

FRIENDS OF THE BARTOW COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

SPRING NEWSLETTER

April, 2010

Kudzu: A good plant gone Bad.... *Learn about the rise and fall of this Southern Icon*

Retired KSU Professor of Biology, and long time Friends Board member, Ed Bostick, will present a program on Kudzu at the Quarterly meeting on April 15, 6:30, in the Nathan Dean room at the Cartersville Library. Join us as we learn about the history of Kudzu in the United States and how public perception of Kudzu has changed from agricultural savior to noxious weed. Medicinal, craft and culinary uses of Kudzu will also be discussed. A brief period will be devoted to the cultivation of Kudzu. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm with the program beginning at 7:00pm.



Kudzu History Program

Thursday April 15, 2010
 6:30pm refreshments; 7:00
 program
 Nathan Dean room

Book Sale Volunteers to receive Book sale coupons

Want to help out the Friends and get something in return?? In an effort to reward the hard work put in by our volunteers at book sales, we will be offering a coupon for a bag of books (bag purchased separately) for those people that work 2 or more hours in the preparation and clean up of the book sale. If you work the 2 hours of cleanup (2:00-4:00) we will throw in a free book bag in addition to the coupon. On that note, a big thank-you to the many volunteers who donated their time and energies towards making the spring book sale such a success. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Sign up to be a book sale volunteer with Armeda Fairchild:
 argail57@yahoo.com

Spring Book Sale *Raises \$1682*

Despite a chilly and windy weekend, the March 6^h used book sale was well attended and raised a total of \$1682 and gained 9 new FOL members.

However, there was some confusion at the sale regarding books by the bag. Books by the bag are only available the last hour of the sale. The confusion happened due to our "Christmas Special" where books by the bag were available for the entire sale and not just the last hour as is typical.

The summer book sale is scheduled for June 5, 2010. (9:00am for Friends members; 10:00am general public).

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- April 15, 2010; 6:00pm Friends Quarterly meeting Nathan Dean room
- June 2, 3 and 5; Book sale preparation, Volunteers needed
- June 5, 2010; 9-2pm Summer used Book Sale, Main Library. 9-10 Friends Members only; 10-2 General public admitted 1-2 Book by the bag sale
- August 21, 2010; Bookin' It 5k race; Woodland High School Cross Country course 7:30am 1 mile fun run/walk; 8:00am 5k off road race
- September 4, 2010 Fall used book sale, Main Library

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Bookin' it 5k Runs again

The Friends of the Library in Partnership with Woodland high school is proud to announce the second annual Bookin' It 5k off road race and 1 mile fun run/walk. Sponsors and volunteers now being sought.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the second annual Bookin' it race for the Friends of the Library on August 21, 2010. The 5k race and one mile fun run/walk will be held again at the Woodland High School cross country course. The one mile will start at 7:30am and the 5k will begin at 8:00 am. Race entry forms available in the Library kiosk and coming soon on the Library Website.

At this point, in addition to spreading the word about the race, the Friends are looking for Sponsors, both business and personal to help make this race as successful as last year's inaugural race. Last year the race netted the Friends organization \$3390 and was the single best one day fund raising event in recent FOL history. For those who attended or volunteered it was a fun day and we are thankful for the community support.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

SPRING 2010

Kris Barnhart, a Junior at Cartersville High School and Friend of the library has been selected by the Board members of the Friends as the spring recipient of the "Volunteer of the Quarter" award! Kris will receive a Friends Recycle Bag and a \$10.00 gift certificate to the next book sale. He will also be recognized with others at our Annual meeting, slated for October 2010.

Kris has spent untold hours volunteering at several Friends events and helps in what ever capacity necessary. Most often Kris is seen helping at the quarterly book sales. He can be found sorting, stocking and performing carry outs at most book sales and then boxing up and cleaning up at the end of the sale. It makes for a long day, but is particularly helpful because of the need to box and stack the left over books. Kris is always positive, helpful and works hard. It is a pleasure to have him as a supporter of our organization and the board is appreciative of the hours of service done on our behalf.

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: friends@bartowlibrary.org. This sends an email message to board members and will be responded to by the appropriate person. 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.

