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CARL STONE MARKS 30 YEARS AT LIBRARY SYSTEM'S HELM

On Sept. 15, when Anne Misheau first sat in her deputy director's chair, ACL director Carl Stone marked his 30-year anniversary.

Carl came to the system in 1974 after serving as Extension Librarian at Richland County Library and in the Science Library at the Univ. of Georgia. He graduated from the Univ. of South Carolina with an AB degree in History and received his MLN in Librarianship from Emory Univ.

A past president of the SC Library Assoc. and the Assoc. of Public Library Administrators, Carl was a recipient of a 2000 Pointing the Way Leadership Award from the *Anderson Independent-Mail*.

During his tenure, all branch libraries have increased in size, and a branch added to the Westside Community Center. A new Belton branch was constructed in April of this year and new branches in Pendleton and Powdersville are slated for completion in 2005. A new Main Library, with 96,000 sq. ft., was dedicated in Sept. 2000, making it the fourth largest library in the state.

Carl and his wife, Debby, a media specialist in the Oconee County School District, live in Anderson.

LIBRARY SYSTEM HIRES DEPUTY DIRECTOR



ANNE MISHEAU NAMED TO POST

If there's one thing Anne Misheau has not done since graduating with an English degree from North Carolina's Belmont Abbey College in 1976, it's sit still!

The Belmont, NC native began her professional career as a Montessori-method special education kindergarten teacher in her home town. A move to Charlotte and to the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County led Anne to getting her Masters in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

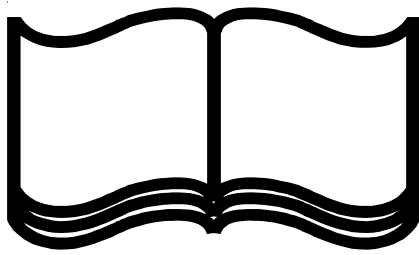
Anne turned to the corporate world from the early to mid-90s, first as librarian for Rexam, Inc., in North Carolina, a manufacturer of high tech coatings for Fuji and other technology firms. She then headed west, to Denver, CO, and the software development firm of JD Edwards & Co. In 1996 she began her association with the Denver Public Library System. As reference librarian for the Western History Department, she developed programs in Colorado history for fourth grade teachers and taught classes in genealogy. Two years later Anne became senior librarian of the system's second-largest branch library.

After a brief stint as director of libraries and research for the resort development company, Design Workshop, Inc., during which she managed eight corporate libraries throughout the western U.S., Anne returned to the Denver Public Library as docent manager. Here she coordinated over 160 volunteers throughout the system's Central Library and 23 branches and worked with the Friends of the Library. This position led to being a reference librarian at the Central Library.

Anne returned to the South in 2003. She became coordinator of programs and promotions and a reference/instruction librarian at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, developing curriculum for the school's Business and Marketing Departments. Most recently she was director of the Saluda County Public Library here in South Carolina.

Anne is the youngest of four brothers and sisters, whose mom is a retired librarian. She lives in Greenwood with her two dogs, Buffy and Katie. Her 24-year-old son, Patrick, is an English student in Charlotte and 21-year-old Lucy lives in Colorado, studying history. Anne enjoys traveling and has visited Europe a number of times. England is a favorite place and she and her children have visited there as Anne researches a book she's writing, based on the letters exchanged between her late uncle and his British fiance during World War II. She also enjoys hiking and camping and is an avid photography buff. Of course, she likes to read! Her books of choice are about history and travel.

"I'm really excited about being here," Anne says of her move to the Anderson library system. "I've met the board of trustees and am looking forward to working with them. I already feel a kinship with the staff. I want to thank everyone for welcoming me so warmly!"



STORYTIMES

Preschool Storytime is held on Tuesday & Friday at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Children's Dept. at the Main Library & lasts about 20 min.

When bringing a group, please call 260-4500 in advance & talk with a Children's Dept. librarian.



