

Friends

of the Bartow County Library System

"The way to have a friend is to be a friend." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

March 2008

WINTER BOOK SALE RAISES \$2,000

The Friends of the Library Used Book Sale raised \$2,000 to be used to purchase fiction and non-fiction books, large print editions, audio books, popular movies and educational videos that will soon appear on shelves in Adairsville, Cartersville and Euharlee.

The thrill of the hunt brings book lovers to the Friends' quarterly book sales. Bargain hunters know they'll find a good selection of current popular titles, biographies, novels, reference materials, children's books—something for every interest.

Book sales are the Friends' primary fundraising events, made possible by donations of books from the community and donations of time by Friends volunteers. Donated books and materials are first screened by the library's professional staff for suitable items that are added to the collection. Remaining donations along with the library's discarded books are sold.

Book sale proceeds buy books and materials system-wide.

The next meeting is March 18 at 6:00 pm at the Euharlee library.

To Volunteer



To work on the next book sale, contact Karen Barnhart at 770-382-4779 or e-mail friends@bartowlibrary.org.

The next book sale is June 7.

Remember:
Friends are invited to attend preview sales!

WHO ARE THE FRIENDS?

The Friends of the Library is a group of volunteers who enjoy the Bartow library system and want to aid its growth through fund-raising and promotion. Our Friends group is a non-profit organization registered with the Georgia Secretary of State and has a federal 501(c)3 tax designation. This makes your membership dues a tax deductible donation!

Officers of the 2008 Friends Board of Directors are Karen Barnhart, president; Ed Bostick, vice president; Patty Harmon, treasurer; and Lori McAllister, secretary. Denise Manning, Iris Stein, and Mary Wood serve as board members at large. Library director Carmen Sims, assistant director Anne Henson, and Board of Trustees vice chairman Kate Dougherty are ex officio members of the Friends board. Erin Glynn serves on the newsletter committee.

Membership in the Friends is open to everyone. Just \$10 for you, or \$15 for you and your family, makes you a vital part of our library and its continued growth.

EUHARLEE FRIENDS GROUP FORMS

Great news for patrons from Euharlee: A new Branch Friends group has formed to help usher in the soon to be completed new library facility. And great news for all library supporters: One small Friends dues payment gives you membership in each of the system's Friends groups. While book sale proceeds go into one pot to purchase needed materials for all the branches, other fundraisers and donations collected by each Branch Friends group are reserved for use by that Branch.

WHO NEEDS FRIENDS?

Everyone who the services and facilities of the Bartow County Library System can thank a Friend for enhancing their experience. Libraries are funded primarily by local government agencies, but due to tight funding and sometimes restrictions, there are many important needs that are not included in the budget. The Friends make special programs and much needed books possible.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

that it would take \$2 million to bring our library system to the state recommended minimum of 2 books per capita of our county's population?

that only one-fifth of 1% of our library system cardholders are Friends? And that if only 10% were Friends, we would have over \$40,000 this year from dues alone to spend on books and programs?

HOW TO JOIN

Come to the next System Friends board meeting on **April 29, 2008 at 6:30 pm** at the Cartersville branch or pick up a membership form at the Adairsville, Cartersville or Euharlee branches. Membership dues are \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Higher sponsorship levels are also available, and donations accepted at any time.

Are you a library patron? Do you value the services and amenities of a state-of-the-art library? Do you want to be more involved in your community? Then joining the Friends is for you! We are eager to hear your ideas for fundraising and promoting the library throughout Bartow County, making the system an ever more important asset to our community.