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National Library Week 2010

The Florence County Library System will celebrate National Library Week with a special program on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at both the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library and Lake City Public Library.

Ronald McDonald will be on hand to inspire readers with his program "Reading with Ronald" which is sponsored by area McDonalds and is designed to inspire children of all ages to develop a lifelong love for reading.



Three Recent SC Celebrity Read Poster Additions

From Left to Right:

- Ron Rash
- Charlotte Jenkins
- Stephen Hoffius



Martin Luther King, Jr.

Others Called it the Black Revolution

April 8, 2010 @ 6:30 P.M.

Stifel Nicolaus, The Humanities Council SC, the Florence, SC Convention and Visitors Bureau and Friends of Florence County Library bring you the Joe Stukes History Series.



King's start as pastor of the Dexter Avenue flock led black leaders to call him to another leadership: that of a public demand for the observance of rights for all citizens. As the movement escalated, he fell into what he saw more as a crusade than a revolution. How to overcome hate and violence with love and passivity seemed doomed to failure. Struggles with his ideal, enemies, and national conditions made his strategies more difficult. His early death left an unfinished crusade and an uncompleted revolution.

2010 Spring Program for Adults

Sponsored by Friends of Florence County Library.
Call (843) 413-7074 for more information/registration.

Producer Stan Woodward: "Nothing to Prove"
Tuesday, April 6th at 6:00 P.M.

This "Mac Arnold and a Plate Full O' Blues" documentary offers an in-depth look at Mac Arnold and a look at the ways in which he has become a roots music artist devoted to renewing interest in a true down home "talking" blues. **No registration is required.**

Grantwriting Workshop with Dr. Lynn Hanson
April 15, 2010 @ 6:30 P.M.

Dr. Lynn Hanson will cover the steps of writing a successful grant proposal. **Call to Register.**

SC-ETV Presents Carolina Stories: The Lady in Black
April 29, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.

This documentary tells the story of the Darlington Raceway. This newest installment of Carolina Stories from ETV, is sure to be a treat even for those who aren't racing fans. **No registration is required.**

Chef/Author: Sallie Ann Robinson
June 17 @ 6:30 P.M.

A Daufuskie Island native, Ms. Robinson (*Cooking the Daufuskie Way: Morning, Noon, and Night*) shares her experiences from Daufuskie Island, as a student of Pat Conroy, as well as her love and talent for cooking, steeped with rich Gullah traditions and culture. A book signing will follow the program and copies of her book will be available for sale. **No registration is required.**

Be sure to mark your calendars for:

Generations in the Workplace Sep. 16 @ 6:30 P.M.
There needs to be an 'I' in TEAM Oct. 21 @ 6:30 P.M.
Get What is Important Done Nov. 18 @ 6:30 P.M.

Free Computer Training Classes

Free Computer Workshops will take place in the Dunlap-Hopkins Technology Training Room. Each workshop is approximately 90 minutes long. **NOTE: Each session is a complete workshop, and is not part of a series.** Registration is required. The workshops are made possible through a partnership with the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board and are sponsored by the Friends of Florence County Library.

Check our web site for dates and times.

Computer Basics: The Keyboard

Monday @ 6:30 P.M. 05/03

Wednesday @ 10:00 A.M. 04/07

Computer Basics: The Mouse

Monday @ 6:30 P.M. 04/05

Wednesday @ 10:00 A.M. 05/05

Internet Basics

Monday @ 6:30 P.M. 04/12, 05/10

Wednesday @ 10:00 A.M. 04/14, 05/12

Word Basics

Monday @ 6:30 P.M. 04/19

Wednesday @ 10:00 A.M. 05/19

Excel Basics

Monday @ 6:30 P.M. 04/19

Tuesday @ 10:00 A.M. 05/18

Wednesday @ 10:00 A.M. 05/19

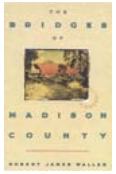
Book Club

The Florence County Library Book Club will begin exploring award-winning works.



