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AWARD-WINNING ILLUSTRATOR TO VISIT MAIN LIBRARY

The Anderson County Library will be the host of a visit from noteworthy children's book illustrator James Ransome on Saturday, July 29, at 2 p.m. His appearance is free and open to the public.



James E. Ransome

A North Carolina native now living with his family in upper New York state, Mr. Ransome teaches at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. He began drawing as a child, even taking one of those correspondence courses advertised on the back of comic books. He later earned his BFA in Illustration from the Pratt Institute.

A winner of the Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration, Mr. Ransome has had a number of books featured on the PBS series, "Reading Rainbow." They include *How Many Stars in the Sky*, *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt*, and *Uncle Jed's Barbershop*.

Outside of book illustration, Mr. Ransome created a series of murals for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, OH.

Copies of books illustrated by Mr. Ransome will be available for purchase at his talk. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Anderson County Library.

Mr. Ransome's appearance in Anderson is sponsored by the Research Foundation of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Kappa Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the library. The event is coordinated by Dr. Jonda C. McNair, Ass't. Professor of Reading Education at Clemson University.

OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING HELD FOR POWERSVILLE BRANCH

Monday, June 5, was clear, sunny, and pleasantly warm. It was a perfect day for a groundbreaking, and more than 40 people showed up to watch, among others, members of the Anderson County Council and the Board of Trustees and the Friends' Board of Directors of the Anderson County Library "break ground" at the site of the new Powdersville Branch Library & Government Center.

The 13,000 square-foot brick building will be adjacent to the offices of the Powdersville Water District on S.C. Hwy. 81 and accessed from Circle Road. The \$2.4 million building project is headed by Matrix Construction of Anderson. The architectural design is by Craig, Gauden & Davis of Greenville. The 3.7-acre site is comprised of land donated by the Water District and purchased from the Sam Cely family.

The current branch, located in the Hwy. 81 Plaza South, houses approximately 15,000 volumes in a 2,400 square-foot space. The new library will have room for over 40,000 pieces of materials, 60 computers (36 will be installed initially), and a 75-seat meeting room with state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment purchased by the Friends.

In addition to housing the library, the building will be the site of a government center of county offices for the Sheriff, Magistrate, Treasurer, and Building & Codes Department. Construction is expected to be completed by late summer of 2007.

In his comments to the crowd attending the groundbreaking, Norb Steeber, chairman of the Powdersville Water District, noted the synergy created by those involved in the project. "Anderson County, the Cely family, Powdersville Water District - three entities brought together to build a community library and government center....None of these entities could have done this alone."



Shown shoveling dirt at the official groundbreaking for the Powdersville Branch Library & Government Center are members of Anderson County Council, Board of Trustees and Friends of the Anderson County Library, Powdersville Water District, and the Cely family.

SUMMER READING CLUB IS A "FANTASTIC SUCCESS"



The number of children registered at the Main Library - 450 - for the 2006 Summer Reading Club alone surpasses the combined number of those who registered system-wide last year. The combined total of those registered at the branch libraries is 440, with the Lander Memorial Regional Branch having the largest number - 109.

As part of the theme, "Once Upon A Time," large crowds have enjoyed performances by magician Tim Sonfelt, The Grey Seal Puppets, and the Columbia Marionette Theatre. Weekly storytimes at each branch and the Main Library have centered around fantasy and fairy tales, castles and mythical creatures.



"Princess" Aimee Horton & magician Tim Sonfelt entertain the crowd at the Main Library.



SRC participants make their royal crowns at the Main Library.



The Grey Seal Puppets' Elf and Troll make plans to trick the evil Mushroom Goblin.



PEEKS AT PENDLETON

The many days of good weather over the past months have been a boon to the rapid construction of the new Pendleton Branch Library on South Mechanic Street.

Though having the appearance of two stories, the building is one story, with 12,500 square feet. There will be two multipurpose meeting rooms, workspace for 40 computers, and expanded shelf space for 75,000 books, periodicals, and audiovisual materials.



Main Drive and Entrance



View of pillars & chimney of the Tanglewood Mansion as seen from the Children's Area



View from Reading Area



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet the folks from the Friends' Cafe and Bookstore

Born and raised here in Anderson, Betty and her husband, Bill, grew up together and have been married now for 55 years. They have two grown children and a grandson, "who is the biggest part of my life!"

Betty worked with Special Ed. students in School District 5 for 32 years before retiring. She's been volunteering at the Bookstore every Friday for over five years.

What does she enjoy most about volunteering? "Oooh, the people! Helping them find books; meeting people and seeing friends I haven't seen in years and talking. I'm a big talker!"

When Bill retired, he moved here from Michigan with his wife, Nancy, in 2001. They have four grown children and two grandchildren.

In Michigan, Bill worked in the automotive industry and was involved in developing fuel injection systems. When he retired, he was working on automatic fueling concepts, which he says is "probably another two years away."

