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LIBRARY IS SITE OF DIVERSITY PROGRAM

The Main Library will again be the site of the "Be the Link for Diversity" program from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. This marks the second year for the program, sponsored by the Anderson County Human Relations Council.

In addition to the library, program partners include the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, Anderson County Special Olympics, AnMed Health, and Partners for a Healthy Community. Project coordinator is Jessica Gregory.

Last year, more than 50 people attended dialogue circles and workshops focusing on a number of diversity issues. The program is designed to inspire dialogue in response to the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

Several of last year's workshops will be repeated: "Ten Commandments to Culture"; "Blue Eyes, Brown Eyes"; "Mixed Families, Blended Cultures"; and "Interacting with Diversity: Mapping Diverse Cultures." Two dialogue circles for young adults will be repeated: "Behind the Beat: A Story of Tupac Shakur" and "Giraffe and Elephant."

New this year will be two panel discussions: "Bi-Lingual Barriers" and "Special Needs and Disabilities." An additional dialogue circle will be "Teen Pregnancy." Also planned is an exhibit of art created by disabled individuals.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Registration will take place at 9 a.m., with sessions starting at 9:30 a.m. For more information about the workshop or on how to pre-register, contact coordinator Jessica Gregory at 260-4856.

THANK GOODNESS IT'S FRIDAY FILM NIGHT!

That's T.G.I.F.F.N. for short. And, yes, the Main Library is kicking off a monthly movie night series, beginning Friday, August 19. Flicks will start at 7 p.m. every third Friday and there'll be cartoons, a main feature, and, of course, a real popcorn-making machine.

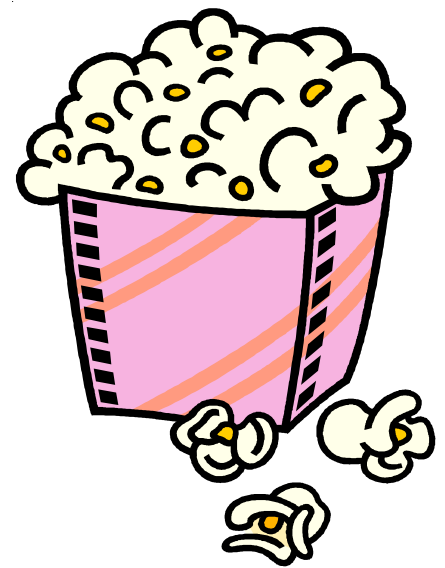
According to director Carl Stone, the library sponsored showings of travel programs and documentaries in the past. The current series is a project dear to the heart of deputy director Anne Norton. "We'll have something for everyone. I love the old Looney Tunes cartoons, and film shorts with such great comedians as Laurel and Hardy. We'll get the crowd warmed up with some of them, and away we'll go!"

And go you will with the first film - back to the popular ABC television series of the 70s and 80s, *Schoolhouse Rock!* This was the Saturday morning show which practically every child in America grew up watching back then. The series, which ran from 1973 to 1984, won four Emmys and introduced children to grammar, science, math, money matters, and American history.

In this 30th anniversary release, those of you "who remember when," and youngsters who don't, can rock to "Conjunction Junction," "Electricity, Electricity," "Three is a Magic Number," and the ever-popular "I'm Just a Bill." Learning as never been such raucous fun!

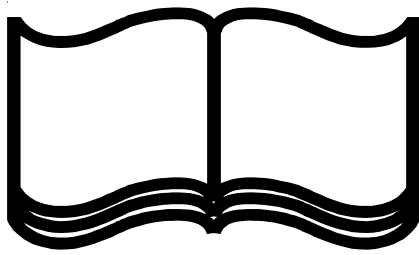
The schedule continues September 16 with *Rebel Without a Cause*, and a prize will be given to the most realistic James Dean look-alike. Celebrate Halloween in October with *Young Frankenstein*, and *Remember the Titans* in November. In December, moviegoers will climb aboard *The Polar Express*.

Start your weekend at the library's Friday Film Night!



LIBRARY UNVEILS NEW CARD DESIGN

September is **National Library Card Sign-Up Month**. If you've let your card lapse, September's the time to renew. The library has re-designed its cards in honor of the occasion, and now offers key tag cards, too. New patrons will receive a regular-sized card and a key tag. Current cardholders who would like a new card/tag will have to "lose" their current card and pay \$1.



STORYTIMES

Preschool Storytime (for all preschool ages) is held on Tuesday & Friday at 10 a.m. in the meeting room of the Children's Dept. at the Main Library. On Wednesday and Thursday, **Baby & Me** (for Mom and a child one year old or younger) is held at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. **Toddler & Me** (for Mom and a child one or two years of age) runs at 10 and 11 a.m. All programs are 20 min.

Registration is required for all storytimes. To register or arrange for a group, call 260-4500, ext. 158 & talk with a Children's Dept. librarian.