April 15
Alice Walker
The Color Purple

May 20
Robert J. Waller
The Bridges of Madison County



All Book Club meetings will be held in the Library's Board Room at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Elizabeth at 413-7081.

Job Resources @ Your Library

The Florence County Library System has a partnership with the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board. Because of this, the Library is offering computer and resume workshops, typing tutorial software, high speed Internet PCs and wireless connectivity in the library for job searching online, access to the Learning Express Library database for practice tests and skill building, and a knowledgeable staff ready to assist patrons with their job searching and career building needs. The Friends of Florence County Library are supporting this effort by providing the WinWay software program used in the resume workshops.



The E. N. Zeigler South Carolina History Room has received copies of books

from Friends of Florence County Library visiting author programs. These titles include: *Northern Money, Southern Land: The Lowcountry Plantation Sketches of Chlotilde R. Martin*, edited by Robert B. Cuthbert and Stephen G. Hoffius; *Remembering Florence: Tales from a Railroad Town*, by local newspaperman Thom Anderson; and our most recent acquisition, *A Southern Sportsman, The Hunting Memoirs of Henry Edwards Davis*, edited by Ben McC. Moise.

We have also received copies of the North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, covering the years from January 1975 to November 1994. These volumes are a welcome resource for genealogists researching N.C.

Another welcome addition is the microfilm of S.C. death certificates for the year 1959. This purchase adds another year to this collection which goes back to 1915.

We also greatly appreciate the book, *Cradle Markings*, donated by one of our trustees, Mr. Charlie Howle, and books on Scots-Irish history and the Civil War in West Virginia donated by library director, Mr. Ray McBride.

Many genealogists find our collection of donated high school yearbooks a great resource. We welcome additions to this collection and would like to expand our collection of yearbooks from Wilson and South Florence High Schools.

Mr. George White has given a program from the Evening of Elegance Gala at which new inductees to Wilson High School's Hall of Fame were announced. This program included names and some pictures from Wilson's history. We would welcome more of these programs.

The staff of the S.C. Room looks forward to serving you.



Guess What Friend is Coming to Dinner

Rousing Success!



Friends of Florence County Library presented their nationally award-winning **Guess What Friend is Coming to Dinner** on Tuesday, March 2 at the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library.

Chef Charlotte Jenkins, author of *Gullah Cuisine: By Land and By Sea*, featured a power point presentation with photos depicting African-American traditions, Gullah history, and artist Jonathan Green's beautiful images.

Following was a book signing along with wine tasting by Piggly Wiggly and Southern Wine and Spirits. Those holding dinner tickets drew their names to discover where they would be assigned from the following host homes:

Jeannie and George Beshere	Karen and Al Munn
Coleman and Keith Buckhouse	Beth and Chris Paramore
Nick Townsend and Joe Bittle	Nita and Roy Skinner
Cynthia and Flint Harding	Terry Snowden and Barbara Sylvester
Elaine and Gene Morehead	Carrington and Barry Wingard
Peggy and Bob Youngblood	

Reponses from Guests

- "A pure delight"*
- "Elegant delicious food"*
- "Had such a good time, we didn't want to leave!"*
- "Loved meeting new people in different age groups."*
- "Served like royalty"*
- "I want to do this every year!"*
- "This is a great event!"*

Reponses from Hosts

- "Really enjoyed the planning, preparation and, of course, the Friends!"*
- "Our guests were great, very congenial...enjoyed themselves...showed much appreciation..."*
- "The event is so well done..."*
- "Getting to know our guests and them us!"*
- "Everyone had a good time...lots of conversation"*
- "I like choosing a menu, meeting new people, and helping the library all at once."*
- "Count me in for next year!"*
- "Great evening, great combination of guests!"*
- "Everyone enjoyed meeting and socializing with one another. It was such good fun!"*
- "Everything was done smoothly and professionally. Keep doing next year like you did this year."*

Because of hosts, guests, sponsors and volunteers for **Guess What Friend is Coming to Dinner**, Friends of Florence County Library were able to donate \$7,000 to the county-wide Children's Summer Reading program that serves over 10,000 children and their parents.

