

BOOK(RE)MARKS

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Fall FotCCL Book Sale September 15-17 Will Feature All New Selections

The Friends of the Chatham Community Library (FotCCL) will hold its Fall Book Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 15, 16 and 17, at the library on the campus of Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro, NC.

Hours of the sale are Thursday, September 15, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, September 16, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, September 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free, and purchases may be made by cash or check — but no credit cards are accepted.

More than 17,000 hardbound and softbound books, plus DVDs, CDs, LPs, audio books and more, will be available for purchase. The sale offers a completely new assortment of titles in very good to excellent condition, and to make shopping easier all are organized by category, subject or format.

On Thursday, the first day of the sale, most hardcover books are \$3; trade paperbacks are \$2; and small paperbacks are 50¢ — plus sales of \$200 or more are entitled to a 20% discount. On Friday, all books and materials are half price, and on Saturday customers may fill grocery bags with books they choose (but not audio or video items) for \$5 each, with no limit to the number of bags. Also, bags are available free, compliments of several local food stores.

Members of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library receive a discount of \$3, including all those who join the Friends at the book sale. The discount may also be used on any day of the sale.



A popular feature of the Friends book sale is Claudia's Corner, which offers rare, noteworthy or special books starting at \$10. These books are in a special room and priced at no more than a quarter to a third of their lowest value online. A listing of these books may be found on the FotCCL Website at www.friendsccl.org/booksale.htm.

Book lovers from all over North Carolina and nearby states travel to Pittsboro for the FotCCL book sales, because they've earned a solid reputation for their outstanding selection and quality of books and audio-visual materials — all of which are donated by Chatham County and area residents.

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

The book sale is held in the Holmes Family Meeting Room of the library, which is located at 197 NC Highway 87 North in Pittsboro, about a half mile north of US Highway 64 Business (West Street). There is ample free parking at the library and adjacent college, plus volunteers to assist with carrying out and loading books.

More information about the book sale, including membership in the Friends and volunteer opportunities, may be found on the FotCCL Website at www.friendsccl.org.



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Library Expands Wi-Fi Service

by Don Gates, Library Manager

Thanks to funds provided by the Friends, Chatham Community Library now has wireless network access throughout the building.

Our previous wireless access was located in the center of the facility, which meant that the closer you got to the farthest reaches of the building, the less likely you were to get a wireless signal. Particularly problematic was the inability of our wireless signal to reach our study rooms, where patrons really needed it for their laptops so they could be productive.

Now we have three wireless access points strategically placed throughout the building, guaranteeing that, no matter where you are in the facility, you'll be able to connect to a wireless signal.

In fact, even if we're closed or it's just a nice day out, patrons may have luck connecting from outside the building. In addition to extending the range of our wireless signal, the new access points can also handle more users at once and provide faster uploading and downloading. And now, you can walk from one end of the building to the other and never lose Internet access.

Wireless Internet access is a great service to be able to provide our patrons, and thanks to donations from the Friends, we can now provide it wherever and whenever it's needed.

Upcoming Special Programs

On **August 31**, in collaboration with the Shakori Hills Hoppin' John Festival, banjo virtuoso and Piedmont music history aficionado Bob Carlin will be visiting us. He will be here to discuss the history of music in the Piedmont region and he'll bring along some of his gear for instrument demos and show and tell.

On **October 5** we will be visited by Professor Kevin Stewart, a geologist out of UNC Chapel Hill. He will be presenting a fascinating talk on North Carolina geological history entitled "When Pittsboro was in South America" (and other geologic tales from the past 600-million years).

Last but not least, on a date in **December** (yet to be determined), we'll be visited by Professor Inger Brodey of UNC-Chapel Hill, who will discuss Jane Austen. As of this writing, the exact topic isn't yet determined but, whatever it may be, it's hard to go wrong with Jane Austen!

Historical Note on Libraries

Although the first major library was established in Alexandria in the third century BC, the first one was actually founded in Iraq. This great national library was built by the Assyrian king Assurbanipal (668-627 BC) within the grounds of his palace. It was the task of his librarians to gather together all of the surviving knowledge of their ancestors. Much of the gathered material was in the dead Sumerian tongue, but with the help of lists and dictionaries he had compiled, this literature is still accessible to scholars today.

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Thank Y'all For Your Support!