Preschool Storytime Dates

Sept. 2
Ready
for
School



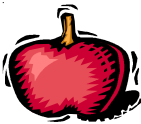
Sept. 6 & 9
Grandparents

Sept. 13 & 16
Fall is Here!



Sept. 20 & 23
To Market, To Market

Sept. 27 & 30
Apples Everywhere



CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPT. EXPANDS PROGRAMS

New Storytime Schedule Debuts in September

We love success stories here at the library, and the Children's Services Department has some of the best!

Over the past several years, the Preschool Storytime has grown by leaps and bounds at the Main Library. Head Librarian Donna Long and her staff often play host to over 50 children and their mothers twice a week. Everyone enjoys silly songs and stories, along with simple games.

The Department is now going to offer two more specialized programs in order to better serve their tiny patrons. **Baby & Me** and **Toddler & Me** will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning Sept. 6.

Baby & Me is designed for a mom and her one-year-old or younger child. Twenty-minute sessions will be held at 9:30

and 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday and Thursday. A mom with a one-or-two-year-old will enjoy Toddler & Me, held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 and 11 a.m.

These programs are designed for one-on-one contact between parent and child. Simple stories and games focus on interactive responses, such as rolling balls.

Preschool Storytime is for children of mixed preschool ages, and parents may bring more than one child to a session.

Registration is required on a monthly basis for all storytimes. Parents interested in registering for September must do so by Friday, Sept. 2. Call 260-4500, ext. 158.

LIBRARY WINS INNOVATION AWARD

Earlier this year, Anderson County Library received an Innovator of the Month Award from Tutor.com for its "Sweet Spell of Success" fundraiser, which the Friends of the Anderson County Library have hosted since 2001.

Proceeds from the popular corporate spelling bee have been used to underwrite the library's online tutoring program, Live Homework Help. The program is provided by Tutor.com. This past year, approximately \$13,000 was raised for the tutoring program.

Students in grade 4 and up, including those in college and people preparing for GED exams, can access the program from library or home computers, using their library card numbers and PINs, and have online chats with qualified tutors in science, math, social studies, and English.

Hours of access are Mondays through Thursdays from 4 to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 2 to 9 p.m.

The library received a \$50 American Express gift certificate from Tutor.com, which was used for the purchase of children's DVDs.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Children's Meeting Room
Main Library

LIBRARY CARD-A-RAMA!

SUMMER READING CLUB A "FUNTASTIC" SUCCESS!

The title of this year's Summer Reading Club program was "FUNtastic Reading!" and its theme was built around the circus. Kids and circuses naturally go together, and that was obvious by the number of kids who registered reading logs and attended the circus-themed special events.

System-wide, 980 children registered in the club, 440 at the Main Library, with 250 winning medals and certificates for the number of books read or the number of hours spent reading. During the summer, the young and young-at-heart enjoyed performances by juggler Steve Langley (The Great Fettucini), magician Tim Sonfelt, Ronald McDonald, and the Electric City Gymnastics Team. It was all fantastic fun!



FRIENDS' ANNUAL MEETING CLOSES LIBRARY'S FIRST STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

April marked the beginning of a new tradition at the Anderson County Library. The Friends sponsored the first **Starburst Storytellers' Festival** during the second weekend in the month. Nine tellers from around the region came to Anderson and seven of them shared their talents with schoolchildren in Anderson School Districts 1 and 3. Over 2,500 students enjoyed ghost stories and Upcountry tales from such folks as Nancy Roberts, Minerva King, and John Fowler.

Storyteller Charlotte Ross was the guest speaker at the Friends' **annual meeting** on Sunday, April 10. During the business meeting preceding Ms. Ross' performance, Friends treasurer Pete Masters reported that the Friends had raised over \$75,000 through memberships, events, and Book Store/Cafe sales. In turn, they gave back to the library more than \$57,000 for purchases of computers, audiobooks, and the underwriting of the library's online tutoring program, Live Homework Help. During the year the Friends brought "The Nutcracker" alive with holiday performances by Becky's Box of Puppets, and celebrated Robert Burns' birthday with the Celtic tunes of Castlebay.

The annual meeting is also the traditional time that Friends renew their memberships. Below is a listing of those who have renewed or taken new memberships as a Friend of the Anderson County Library. If you haven't yet renewed, watch for your notice in the mail. Additional names will be listed in future newsletters. We appreciate your support!