Proud Sponsors:

First Federal	Sandy and Jeannete Aiken
Orr Company, Inc.	Southern Wine and Spirits
Pepsi Cola Co.	Ann and Ray Thomas
Piggly Wiggly	Roche Carolina, Inc.

Wonderful Volunteers:

Finley James Laura Marechal Barbara Stith

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For what they do each day to make our library a wonderful learning experience

Ray McBride and the Florence County Library Staff

FOFCL Board members

You not only meet to discuss the needs of the library, but also provide "hands on" help at most events and programs
Bob Youngblood, Beverly Hiller, Bill Bradham, Susann Ervin, Charisse Reichenbach, Hubert Setzler, Laura Sims, Barry Wingard

Thank you to everyone who has donated books for our booksale. This will be a challenging year for the library because of the book budget cuts. Library staff will go through donations to first see what can be used in the library. The need is for books published in 2009-2010.

Thank you to the following Donors and Sponsors

Founding, Corporate and Sustaining Donors

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Phillips, Dr. and Mrs. Cheney Meiere, Mrs. Sandra Morris, Piggly Wiggly

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Piggly Wiggly, Southern Wine and Spirits, Roche Carolina, Inc., First Federal, Pepsi Cola of Florence LLC, Orr Company, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Aiken, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas, Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau

Book Endowment

Friends of Florence County Library
in Honor of Jonathan and Katie Dunlap

The Dunlap Family
in Honor of Eleanor Dunlap

David, Jonathan & Katie Dunlap
in Honor of Francie Dunlap

E. N. Zeigler S.C. History Room
Christie Sinclair

Joe Stukes History Series
Stifel Nicolaus

The Humanities Council SC

1st Quarter Renewal Members

We had 56 membership renewals

1st Quarter New Members

Jacquelyn Johnson, Sharon Thames, Dolly Ramirez, Georgia Fraser, Sandra Trexler, Mike Burkhart

Dr. Lee Morris Memorial

Dr. Margaret Hoffmeyer	Dr. and Mrs. Joel Dekle
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Stukes	Dr. and Mrs. Joseph James
Dr. Carlanna Hendrick	Mr. Jefferson Hendrick
Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Hiller	Jean Waters
Dr. and Mrs. Willie Edwards, Jr.	Dr. and Mrs. Billy Blackwell
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Dr. and Mrs. Verne Cutler	Dr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, Jr.
Shelly Walker	Iris Drive Association
Mary Beth Knobel	Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Permenter
Dr. and Mrs. Edward Floyd	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Key, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. Morgan Coker	Dr. Berry Monroe
The Medicine Mart	Dr. and Mrs. John A. DuRant, III
W. J. Hoffmeyer	Pee Dee Cardiology Associates, P.A.
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Griffin	Mr. and Mrs. Dan McEachin
Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Watford	

Your membership helps provide free access to education, culture, self-help and lifelong learning opportunities, regardless of age, income, neighborhood or employment.



Summer Reading 2010

The world of water and water fun will come together as the Florence County Library System marks Summer Reading 2010.

"Make a Splash - READ!" seeks to discover the world of water through oceans, rivers, lakes, pools and the creatures that live there. Summer Reading is open to young people from preschool to young adult and features weekly programs, prize drawings, storytimes, a reading club and more. Summer Reading is funded by the Florence County Library System and Friends of Florence County Library. Through their efforts, programming designed to educate, entertain and inspire children will be held system-wide in keeping with the library system's mission to promote literacy in Florence County.

Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library 509 S. Dargan St - Florence, SC 29506

Special Summer Programming will be held on Wednesdays @ 3:00 pm in the Stukes Meeting Room

June.....16	Todd Key: The Flying Debris Show
23	Porkchop Productions: The Frog Prince
30	Make a Splash in the World's Rhythm Pool
July.....7	MOVIE: To Be Determined
14	Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy)
21	Magician: Fish the Magish

We also offer storytimes for children of various ages. Registration is required and runs May 1st to 30th. For more information, call (843) 292-7382 or register by email at kids@florencelibrary.org.

MONDAYS

Monday Family Storytime (Ages 2-5) @ 7:00 pm

TUESDAYS

Toddler Storytime (Ages 2 only) @ 9:30 am
Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5) @ 10:30 am

THURSDAYS

Baby Storytimes (Ages 0-23 Months)
Pre-Walkers: @ 10:00 am
Walkers: @ 11:00 am

Each week during the summer, a theme is selected. Books, songs and fingerplays are highlighted around the theme.

Sunday Family Movies air Sundays @ 2:30 pm in the Privette Children's Program Room. All movies are free of charge. For more information, contact Children's Services at (843) 292-7382.

Lake City Public Library 221 E. Main St - Lake City SC 29560

Special Summer Programming will be held at the Lake City Public Library on Wednesdays @ 11:30 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room. For more information, call (843) 394-8071.

June.....16	Todd Key: The Flying Debris Show
23	Porkchop Productions: The Frog Prince
30	Make a Splash in the World's Rhythm Pool
July.....7	MOVIE: To Be Determined
14	Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy)
21	Magician: Fish the Magish

The Lake City Public Library will offer Preschool Storytimes on Wednesdays @ 9:30 am in the meeting room. Registration is required.

Dozier M. Munn Pamplico Public Library 180 Main Street - Pamplico, SC 29583

Special Summer Programming will be held at the Pamplico Public Library on Tuesdays @ 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room. For more information, call (843) 493-4287.

June.....15	Todd Key: The Flying Debris Show
22	Porkchop Productions: The Frog Prince
29	Make a Splash in the World's Rhythm Pool
July.....6	NO PROGRAM
13	Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy)
20	Magician: Fish the Magish

Johnsonville Elementary School 160 E. Marion Street - Johnsonville SC 29555

Special Summer Programming will be held at the Johnsonville Elementary School on Tuesdays @ 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. For more information, call (843) 386-2052.

June.....15	Todd Key: The Flying Debris Show
22	Porkchop Productions: The Frog Prince
29	Make a Splash in the World's Rhythm Pool
July.....6	NO PROGRAM
13	Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy)
20	Magician: Fish the Magish

John M. Thomason Public Library 210 East Hampton St - Olanta SC 29114

Special Summer Programming will be held at the Olanta Public Library on Mondays @ 11:30 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room. For more information, call (843) 396-4287.

June.....14	Todd Key: The Flying Debris Show
21	Porkchop Productions: The Frog Prince
28	Make a Splash in the World's Rhythm Pool
July.....5	NO PROGRAM
12	Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy)
19	Magician: Fish the Magish

Baker Memorial Public Library 298 West Smith St. - Timmonsville, SC 29161

Special Summer Programming will be held at the Baker Memorial Public Library in the Public Meeting Room Mondays @ 3:00 p.m. For more information, call (843) 346-2941.

June.....14	Todd Key: The Flying Debris Show
21	Porkchop Productions: The Frog Prince
28	Make a Splash in the World's Rhythm Pool
July.....5	NO PROGRAM
12	Lee Bryan (That Puppet Guy)
19	Magician: Fish the Magish



Florence County Library to Make Waves

Area teens will have the opportunity to "Make Waves @ the Library" this summer with the Teen Summer Reading Program. Teens are invited to the library for a variety of free, fun and informative programs, plus a summer reading program with the chance to win prizes and take part in a special end-of-summer celebration. Teen Summer Reading is funded by the Florence County Library System and Friends of Florence County Library.

