

BOOK (RE) MARKS



If you have
a garden
and a
library,
you have
everything
you need.

—
Marcus
Tullius
Cicero

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Friends of the Chatham Community Library to Hold Its Popular Spring Book Sale April 6, 7 and 8

Book lovers of Chatham County (among whom, as a member of the Friends, you surely must count yourself) are characterized by the wide variety of their tastes and interests in reading materials, and by their generosity in sharing their books with the community.

This generosity is expressed in the large number of donations that we received for this book sale, which is on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 6, 7 and 8. Once again, we have received an outstanding collection of thousands of fine books — both hardbound and pocket and trade paperback.

For those readers who enjoy losing themselves in the narratives of other lives and other worlds, this book sale will feature, in addition to the usually fine examples of contemporary and classic fiction, mystery and romance, a large number of science-fiction titles. For those whose interests are finding a good read to expand their knowledge, whether it be history, biography, the sciences, business, finance, religion, philosophy, hobbies & crafts, health, art, cooking or other areas, they won't be disappointed.

And, as always, there'll be a fine collection of children's books, as well as DVD movies and TV shows, and books and music on CD.

Among the many thousands of books that are donated, there are 'treasures' in the way of particularly interesting or unique items worthy of special attention. These can be found in Claudia's Corner. They aren't expensive items; in fact, they are real bargains! You can even check them out in advance of the sale by going to friendsccl.org/cluscorner.shtml and clicking on 'Spring 2017 List of Special Price Books in Claudia's Corner' at the bottom of the page.

And speaking of bargains, you can't beat the prices on the rest of the items at the book sale. On Thursday, unless marked



otherwise, hardcover books are \$3; trade paperbacks \$2; small paperbacks, 50¢; and DVDs and CDs, \$3.

But wait, there's more! Sales of \$200 or more are entitled to a 20 per cent discount, and as a member of the Friends you can use a card for a \$3 discount. You can't beat that, can you? Well, yes, you can:

On Friday, all materials are half of the Thursday prices; and on Saturday (except for DVDs and CDs, which are still 50 per cent off), you can buy a grocery bag of books for \$5. (Lowe's Foods and Harris Teeter generously contribute grocery bags so you don't need to bring your own.)

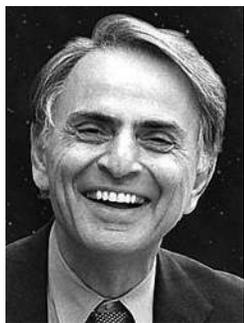
With Mother's Day, Father's Day and graduations coming up, the Friends book sale gives you the perfect opportunity to get a fitting gift for the person who loves to read. And then you need to prepare yourself for a summer of reading enjoyment. There are so many books looking for loving homes, surely you can adopt some of them.

And most importantly, the proceeds from your purchases at our book sale benefit the library by allowing it to buy needed books, materials and equipment; underwriting various programs; and improving its technology and services.

There is ample free parking at the library and adjacent college, and there'll be volunteers to assist with carrying out and loading books.

For more details, see our ad on page 4.

Scientist Discovered Library at Age 5



Carl Sagan (1934-1996) was an American astronomer, cosmologist, author and science communicator, also known for his interest in extraterrestrial life.

He published more than 600 scientific papers and was the author, co-author or editor of more than 20 books.

He also spent most of his career as a professor of astronomy at Cornell University, where he directed the Laboratory for Planetary Studies.

Soon after entering elementary school, he began to express a strong inquisitiveness about nature. Sagan recalled taking his first trips to the public library alone at the age of five when his mother got him a library card. He wanted to learn what stars were, since none of his friends or their parents could give him a clear answer:

“I went to the librarian and asked for a book about stars... and the answer was stunning. It was that the Sun was a star, but really close. The stars were suns, but so far away [that] they were just little points of light... The scale of the universe suddenly opened up to me. It was a kind of religious experience. There was a magnificence to it, a grandeur, a scale which has never left me. Never ever left me.”

