You are cordially invited to our Fall 2010 membership meeting, board and officers’ election, and author program on Tuesday November 9, 2010, at 7 p.m. at The Little Chapel on Winthrop’s campus.

To kick us off, award winning Florida author Mary Jean Ryals will read from her new novel Cookie and Me, an historical novel set in the South during the Civil Rights era. A book signing and chance to meet the author will follow immediately after.


Mary Jane comes from a long line of lovers of literature and attributes her interest and talent as a creative writer, to her grandmother, Eunice Stogner Brewton, who graduated from Winthrop College in 1924 with an A.B. in education. Mary Jane adds that had her grandmother not attended Winthrop, she would probably not be here today. “The education and the friendships that she made at Winthrop opened up a world of opportunity for her both career-wise as a young woman in the 1920s and as a person.”

Ryals’ grandmother taught English, first in North Carolina, and was later persuaded by her Winthrop College roommate Sarah McHugh Coleman, to relocate to Florida where she met her future husband. “If she had not moved to Daytona Beach, she would not have met my grandfather and I would not be here today.” But, there’s another Winthrop family connection. Ryals’ brother, Robert Ryals, is a reference librarian at Dacus Library.

Program:
7-7:45 p.m. Book talk: Cookie and Me.
7:45-8:15 p.m. Book signing
8:15-8:45 p.m. Friends Business meeting (election of new board members for 2011/2012, bylaws revision).

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Welcome from Dean Herring

Library Futures:
A Great Investment

I could use this space to talk about all the things that aren't going right, beginning with the economy. The list would be long and the litany a lugubrious one. But I choose rather to talk about what's right. And one of the fundamental things right about the world is the collaborative nature of libraries.

Libraries have had a bumpy road over the last few years, falling into the crosshairs of technology. But really that's the wrong image. Technology and libraries are very good friends rather than strange bedfellows. Access to information is the key to what libraries provide, and the Web has been an excellent helpmeet in that regard. But what has caused some people to question our value has been the abundance of the Web over the quality of libraries.

When a person searches Google and gets—instantly—500,000 hits, that provides instant gratification that we Americans have come to like and expect. It's only upon closer examination that many of us learn our search has been like scooping out a bowl of cereal only to discover that bowl is filled with part cereal and part scorpions, or worse. It doesn't matter if the proportions are 50/50 or 90/10. It only takes a few scorpions to spoil an otherwise good breakfast!

But it doesn't have to be an either-or argument. Either we have the Web or we have libraries. When you think about it it's a both-and argument. The Web is valuable and its usefulness extensible. But it's hardly reached adolescence.

In every hamlet in this country libraries have been the community centers of creativity, drawing together the rich and the poor, so-called entrepreneurs and literary hopefuls, amateur technicians and would-be rocket-scientists—all of them rubbing shoulders, all learning together. And libraries have done this, have been doing this, for mere millennia.

I cannot express here in words just how much you, our Friends, mean to us during this very difficult and challenging time. Yes, the economy is bad; yes, budgets are shrinking; and yes, the fiscal road ahead is filled with ambiguity and uncertainty. But all of these things only underscore for us just how important you are in this process. Please, renew your membership today. If not you, who? If not now, when?

Perhaps it hurts our narcissistic Web-based age to hear it, but libraries have never been about you or me, about only books and magazines exclusively. What has made libraries last until now, and I hope forever, is that they are about us: the very best of us, when we shine in our shared greatness.
Fall Program and Business Meeting (Nov. 9), ctd.

Election: Ballot for Officers and Board Members:

Officers:
Chair (2011): Dr. Jack Weaver
Vice Chair (2011): Dr. Jane J. White

Advisory Board:
Mrs. Marla Black (2011)
Mrs. Sandra White (2011)
Dr. Marsha Bollinger (2011-2012)
Dr. Mickey Taylor (2011-2012)

Bylaws

Proposed bylaws changes for the Friends of Dacus Library were approved by the Advisory Board at its quarterly meeting on September 9. The changes, which simplify the organizational structure, will be voted on at the annual meeting scheduled at the Little Chapel on the campus of Winthrop for November 9.

The most significant change in the bylaws is the creation of the position of Secretary-Treasurer. This new position consolidates most of the functions previously listed under Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Editor, and Treasurer in the old bylaws. The position is designated for the Library Development Officer, who becomes the permanent liaison from the library to the Friends’ group. If approved, the Secretary-Treasurer position will be occupied by Dr. Ronnie W. Faulkner, the newly hired development person at Dacus. Other major changes involve the elimination of the annual $25 membership category and creation of Corporate ($500) and Life ($1000) membership categories, the reduction of the number of officers from six to three, and reduction of the Advisory Board from fourteen to four members. Any non-student contribution up to $49 will still be welcomed as a gift to the Friends’ group, but said gift will not entitle one to membership. A few lines were also added that envision creation of endowment funds under the auspices of the group.

Dr. Faulkner, at the meeting of September 9, explained the rationale for reworking the bylaws: “At the present, the organization lacks a sufficient base for such a large general board (totaling six officers and fourteen at large members). The newly revamped organization will have three officers and four advisory board members. This board of seven members will make the Friends a more streamlined and efficient organization.”