Make plans to join us at one of these locations for programs:

Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library 509 S. Dargan St - Florence, SC 29506

Teen Programs will be held each Thursday at 3:30 pm in the Stukes Meeting Room. For more information, call (843) 292-7382 or email Teen Services at teens@florencelibrary.org.

June.....17	Art with Stephen Guyton
24	Craft: Marble Paper Journal
July.....1	Make Waves of Sounds All Around
8	MOVIE: To Be Determined
15	Sand Art
22	Pizza Party - By Invitation Only

Additional teen programming includes Teen Movie Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm in the Stukes Meeting Room from June 15 - July 20.

Lake City Public Library 221 E. Main St - Lake City SC 29560

Teen Programs will be held each Thursday at 12:00 pm in the Public Meeting Room. For more information, call (843) 394-8071.

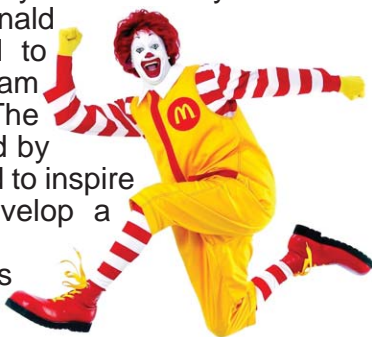
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National Library Week 2010

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- 3:30 pm at the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Library.
- 10:00 am at the Lake City Public Library.

World famous mascot Ronald McDonald will be on hand to inspire readers with his program "Reading with Ronald." The program, which is sponsored by area McDonalds, is designed to inspire children of all ages to develop a lifelong love for reading.



National Library Week is April 11-17, 2010. While this year's theme, "Communities Thrive @ Your Library", celebrates librarians and library workers, it also seeks to involve children, families as well as the community at large. The celebration takes place in schools and libraries throughout the United States.

For more information, contact:

- Children's Services at (843) 292-7382
- Lake City Public Library at (843) 394-8071

Read to Ride

In an effort to promote both early and family literacy, the Florence County Library System is sponsoring a "Read to Ride" contest. The event, co-sponsored by Toys for Tots, Marine Corps League and Friends of Florence County Library, is intended to encourage children and families to utilize their public libraries.

Children ages 3-17, who visit any of the six libraries or the Bookmobile and use their library card to check out materials, can register for a chance to win a bicycle.

Contest registration runs until April 2. Winners will be announced at a special National Library Week Program on April 14, 2010 @ 3:30pm.

For more information, call (843) 292-7382

National Bookmobile Day

The library system Bookmobile is preparing to celebrate the first annual National Bookmobile Day, Wednesday, April 14, 2010. The celebration is to highlight the contributions of bookmobiles nationwide and the dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities.

The Bookmobile serves the children and childcare providers in daycares and community centers throughout Florence County. The vast majority of centers can not transport their children, so the Bookmobile allows centers to check out materials on site. In addition, daycare centers are treated to a storytime at each monthly visit.

In keeping with the Library's and Children's Services mission statements, the Bookmobile served 12,635 children and daycare providers in the first year of its revamped services. For more information about the Bookmobile, contact Children's Services at 292-7382 or by email kids@florencelibrary.org.



Great Gift Idea

FoFCL Library Book Endowment

Friends of Florence County Library Book Endowment is a way to help purchase books that would be a gift in memory/honor of loved ones and friends. You may select a genre or special area of interest for the chosen book to be circulated. All will be decorated with a bookplate that states the name of the donor as well as the recipient.

Because of the current economic climate, we will be offering a Book Endowment discount at \$50.00 for 2010.

See "Friends of FCL" at www.florencelibrary.org and click on "Book Endowment," contact Mary Wiser @ (843) 413-7065 / mwiser@florencelibrary.org, or cut and fill out the form below to contribute.

