



BookMarks

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A SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION!

Don't miss what's happening at the library in December and January

BECKY'S BOX OF PUPPETS TO PRESENT "THE NUTCRACKER"

Families won't want to miss this exclusive holiday event! Sponsored by the Friends of the Anderson County Library, puppeteer Becky Becker will present the favorite Christmas story of Clara and her magic Nutcracker Prince on Thursday, December 16, at the Main Library. In order to accommodate the large audiences, two shows are scheduled, at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

A resident of Mount Pleasant, SC, Becky and her Box of Puppets have toured throughout the state for the past 22 years. A member of Puppeteers of America and UNIMA U.S.A., Becky is listed in the South Carolina Arts Commission's Roster of Artists and has been involved with its Artist-in-Education program, conducting residencies and workshops at schools and libraries across the state.

"The Nutcracker's" cast is comprised of almost 30 puppets, some up to four feet tall. Audiences will travel with Clara in her dreams from her toyroom to the Nutcracker Prince's Land of Enchantment and back again, accompanied by the familiar music composed by Peter Tchaikovsky. Enjoy mischievous mice and dancing mushrooms!

The performances are free, open to the public, and recommended for ages five and up. Groups interested in attending should call the Children's Services Department at 260-4500, ext. 158.



AUTOGRAPHED COPIES OF OTTER BOOK AVAILABLE FOR GIFT-GIVING

Stop by the Friends Bookstore in the lobby of the Main Library and purchase a copy of Richard Otter's *Anderson County: 20th Century Memories and Reflections*, autographed by Rich.

This unique compilation of 38 oral histories by Anderson residents makes a wonderful and lasting holiday gift. Travel down roads long gone but not forgotten by such folks as Atty. Jack McIntosh, Marshall Fant, and Arthur Klugh.

Copies are \$35 each, and free gift wrapping is available. Store holiday hours are Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There's a special Sunday Sale Dec. 12, 2 to 5 p.m.





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.



HATS & MITTENS
Dec. 7 & 10

SHARING & GIVING
Dec. 14 & 17



CHRISTMAS
Dec. 21

LIBRARIES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS
Dec. 24-26

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Dec. 28, 31



WINTER IS HERE
Jan. 11 & 14

HERE COME THE SNOWMEN!
Jan. 18 & 21



WINTER FRIENDS
Jan. 25 & 28



ALL ABOARD FOR THE POLAR EXPRESS PAJAMA PARTY!



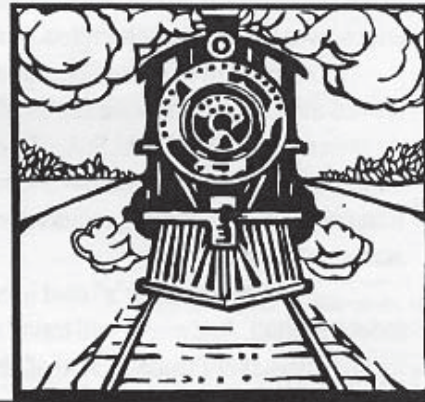
Family Night @ Your Library Has Popular Theme

It will be a special night on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Main Library. With a little imagination, that's when *The Polar Express* will roar into the Children's Services Dept.

Library deputy director Anne Misheau will read aloud the popular book written by Chris Van Allsburg. Children are encouraged to take the trip in their robes and jammies, just as the children in the book do. There'll be hot chocolate and cookies, too.

Once at their destination, everyone will enjoy some games and a holiday craft session (a little elf says it involves reindeer). Folk guitarist Philip Cheney will lead the group in a Christmas carol sing-along, and someone will win a door prize.

While visiting the library, children can explore a display, "You've Seen the Movie, Now Read the Book!" The Children's staff has collected together many of the best-loved books that have been made into movies, such as *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *The Wind in the Willows*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and, of course, the Harry Potter series.



LIBRARY DECORATED FOR THE HOLIDAY

Each year some wonderful elves transform the Main Library into a holiday wonderland, and they'll do it again this year.

The Anderson Council of Garden Clubs will decorate a large tree, donated by the Friends of the Library, in the Circulation Desk area of the first floor. Many of the ornaments have a nature and bird theme.

A smaller tree is put up in the Children's Services Dept. This is the popular "Sock Tree," spon-

sored by the Council. Patrons are encouraged to bring new, packaged socks and underwear which will later be given to agencies for distribution to needy children. This year the tree will also have a Christmas village, complete with train, around its base.

The display cases in the lobby will be filled with holiday-themed items made by members of the Tuesday Quilters and Prickly Fingers Quilting Guild. And the Friends will "deck the halls" with poinsettias. Stop by and enjoy the scenery!