FALL INTO FALL
Oct. 5 & 8

NIGHT AND DAY
Oct. 12 & 15



GREAT PUMPKINS
Oct. 19 & 22



BOO!
Oct. 26 & 29

MY FAMILY
Nov. 2 & 5

BEAR HUGS
Nov. 9 & 12



KITTY CATS
Nov. 16 & 19

GRANDPARENTS
Nov. 23



MERRY MUSIC
Nov. 30 & Dec. 3

**IT'S FAMILY NIGHT @
YOUR LIBRARY**
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

FALLING INTO BOOKS
Oct. 19 at the Main Library
Oct. 26 at the Belton Branch Library

JOHNNY APPLESEED - Movie Night!
Nov. 16 at the Main Library

LITERACY FALL FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 30

Event Switched to Afternoon This Year

Who would think that giving books away would be so scary?

It's a good scary, though. The main event at the annual Literacy Fall Festival at the Anderson Civic Center is giving a free book to every child that attends, and that's been thousands of children each year for the past 13 years. And some of those children have looked pretty scary!

This year's sponsors - Anderson County Library, *Anderson Independent-Mail*, Literacy Volunteers of Anderson, Inc., and the United Way of Anderson County - will do it again, but at a different time. This year the popular event will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 30, and last until 5 p.m.

"This will give families the opportunity to enjoy our festival and then go and enjoy the Spooktacular downtown," says library director Carl Stone. The Spooktacular, sponsored by AnMed and other area organizations and businesses, begins at 5 p.m. "It'll be one big party day for kids and their families!"

According to Donna Long, Children's Services Librarian, there will be plenty of books for every child. "We have lots of books, and we'll have several new games for the children to play."

The easy-to-play games, where everyone's a winner, are another major part of the festival. This year one of the favorites, the obstacle course made of materials courtesy of the county's recycling program, will be longer and filled with new challenges.

Children will want to visit the Literacy Volunteers of Anderson's popular Storytelling Patch and parents can enjoy bingo games coordinated by Electric City Rotary Club. Don't miss the Shiloh United Methodist Church's Sunshine Puppets.

And last but certainly not least, there are the costume contests.

Coordinated by the newspaper's Kathy Gibson and Lifestyle Editor Leah Daniels, the contests are split into seven categories: babies to 2 year-olds; 3 year-olds to kindergarten; 1st and 2nd graders; 3rd to 5th graders; 6th to 8th graders; high school age; and adults. And there are more prizes this year, thanks to the United Way.

Free books, free treats, fun and games, all within a structured and safe environment It's Halloween at its best!



CALL FOR CANDY!

All the candy provided at the festival is donated. If you'd like to donate a bag or bags of individually-wrapped candy, just drop it off at the Circulation Desk of the Main Library or at any branch library. All the little ghosts, goblins, or ghouls thank you!



LOOKING TO SCARE YOURSELF SILLY?

Here are some titles
available at the library:

Easy Fiction

Corduroy's Best Halloween Ever
Trick or Treat, Smell My Feet

Juvenile Fiction

13th Floor: A Ghost Story
The Boggart

Young Adult Fiction

Appointment with a Stranger
Jade Green: A Ghost Story



FRIENDS TO HOST EMILY HERRING WILSON NOV. 20



The Friends of the Anderson County Library will host a special appearance by acclaimed writer Emily Herring Wilson at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Main Library.

Ms. Wilson is the author of an upcoming biography, *No One Gardens Alone*, about one of the premier gardeners of her time, Elizabeth Lawrence. It will be released October 15.

Ms. Wilson, a native of Georgia now living in Winston-Salem, NC, is a poet and non-fiction writer with a number of books to her credit. She's the editor of *Two Gardeners: A Friendship in Letters*, which chronicles the friendship between Elizabeth Lawrence and *The New Yorker* magazine editor Katharine White. She also has compiled a collection of narratives entitled *Hope and Dignity: Older Black Women of the South* and co-authored *North Carolina Women: Making History*.

Born in Raleigh, NC, Elizabeth Lawrence was the first woman to graduate from North Carolina State University's (then State College) landscape architecture program. A self-described "dirt gardener," she was a friend to all gardeners and exchanged gardening tips with such literary giants as Stanley Kunitz and Eudora Welty. Her correspondence with Katharine White lasted 20 years.

