to the many volunteers who helped make the sale possible.



Special Events

Committee Chair Francy Thompson

The Friends greeted library visitors on Dedication Day with refreshments and information about programs and membership. The Friends also sponsored and decorated a Christmas tree on Broad Street.

The Landmark Ornament, the eighth in the series, was issued again this year. The subject of the 2009 ornament was the Dempsey Student Center on the campus of Sandhills Community College.



RIF readers at Southern Pines Elementary School

Reading is Fundamental Committee Chair Deborah Pardal

Approximately 2,655 books were selected by the 900 students who attended three distributions held during the year at Southern Pines Primary and Elementary Schools. National RIF grants and the Friends provided funding for this project.

Library staff made outreach visits to classes on distribution days in order to provide incentive activities required by RIF, to encourage use of the library, and to promote Summer Reading. Parent volunteers assisted with selections and distributions.

In addition, library staff and parent volunteers sponsored the Cakewalk booth at Southern

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Pines Primary School's Fall Festival in October.

Membership

Committee Chair Laura Wellener

This year, there were 96 memberships representing 128 individuals. Contributions totaled \$2,580.

Endowment

Committee Chair Joyce Batson

Income generated from investment of endowment funds provided almost \$6,000 to support the operating budget of the Friends.

Please consider including the Friends in your estate planning so this fund can continue to grow.

Gifts and Memorials

Committee Chair Carolyn Ragon

Funds are used to purchase books for the library, and a gift plate is placed in each book naming the donor and the honoree.

This is a wonderful way to honor a loved one who has passed away or to commemorate a special event in the life of a family member or friend.

Board members

Serving this year in addition to Committee chairs were President Michael Henry, Vice- President Denis McCullough, Secretary Janice Reagan, Treasurer Susan Harmody, Members-At-Large Lydia Gill, Linda Pearson, and R. Keith Shuler, Jr., Past President Stuart Fulghum, and Library Director Lynn Thompson.