His parents helped nurture his growing interest in science by buying him chemistry sets and reading materials. His interest in space, however, was his primary focus, especially after reading science-fiction stories by writers such as H.G. Wells and Edgar Rice Burroughs, which stirred his imagination about life on other planets, especially Mars.

According to biographer Ray Spangenburg, these early years as Sagan tried to understand the mysteries of the planets became a “driving force in his life, a continual spark to his intellect, and a quest that would never be forgotten”.

Sagan also wrote books to popularize science, such as *Cosmos*, which reflected and expanded upon some of the themes of *A Personal Voyage* and became the best-selling science book ever published in English; *The Dragons of Eden: Speculations on the Evolution of Human Intelligence*, which won a Pulitzer Prize; and *Broca's Brain: Reflections on the Romance of Science*. Sagan also wrote the best-selling science fiction novel *Contact* in 1985, based on a film treatment he wrote with his wife in 1979, but didn't live to see the book's 1997 motion picture adaptation, which starred Jodie Foster and won the 1998 Hugo Award for Best Dramatic Presentation.

He wrote a sequel to *Cosmos*, *Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space*, which was selected as a notable book of 1995 by *The New York Times*. Sagan also wrote the introduction to Stephen Hawking's bestseller, *A Brief History of Time*.

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Chatham Community Library Offers Two English, One Spanish Book Club

All new members are welcomed to the library book clubs, and registration isn't necessary. There are two types, and they meet at the Chatham Community Library on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. and the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

There is also a Spanish Book Club, which meets there every other Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

For more information on all of the book clubs, just call 919-545-8084.

The upcoming discussion schedule is as follows:

April—“Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis” by J.D. Vance

May—“Persuasion” by Jane Austen

June—“Lab Girl” by Hope Jahren

July—“The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu and Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts” by Joshua Hammer

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Don't Miss Claudia's Corner!

Claudia's Corner is a popular feature of the FotCCL book sale, offering rare, noteworthy and 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. The photo shows a small sample of the treasures that will be available in Claudia's Corner at the Spring Book Sale. For a current list of items for sale here, go to <http://friendsccl.org/clauidiascorner.shtml>. Items are added to the list as they are donated and priced, so check back often before the sale.



Three Major Organizations Report News About Status of Libraries in the U.S.

Academic, school and public libraries continue to face an uncertain economy as they shift resources and services to meet the needs of the 21st-century digital world. The American Library Association (ala.org) has launched a new public awareness campaign, "Libraries Transform," to help shift the mindset that "libraries are obsolete or nice to have" to "libraries are essential".

This and other library trends of the past year, including the *Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2015*, are detailed in the American Library Association's *2016 State of America's Libraries* report, released during National Library Week, April 10-16, 2016. Go to www.ala.org/news/sites/ala.org.news/files/content/state-of-americas-libraries-2016-final.pdf.

Searching the Web for other current information about the status of libraries in the U.S., you'll discover two other excellent sources: *The New York Times* and *The Huffington Post*.

FotCCL Planning to Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of its Book Sales This Fall

Historical records are often vague, which is why there is some question about when exactly the Friends of the Chatham Community Library was organized, and when it held its first book sale.

However, in the Fall-Winter 2013 issue of our **BOOK(RE)MARKS** newsletter, we noted the passing of Tom Doyle, who was considered the 'Father' of the FotCCL Book Sales. In the tribute to him, it was noted that "The book sale that is now such an important fundraiser and community event for the Friends had its start in 1998..." It was also noted that, at that time, the Friends was already in existence.

So, as a result of these historical notations, the FotCCL has decided to plan a gala celebration for this fall to mark this important anniversary.

If you're interested in helping with it, please contact a board member listed in the box on page 2.

Many thanks for your help!

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):

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

Please check your level of support: Student (\$5), Household (\$10), Donor (\$25), Patron (\$50),
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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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Thu & Fri, 9am-7pm; Sat, 9am-2pm
Chatham Community Library
197 NC Highway 87 North
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
(no credit cards)

Don't miss it!



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