Following publication, copies of *No One Gardens Alone* may be purchased from any member of the Anderson Council of Garden Clubs (proceeds from those sales will benefit the garden clubs) or at B. Dalton Booksellers at the Anderson Mall. Her other titles may also be purchased through B. Dalton Booksellers. Ms. Wilson will have a booksigning following her presentation at the library. For more information, call the library at 864-260-4500, ext. 107.

Listed below are those individuals who have joined the Friends or renewed their membership over the last two months. We appreciate their support!

Jenny Alexander
Ann Lyons Brissey
William E. Brooks
Dot & Jim Current
Mr. & Mrs. Tom W. Dunaway III
William L. Freeman
Julie & Keith Hart
Juanita McInnis
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Oliver
Mary M. Rutter
David & Diane Schonauer
Jim Gray & Julia Watson

If you think your Friends' membership has expired or if you'd like to join the Friends, call Marybeth at 260-4500, ext. 107. She'll look up your record or be glad to send you a brochure.

HOLLY BROOKS ASHTON TO APPEAR AT CANCER ASSOC.

Anderson author Holly Brooks Ashton will sign copies of her book, *The Rape of Paul Stark*, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cancer Association of Anderson, 215 E. Calhoun St., on Sunday, Oct. 31.

The book, Mrs. Ashton's first, is a thriller involving environmental sabotage and the shrimping industry. She'll donate 25% of sales to the Association.

There also will be a display of "altered books," a new art form involving old books, by Linda Harral and Kathryn Smith.

For more information, contact Kathryn Smith, Association director, at 222-3500.



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Main Library hours:
Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun., 2 - 6 p.m.

**THE MAIN LIBRARY &
 BRANCH LIBRARIES WILL
 BE CLOSED NOV. 11 FOR
 VETERANS' DAY & NOV. 25
 & 26 FOR THANKSGIVING.**

REMINDER!

The Friends of the Anderson
 County Library conducts
 Sunday Book Sales the
 first and third Sunday
 of the month, 2 - 5 p.m.,
 in the Friends' Store,
 Main Library.

October 3 & 17
(Mystery Month)
Nov. 7 & 21
(Crafts/Cooking Month)

The Store & Friends' Cafe are
 also open Monday thru Friday.
 Why not stop by & visit?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**READ IT WITH LEAH
 BOOK CLUB**
**MEETS THE THIRD SUNDAY
 OF THE MONTH AT 2:30 P.M.**
AT THE MAIN LIBRARY
**Oct. 17 - The Adventures of
 Huckleberry Finn**
Nov. 21 - The Catcher in the Rye

The Director's Corner



Carl Stone

As you've read elsewhere in this newsletter, we've hired a Deputy Director. And what, you may ask, is a "deputy" director? Does she wear a badge, wear a gun, and search for wrongdoers while bringing truth and justice to your local public library? No! It's an associate or assistant. The Deputy Director normally oversees the day-to-day operations of the library, working with staff to maintain services, buildings and grounds, etc. - all the uninteresting minutiae that's never seen until something goes wrong. The Deputy Director allows the Director more time to assess and evaluate the overall effectiveness of library procedures and policies and make changes for the better.

We're fortunate to have Anne Misheau (pronounced Me Show) on board in this position. For the next few months she'll be working in all of the departments, getting to know us and letting us get to know her. Anne's a very pleasant person, and I hope you'll greet her and give her a warm Anderson welcome.

I've worked in libraries for just over 40 years, and there have been more changes in the last 10 than in the previous 30, mostly for the better. All public libraries face the challenge of coping with the transition from "hard copy" information to the electronic media. At the Main Library, we've converted the Periodicals Area on the second floor to a Computer Area, with six new word processing computers. We'll add up to eight more Internet computers there this fall. The staff will be updated on Microsoft Office 2003 so they can assist patrons in creating essays, resumes, etc.

We're also looking at ways to simplify the use of our databases, such as Info USA, from home. The ever-growing, ever-changing advances in technology force us to continually reassess our policies and procedures to make sure we're offering the best service. It's the same role the library has always played, but now it requires machines and wires and telephone hook-ups and all sorts of technical doodads. We're still learning and making decisions (mostly good, I hope), while staring into a sometimes murky crystal ball.

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