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The Fontana Regional Library is the central organization for our library and the five other public libraries in Jackson, Swain and Macon counties. It is funded by the State of North Carolina and the three counties it serves. Extra funding is provided primarily by Friends groups, grants, fines and fees.

Being a part of Fontana makes it possible for our library to lend books to our patrons from any of the other five libraries in the system. Fontana provides an automation system that allows quick checkout, maintains an online catalog which can be accessed by any computer with internet capability, prepares books and other materials for circulation, provides an outreach program to children through the bookmobile "Reading Rover". Its electronic network allows patrons to access the internet and allows staff at all six libraries to communicate with each other. The Fontana Regional Library raises grant money for projects that benefit individual libraries in its system and provides financial services for all employees in the six libraries.

Who Are The Friends Of The Library?

Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library are people from all walks of life who share a common belief that a good public library is a valuable community asset that must be nourished and supported. We currently have more members than any other Friends group in the Fontana system.

The Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library is an organization of citizens dedicated to promoting the continued growth of our public library and its services.

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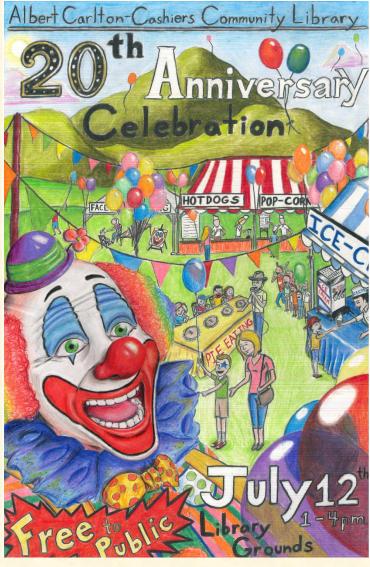
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Country Fair to Celebrate 20th Anniversary of Library

The Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library is inviting everyone on the plateau to an old-fashioned Country Fair to be held on the grounds of the library on July 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. The fair is being given in celebration of the library's 20th anniversary, and is free to the public.

Think hot dogs and soft drinks and popcorn. Clowns and balloons. Musicians. Think prizes for the winners of the three-legged races, the cake walk, the pie-eating contest, and the ice cream eating contest sponsored by Blue Bell Ice Cream. Think activities for children, which will include face-painting, games, story telling and Go Fish.

Joining the festivities will be animals from The Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, as well as Tooth Fairies from the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic and Miss P, the beloved Labrador retriever who has listened to hundreds of children read to her at the library over the years.



At 1:30 p.m. a ceremony honoring current and former librarians, library employees, and the many volunteers who have served the library during the past two decades, will begin with the arrival of Barbara Carlton by horse and carriage. Mrs. Carlton, who donated the land for the library in memory of her husband, Albert Carlton, and who established the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library Foundation to help support the library, will cut the birthday cake and welcome county commissioners and other honored guests. A raffle drawing in midafternoon will announce the winner of the coveted king-sized, hand-sewn quilt created and donated by Graceann Smith, who is chair of the raffle event.

Please call the library at 743-0215 for additional information.

Library News

"There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the Earth as the Free Public Library -- this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration."

~Andrew Carnegie, 1904

A Brief History of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library

The story of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library begins at the Village Lending Library on Route 64, a small clapboard house. Moya Johannsen filled the tiny structure with books, mostly novels.

When Moya died in 1967, the collection was moved to the basement of the Community Center, under the auspices of Rita Bond who tended and loaned the books. There it remained until Barbara Carlton made a donation to purchase the land at the current location. Contributions from local residents poured in for building the structure, and the grand opening took place on July 15, 1994. The dedication featured the inclusion of several copies of the Crossroads Chronicle and Albert Carlton's personal Bible behind the plaque by the front entrance to the library. In 2005 ground was broken for a major expansion.

In 2008 the "Friendship Garden" was added, funded by and dedicated to lifelong friends Dr. Barbara Carlton and Deen Day Sanders.

Today, patrons enjoy the Library's space and services, including the children's room, Friends of the Library Book Store, computer area, sitting room with fireplace, conference room and elevated stage complete with a dressing room.



The Albert Carlton - Cashiers Community Library.