Please complete the following information:

I would like to have a bookplate placed in: ___Memory of ___Honor of

Recipient's name: _____

Please send notification of the gift to: _____

Address: _____

Include my name as donor on the bookplate: ___Yes ___No

Donor name(s): _____

Donor address: _____

Donor daytime telephone: _____

Gifts of \$50 per bookplate can be made by either check or credit card payable to:

Friends of Florence County Library

Please charge my: _____VISA _____MASTERCARD

Name on card: _____

Card number: _____

Expiration date: _____Month _____Year

Signature: _____

Please mail this form along with payment to:

Friends of Florence County Library

509 South Dargan Street

Florence, South Carolina 29506

Friends: 843-413-7065

Development Office: 843-413-7064

Please send me information about Friends Membership _____

Please contact me regarding other donor opportunities _____

Following are books that have been given to the Book Endowment since 2006:

<i>Inside Alzheimers</i>	<i>New Complete Guide to Sewing</i>
<i>Me Hungry!</i>	<i>A Darker Domain</i>
<i>Hangman Blind</i>	<i>A Home for Dixie</i>
<i>The Rembrandt Book</i>	<i>The Silent Man</i>
<i>North Carolina Gazetteer</i>	<i>Giant Pandas</i>
<i>Nothing Was the Same</i>	<i>Hooray for Inventors!</i>
<i>Civil War in NC</i>	<i>Lewis and Clark: Across the Divide</i>
<i>I Rode With Stonewall</i>	<i>Pearl Harbor</i>
<i>Duck at the Door</i>	<i>The Art Book for Children</i>
<i>Juan Rulfo's Mexico</i>	<i>French Villages</i>
<i>The World of Edward Gorey</i>	<i>Hopper's Places</i>
<i>The Traveler</i>	<i>The Cleaner</i>
<i>The Lost Continent</i>	<i>Marsh Madness</i>
<i>Voices from the Mountains</i>	<i>A New World</i>
<i>Rise and Fall of Ancient Rome</i>	<i>Matisse: From Color to Architecture</i>
<i>The Burning Plain, and Other Stories</i>	<i>Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain</i>
<i>The New Complete Book of Bridge</i>	<i>Straight Talk about God's Deliverance</i>
<i>Memoirs of Lt. Henry Timberlake</i>	<i>Edward Hopper: An Intimate Biography</i>

Books in the Book Endowment program total 53.



John Thompson

Author of:

Armageddon Conspiracy

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

@ 6:30 PM

Doctors Bruce and Lee
Foundation Library
Stukes Meeting Room

Free and open to the public

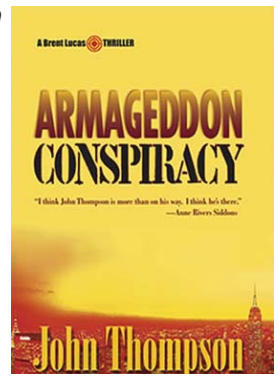
John Thompson, a Wall Street sales executive for 25 years, was inspired to write *Armageddon Conspiracy* for personal reasons. His father, the late John E. Thompson, was one of seven partners of an ill-fated brokerage firm that was bankrupted by extortion. But more than anything else, his father's death shortly after retirement in 1991 at the age of 66 spurred the author to begin his writing career.

The novel is a fast-paced story of international intrigue that begins when a young MBA undercover agent, Brent Lucas, is hired by a secretive money management company, paying him a huge salary. Lucas plays his role by keeping a low profile until one morning when the FBI shows up to seize his largest account, that of an Egyptian billionaire who they claim is funding terrorists. Convinced the FBI is wrong, Brent goes to his client's home only to find corpses. With several dead bodies in his wake and a billion dollars missing, Brent becomes the only suspect. As Lucas stumbles onto a coalition of Muslim and Christian extremists, both eager to exploit the situation, he begins to unravel a flawlessly planned conspiracy and launches his own desperate attempt to stop the madness before it is too late.

Thompson explains his choice of Brent Lucas: "I wanted someone who wasn't affiliated with any particular agency...who would put their own life at risk on behalf of others...it's also a book that looks at geopolitical issues and raises questions that aren't easily answered...a scenario that unfortunately is more plausible today than ever, particularly given how much the finance world has changed."