Bill's been serving coffee in the Cafe for two years. "I love it. Nice people come in here. It's good to give back to the community."

Kari is a native of Norway. She met her husband, Doyle, when she attended school in Florida. "He came to Norway to marry me with only \$10 in his pocket!" They've lived in Anderson for 36 years and have four grown children and 11 grandchildren.

Kari graduated from Clemson University and was a first grade teacher at Nevitt Forest Elementary School for 12 years. She and Doyle love to travel, especially to New Zealand.

Kari also loves to volunteer and splits her time between the library's Cafe and the Anderson Free Clinic. "The fun part is seeing the people you know and meeting new ones. It's not very hard work!"



*Betty Sue Metz
Her favorite authors are
Fern Michaels,
Nicholas Sparks, &
Dorothea Benton Frank.*



*Bill Fox
He enjoys books by John
Grisham, David Balducci,
& Clive Cussler.*



*Kari Harper
James Patterson &
Stuart Woods are two of her
favorite authors.*

Would you like to volunteer? Call the Friends' Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Newton, at 260-4500, x108.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Below are those who have renewed their Friends' membership or become a Friend since the Annual Meeting in April:

Frankie Adkins & Wade Gambrell

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| <i>Ardy Armen</i> | <i>Ed & Jean Martin</i> |
| <i>Caroll Bowie</i> | <i>Lana Mattison</i> |
| <i>Bob & Donna Branberg</i> | <i>M/M Walter Mayfield</i> |
| <i>M/M Dan Brown</i> | <i>Stuart & Alice McCallum</i> |
| <i>J. Harold & Mitzi Burden</i> | <i>Alice & Bill McGraw</i> |
| <i>Nyra Caton</i> | <i>Juanita McInnis</i> |
| <i>Luisa Ching</i> | <i>Sarah & Athen Morris</i> |
| <i>Tamara Cox</i> | <i>M/M James M Payne</i> |
| <i>Michael Deanhardt</i> | <i>Kathryn T. Prevost</i> |
| <i>M/M Wayne Diehl</i> | <i>Beth & Lee Propp</i> |
| <i>Elaine Epstein</i> | <i>Dr./M William B. Royster</i> |
| <i>Charlie Fant</i> | <i>Mary Rutter</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Cathy S. Ford</i> | <i>M/M Henry Spann</i> |
| <i>William R. Gastos</i> | <i>Jim Stathakis</i> |
| <i>Jack P. Glenn</i> | <i>M/M Carl Stone</i> |
| <i>Marjorie G. Halford</i> | <i>Hal & Leila Stuckey</i> |
| <i>Margaret Hicks</i> | <i>Dr./M Dennis R. Tedder</i> |
| <i>Roberta Hopkins</i> | <i>Dorothy B. Turpin</i> |
| <i>M/M Tom Hughes</i> | <i>Elly & Cary Wium</i> |
| <i>Craig Johnson</i> | <i>John & Brena Walker</i> |
| <i>Michael Kasha</i> | <i>Ellen & John Ware</i> |
| <i>Ann Keeney</i> | <i>Pat Wilkins</i> |
| <i>Mrs. Alice W. Little</i> | <i>Barbara Young</i> |

THE OTTER AMBASSADOR

Cordes Seabrook, past president of the Friends' Board of Directors, is selling books out of his car trunk! But they're not covered in plain brown wrappers. He's been selling copies of Rich Otter's popular volumes of *Anderson County: 20th Century Memories and Reflections*. At the Annual Meeting he was honored with a huge bar of dark chocolate (his favorite) for selling 232 copies of Vol. I over the past two years. He's sold 63 copies of Vol. II since April.

If you don't happen to see Cordes, you can purchase copies at the Friends' Bookstore. Each volume is \$35. All proceeds benefit the Friends.





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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 JULY 4 FOR
INDEPENDENCE 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.

July 2 & 16
August 6 & 20

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. (except July & Dec.)

August 20 - *An Hour Before Daylight*, by Jimmy Carter
Discussion leader: Bonnie Williams, editorial writer for *The Anderson Independent-Mail*

The Director's Corner



Carl Stone

As we begin the new fiscal year on July 1, we've made some staff changes to better serve our patrons. Kathleen Egger-Price, who has been our Extension Librarian (overseeing the branch libraries and the Mobile Library) for several years, has been named Assistant Director for Public Services. She will have responsibility for the Reference, Periodicals, South Carolina Room, Extension, Circulation and Children's Departments. Kathleen is a perfect choice for this position since she has served in many capacities over the years within the library system, including head of Children's Services.

Gael Johnson, of the Reference staff, has been named head of Reference. She received her Master's degree in Librarianship from Emory University. Also in the Reference Department, Alex Currin will be coordinating Outreach, a new position. Several of you may know Alex from his work as our training librarian, coordinating our public computer classes. Cheryl Williams is now the training coordinator for the staff and the public.

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