

Friends of the Milton Public Library Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

As expected, our fundraising efforts have been slow but steady. We thank those of you who have collected "change for a change" for the New Library Building Fund. Our theme, "Where Pigs Fly" has resulted in many people checking out piggy banks to collect the change at home. We had a delightful party for the children who made over 24 flying piggy banks and colored pictures to display in the library. Prizes have been awarded to the winners and the piggy banks are being placed in local business as collection points for donations.

We so appreciate those business and groups who have offered support to our efforts. Thanks go to Pizza Hut, Applebees, Chick-Fil-A, Sonic and the Women's Club for prizes for the children. Also thanks to the volunteers who assisted with the party. Pictures of the piggy banks and the volunteers are on our website. Acknowledgements of our contributors will also be on our website.

This season we expect a fun time at the October 31/November 1 books sale and barbecue. Our book committee, Vice President and other volunteers have been very busy with plans for the two day event which is described below. We have made several serious inquiries into properties for the new Milton Library but prices for the area we want are still very high and unaffected by our economic downturns. We will continue to look and welcome an ideas or offers that others may have for a new location. If we all join together, we CAN make it happen. Please call or email me if you can contribute in any way. My personal phone numbers are 626-0985 or 293-8079 (cell) and my email is ptoifel@bellsouth.net

Peggy Toifel, President, Friends of the Milton Library

Upcoming Book Sale & Barbecue – October 31 – November 1

On October 31-November 1 (Friday and Saturday) at the Milton Library will be our fall book sale. We are currently accepting any gently used books that you can donate before that date. The hours of the sale are 9-5 both days. If you are willing to volunteer to help, please contact Harvey Kingry, Bert Brown or Peggy Toifel (listed in the sidebar). Or you can show up any Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. at the Friends book shed next to the library. This is one of our major fundraisers and includes major bargains on videos, CDs, and books of all types. On Friday we will also be selling pizza and drinks, so plan to come and stay awhile.

On Saturday, in addition to the books sale, we will be selling barbecue plates

New Library Building Fund

The Friends of the Milton Library have set up a building fund in partnership with the Santa Rosa Library Foundation and has collected about \$9000 so far. If you wish to donate (and we encourage you to do so) cash to the fund, adopt a piggy bank or send a check to the Friends of the Milton Library. If you are willing to donate property, stocks, endowments, or a cash contribution, please see the Foundation's web site at www.srclibraryfoundation.org

Memberships Activities

If you wish to join the Friends of the Milton Library from October – December 2008, the dues will cover through December 2009. Renewals for next year's memberships will be due by January. Check our web site for the form to complete for membership. The dues are \$10 for individual, \$15 for family, \$50 for corporate and \$200 for life memberships.

Recycling Opportunities

Near our book shed, the Friends have a blue recycling bin that can accept cans, paper, cardboard and plastics for which we get a little money each month. When you come to the library, you may want to drop off your recyclables at the same time for convenience and to help our income.

Christmas Plans

Our annual meeting during which we will elect members will be held at the Milton Library Meeting Room on Thursday night December 4 at 7:00 pm. We plan to have some light entertainment and dessert and coffee with the idea that we can find a little time to relax after such a year of turmoil and just enjoy our blessings and each other's company. Mark your calendar now before the Christmas rush catches you.

Ways You Can Help

- Join the Friends for \$10 each and volunteer to serve on a committee.
- Buy some books at our upcoming book sale and stay for lunch and entertainment
- Donate gently used materials for the book sale
- Put your loose change in a piggy bank and donate to our "pigs fly" campaign. Pick up a piggy bank at the library.
- Ask your clubs or organizations to make donations
- Come up with other creative ideas to accomplish our goals.

Library News

As is typical of difficult times, the library has experienced a surge of activity – 13% over last year. Even reducing hours has not dampened the need for library services. It does show how much more space is needed, however.

At Milton, several volunteers have been trained and are currently working a few hours each week and as needed. In Genealogy, thanks go to Jerry & Lucille Champion, Barbara Bailey, Gloria Cook, Mary Hawkins and Edna Daugett. Other volunteers include Mitzi DuBois, Bonnie Kiger, Marie Weidel, Margie Smith and Leslie Garrison. Thanks to Mitzi DuBois for taking over the FOML Treasurer's work as Bonnie has resigned to move to South Florida to be closer to her family. *We miss you, Bonnie!*