

Oak Grove Public Library Newsletter

June 2010

Calendar

Summer Reading Programs

Author Visits

Family Story Times

Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Classics Book Club with Gayle

Thursday, June 3, 6:00 p.m.

Northanger Abbey, by Jane Austen

Food Club

Monday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.

Theme: Dairy Month. Bring a dish and the recipe.

Mystery Book Club with Mary

Thursday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.

Novels by Sue Grafton

Daytime Book Club with Judy

Tuesday, June 15, 3:00 p.m.

Same Kind of Different As Me, by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

Scrabble Club with Judy

Thurs, June 24, 5:45 p.m.

We also have chess.

Meetings

Friends meetings are held quarterly (January, April, July, October) on the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Officers

President: Linda Ginn
Vice-President: Karen LeBeau
Secretary: Pat Yelverton
Treasurer: Peggy Moore

“Make a Splash — READ!”

2010 Summer Reading Program for Children

Registration began May 17 for the summer reading program for children entering K-grade 6.

All events are Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Most activities will be held in the Oak Grove Community Center.

June 8 — Shadow puppet theatre with Red String Wayang Theatre

June 15 — Fire safety with Oak Grove Fire Department

June 22 — Soap making with Celeste Young and United Daughters of the Confederacy, who will be dressed in Civil War period costumes. Location: outdoors at the amphitheatre.

June 29 — Luau Finale Party will be indoors/outdoors. Bring a swimsuit and sun protection.



Register Now

Author Visits/Book Events in June

Ronnie Blackwell

Local bird expert, columnist, and author Ronnie Blackwell returns to Oak Grove Public Library on **Thursday, June 3, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** to discuss birds, his writings, and other topics of interest. Blackwell's visit will be the first

event held at the library's new outdoor amphitheatre.

Patrick Brister

Author Patrick Brister will visit on **Thursday, June 17, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** to read from his suspense/action novel, *TLC: Terminate Life Cycle*.

Brister, with a background in law enforcement and fire and rescue, is a consultant/designer of residential and commercial structures using green technologies.

Refreshments for these events will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Outdoor Amphitheatre Ready for Use

A new outdoor amphitheatre has been built behind the Oak Grove Public Library. This space will provide opportunities for outdoor programming and flexibility in the scheduling of library events. The amphitheatre project has been a collaborative effort involving many people.

Project partners include: Dr. Jim Pennebaker, Jim Corley, Lamar County Board of Supervisors, Lamar County Library System, the Lamar County road crew, and the Oak Grove Friends of the Library. Special thanks goes to Mississippi Grass Nursery for donation of the sod.

While final work is underway, library events are already being scheduled at the amphitheatre. The first of these will be the visit of author Ronnie Blackwell on Thursday, June 3. In addition, a summer reading program event, a soap making demonstration, will be held there on Tuesday, June 22.

“Water Your Mind — Read!” Summer Reading for Adults

Summer reading isn't just for children. Adults and young people can play Book Bingo from June 1-30. Registration began May 10 for the 2010 summer reading program for everyone older than 6th grade. Here is how it works:

- Each person who registers will receive a BOOKS card filled with categories/genre.
- Select and read (or listen to) books that match the categories on the card.



- Starting June 1, bring the BOOKS card along with the books you have read when you visit the library.

- Show them to a staff member to have your card marked in each category.

Keep reading to make a “book bingo” (four corners, a row, a column, or a diagonal) and receive a prize (while they last). If you read all categories and have your card marked by library staff, your name will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize.

Friends Business

The Friends of the Oak Grove Public Library met April 20 and May 11 in business session.

Two new officers were elected during May: Linda Ginn (president) and Karen LeBeau (vice-president). Peggy Moore (treasurer) and Pat Yelverton (secretary) will continue their good work.

A regular, quarterly meeting schedule was adopted — 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. during January, April, July, and October. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 20.

Branch manager Michael DeVries updated the Friends on the amphitheatre. The next need to be addressed is lighting.

During April, Friends discussed having a recommended provider sew blackout curtains for the high windows in the library.

After a good discussion, we asked the provider to give us a new quotation. Peggy Moore will follow up on this and present a recommendation at the July meeting.

A silent auction of summer-themed baskets donated by Friends members was adopted as a fundraising activity during April. Several baskets were available for viewing at the May meeting. The silent auction will be June 1-30.

Planning has begun on the 2011 book sale with the appointment of Peggy Moore and Pat Yelverton as co-chairs. They will meet together and bring recommendations to the July meeting.

A new fundraising idea was proposed in April and adopted in May: personalized letters from Santa. Karen LeBeau and

Silent Auction for Summer-Themed Baskets

Members of the Friends of the Library have donated baskets for a silent auction to be conducted June 1-30. Each basket contains a variety of items that relate to a theme reminiscent of summer and summer activities (going to the beach, washing the car, summer reading, etc.).

Baskets will be displayed on a counter in the library, and each will have a bid sheet. Write your bid on the sheet, and check back often to see if someone is trying to outbid you.

Funds raised will be used by the Friends to support library services and activities.

Annual Book Sale

The Friends' annual book sale was held March 4-6 in the Oak Grove Community Center. Several hundred people came to shop for books and other materials. Proceeds (about \$1,400) of the annual book sale are used to support the programs and services of OGPL.

Sale materials included fiction and non-fiction, children's books, reference materials, textbooks, cookbooks, CDs, DVDs, magazines — something for just about everyone.

Friends volunteers worked for several days before the sale opened. They moved books from the storage location, arranged them on tables by type for easy browsing, and made signs. Others staffed the sale during the open hours.

The annual book sale would not be possible without the dedication and support of many Friends members. It truly is a team effort. Special thanks go to organizers Peggy Moore, Pat Yelverton, and Cathy Merrikin.

Friends Business (cont.)

Cathy Merrikin were appointed co-chairs of this project. They will work together and bring recommendations of how to proceed to the July meeting. More on this later.

An ongoing discussion of how the Friends can help communicate and promote library activities resulted in the adoption of a monthly newsletter. To start, the newsletter will be sent via U.S. mail. Email to some of the membership will reduce costs, and this will be explored.

Also of interest to the Friends in attendance are ways to encourage others to become involved in small ways of their choice. If one of the projects in this newsletter interests you, please contact Michael DeVries, branch manager, or Linda Ginn, Friends president.

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Have You Heard? June is Audio Book Month.