

SUMMER/FALL NEWSLETTER

September 2011

Friends Annual Membership Drive Kick-off Begins

Time to join or renew your membership & attend the annual meeting

October 1st marks the beginning of the Friends of the Library 2012 fiscal year. This means it is time to renew your membership or join for the year. For FY 2012, three of the eight board positions (President, Treasurer and Member at large) are up for re-election. Vote in person or by proxy. Annual membership meeting is October 4 at 6:30, Nathan Dean room. Refreshments and a short business meeting will be followed with an *Adults only*, bingo fundraiser and Kindle raffle that will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Friends members get their first bingo card free.

Summer & Fall Book Sales Raise A Combined \$3772

Hot and Sunny were words used to describe sales and weather at the last two book sales. Thanks to all the volunteers who sweated away the days and helped with the sale and clean up. Book sales are the main source of revenue generated for our Friends group to support the Library. We are thankful for the many hardworking, consistent volunteers that make this fundraising activity such a success. Next sale is December 3rd.

Speaking of Fundraisers...

Several are scheduled for this fall

Our friends group is branching out with some new fundraisers. In addition to our bingo event, we are hosting a craft fair (*see related article*) and a Pet photo shoot. On Nov. 15, Hollywood Pets will be onsite to take holiday photos of your pets and their humans too (if you want). Sitting fee is \$10 and will be by appointment only. (*see page 2 for more info*)



Charity Bingo with Mayor Matt Santini

Tuesday October 4, 2011
6:30pm refreshments; 7:00 Bingo
Nathan Dean room
Cartersville Public Library

Friends of the Library to Host Arts & Craft Fair for Local Artisans

Are you a crafter? Do you make crafts but have nowhere to show and sell them? If so, you are in luck! The Friends of the Library are hosting our first craft fair and sale on October 29 at the Cartersville Library. Both inside (\$35) and outside booths (\$25) are still available. Friends members get a \$10 discount.

Not a crafter? Be a shopper! The sale begins at 10am and runs until 5pm. It will be a great opportunity to do some early Holiday shopping! There is no admission fee and concessions will be available.

Want to win a handcrafted quilt? The quilt, donated by Etowah quilt guild, will be raffled at the conclusion of the fair. Need not be present to win. Tickets are available from any Board member and will be available at fair.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- October 4, 6:30pm; Friends Annual meeting and Board elections Nathan Dean room; 7:00 Bingo and Kindle raffle
- October 29, 10am-5pm; Friends Arts and Crafts fair, Cartersville Library
- November 15, 11am-8pm; Hollywood Pets Holiday pet photos; Appointment only
- November 31, December 3; Book sale preparation / cleanup, Volunteers needed
- December 3, 9-2pm; Winter used Book Sale, Cartersville Library. 9-10 Friends Members only; 10-2 public admitted; 1-2pm Book by the bag sale

SYSTEM FRIENDS BOARD MEMBERS 2010-2011

Karen Barnhart	President 770-382-4779
Lori Mcallister	Vice president
Yolanda Bost	Secretary
Bill Eagar	Treasurer
Denise Manning	Member at large
Iris Stein	Member at large
Ed Bostick	Member at large
Anne Coultas	Member at large
Mary Jane Maulsby	Library Board Liaison
Carmen Sims	Administrative Liaison
Anne Henson	Administrative Liaison

**Sign up to be a book sale
volunteer with
Armeda Fairchild:
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VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER SUMMER 2011

Gail Matherne, a long time supporter and Friend of the Library has been selected as the summer recipient of the "Volunteer of the Quarter" award! Gail will receive a Friends Recycle Bag and a \$10.00 gift certificate to the next book sale. Gail will be formally recognized at our annual volunteer of the quarter dinner for 2011.

Gail, an avid reader, advocate for youth literacy and an athlete, has helped with several fund raising events over the years. Most often, she can be found helping to sort books for the book sale and cleaning up after the sale. Gail is a tireless worker, always pleasant to work with and always on the lookout for "good" books for youth to read. She has been known to purchase books for someone in need and happily offers her assistance to any task. In the past, Gail has been on the organizing committee for the 5-k race and most recently, Gail had her "arts projects" on display in the Library. Gail will be a vendor at our Craft fair, so stop on by her booth and look at what she has to offer, I guarantee you'll like it!

It is a pleasure to have Gail as a supporter of our organization and we are all appreciative of the hours of service done on our behalf.

Holiday Photos for Pets and Their People

On Tuesday November 15, 2011 from 11:00 am until 8:00pm, Hollywood Pets will be on-site to take photos of pets with or without their Humans. A variety of settings will be offered. Sitting fee is \$10 and photos will be available for viewing and ordering at time of pictures are taken. You must have an appointment. Watch for details via email on how to book an appointment.

Don't forget to print your VIP pass for the book-sale

It is the easy way to by-pass check in lines and get shopping! VIP passes will be emailed to current Friends members prior to each book sale.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER FALL 2011

Denise Manning, a longtime Board member and Friend of the Library has been selected by the as the fall recipient of the "Volunteer of the Quarter" award! Denise will receive a Friends Recycle Bag and a \$10.00 gift certificate to the next book sale. Denise will be formally recognized at our annual volunteer of the quarter dinner for 2011.

Denise is a current board member at large, which is a position she has held for two terms (4 years) and counting. Denise came to our board via an internship position for Leadership Bartow. She thought she would only be with us for several weeks. However, our mission grew on her and she stayed. We are very thankful she stayed and has helped our Friends group flourish. Chances are you have interacted with Denise either directly or indirectly. Denise promotes our membership, supports all fundraisers and has been instrumental in "Branding" our Friends group through the development of a logo and a cohesive approach to the printing of advertising documents. Denise's pet project is our annual membership drive. Thanks to her, all membership renewal information, ballots, and Friends information are sent out each fall. Annually, she personally stuffs, addresses, stamps and mails several hundred packets. Denise is also known as the "go to" person for our group when printed materials are needed.

In addition to the behind the scenes activities, Denise can be found at most fundraisers' doing what ever is necessary. She is often the first to volunteer and one of the last to leave.

Denise, an avid reader herself, understands the importance of access to books for children. To that end, she has organized, through her church, to ship some children's books left over from our book sales to third world countries. Several hundred books have been donated for this cause.

Thank you Denise Manning for your great service to our organization, we would not be the same without you!

Ready to donate, Volunteer your time, Have questions?

Whether you are ready to donate materials, time or money, or just have questions, we would love to hear from you. The easiest way to contact board members is via the board email address: fol30120@comcast.net. You may also contact Karen Barnhart at her home number as listed on the front (770-382-4779).

To donate used books, please bring your gently used books in boxes or bags to the circulation desk at the main library. **Readers digest condensed books, encyclopedias, instructional material in binders and magazines are not accepted.** Large print donations are especially sought after. Donations are accepted during regular Library hours. Do not place any donations in drop boxes.