

FRIENDS OF THE MARIANNA BLACK LIBRARY

Providing citizen support to help our Library!

Friends Update, April 3, 2008

Friends of the Library Officers:

President: Gail Findlay

Vice President: office open

Secretary: office open

Treasurer: Teresa Maynard

Ex Officio:

Jennifer Ohly, Membership Chair

Elise Delfield, Fundraising Chair

Jeff Delfield, Librarian

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007:

A very successful fundraising year allowing the Friends to make these contributions in 2007:

- Over \$3000 to the Library operating fund
- \$1000 to Great Smoky Mountains Railroad for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- \$80 for Swain County High School's travel expenses to Brevard for the 2007 District Quiz Bowl. SCHS won!

TO DATE IN 2008:

Chocolate Cook Off! This tasty event on February 10 raised over \$500 and drew 13 gourmet chocolate cooks entering wonderful creations. The line of people coming to taste these delicious and attractive treats stretched out the door all afternoon. You can expect this will be an annual event!

Annual Book Sale will be April 3-5 with special preview Thursday, April 3rd from 4-7 p.m. for members only. You may join at the door.

Annual membership meeting will be Sunday, April 6th at 2 pm with special guest speaker, Jim Casada. Also on the agenda for the afternoon: delicious food provided by Julia Hunt and election of new officers for 2008-2009.

New book bags featuring local artist Jack Becknell's drawing of the library were introduced at the Chocolate Cook Off. Sales of this very attractive and useful bag have been brisk! Get your bag now and fill it at the book sale for only \$3!

Coming Up: The Friends will have a table selling used books and promoting membership at the Heritage Festival, Saturday, May 24th. Look for us there!

Looking for Library Lovers

The Friends of the Marianna Black Library are a growing group with one mission: to raise money to support the Library and help it serve our community. The Friends Bookstore, located next to the Library, is our primary source of revenue. Volunteers are needed to give just one hour a week or month to help keep the bookstore stocked and neat.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Friends Board to provide leadership as the Friends continue to grow and look toward the future needs of the library, including a new building.

Please contact Friends President, Gail Findlay, 736-6897 or any Friends Board member if you can serve in either or both of these areas.