▲ Groundbreaking at Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library 6/10/93. Foreground L to R: Sara Zachary; Sam McClelland; Dr. Barbara Carlton; Jeanette Newsome, Director Jackson County Public Library; Wayne Hooper, Chairman, Jackson County Board of Commissioners. Others in the background are L to R: Julie Carlton McClelland; unidentified; Mrs. LeBlanc; Allison Wilder; Tom Owens; Dan Moore; Kim Coward; unidentified; A. William McKee. (Barbara Carlton collection)



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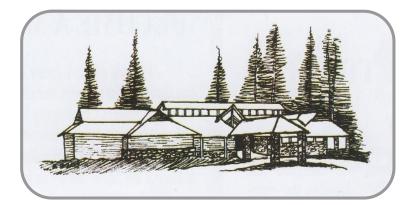
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Message from the President

The Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library are gearing up for two major summer events.

On June 20th and 21st the annual Friends of the Library Used Book Sale will be held. The event typically garners well over a thousand dollars to fund programs for youth and adults. In recent years the Book Store Chair has simply requested donations for items selected during the sale. This system has proven to be extremely successful, and has raised far more than the former method of setting prices.

The 20th anniversary of the AC-CCL will be celebrated in a huge way on July 12 from 1:00-4:00. The "Country Fair" themed event is free to the public, the Library's gift back to a supportive community. The charming poster on the front page was drawn by a young man name Caylib Jones who moved to this area about a year ago. He is employed at Slabtown Pizza and his entry won our poster contest. He is obviously quite talented!

A handcrafted quilt by FOL Board Member Graceann Smith, will be raffled at the Fair. Tickets will be available at Ingles market on Saturdays in June, as well as at the library.

Finally, if your psyche needs a boost, just step outside into our Friendship Garden, the door is opposite the computer area. It is a tranquil and attractive place to spend a few minutes relaxing.

So, come visit us this summer and support our wonderful library!

Respectfully,
Adair Simon
President of the Friends of the Library

HANDMADE QUILT DONATED TO LIBRARY FOR RAFFLE

The 20th anniversary celebration of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library on July 12 will get a fund-raising boost this summer. Graceann Smith, a member of the Friends' board, has sewn and donated a king-size handmade quilt to be raffled off at the celebration. The quilt is on display at the library, and tickets can be purchased there for \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00. The quilt will also be on display at Ingles Supermarket on Saturdays beginning May 31, where tickets will be available. All proceeds from the quilt raffle will benefit the library.

The 20th anniversary celebration is free and open to the public and will feature many activities for adults and children alike. In addition to free hot dogs, popcorn and drinks, there will be a cake walk, a pie-eating contest, three-legged races, an ice cream eating contest sponsored by Blue Bell Ice Cream, story telling, face painting, "go fish" and corn hole games, as well as other activities and prizes.



Membership Notice

Our fiscal year begins July 1, which used to start our membership drive. Because many members joined at other times throughout the year, the membership chairman now sends our members a renewal notice on the month they joined. A membership expiration date appears on your newsletter address label and on your membership acknowledgement letter. If you are currently not a Friends member, please use the application form on the back page of this newsletter.

"I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card."
-- Laura Bush, First Lady

In Lieu of Flowers

Our library is able to add to its collection through book endowments. Donors contribute money toward the purchase of books as a memorial or to honor someone for an achievement that deserves commemoration: a birthday, anniversary, new baby, graduation, promotion or some other celebratory event. Donors may designate an interest area from which books should be chosen, such as travel, history, gardening, children's books, etc. or they may leave the choice up to the library director, Serenity Richards. Acknowledgments are sent to honorees and families of those being memorialized; and an appropriate book plate is placed in each book given.

The next time you see the phrase "in lieu of flowers", or can't think of a gift for someone who has everything, remember the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library.



IN A HURRY?

You can now check out your own books at the library! When you visit the library this summer, you may notice some additions to our entry way. We have installed a system that keeps track of our inventory and lets you check out your own books! This system has modernized our collection to make sharing library materials easier and faster, letting you get even more great books, audio books, DVDs, magazines, and more as fast as possible.

