

BOOK (RE)MARKS

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CCL Hires Gates as New Manager; Burt Leaves to Expand Family

Don Gates has replaced Angela Burt as manager of the Chatham Community Library. Angela left just before Christmas to welcome a new member to her family.



Below in his own words is some background on Don:

“My name is Don Gates and I am happy to be the new branch manager at Chatham Community Library. I know I have some big shoes to fill succeeding Angela, but I will work hard and hope to continue to make

great this library that I know you all love.

“I grew up in southeastern Virginia in the Hampton Roads area, and I graduated from UVA with a B.A. in Classics and Philosophy in 2002. I received my MLIS online from Florida State University in 2010, and the first library job I landed afterward was as the branch manager of Larchmont Library in Norfolk, VA, in 2012. I managed Larchmont for just over three years, during which we maintained an emphasis on great programming, quality book collections, and building community and patron relationships.

“I plan to bring the same objectives to CCL and retain all the things that were popular before my tenure. I can see already that CCL is used widely by patrons of all ages, and I want the library to remain a great resource for the community that has put so much into its success.

“I currently live in Morrisville, a part of Wake County, with my girlfriend and our three dogs. My reading interests tend toward non-fiction, especially American Revolutionary War history and popular science, i.e. science without all of the math I don't know.”

Spring Book Sale April 7-9 Will Feature Special Collection of Vinyl LP Records

The Spring Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Chatham Community Library (FotCCL) will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 7, 8 and 9, at the library on the campus of Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro, NC.

Hours of the sale are Thursday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 9, 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 other materials, will be available for purchase.

For this sale, there will be more than 700 vinyl LP records and boxed sets from one discerning and careful collector who took excellent care of his collection. They include mostly jazz and swing recordings from the '50s, '60s and '70s, with some classical, pop and Broadway shows.

Prices will be \$2, \$5 and \$15 on Thursday and half price on Friday, but not available at all on Saturday.

A popular feature of the Friends book sale is Claudia's Corner (formerly called the Collector'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 values online. A listing of these books may be found on the FotCCL Website at www.friendsccl.org/booksale.htm.

Each sale offers a completely new assortment of titles, and the materials are in very good to excellent condition, all organized by subject or format in specific categories to make shopping that much easier.

On Thursday, the first day of the sale, most hardcover books are \$3; trade paperbacks are \$2; and small paperbacks are 50¢. Sales of \$200 or more are also entitled to 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 to the number of bags.

At the sale, bags are available free, compliments of local food stores.

Members of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library receive a discount coupon worth \$3. This includes all those who join the Friends at the book sale.

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 donated by Chatham County residents and

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President's Message

by Don Knowles

Change and continuity engulf us at the Chatham Community Library, and at the Friends.

First, the change. We have a new librarian. Don Gates introduces himself elsewhere in this newsletter. He's only been on the job since late December, but we already know he'll be a big success here. Don follows Jennifer Gillis and Angela Burt as branch managers, and they were also stars.

There must be something special about the people of Chatham County, the facility and the library personnel that leads to such outstanding branch managers being available to lead us forward.

Linda Clarke has done a great job hiring the right staff. For these changes, we are thankful.

Second, the continuity. It looks like our Spring Book Sale, scheduled for April 7, 8, and 9, will continue our tradition of successful sales. We may have a record number of high quality books to offer. We have many more children's books than usual, and we have a great collection of vinyl records for sale. We understand that the demand for vinyl is growing, another change in our market for used library materials, and we look forward to seeing how the sale of these records will do. After every sale, we wonder if the donation of great used books has peaked, and if future sales can continue to offer our buyers what they want in terms of the quantity and quality of the past.

So far, so good. For the continued support by the community for our library and for the Friends, we are most thankful.

Library Outreach Program Introduces Several Innovative New Activities

By Carrie Boone, Outreach Coordinator

Outreach Services is excited to report that we've been busily expanding our programs to help meet the needs of underserved Chatham County patrons.

Reading Roadshow, our traveling story-time serving rural childcare centers, visited 17 children in October, 80 in November and 168 in December.

We continue to expand our book-delivery partnership with Meals on Wheels and currently have 20 patrons receiving Books and More to Your Door.

We have several upcoming technology and reference classes scheduled at the Pittsboro Council on Aging. We also have made an initial visit to the Chatham County jail.

From September 2015 through January 2016, we made 13 visits to independent and assisted living centers, and inaugurated our new Cook-a-Book Club for patrons who love both mysteries and baking. The Cook-a-Book Club meets monthly in senior living centers; during each meeting, we discuss our selected mystery while enjoying a recipe featured in the book.

In addition, we also have been busy developing partnerships with similarly missioned county agencies, including Chatham Reads, the Chatham County Partnership for Children, the Chatham County Schools, Childcare Networks and others.

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“A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library.”

— Shelby Foote (Noted historian; UNC, 1939)



Cook-a-Book Club participants (l. to r.) are Ann Curry, Doris Roscoe, Carol Licht and Lolita Villani

If you're interested in learning more about Outreach Services or ways that you can help, feel free to email outreach@chathamlibraries.org or just call me at 919-545-8064.

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Library Completes Overdue Upgrade Of Garden in Children's Courtyard



This project started with a discussion between the Friends and the original donors for the Children's Courtyard, Bill and Carolyn Schwartz.

The Schwartz family noted that the original landscaping needed updating and anticipated the increased enjoyment to be had by children from the use of the outdoor space given the new landscaping.

"We followed the suggestions of the landscape architect, Brian O'Haven, in our updated design" said Paige Moody, owner of Arbor Enterprises in Pittsboro (in photo).

"I'm a big library supporter and am thrilled to be able to combine my love for plants and landscaping with my love for the library and its programs," she said.

Installation of the landscaping also required coordination with the board of Central Carolina Community College and its Provost, Dr. Mark Hall.

This project was paid for by the Friends of the Chatham Community Library, using proceeds from fundraisers, book sales and memberships.

So Many Books

"A book lying idle on a shelf is wasted ammunition." — Henry Miller

Like grains of salt in the salt shaker, there are so many books — all filled with varied information and insight. I wonder if I'll ever read even the ones I already own. What about the ones in the small library across the street? And what about the ones at the big library downtown, and at all the bookstores, and online, and the ones my friends have offered to share? I suppose the way to do it is the same way you eat an elephant: one bite at a time. One sentence, one paragraph, one page, one chapter — one book at a time. Today, I will begin to read the books I already own. Just think of the great conversations I'll be able to start!

[From *Positive Quotes for Every Day* by Patricia Lorenz, February 3 (Publications International, Ltd; Lincolnwood, IL: 2010]

FotCCL to Hold Spring Book Sale April 7-9

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other people and organizations in the area.

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 and volunteer opportunities, may be found on the FotCCL Website at www.friendsccl.org.

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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.

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Sponsor (\$100), Benefactor (\$250), Other (please indicate amount

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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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- Special books in 'Claudia's Corner' at reasonable prices
- 20% off 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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