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Newsletter of Friends of Southern Pines Public Library

Spring 2010

**National Library Week:
April 11-17, 2010**



A student applies for financial aid online, a preschooler and his parent drop in for storytime, a library user downloads audio materials from home to his MP3 player, a senior browses the latest large-print novels, an entrepreneur looks for information on writing business plans, an out-of-town visitor uses the wi-fi on their laptop – every day Southern Pines Public Library is a place where people of all backgrounds grow together. It strives to be a fertile ground for learning, connecting, and relationship building.

Celebrated every year since 1958, National Library Week is a time to recognize the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools and communities nationwide. The theme for 2010 is “Communities Thrive @ Your Library!” which seems especially appropriate considering that libraries are places where the seeds of knowledge are planted and readers are grown.

Throughout the month of April, the library will be

offering programs for all ages, thanks to sponsorship by the Friends. Be sure to drop in and see what’s blooming!

Enjoy Lunch with David Holt!



**Friday, March 26
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church

Presented by the Moore County Area Libraries, the culminating event for the Community Read of the novel *Serena* by Ron Rash will be a luncheon and a performance of traditional Southern Appalachian Mountain music and stories by four-time Grammy award winner David Holt.

**Tickets are \$15 and
available for purchase
on the Palustris
Festival website:
www.palustrisfestival.com**



Explorations: A Forum for Adults

On **Sunday, March 21** at **3:00 p.m.**, as part of the Community Read activities for *Serena* by Ron Rash, Explorations will present music by Steven Hedgpeth and David McDonald, members of the old-time string band The April Fools, along with dramatic readings from the novel. Please join us for this special program featuring local musicians and actors.

How can you reconnect with nature, have fun, and get exercise all at the same time? Jump into a canoe and start paddling!

William McDuffie, a local veterinarian who is president of the N.C. Canoe Racing Association, will present “Adventures in Paddling” on **Sunday, April 18 at 3:00 p.m.**

McDuffie will explain how to get started canoeing and kayaking and recommend the best places in Moore County to paddle.

Watersport enthusiasts, those looking for a rewarding new hobby, or anyone interested in “paddling their own canoe” are encouraged to attend this free program.



Oldies & Goodies: Classic Films & Afternoon Tea

On **Thursday, April 8**, Burt Lancaster and Yvonne DeCarlo will star in *Criss Cross*, a 1949 film noir about obsessive love and a heist gone bad. Be sure not to miss what critics have called “a must see for fans of 1940s Hollywood.”

The Palm Beach Story, a 1942 romantic comedy starring Claudette Colbert, Joel McCrea, and Rudy Vallee, will be the feature on **Thursday, May 13**. In this film, which was written and directed by Preston Sturges, the wife of a struggling inventor uses her charms to land a millionaire.

Oldies & Goodies programs, which are made possible through Friends funding of movie licensing, are held from **2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** on the second Thursday of the month.



Family Fun Night For Grades K-2

On **Thursday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m.** kids in grades K-2 and their parents are invited to discover what’s “Springing Up”

at the library! Join us for stories, songs, and crafts about springtime, and then stick around for a free dinner.

At the last Family Fun Night event in February, 38 participants listened to stories and songs about “Cats, Big and Small,” and made their own cat visors, door hangings, and paperbag puppets. They also enjoyed a free hot dog dinner, courtesy of the Friends.



Sunday Afternoon at the Movies

On **Sunday, May 9** from **2:30-4:30 p.m.** kids in grades 3-5 are invited to a special screening of *The Princess and the Frog* (rated G). Set in the 1920s jazz age in New Orleans the film puts a heart-warming animated twist on the old Brothers Grimm frog-prince fairy tale.

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies is made possible through Friends funding of the movie licensing.



Pizza with Pizzazz For Grades 6-8

On **Tuesday, April 20 at 5:00 p.m.** Pizza with Pizzazz

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participants will have magnetic appeal and become “Poetry in Motion” as they make their own magnetic poetry kits. Post a poem on your fridge in celebration of National Poetry Month!

On **Tuesday, May 17 at 5:00 p.m.** middle school students are invited to experience “Weird Science.” Learn how to make ordinary raisins dance, create a hurricane in a bottle, and make a geyser from Diet Coke and Mentos! Then enjoy free pizza while learning all about the 2010 Summer Reading Program, “Make Waves @ Your Library!”



Hearts and...pizza?

