

Friends of the Chatham Community Library to Hold Its Spring Book Sale From April 11 to 13

The Spring Book Sale of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library (FotCCL) will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 11, 12 and 13, at the Library on the campus of Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro.

Specific hours of the sale are: Thursday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free, and purchases may be made by cash or check, but not credit cards.



The book sale will be held in the Holmes Family Meeting Room of the Chatham Community Library at 197 NC Highway 87 in Pittsboro, about a half mile north of US Highway 64 Business (West Street), where there is plenty of free parking.

On Thursday, the first day of the sale, most hard-cover books are \$3; trade paperbacks are \$2; and small paperbacks are 50¢. All audio books are \$3; CDs and DVDs, \$3; VHS tapes, \$1; and audio cassettes and LPs, \$.50. Children's books are priced individually. In addition, sales of \$200 or more earn a 20% discount.

On Friday, all books and materials are half price, and on Saturday customers may fill grocery bags with books and materials they choose for \$5 each, with no limit on the number of bags.

More than 15,000 books and audio and video materials will be available for purchase. Each sale offers a completely fresh assortment of titles, all of which are organized by subject or format, and all of the materials are in good to excellent condition.

Book lovers from all over North Carolina travel to Pittsboro for the FotCCL book sales. These sales have earned a solid reputation because of the outstanding selection of books and audio-visual materials, all donated by the generous residents of Chatham County.

A popular feature of the Friends sale is the "Collectors' Corner," which offers rare and special books for \$15 and up. These books generally are priced at no more than half—and sometimes as low as a quarter—of their lowest value online.

This year, the sale will include more than 2,000 books from the collection of the late Doris Betts, celebrated author and beloved Chatham County neighbor. Doris's family generously donated many items to the Friends for this sale in honor of her love for Chatham County and the library.

Included are many volumes inscribed to Doris by authors who were her students or admirers. Other books from her collection include her handwritten notes or copies of reviews that she wrote. Some of these will be included in the Collector's Corner, but most will be available at the regular prices.

A listing of these books may be found on the Website of the FotCCL (see bottom of the page).

All proceeds from the book sale are used to benefit the Library for underwriting programs; purchasing needed books, materials and equipment; and improving its technology and services.

For more information about the book sale, as well as membership and volunteer opportunities, visit the FotCCL Website below or call the library at 919-545-8084.



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Letter from the President

by Rhoda Berkowitz

This is my last letter as President of the Friends of the Library and I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for books and for our public library.

A few years ago, on a quiet summer afternoon, I was choosing between two books to read. One was a mystery set in Roman Britain and the other was a contemporary Indian novel.

In my mind, I was deciding between traveling to ancient Britain or to today's India — which world did I want to enter? Such is the magic of literature. The best of fiction takes us into other people's lives, allowing us to feel that we know these people, and perhaps better to comprehend ourselves.

Such books are life-enhancing. These worlds are accessible to everyone through our public libraries. I believe that our Chatham Community Library and its wonderful staff represent the best of what constitutes a public library.

It's a cultural community hub for education and social interaction. Members of the staff reach out to our public and help them to navigate the information landscape. They encourage children to discover the joy of books and to become life-long readers.

I feel very grateful to have been involved with the Friends of the Chatham Community Library, which through its book sales, membership and volunteer efforts, does so much to enhance the programs that our library can offer.

My last thank-you, however, must be to each of you, the members of the Friends, for your financial support and inspiring participation.

In July, I will be succeeded as president by Don Knowles, whose devotion to the library and extensive administrative skills will continue to build the effectiveness of the Friends and our exceptional library.



Library Address & Hours

197 NC Highway 87 N; Pittsboro, NC 27312
(at Central Carolina Community College)

Phone: 919-545-8084

Open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.;
Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday

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Chatham County Libraries Introduce New Logo Design

Patrons of the Chatham Community Libraries will soon see a new image on library cards that heralds the modern library system across the county, said Library Director Linda Clarke.

The new logo was designed by staff member Sharen Faye, who is a professional graphic designer.

The logo (at the top of the next column) reflects both the angle of the roof at the new Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro (main branch), as well as an open book, Clarke said.

"The roofline of the main branch to us represents the progress of ideas and knowledge."

The logo will go hand-in-hand with a new tagline:

CONNECT | LEARN | GROW

This new tagline represents the library's mission to connect people with the information they need, often using new technologies.