FOURTH ANNUAL SPELLING BEE TO BE HELD JANUARY 21

If you're at a party during the holiday season and notice people spelling the words they're speaking, don't worry that they have taken leave of their senses! They're just practicing for the Friends of the Anderson County Library's annual "Sweet Spell of Success."

The Friends will host the corporate spelling bee for the fourth time, with proceeds going to support the library's online tutoring program, Live Homework Help. The event raised \$13,000 last year. This year it will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21, with a buffet supper, followed by the bee.

The teams vying for the sterling silver Revere cup are: AmCan Transport Service (last year's winner); the *Anderson Independent-Mail*; AnMed; the office of Atty. Nancy Jo Thomson; the Duplicate Bridge Club; Elliott Davis, L.L.C.; Glen Raven, Inc.; Peoples Bank; and the Yoga Place.

Sponsors include: the Bank of Anderson; Blue Ridge Electric; Carolina First; Glenn, Haigler, McClain & Stathakis; McDougald Funeral Home; McNair Law Firm Foundation; Palmetto Bank; and Wachovia Bank.

Sitting at the judges table this year will be Anderson Mayor Richard Shirley, Rosalyn Silverstein, and Judy Booker. Timekeeper will be George Ducworth and Philip Cheney will be the Record Keeper.

There is very limited spectator seating available at \$50 per person. Anyone interested in reserving a seat should contact Marybeth at 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!

Jerry & Carolyn Canupp
Gayle B. Edwards
Bill & Alisa Gibson
Nellie Kinley
Dennis Metz
Allen & Queenie Motes
Carla L. Overly
Phil & Rosalyn Silverstein
Forest & Jane Gray Suggs
Jeannette Thurston
Kay V. Walker
Loretta Warder
Rachel T. Warren

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.

FRIENDS MEMBERS INVITED ON A CELTIC MUSICAL JOURNEY



Members in good standing of the Friends of the library are invited to attend a special evening with the musical duo Castlebay on Tuesday evening, Jan. 25. Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee will present "A Musical Evening with Robert Burns" at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a dessert buffet at 7 p.m.

Headquartered in Maine, Julia and Fred have toured the British Isles since 1993 and have performed throughout the Eastern United States. They've appeared at the Edinburg Folk Festival in Scotland and the prestigious International Festival of the Sea in England.

With voice, harp, guitar, and fiddle, the duo's Burns program intersperses Celtic love songs and lively dance tunes with poems written by and anecdotes about Scotland's national poet.

If you're not yet a Friends member or need to update your membership in time for this very special evening, contact Marybeth at 260-4500, ext. 107, to join or renew.



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Phone: 864-260-4500
Website:
 www.andersonlibrary.org

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

**HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE
 MAIN LIBRARY,
 BRANCH LIBRARIES,
 & MOBILE LIBRARY:**

Dec. 10: Closed for Staff Day
Dec. 20-22: Close at 6 p.m.
Dec. 23-27: Closed
Dec. 28-31: Close at 6 p.m.
Jan. 1-3: Closed
All regular hours resume Jan. 4

REMINDER!

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

December 12
(Clearance Month)

**BUY ONE-
 GET ONE FREE SALE!**
 (excludes audios, videos, book-
 marks, *Anderson County: 20th
 Cent. Memories & Reflections*,
 & already reduced books)

Jan. 16
(Science Fiction Month)

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

The Director's Corner



Carl Stone

This issue of *BookMarks* is our end-and-beginning-of-the-year issue. It gives me the opportunity to thank all the volunteers at the library, many of whom are Friends. Without you, the library staff would have a hard time covering all the areas that we need to cover. I especially want to thank the Friends' board of directors for all its hard work.

The other day a member of the Friends remarked that it was a good group to work with because it is so active. Not only do the Friends raise money, but they put it to good use in support of the library.

This issue is full of news about their programs that are scheduled over December and January. It's a pretty exciting schedule. In addition, the Friends are planning a Literary Artists-in-the-School program for next school year and the Starburst Storytellers' Festival this spring.

They're putting aside funds to purchase audio-visual systems for the upcoming new Pendleton and Powdersville branch libraries. Community groups using the libraries' meeting rooms will find these systems will greatly enhance any presentations they have to give.

My thanks to the Anderson County Council and to County Administrator Joey Preston and his staff for their ongoing support of this institution. Because of their care and concern for the literacy of county residents, they've made it possible for us to improve our services on a continuing basis.

And, thank you, our patrons, who constitute the one reason that we exist. We hope that we've been able to assist you in your educational, informational, and recreational endeavors.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to y'all!



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