Though the Advisory Board is reduced, the changes in the bylaws do authorize the Executive Committee (Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer) to expand the Advisory Board “as the need arises.” If the organization becomes sufficiently large, then such a move might well be justified. In any event, all board members, as well as the Chair and Vice Chair, are still elected by the general membership at the annual meeting.
Parking Decal — for your windshield:

Book talk

Friends of Dacus Library

November 9, 2010
Parking Map showing Little Chapel and Nearby Parking

Friends Program and Business Meeting:
- Tuesday November 9
- 7 p.m.
- Little Chapel
Dacus Library Welcomes Two New Faculty Members

Dacus Library is delighted to welcome Ronnie Faulkner and Robert Ryals.

Dr. Faulkner joined the library in August as Head of Technical Services and Development where he is overseeing the library’s acquisitions and cataloging and heading up the library’s fundraising initiatives. He brings extensive experience in administration, working with Friends groups, and grant-writing.

A native of Florida, Mr. Ryals joined the library full-time after volunteering in the Archives and at Reference. As the grandson of 1924 Winthrop alumna Eunice Stogner Brewton, “it means so much to come home to Winthrop and walk in Grandmother’s footsteps”, said Mr. Ryals.

Dacus Library is most fortunate to have two wonderful new colleagues on board.

Dacus Library Faculty Publications

Dr. Spiro J. Shetuni, Authority Control Librarian, has a new book at press with McFarland Publishers titled Albanian Traditional Music: An Introduction.

His book introduces Albania’s traditional music to the non-specialist reader. Topics include an historical, ethnic, and demographic synopsis of Albania; history of Albanian ethnomusicology; classification of Albanian traditional music; Gheg musical dialect; origins and general features of polyphonic traditional music; Tosk musical dialect; Lab musical dialect; and Urban musical dialect. The book showcases origins, the fundamental features, the notable musical styles, and the distinct musical genres. The musical dialects’ fundamental features are pointed out by analyzing their means of expression—melody, counterpoint, harmony, and meter/rhythm. This book is a result of many years of research. It is based primarily on the field research, recordings, and data that Dr. Shetuni collected in Albania prior to his emigration to the U.S. as a Fulbright grantee. As a former visiting scholar to the Austrian and Romanian Academies of Sciences and UCLA as a Fulbright scholar, Dr. Shetuni has made many contributions to European ethnomusicology, including his comprehensive Lab Polyphony, published by the Albanian Academy of Sciences.

Accompanied by two music CDs, Albanian Traditional Music: An Introduction provides ethnomusicologists, musicologists, students of Balkan traditional music, and curious readers with a comprehensive friendly description of Albania’s rich cultural and artistic heritage.

This book is the first of its kind to unlock Albania’s musical traditions to English-speaking scholars and learners.

Albania’s musical dialects:

Red = Gheg
Blue = Tosk
Green = Lab
Yellow = Urban
Dr. Ronnie Faulkner, Head of Technical Services and Development Officer, just had published An Unbroken Chain: The History of Coats Baptist Church, 1910-2010. The book was published under the auspices of Coats (NC) Baptist Church and Edwards Brothers, Inc., headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Faulkner, a longtime member of the Church and former member of the History Committee of the State Baptist Convention of North Carolina, was the designated church historian. The book traces the Church’s history from its founding in 1910, under the leadership of Rev. James Archibald Campbell, principal of Buies Creek Academy (today Campbell University), to its centennial year under the leadership of Rev. Jesse W. Mooney, Jr. Unlike most church histories, this study is not simply a chronology, but draws heavily on the theology of a long line of church pastors and active lay members as revealed in the surviving Church records. The book also establishes the intimate link between the Church and the political, social, and educational history of the town in which it is located. The title of the volume comes from a 1933 address by Rev. Campbell, wherein he observed: “Faith is willing to hold the present link and knows that the end of the chain is held by the divine Father, that the links from one end of the chain are unbreakable.”

Antje Mays, Head of Monograph & AV Acquisitions and outgoing Chair of the Friends of Dacus Library, published an article “Workflows in paradise: e-books, acquisitions, and cataloging” in the September 2010 issue of Against the Grain, a widely read journal in the library profession. Her article explores libraries’ technical workflow design and strategic considerations as various e-books business models and mobile devices become a growing part of the information landscape.

She also has two forthcoming articles in the October/November 2010 issue of Library Management Today.

Bi-Lo Boosters for Dacus Library

Support Dacus Library through Bi-Lo Boosters Plus!

When: July 2010 through May 2011.

Bi-Lo Boosters is now an annual tradition! Dacus Library re-enrolls each year:

Your simple routine grocery purchases at Bi-Lo can help raise funds for Dacus Library! Simply take a copy (or cut-out) of this scan card to the grocery store, scan in your Bi-Lo Bonus Card, and ask the cashier to link Dacus Library’s scan card to your Bi-Lo card. Bi-Lo will give a percentage of each purchase to the library at no extra cost to you.

This Bi-Lo Boosters year runs from July 2010 until May 2011. Join this program now, and any Bi-Lo purchases between now and May 2011 will benefit the library!
 pus’s historic building is a fitting location for ushering in both Winthrop’s 125-year anniversary and the 15-year anniversary of the Friends of Dacus Library coming our way in 2011.

As you know from the ballot, the torch is passing to new leadership. I would like to thank all you candidates for your willingness to lead the Friends of Dacus Library into the future. And I would like to thank all you members for your votes and insights at our upcoming business meeting on November 9.

Exciting new vistas are ahead for the Friends, and each of you are an important part as we journey into the future together.

Best regards,

Antje Mays