We'd like to offer our appreciation to the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their support of our book sales over the years:

- ✓ Central Carolina Community College, Pittsboro
- ✓ Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Pittsboro
- ✓ Harris Teeter, Chatham Downs
- ✓ Lowes Foods, Chatham Crossing
- ✓ Lowes Home Improvement, Pittsboro
- ✓ McIntyre's Fine Books, Fearington Village
- ✓ PTA Thrift Stores, North Chatham Village (formerly Cole Park), Pittsboro, Siler City... and, of course, the many donors and customers and members of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library.

We couldn't do it without you!

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Success of Our Book Sales Depends On Our Wonderful Volunteers!

by Sue Clark, *Volunteer Coordinator*

It takes over 100 volunteers, with some of them working two shifts, to run our book sales.

There are two screening questions: First, volunteers are asked if they have ever had any knee, hip or shoulder problems and/or an arthritic thumb joint. If so, “no lift” is recorded by their name. Second, volunteers are asked if they like money – which often gets a laugh; however, some people want nothing to do with adding and making change, and others love it. Accordingly, “no cash” is recorded by *their* names.

We have extended our first two shifts to three hours and combined cashiering with membership during the last two shifts to two hours. This has really reduced the number of volunteers needed, but makes the transitions times better for our busiest times.

Volunteers are placed in very specific jobs that they enjoy and are able to do. Before it all begins a volunteer hands out fliers and bookmarks everywhere possible in our sales area and, just prior to the sale, a volunteer puts up directional signs.

There is a lot of lifting, and we’re always looking for helpers for set up and also to carry bags out to the counting tent and/or to customers’ cars.

It begins with the heavy lifters rolling everything for the book sale from the sort room to the large meeting room, usually about 17,000 items that all land in the correct category. Then, two crews of sorters unpack, lift and set up the categories. Then, we’re all prepared for three days of running the book sale.

We love our volunteers! They’re just terrific, and

Fall Book Club Schedule

The Chatham Community Library Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. and the first Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. The Book Club is open to all men and women who share their thoughts about books being reviewed and others to be discussed, including both fiction and non-fiction.

Some members also meet for lunch before the Thursday meetings, usually at the Natural Chef Cafe across the plaza from the library. Anyone is welcome to visit individual meetings or the entire series.

Upcoming discussions are *The Storied Life of A.J. Fickry* by Gabrielle Zevin (September), *Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson (October), *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende (November) and *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond.

To join the Book Club’s discussions, just email Sharen Faye at sharen.faye@chathamlibraries.org or call 919-545-8084.

they’re the reason we maintain the outstanding reputation we have as a neat, organized book sale — full of smiling, serving people from the time the customers enter until the time they leave.

It ends with the clean-up crew, which restores the large meeting room, divides and delivers the residue to the PTA truck, replaces the tables and chairs, and removes the directional signs. Amazingly, this only takes about an hour.

So, a hearty “thank you” to all of our past, current and future book sale volunteers!

FRIENDS OF THE CHATHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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 collection, facility enhancements, student and staff scholarships, and other needs.

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

- Book sales, Membership, Refreshments, Promotion, Other (please explain):

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If you’d like to volunteer at the library, please ask at the main or children’s circulation desk.

One-Year New Member and Member Renewal Form

If you’re not sure about your renewal date, it’s printed above your name on the mailing label to you.

Please print all legibly and mail form to FotCCL; P.O. Box 1108; Pittsboro, NC 27312.

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

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Please check your level of support: Student (\$5), Household (\$10), Donor (\$25), Patron (\$50),
Sponsor (\$100), Benefactor (\$250), Other (please indicate amount

Employer matching gift (please include appropriate forms)

Make all checks payable to “Friends of the Chatham Community Library” or “FotCCL”.

Thanks for your support!



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www.chathamnc.org/index.aspx?page=304

Open Monday to 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.

Facility & Services

Library was built in 2010 and offers more than 55,000 books; newspapers, magazines and journals; DVDs, CDs and audio books; children's programs, including storytime, seasonal special programs, summer reading program and outreach to schools; adult programs, including book clubs, author events and computer classes; genealogical section; 40 public computers, including six dedicated children's computers; wireless Internet access; independent study rooms; and large meeting room (available for organizations, clubs and other public events).

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Pittsboro, NC (on CCCC campus)

- More than 17,000 books, all in categories, plus CDs, LPs, DVDs, audio books, etc. ■ Items are in excellent condition
- Special books in 'Claudia's Corner' at reasonable prices
- 20% off all purchases of \$200 or more on Thursday only
- Half price on Friday ■ \$5 per grocery bag on Saturday

Cash or checks only
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Don't miss it!



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