Teen Advisory Board

TAB members organized and celebrated at a “Be My Anti-Valentine” Party on February 10. Twenty high school students catapulted candy hearts, played “break-up” scrabble, filled in Valentine Mad-Libs, re-designed covers for romance novels, and ate lots of pizza and chocolate!

For the second year in a row there’s a Peep show going on at the library! TAB is sponsoring a Peeps Diorama Contest. Entrants create a diorama depicting their favorite book, with all the characters in the scene played by those sugary chicks or bunnies. Peeps

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dioramas created by TAB members are currently on display at the Southern Pines Library, in case entrants need a little inspiration.



The contest is open to all ages, but entries will be judged in two separate age categories: 12 & under and 13 & over. There is a limit of one entry per contestant due on **April 9**. Entry forms are available at the Library or at www.sppl.net. The winning entry for each age category will receive a \$25 prize, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Power to the Peeps!



CONGRATULATIONS to TAB Class of 2010 High School Graduates!

*Holly Anderson
Jennifer Archer
Cayla Herm
Ashley McGeachy
Jasmine Williams*

Thanks for everything, guys – from attending meetings and sharing your ideas to helping out with Pizza with Pizzazz and Summer Reading programs. We'll miss your good cheer, service, and dedication to the library. Congratulations and all the best wishes for the future!



Día Celebration

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Day of the Child/Day of the Book) is a celebration based on childhood and literacy that began in 1997. On April 30 hundreds of libraries, schools and communities throughout the country will host celebrations and programs that honor multiculturalism and stress the importance of books and literacy.

Parents and children are invited to a special Día storytime at Southern Pines Public Library on **Friday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m.** There will also be music and other fun activities. Celebremos!



BYOB: Book Discussion Group

The place to find out about great reads is at the BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) discussion forum! In January participants shared a wide variety of books, including *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer; *Wolf in the Parlor*, by Jon Franklin; *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein; *Chanel*, by Edmonde Charles-

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Roux; and *New and Selected Poems*, by Mary Oliver.

The next BYOB will be held on **Thursday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m.** Bring any book you'd like to recommend to the group and enjoy free refreshments, courtesy of the Friends.

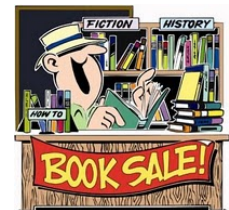


Read to Your Bunny Preschool Storytime

Children 5 years old or younger are invited to attend storytime and experience learning and growing through shared stories, songs, and activities.

Preschool Storytime will meet from 3:30–4:00pm on the following Wednesdays: **April 7, 21, & 28; May 5 & 12.**

Following each session, children can explore books, play games, and make new friends while parents have the opportunity to network. Hop on over and join us!



Spring Book Sale

On **Saturday, April 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** the Friends will hold their annual book sale at the **Southern Pines Train Depot.**

Thousands of almost new and gently used books will be available for purchase at extremely reasonable prices. Proceeds from the sale benefit a variety of programs sponsored by the Friends.

Now is the time to stock up on summer vacation reading!



NC LIVE

NC LIVE is a member-driven, library service organization dedicated to providing online library and information services that support education, enhance statewide economic development, and increase the quality of life for all North Carolinians.

To celebrate National Library Week, NC LIVE is promoting the use of online resources that work for North Carolina citizens, saving them money and time. Resources like SimplyMap, Morningstar, ReferenceUSA, the Wall Street Journal, and Business Source Premier provide important business information to local entrepreneurs, investors, and small business owners who are looking to get their business started, or grow their customer base.

For those who are job hunting or looking to jump start their careers, LearningExpress Library contains interactive practice tests, eBooks, and a resume builder, and NetLibrary contains more than 200 employment-related eBooks that were added last spring.

Cardholders may link to NC LIVE from the library's website (www.sppl.net). It's a library right at your fingertips!



eBooks and eAudiobooks

PDA, Mp3, PC, iPod... the nature of technology is to change quicker than one can learn the names for all the different devices!

To make things easier for patrons who wish to download eBooks and eAudiobooks, the library has added instructions for the NC Digital Library check-out process to its website. Go to www.sppl.net and then select "Ebooks" from the menu on the left side of the page.

There are also instructions on how to download e-books to a Sony Reader, a list of portable audio devices that are supported through Overdrive, as well as a list of other frequently asked questions (FAQs).



