



FRIENDS

OF THE MATHEWS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, INC.

From the President...

Dear Friends,

Spring is here! Flowers are blooming, leaves are budding, and birds are singing. What a great time to be in Mathews.

Our general membership meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th at 10 a.m. in the John Warren Cooke Room of the library, should be an interesting one. Author Karen Jones, former resident of Mathews County, will speak on a topic that is very pertinent: how authors get published today and how the publishing process affects WHAT IS ON THE SHELVES. A full description of the talk is on page 3 in this newsletter.

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The library addition project continues to move forward. Phase II is just beginning. During this phase, our architects, John Hopke & Associates, will prepare architectural and engineering designs. The designs incorporate a youth center, staff offices, and expanded adult and computer space. This exciting project will be discussed at our meeting, and the schematic plan will be on display.

Changes are happening at the Orrell Building. Come by and see the newly installed shelving which allows for more books to be displayed and for separate children and youth areas. We are indebted to the volunteers who helped to make this growth possible. A special thanks to Jack and Beth Kloke whose generous gift enabled us to have the shelving professionally installed.

We're looking forward to seeing you on April 19th.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 19, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

John Warren Cooke Room

Mathews Memorial Library

From the Library Director...

Maximizing Our Potential

Mathews County became one of the first communities in the Commonwealth to have a public library. Overcoming the devastating effect of a hurricane in 1933 that destroyed the entire library collection, the library re-opened with 3,000 books in 1935 and was dedicated in 1937 as a memorial to the young men of the community who had served their country in World War I.

The library was moved in April 1982 from its original location on Church Street to a former bank building on Main Street. In 2003, nearly seven years after the first public announcement was made by the Friends of the Library that a renovation and expansion project was being planned, a dedication ceremony was held in celebration of the expanded facility.

In the ensuing years since 1933, the library has made momentous strides in both physical expansion and service as a center of learning in the community. With its current collection of over 45,000 items and high speed Internet access, the library seeks to provide for the informational, cultural and recreational needs of the citizens of Mathews County. Today, the library looks forward to yet another major expansion, as the Friends once again have stepped forward to acquire the adjacent building, which will provide dedicated teen space, staff offices and an expanded area for adult computer use.

The role of the library in the community has changed dramatically. At the heart of all public libraries is a belief that democracies benefit from having a place that celebrates the open exchange of ideas. The Mathews County library has chosen to accept this challenge by expanding the traditional role of the library in the community as it strives to provide for the informational, cultural and recreational needs of the citizens of Mathews County. The vision is for the library to be a place where young and old of all races can share in the pleasures of lifetime reading and learning and where the library is a presence in every household in the community. By shattering the old mold of service, the library no longer serves a narrow segment of the community.

Upcoming Events *at a glance*

Pre-School Story Time
Wednesdays, 10:00 am

Career Connect Center
Thursdays, 10:00 am

TechStew - Internet Safety Class
April 12, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Spring Break Fantasy Trip
April 20, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Ages 5 - 14

Microsoft PowerPoint Class
April 25 - 27, 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Brown Bag & Books
May 5 - noon - 1:00 pm

**TechStew
Information & Reference Class**
May 10, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Microsoft Publisher Class
May 23 - 25, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

TechStew - eBay Class
May 10, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Author Forum - Chip Jones
June 22, 10:00 am

Basic Computer Skills Class
June 27 - 29, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**visit the library's website for
complete descriptions and for
registration requirements**
www.mathewslibrary.org

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Maximizing Our Potential *cont'd*

The library is a neutral space between work or school and home that provides services for people of all ages and needs. Adults and teens alike use the library as a social center. Adults meet for book discussions and music programs. Young children learn about their community and about new places, and teens come to study and use technology. In response to current economic conditions, the library currently offers access to job related information and services through its Career Connect Center.

No programs are more important than those that focus on children and teens. A recently acquired "early literacy center" provides for an expanded program to assist young children to develop a variety of skills to become successful readers. With the support of the Friends, the library annually offers popular youth programs, including a Fantasy Trip in April, Highland Games in June and a month-long, theme-oriented program in July.