John Thompson spent twenty-five years as an investment banker in New York before retiring to write full time. He now lives with his wife and daughter and divides his time between Charleston, S.C. and a mountain home in Hawley, PA. Mr. Thompson is actively involved in his local community and serves on a number of non-profit boards. In those capacities, he has chaired the board of one of the nation's leading children's hospitals and served as interim headmaster of a private school. He currently serves as Chairman of the Charleston Education Network. He chairs the Investment Committee for the Medical University of South Carolina Foundation and serves on its Executive Committee. He is also on the National Advisory Board of Donors Choose, a charity selected by Amazon.com in 2005 as America's Most Innovative Non-Profit.

John Thompson's *Armageddon Conspiracy* was awarded the Gold Medal by the Independent Publishers Association for Best Thriller/Mystery/Suspense novel and nominated for Best Fiction by the Southern Independent Booksellers. Thompson has already penned a second Lucas tale, *The Hong Kong Deception*, which will be released in Oct. 2010.



Batt Humphreys

Author of

Dead Weight: Based on a True Story

Thursday, April 15, 2010

@ 10:00 AM

Doctors Bruce and Lee
Foundation Library
Stukes Meeting Room

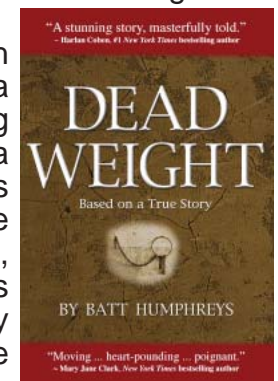
Free and open to the public

In 1980, Batt Humphreys, a Georgia native, began his career at a television news station in Charleston. He moved to New York, where he wrote for Dan Rather and other on-air anchors before becoming a senior producer of the CBS "Early Show."

Humphreys returned to the South in 2007 where a story about the trial and ultimate hanging of "Nealy" Duncan, a African American man who was arrested for the murder of a local merchant, became his raison d'être. In *Dead Weight* Humphreys explores the role of the southern criminal justice system of the early 20th century where reasonable doubt was sometimes disregarded, especially when a black man was suspected.

In *Dead Weight* (so named for the method of hanging by using a dead weight to drop a counterweight attached to the noose), Humphreys includes original court testimony of Duncan's trial. The author gives a voice to the book's protagonist, Hal Hinson, a fictional reporter from New York assigned to cover the story, who becomes caught up in a vortex of denials and charges. While describing the beauty of Charleston, Hinson begins to see a city now tainted with the ugliness of a racial divide.

Humphreys hopes that with the publication of *Dead Weight* a constructive dialogue regarding racial issues in South Carolina will come about. He has petitioned the governor and the S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services to posthumously pardon Nealy Duncan, the last man to be executed by hanging in this state.





The Unexpected Visitor

N. B. Baroody M.D., photography
M. H. Baroody, narrative

Date To Be Announced

Doctors Bruce and Lee
Foundation Library
Stukes Meeting Room

The Unexpected Visitor is a stunning collection of black and white photographs taken over a period of more than half a century by physician N.B. Baroody. He combines his

passion for photography with the wonderment of the creative act in a way that is universally inspirational. Baroody studied with Ansel Adams – an association that left an imprint that is abundantly evident in Baroody’s work. His mastery of the medium has allowed him to produce images that are as arresting as they are flawless. Baroody’s technical skills – skills that guide him on how to work with light and frame a composition – have permitted something much more ephemeral, even surprising, to occur – the unbidden moment. Baroody and his wife Margaret describe these unbidden moments, when the presence of God is revealed in the photograph, as the presence of *The Unexpected Visitor*.

Early Praise for *The Unexpected Visitor*:

“In this outstanding book, Dr. Baroody combines spectacular photographs with thoughtful meditations and allows us to perceive the beauty of God as Creator, Father, Savior and Friend.”