Donna Anderson	Cathy Ford	Eugene Ostrom
Mazie Beasley	Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Gallant	Mary Linne Otter
M/M Joshua Betts	Stephanie A. Garrison	Frank Polo
Claudia Boles	Mrs. Annie L. Geer	Judith Polson
William Brooks	Preston & Miriam Gravely	Kathryn Prevost
M/M D. Carroll Brown	Marcella Gugnoni	Olga C. Sawich
Anne Carlton	Modina & Donald Hall	David & Diane Schonauer
Sue Cheney	Melissa Hendrix	Neil Sorensen
Luisa & Chay Ching	Margaret Herndon	M/M Henry Spann
Taylor Cobb	Bob & Doris Hoover	Ray & Susan Stowers
M/M Gerard T. Colvil	John & Tonya Horne	Omie Sturgill
Susan A. Davis	David Korn	Elizabeth Terry
Betty Sue Davenport	C.J. & Vera Lupo	Marcia Waterman
Martha Orr Davenport	Gil & Susan Manalli	Kathy Weeks
Ron & Shari Della Penna	M/M Edwin C. Martin	M/M Harris G. Wilks
Jean & Wayne Diehl	Jane H. Moore	Alberta Woodson
Elizabeth & Herbert Ehlers	Mary Walker Morris	Amie Wright

FRIENDS MEMBER EARNS HONORS

Martha Orr Davenport, a Friend of the Anderson County Library who remembers searching for Bobbsey Twins books at the Anderson Carnegie Library, has been honored for her work as a Friend of the Richmond Public Library in Virginia. The Special Collections Room has been named for her in recognition of her support of the library. Many rare volumes of children's literature in the collection have been donated by Mrs. Davenport. The opening reception featured an exhibit of artwork from the Kelly Collection of American Illustration, which included works of Howard Pyle and students from the "Brandywine School."

FRIENDS SUPPORTS AUDIOBOOK PROGRAM

Audiobook lovers have another resource to tap when searching for new titles to listen to. In April, thanks to a new partnership between NetLibrary and Recorded Books, the library added downloadable books to its collection.

The Friends donated \$6,000, half of the yearly subscription cost, to provide the program which allows patrons to download classic and best-selling books titles to their computers or MP3 players. The program may be accessed through the library's website from home computers or from a dedicated computer located at the Main Library's Reference Desk.

Approximately 50 titles are added each month, and the collection now numbers over 800 titles. Available for downloading is the complete set of the King James Version of the Holy Bible and the full line of Pimsleur Language Programs. Up to six titles may be downloaded at one time for 21-day periods.

Visit the Main Library or any branch for more information, or log on to www.andersonlibrary.org and select the Downloadable Books icon.

FRIENDS RECEIVES CASH

Based on her 41 hours of volunteer work the past year at the Main Library, Friends member Grace Borst has donated \$500 through a matching gift program of ExxonMobil, the firm for which she worked before retiring. The library and Friends are very grateful for Grace's support over the years. She and husband Donald will be moving to New Jersey come January. Grace's happy smile and friendly manner will be sorely missed!



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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, and
 MOBILE LIBRARY WILL BE
 CLOSED SEPT. 5 FOR
 LABOR DAY**

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.

August 7 & 21
(Religion Month)

The Store & Friends' Cafe are also open Monday thru Friday. Why not stop by & visit? Or, VOLUNTEER! Call Karen Newton at 260-4500, ext. 108 and ask how you can help.

**READ IT WITH LEAH
 BOOK CLUB**
 meets the third Sunday of the month at the Main Library at 2:30 p.m.

Aug. 21 - *A Personal History*, by Katherine Graham
 Sept. 18 - *Leap of Faith*, by Queen Noor of Jordan

The Director's Corner



Carl Stone

It's the end of another fiscal year for the library, and time to look back at some of our accomplishments and statistics. I hope that they're of interest because they are the yardstick by which we measure our service to the citizens of Anderson County.

In 2004/2005, the Anderson County Library System (the Main Library, branch libraries, and Mobile Library) circulated 577,661 books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and other materials to 351, 627 persons. We issued 13,749 adult library cards and 3,587 children's cards, for a total of 17,336 new cards issued this year.

Materials circulation increased throughout the system by 14,277 pieces over the previous year. The "new" Belton Branch Library demonstrated the impact of a newer, bigger library in a community - it circulated 27,186 materials this year as opposed to 18,873 in the previous fiscal year, when it was housed in the depot building.

There were 2,962 meetings by various groups at the Main Library and 423 meetings in the branches. The Children's Department held 498 programs that reached 11,014 children. We held 92 computer classes for 526 patrons.

The Mobile Library and Children's Department partnered with First Steps of Anderson County in a "Book Crate Project," partially funded by the Friends of the Anderson County Library. The project delivered 4,938 books to about 30 daycare centers throughout the county. The program provides instruction for daycare workers in the best methods of using the books, which may be checked out to a center's children. Those figures are included in the circulation figures above.

We borrowed 1,319 books from other libraries around the country for our patrons and lent 2,269 books to other libraries. Perhaps the most astounding statistic is that 91,972 people used the Internet through the library system's computers. This usage is up from 65,859 last year.

How did we measure up? You'll be the judge by how much you use your library!

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