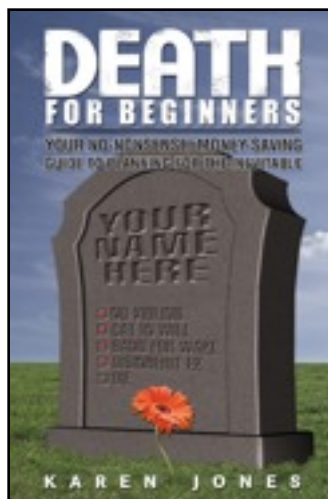
A community in which everyone has access to library resources is better in countless ways. Its members have more opportunities to join together in efforts to make the place they live better. If you look closely, you'll discover that the library, as it continues to play an increasing role in the life of the community, is no longer just a place to get books or quietly study. From bridging the digital divide to finding a job, it is the essential "go to" facility for young and old.

Bette Dillehay
Director

Karen Jones to speak at Membership Meeting

Have you ever started reading a book only to put it down and wonder how in the world it ever got published? Author Karen Jones has some answers for you. A survivor of the publishing industry and author of three traditionally published books, Jones will discuss current trends in publishing, explain why author platforms "rule the roost" and tell you why certain books make it onto your

library shelves and better books languish in editor slush piles. She will also discuss her current nonfiction work "Death for Beginners Your No-Nonsense, Money-Saving Guide to Planning for the Inevitable".



Jones is a fifteen-year veteran of radio and television. Her published works include the historical romance novel "Kingdom of Hearts", the self-help book "Up the Bestseller Lists! A Hands-On Guide to Successful Book Promotion" and the nonfiction "Death for Beginners". She lives and surfs in Virginia Beach, Virginia and conducts intensive writing camps for adults on Ocracoke Island, North Carolina.

BRICK WALKWAY & PATIO

Spring is here and the time is ripe for honoring or memorializing a loved one, a friend or a special pet with the donation of an engraved brick to be added to the library Walkway & Patio. This past quarter we installed bricks memorializing Mary Pulley, a founding member of the Friends of the Library, and Patty Zierow, the long time manager of the Mathews Art Gallery. A brick was also installed commemorating the birthday of Betty Landerkin, a mother and grandmother. Additionally one donor made an excellent addition to the words of wisdom engraved in the Walkway by adding two bricks - **IGNORANCE IS CURABLE** and **THE ANSWERS ARE ALL THERE, YOU MUST ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS.**

Brick donations, are \$100 for a 4" x 8" engraved brick and \$150 for an 8" x 8" engraved brick. The brick donations, which are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law, are used to support the library. A folder containing the names and the inscriptions of the donors is available for inspection in the Orrell Building Book Store. There are many spaces available for new bricks, so please join the spring rush and get your order placed soon.

Contact me should you have any questions.

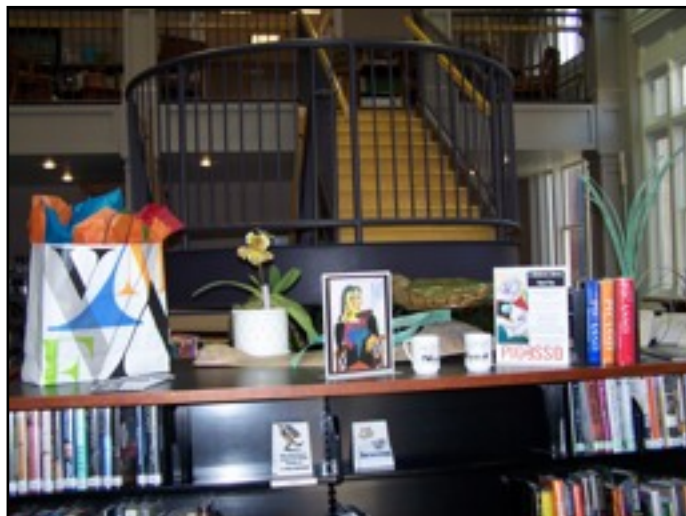
Roger Gamble

DONA HONORARIA

We have received honoring gifts
since the last newsletter

To the general fund:
In Memory of Norma von Brock
In Memory of Mary Pulley

To the H. Bland Hudgins Library Addition project:
In Memory of Elizabeth Ann Richardson.



The Friends paid for the art teacher from the high school and eight of her students to attend the Picasso exhibit in Richmond.

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Thank you so much to the 75 members who have agreed to receive the newsletter electronically. We are very pleased with this response. If you would be willing to receive your newsletter electronically, please send a message to that effect to our email address at friendsofmathewslibrary@gmail.com.

If you are receiving a mailed copy of the newsletter, please check the renewal date for your dues, which is noted in the upper right hand corner of the mailing label. **If your date is 2010, it is time to renew.** If you are receiving the newsletter electronically and if it is time for you to renew your dues, you will get an email reminder.