– Lord George Carey of Clifton

“Often in the moments when we least expect to encounter God, He comes to us in unexpected ways As we look at Dr. Baroody’s photographs and read the stories behind the images, we, too, may meet this Unexpected Visitor.”

– Dr. Mouneer Anis

“N.B. Baroody has had a passion for photography since childhood. But to passion he adds the eye of an artist, the skill of a technician, the insight of a poet and a heart for the Creator, whose words he clearly portrays. This book is a gem.”

– D. Stuart Briscoe

“*The Unexpected Visitor* combines expressive photography with inspirational narratives. This synergism of images and words will speak to your heart.”

– Tom Fox

“Naseeb is both a gentleman and a gentle man. He has a subtle sense of humor and irony, yet the milk of human kindness runs in his veins. All of these qualities are seen in his photographs ...”

– Bruce Barnbaum

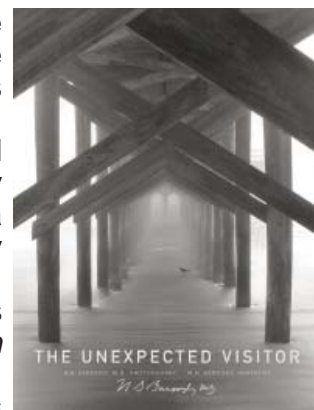
In selecting the images for the book, the Baroodys share the experiences and revelations associated with the image. They thoughtfully selected passages of verse and poetry to accompany the images, a written echo of the simplicity of the photographed moments. *The Unexpected Visitor* builds on their first book titled, *In Search of His Image* (2007). In this new book, the Baroodys offer a personal second-line narrative that invites the reader to reflect with them. The images, the passages and the personal narratives encourage us to linger, to know an unguarded moment and to savor the face of grace.

Sadly, N.B Baroody passed away before the publication of *The Unexpected Visitor*. As a testament to him and his work, his wife Margaret is eager to talk about his photographs and their extraordinary life together. Margaret’s tender insights about life and living are as insightful as they are revelatory. Hers is a voice of inspiration.

About the photographer and author:

Naseeb B. Baroody was a cardiologist on the teaching faculty of the McLeod Family Medicine Residency Program in Florence, South Carolina, and a co-founder of Mercy Medical, a local free medical clinic. He was involved in medical mission work in places as diverse as Ecuador, India and Egypt. As a youth, the technical and artistic aspects of photographic expression fascinated him. Beginning with the classic Baby Brownie and progressing into medium- and large-format cameras, N. B. Baroody honed his craft through workshops with legendary teachers such as Ansel Adams, John Sexton and Bruce Barnbaum.

Margaret H. Baroody has been a homemaker, foster parent, community volunteer, licensed social worker and teacher, teaching at Francis Marion University and King’s Academy, a private high school. Her passion for art is mirrored in her love of the written word. It is with great care that she and N.B. selected the passages for the book and share a more personal narrative.



Director's Update

The next two years are going to be extremely challenging for our library system as well as many others across South Carolina. Legislative cuts to the Local Government Fund in FY 2010/11 have reduced these state funds to counties by 30%, or just over \$2,000,000 annually for Florence County. Library State Aid (our book budget) has been reduced over the past 24 months by 65%. This is a reduction of \$163,000. We will continue to scrutinize our operating budget to ensure that we provide efficient and cost effective use of our limited funds over the next several years. Be advised that further State reductions could necessitate additional County budget reductions. Even with the above cuts, we are in far better shape than many library systems around the country. We will continue to provide the best service to the public that we can with the resources provided and we will rely heavily on our Friends of the Library and our corporate sponsors to provide additional funding where possible.

What can you do to help?

- Donate slightly used books to the library to be added to the collection
- Join the Friends of the Library
- Become an individual or corporate sponsor

"FoFCL, a 501(c) (3) can receive funding that will enable the library to purchase books and materials as well as providing quality programming."

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