

The Greensboro Free Library



Annual Appeal – Spring 2007

Is It Here Yet????

Welcome to Spring everyone! As we compile this appeal it looks more like February, but I suspect by the time you receive this a real spring will have arrived. Along with our need for your generosity during this appeal to help us meet our operating expenses, we have much to share with you: an upcoming auction; the many special and on-going programs; the status of the capital campaign; and last but not least a “showcase” of our staff and trustees. All excellent reasons to support your library and help it grow. Although many of the activities described below are related to the Capital Campaign, please remember that this ANNUAL APPEAL is the “backbone” of our Library and is entirely separate from the renovation of the building. Without a successful response, we cannot give you the books and programs you deserve. The donations you make to this appeal form two-thirds of our total operating income.

A First Class Auction is Coming to Town

When? Saturday, August 11th in the morning

Where? In the McIntyre Barn, corner of Breezy and Beach

Why? To raise money for the Capital Campaign, of course

Who to Contact? Bill Eisner or Anne Harbison for pick up or storage

Bill Eisner will be the auctioneer of note for this event. He presided over the last such event for the Library about 10 years ago, and we fully expect to match the success of that event with this new auction. We are looking for items such as:

- **Antiques**
- **Works of Art**
- **Items of Special Meaning or Importance**
- **Items of Quality**

- **Items of Local Interest**

Please consider what you might have in your house or garage that would be appropriate for this auction and (for those of you who will be joining us soon) plan to bring these items with you. We thank Juliana McIntyre for kindly giving us permission to hold our event in her barn – there is no better location – it's right in the center of town.

If you need to have items picked up and delivered to the barn, please call Anne or Bill to make arrangements. If you are bringing the items to the barn yourselves, call for convenient delivery times. Bill (533-2540) and Anne (533-2998) will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Help us to make this one of the most exciting events of the summer!

Put a Library Program on your Calendar

Book Sales – Everything must go! (Sponsored by Friends of the Library) July 7 (Parade Day); August 4: 10 am to 2 pm; September 1 – 3 ; \$1.00 per bag sale

Book Discussion Evenings (Sponsored by Friends of the Library) June 27, July 25, August 15 at 7 pm (Books available at the Library)

Fugitive Pieces by Ann Michael – Led by Doug Bishop

The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon – Led by Michael Beauregard

No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy – Led by Linda Ramsdell

An Evening of Astronomy with Mark Breen: will include a talk “Eye on the Night Sky”, an introduction to the “kiosk” and an outdoor observation session (weather permitting)
Date: July 23rd

20th Century U.S. Conflicts: The Rise of a Superpower (Sponsored by Friends of the Library) 5 part discussion series with scholars from the Vermont Council on the Humanities, hosted by Mike and Mary Lee Metcalf, books available at the Library.
Dates: September 5th through October 5th every Wednesday at 7pm at the Library

One-on-One Computer Classes

Taught upon request. Sign up at the Library or call 533-2315 for more information:

Internet Exploration – Search Tools – Internet Basics –
Email Basics – Excel – Word Processing – Windows

Handiwork Group

Meets every Friday in the Library at 10 am



Programs for Children

Preschool Story Hour; Kindergarten Enrichment; Lakeview Elementary Breakfast Club; Homeschooler's Resources



Leslie Leaves After Six Years at the Helm

Our Librarian, having received her professional certification this year, is moving on in her career. We thank her for her devoted service to the Greensboro Library's reading community. She has led us as we computerized our collection, organized interesting programs and materials, guided us through the Internet maze, and overseen our excellent staff. *Thank you Leslie for sharing your talents with us.*

We are pleased to announce that Mary Metcalf has been hired as our Interim Librarian while we actively seek applicants for this rewarding and challenging position.

The Capital Campaign Ignites

The Capital Campaign has collected approximately \$170,000 to date (and perhaps more by the time you read this) and received another \$100,000 in pledges. Together with a \$50,000 grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont, \$11,000 appropriated this year by the Town of Greensboro and \$9,476 transferred from previous roof and sprinkler appropriations, we have approximately \$340,000 to begin putting our plans to work.

The Capital Campaign Committee is suggesting one-third of the monies raised (that are not specifically for the building) should be set aside for the Endowment Fund, Income from this fund should cover the increased expenses the Library will incur with additional space. The area of the Cuthbertson building is approximately the same as our current Library, so we will be doubling our Library space. We anticipate that a new furnace, modern temperature controls, insulation and new windows will result in energy savings that will go far to offset the cost of heating the additional space.

Mary Hewes of Greensboro and Bethesda, MD is assisting the committee with grant writing. We are pleased to announce that a grant in the amount of \$500 has been received from the Merchants Bank Foundation, Inc. The Library will continue to approach potential donors throughout the next two years.

The renovation is planned to take place in phases and donations are being solicited over three years, ending in 2008. Phase One will gut and rehabilitate the first and second floors of the Cuthbertson House. Engineering studies are about to commence, and construction should begin in the fall.

Focus Groups

We held six successful focus groups this winter to find out from you, our patrons and our community, what you would like the renovations of your library to look like. We heard ideas about all sorts of topics from sidewalks to reading rooms. We are planning more focus groups and hoping for more input from those of you who will be arriving shortly or those of you who missed the earlier meetings.

The meetings will take place at the Library at the dates and times scheduled below:

June 6 at 10am and 3pm

July 11 at 3pm and 6pm

August 1 at 10am and 3pm

We will summarize your questions and ideas and have them available in the Library.



The Mystery Dinner

The Friends of th Library are holding the 3rd annual Mystery dinner. It will be held at Fellowship Hall where more space and microphones are available. The date is **Wednesday, July 11th** and will begin at 7 pm. Tickets will be available at the Library. The title of the play is "Murder's Afloat on the SS Fellowship". The setting is 1937 and the boat is returning from Europe with a motley crew.....

The friends wish to thank Susan Sedore for her years of service as Chair of this organization. They encourage all of you to join them and become active members too

Staff Directory

Mary Metcalf – Interim Librarian
Judith Treadwell – Assistant Librarian
Susan Remington, Youth Services
Amy Pualwin, Tech Clerk

Trustees

Stephanie Herrick, Chair
Diane Irish, Vice-Chair
Aaron Kromash, Treasurer
Ruth Lawrence, Secretary
Debbie Kasper, Lacey Smith and
Catherine Wilkerson, Alternatives





Capital Campaign and Development Committee
 Bill Eisner, Chair of Campaign
 Lacey Smith, Chair of the Development Committee
 Linda Ely, Jane Gardner, John Hewett, Diane Irish,
 Larry Kreider, Nancy Lammert, Ruth Lawrence, Peter
 Roudebush

Hours of Operation

	Winter		Summer
		Monday	10am-4pm
Tuesday	10am-7pm	Tuesday	10am-7pm
Thursday	10am-5pm	Wednesday	10am-4pm
Friday	10am-5pm	Thursday	10am-4pm
Saturday	10am-2pm	Friday	10am-4pm
Sunday	11:30am-12:30pm	Saturday	10am-2pm
		Sunday	11:30am-12:30pm

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