"This is about promoting lifelong learning through programs, materials and services that help people get the most out of their leisure time," Clarke added.

The library system will begin using the logo and tagline at once on its Web pages and printed items, but (because of their many uses) it may take several months to complete the full transition.

FotCCL to Hold Annual Meeting Wednesday, June 12, at 7 PM

The Friends of the Library will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend in order to elect new officers and approve amendments to the bylaws. The brief meeting will be followed by Scott Mason, "The Tarheel Traveler," who will present a program on some of North Carolina's unique locales. The program is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.



Fall Book Sale Breaks New Library Record

The Fall Book Sale of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library, held last September, netted more than \$20,000 for the library, an all-time record for our book sales.

Overheard at the sale: "I've looked for this book for years, and here it is!" From a book dealer who attends about 50 sales a year: "This is the best organized of any sale I go to".

Almost 15,000 books, DVDs and books-on-tape were sold, and the few remaining materials were distributed to the ReStore (of Chatham Habitat for Humanity) and the two Chatham PTA Thrift Shops.

Thanks are due to both the volunteers who filled 150 work slots at the sale and to the "core group" that meets once a week to sort the books and plan for each sale.

They're always refining the process to achieve the goal of being the best book sale in the area in terms of the quality and condition of the books, low prices and ease of access.

Thank You Volunteers!

The success of our two book sales depends heavily on our wonderful volunteers, not only those who belong to the Friends of the Chatham Community Library, but also staff members, relatives, community members and all others who put in countless hours to sort, categorize, shelve and do other chores — not to mention work 150 separate shifts among the many duties on the days of the sale.

Computer Classes, Online Chat & Genealogy Offered

The new computer class schedule for March and April has been posted on our Website at www.chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=1555. Patrons may register day or night via our online registration form.

We also offer drop-in computer assistance on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m. No registration is required for these sessions.

You may also chat with a librarian on our Website. Just look for the orange chat bubble in the bottom corner of most pages, enter your question and get a quick answer from your friendly librarian. Go to www.chathamlibraries.org.



Genealogy volunteers Reece Jones and Glenn Lazarus are also on hand every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 3 p.m to help patrons with their family history research.

Volunteers can help patrons find library materials, such as published family histories, newspaper articles on microfilm, census records and much more—limited only by one's imagination.

They can also help patrons navigate the library's genealogy databases, which include Ancestry Library Edition, HeritageQuest and African American Heritage.

Sessions take place in the Local History & Genealogy area of the Chatham Community Library.

Appointments are encouraged, so please call 919-545-8086.

Spring Book Sale to Offer Inscribed Books From Author Doris Betts

by Carol Hall

About 3,000 books lined the walls of Doris Betts' farmhouse outside Pittsboro, representing the lifelong collection of this nationally known writer and teacher.

Now, many of those books will be on sale at the Friends Spring Book Sale from April 11 to 13, thanks to a generous and caring contribution from the Betts family.

"Doris would have loved having her books in this sale," said her daughter-in-law, Catherine Betts, of Pittsboro. "She always thought that the sale was great because it makes books affordable to all people."

Doris Betts died in April 2012 of lung cancer at the age of 79. She was the prize-winning author of six novels and three collections of short stories. She also was a legendary teacher of creative writing at the University of North Carolina.

And she was a long-time member of the Friends, and one of the distinguished panel of Chatham County residents who supported the Friends' fundraising efforts to enhance the new Chatham Community Library.

Betts' book collection reflects her varied interests, ranging from books



Doris Betts, 1932-2012

about writing to poetry to religion to gardening. Many of the books are inscribed to her, some by other prominent authors whom she knew and some by students who had gone on to write their own books.

First choice of Betts' books went to the library. Head librarian Jennifer Gillis took five bags of books—many of them first editions of Betts' works—for the permanent collection of the library.

The remainder of the books that were in good condition went to the Friends. The sorting team then took on the task of winnowing down her

many books for the sale.

Highlights of the Betts collection will be available in the Collector's Corner and prominently noted as such. Other less expensive ones will be sold on a special table on the main floor of the book sale for \$15 or less. The remaining items will be sorted into the normal categories of the book sale and won't be recognizable as being from her collection.