The most obvious part of this system is our new Self Check station. This station lets you grab your books and be out the door lickety split. All you need is your library card. The station is touchscreen and very easy to use. Simply select the check out option, scan your library card, place your items on the station, grab your receipt, and go on with your day. Staff is available to walk you through the process anytime you'd like to try it out.



www.cashiersfriends.com

It's official. The Friends of the Library for the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library has a website! Hope Alwine, of the Cashiers library staff, created the site and is its official webmistress. All upcoming FOL events are listed, along with photos of past events. You can access newsletters. Also, you can join or renew your FOL membership online. Keep up to date with what's going on at the Library!

KUDOS TO VOLUNTEERS

Deepest thanks to our Friends of the Library board members and to a plethora of community volunteers for assisting with the library tagging project. Every item in the library had to be tagged and scanned and our Friends of the Library and volunteers rose to the occasion! Is the work at the library finished? Answer: No! There is always work to do in the library. Examples are shelving, straightening shelves, book repair and book covering and many other opportunities. Contact any library staff member if you are interested.

There are tremendous volunteer opportunities yet available. We have a Friends of the Library Book Sale coming up on Friday, June 20 and Saturday June 21, 2014. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm. Assistance with setting up the books will happen on Thursday, June 19 starting at 10 am.

We have the library 20th anniversary party coming up on Saturday, July 12, 2014. The theme is a Country Fair. Volunteers are needed to assist with fun events (pie eating, ice cream eating and many other old-fashioned events! Please contact Hedy Okolichany (hokolichany@gmail.com).

MAH JONG

For those of you who like to play mah jong, the Friends of the Library sponsors an afternoon of mah jong at the library. We meet every Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Friends of the Library has 2 mah jong sets with cards, or you may bring your own. There is a \$2.00 fee that benefits the library.

Everyone is welcome!

If you have never played before but would like to learn, please come by and observe, or give your name to Bonnie Zacher at 743-0489 and we will set up a time to teach you the game.

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CASHIERS BIBLIOPHILES

The Cashiers Bibliophiles just completed their tenth year of meeting and celebrated the event with a party at the Staats home with those attending this recent meeting. This last meeting of the season occurred on May 14th to discuss *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf. The Cashiers Bibliophiles meet every month from September through May on the second Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. The meeting is always finished before 7:00 pm.

The moderators in conjunction with the Chairman choose the readings and Friends of the Library acquire enough additional copies for the library to have for checkout. Copies are also available at Chapter Two or on ebook for the Kindle, Nook or Ipad in 2014.

"At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better."

- President Barack Obama

Mark Your Calendars!

Friends of the Library is sponsoring three important events this summer, so be sure to mark your calendars.

The first event is our very important Book Sale, one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, to be held on June 20th and 21st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the meeting room of the library. Every year we receive hundreds of donated books, far too many to squeeze into our book store, so you are the beneficiaries. Come browse through fiction, nonfiction, biographies, business and political books, children's books, religious books, nature books, travel books, and much, much more. There are no fixed prices for these books; you can donate whatever you wish. The money raised from this book sale is used to purchase books and other materials for the library.

Don't forget also that the Book Store is always open during library hours for patrons to browse. The many "like new" books are excellent gifts for the book lovers on your Christmas, birthday or Valentine's Day lists or just because you know they would enjoy an interesting read. You can also donate your already read books to the library check-out desk and get a tax-deductible receipt. Any questions about the book sale or the book store? Call out-going chairperson, Andrea Hannon at 787-1829, or in-coming chairs, Bonnie Zacher at 743-0489 or Hedy Okolichany at 743-9263.

Another important event this summer is the Country Fair. Come help us celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of our wonderful library. Mark your calendars for July 12th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Finally, The Fifth Annual Cashiers Favorite Poems Night will be held on Thursday, August 14, at 7 p.m. Your friends and neighbors, chosen from those who have submitted their favorite poems and their reasons for liking them, will be on stage in the meeting room to share a variety of poems that range from the sublime to the ridiculous. Laugh. Be inspired. Enjoy familiar poems and discover new ones. Submission forms are available at the library. Poems must be by nationally or internationally recognized poets and not exceed 40 lines in length. For more information, please call Marilyn Staats at 743-2558.