Jane Shilts, one of the library's faithful volunteers.

A Special Thank-You

At Southern Pines Public Library, our volunteers make a big difference in the quality of library service by sharing their time and talents. Last year volunteers put in 673

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hours maintaining the physical condition of library materials, searching for missing books, shifting books on the shelves, and helping to process new books.

Thank you, **Nan Brown, Joan Ciminera, Jim Halstead, Ernie Hanford, Jan Lindmark, Jane Shilts, and Lois Shinault.**

Other dedicated volunteers serve on the Friends and Advisory Boards, supporting and promoting library services. Thank you, **Dianne Barrett, Joyce Batson, David Carpenter, Alfred Carter, Stuart Fulghum, Susan Harmody, Michael Henry, Mary Jane Leck, Chequilla Ledbetter, Denis McCullough, Cynthia McDonald, Debbie Pardal, Linda Pearson, Carolyn Ragone, Janice Reagan, Steve Saye, Dorothy Shankle, R. Keith Shuler, Jr., Francy Thompson, and Laura Wellener.**

We appreciate your dedication and enthusiasm!



Committee Reports Special Events

Francy Thompson, Chairperson
Southern Pines

Landmark ornaments are still available at the library. They make lovely gifts for friends and visitors to the area.

2009: Dempsey Student Center at Sandhills Community College \$25

2008: Sunrise Theater \$10
 2007: Southern Pines Civic Club \$10
 2006: Southern Pines Public Library \$10
 2005: Shaw House \$10
 2004: Weymouth \$10
 2003: Bookshop Row on Broad Street \$10
 Undated: Southern Pines Train Station \$20

All proceeds from the ornament project are used to fund the many programs of the Friends.



Excited RIF readers select their books at Southern Pines Elementary School.

Reading Is Fundamental

Debbie Pardal, Chairperson

Children at Southern Pines Elementary and Primary Schools were thrilled to choose their free RIF books when the second distribution of the year was held in February. Library staff members also visited classrooms at both schools on RIF days.

The final RIF distributions for the school year will be in May. Parents and community volunteers are needed to help refill the book

tables after each class comes through, to talk briefly to the children about the importance of reading and where these free books come from, and to help in general with the flow of the day.

If you can spare an hour to help with this easy and rewarding activity, please email Debbie Pardal:

debpardal@nc.rr.com

Even if you can't volunteer to help with the actual distribution, you can still help by sending an email to your members of Congress, asking them to reinstate RIF's federal funding which was left out of the FY11 budget request. Without it, more than 4.4 million children and families nationwide will not receive the benefits of RIF.

Locally this would mean that 900 children in Southern Pines would not receive the 2,700 free books or reading encouragement provided in the three annual distributions. Last year, the Friends covered 25% (\$1,300) of the total cost of \$5200, while the National RIF program paid the remainder. In addition, substantial discounts are offered by authorized RIF book vendors insuring that the titles are current ones the children will find appealing.

Federal funding for RIF is never guaranteed, and if Congress members don't realize the value of RIF to our community, then they will believe the funds can be better utilized elsewhere. Please visit www.rif.org and let your representative know how you feel. It takes less than a minute and will make a tremendous

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difference in the lives and educations of our children.

Membership Drive

Laura Wellener, Chairperson

As of the February Board meeting, 128 memberships have been received with contributions totaling \$2,565 in membership fees.

Gifts and Memorials

Carolyn Ragone, Chairperson

Gifts made this past quarter were by:

Celeste Fields

In memory of Frank DuBois by:
 The James Creek Women's Club

A.F. Merlino

Endowment

Joyce Batson, Chairperson

In addition to membership dues and fund raisers, income from endowment funds help support the ongoing projects of the Friends. For more information consult:

<http://www.sppl.net/Library/EndowmentCommittee.aspx>



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Steve Saye, Chairperson

Volunteers are needed April 23-26 to help sort books, set up the sale, assist customers, and clean up after the sale. If interested in volunteering, please contact Book Sale Chairperson Steve Saye at (910) 235-9000.

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Summer Reading Preview

The summer reading themes for 2010 are :
Make a Splash – READ! for students in grades K-4 and
Make Waves @ Your Library for rising 5th-8th graders.



The library will once again be offering a variety of programs, including Family Fun Nights, Children's Book Clubs, and Preschool Storytimes. Expect nautical surprises and special guests, including perhaps a pirate or two! Aargh, mateys!