Here are some of the books to be found in the Collector's Corner that were inscribed to Betts:

- *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion, \$30.
- *Blessed Assurance, A Moral Tale* by Allan Gurganus, \$50.
- *Revolutionary Petunias and Other Poems* by Alice Walker, \$30.
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston (with five pages of notes typed by Betts about Hurston's life), \$30.
- *A Man Is A Hook, Trouble* by Faye Kicknosway (with a personal letter to Betts), \$30.

The Collector's Corner list is continually updated. To see the list of what's being offered, go to the Website of the Friends, click on Book Sale and then Collector's Corner.

Chatham Libraries Offer Wide Array Of Services Online and Offline

Two good ways to learn about the many resources offered by the Chatham Community Libraries are to (1) visit them in person or (2) get on their Website to explore all the wonderful offerings below (the address is www.chathamnc.org/Index.aspx?page=126):

- Explore the Calendar of Events for what's scheduled months in advance
- Read blogs about the 10 most popular adult books, fiction and non-fiction, plus DVDs; the New York Times Best Seller List, book reviews, news and more



- Download ebooks
- Register an ebook purchase suggestion
- Look up a staff member in the directory
- Chat with a librarian in real time
- Learn more about the collections, like Local History & Genealogy and Research & Reference
- Learn about library policies and all of the other online resources
- Most importantly, consult the library catalog online to see what's worth borrowing

There are even ways to learn sophisticated software programs like Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more), Adobe graphics programs (Photoshop, Illustrator and Dreamweaver), plus both PC and Mac operating systems. To access the computer skills courses, go to www.nclive.org and click on the Homework Help category. Then, from the alphabetical list, choose Learning Express Library.

Friends Celebrates 3rd Season of Popular 'Downton Abbey' TV Series

On February 2, the Friends of the Chatham Community Library held a typical British afternoon tea in the library's Holmes Family Room to celebrate the 3rd season of the highly acclaimed PBS-TV series, "Downton Abbey."

The nearly 96 attendees were greeted by 'Lord and Lady Grantham' and six of the female downstairs servants, all FotCCL members or library staff in period costume, plus our talented 'Mrs. Patmore' — Evie Evans — who checked the table settings and prepared the exquisite and delicious tea, sandwiches and baked goods for the guests (all of whom raved about them).

The third season of "Downton Abbey" began in early January and followed the fortunes of the family and staff of a great country estate in England from the start of the Edwardian period through the Great Depression.

In the lobby of the library, there was also a display of antique teapots, teacups, saucers and other serving dishes; books on history, fashion, tea and other subjects; and other topical items.

The event showcased an assortment of teas served in and on authentic and reproduction trays, teapots, serving platters,



Left photo: Greeters and servers Linda Clark, Rhoda Berkowitz, Carol Hall, Patty Walters, Jennifer Gillis and Pam Benscoter. Right photo: The talented Evie Evans, who 'orchestrated' the elegant event.

cups, saucers and silverware, as well as appropriate sandwiches, tea cakes, scones, cookies, sweets and other light foods.

To better enjoy the offerings, attendees were invited to dress in period costume and to bring their own tea cups and saucers. The Holmes Family Room was also decorated with a few Edwardian furnishings and live palm plants (loaned by Lowe's home store in Pittsboro), and there was appropriate background music (rag-

time, early 20th century show tunes and, of course, Strauss waltzes).

Guests were also awarded an array of Downton Abbey-themed door prizes, including DVDs of the program's first and second seasons, vintage tea accessories, cookbooks and much more. Many of the books were donated by McIntyre's Books at Ferrington Village. Awards were also given for the best maids, gentleman's and lady's costumes.

FRIENDS OF THE CHATHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

One-Year New Member and Membership Renewal Form

The Friends of the Chatham Community Library, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Membership dues help support special library events, programs, staff training, purchases for collections, facility enhancements and student and staff scholarships, among other needs.

We are an all-volunteer organization. Please check where you'd be willing to help:

Book Sales, Membership, Refreshments, Other (please explain)

Want to volunteer at the library? Please ask at the main or children's circulation desk.

New Member and Renewal Form

(If you're not sure of your renewal date, it's above your name on our mailing label to you.)

(Please print all legibly.)

Last name..... First name(s).....

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Email.....

(used only for member notifications and news about the Friends, library and related cultural events)

Please check one:

Student (\$5), Household (\$10), Donor (\$25), Patron (\$50), Sponsor (\$100),

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