Mary Margaret Hutchins
Newsletter Editor

PS: To save on printing costs, the mailed edition of the newsletter has no photos. To see the electronic newsletter with color photos, you can visit our website.

From the Treasurer ...

Alas, the Board of Directors included no funds for my participation in the Regional Friends of the Library Mud Wrestling Competition. Thus, I cannot provide the entertainment that I promised in the last newsletter.

Now, I suppose that it would come as no surprise that a would-be mud wrestler would show himself as a Philistine in matters of culture. I won't disappoint. When I visited the Picasso exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts recently, I could only think that it was a shame that such a talented man chose to produce such weird and unappetizing stuff.



Bette boards the bus for trip to see the Picasso exhibit.

Nevertheless, I had no trouble writing the check for the Friends' gift to the library in order to pay for a Mathews High School art teacher and eight of her students to join the library's field trip to pay homage to Pablo. One of the main joys of this job is watching how our support helps in the library's creation of opportunities for members of our community, both young and old, to find spiritual and intellectual sustenance in the art, culture and knowledge that is the heritage of our civilization. In this instance, the cards of appreciation which we received from the teacher and the students spoke volumes in a few enthusiastic words about the excitement which they experienced in taking this trip to the art

museum. To open the eyes of a young person to the possibilities of what the world has to offer is a wonderful thing. I am delighted that we have the opportunity to help Bette Dillehay and her staff, who do this on a daily basis.

I am also delighted to report that none of the "Thank You" cards that the students bought at the museum bore images of flounder-faced people with sausage fingers. They all showed the richly colored worlds, suffuse or intense, of Monet and van Gogh. These students have taste.

Finally, on another subject entirely, let me publicly thank **Bob Warren** for performing an audit of the Friends' books for the second year running. It was an especially onerous task this year, given the long process involved in moving from association to corporation. Neither soft nor intense, Bob was a stalwart in ensuring that the nitty-gritty was properly parsed. No loose ends were allowed.

Jim Hutchins
Treasurer



A bus load of library patrons travels to Richmond for the Picasso exhibit.

USED BOOK SALES ORRELL BUILDING

SPRING AND SUMMER 2011

Open Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21

Beginning **May 27**, open Friday & Saturday,
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
until Market Days in September

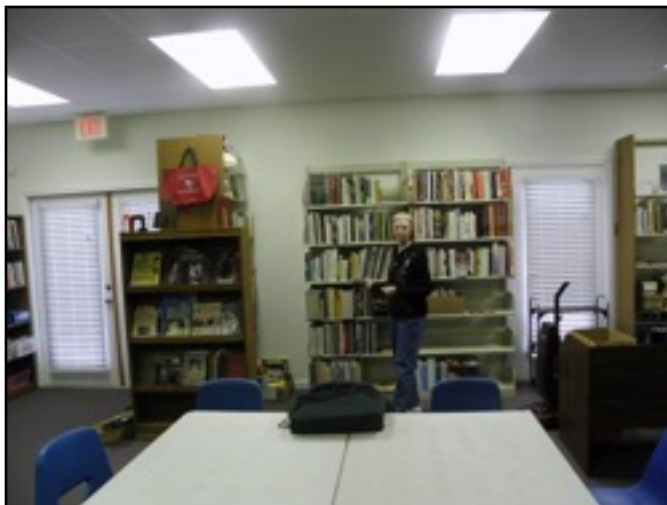
New book shelves have been installed. We receive so many books from the community that we needed more space for display. The Friends purchased nine new bookcase units. Installation was generously donated by **Jack and Beth Kloke** of Mathews. They arranged for their business, **Kloke Group**, to install the shelves the day after they arrived from the factory. We greatly appreciate the gift of their time and skills to our Friends group.

Thank you to everyone in the community and surrounding area for donating all the wonderful books for our sales.

Thank you to the following volunteers who make the book store successful: **Michael and Ed Cannon, George Goode, Nan Hathaway, Jay and Joan Metzger, Karen Palmer, Marcie Ray, Stephen Raptis, Barbara Sampson, and the library staff.**

Thank you, **Millie Montgomery**, for sending out emails to all our friends and patrons with advance notice of used book sales. This information helps everyone to plan ahead for shopping in the Orrell Building. Also, we have sold more books and made more people happy.

Jane and David Abbott



Jane Abbott is busy moving books to the new shelving that was recently installed in the Orrell Building Used Book Store.



Jack & Beth Kloke's donation of professional installation of the new shelving allows for more books to be displayed.



Michael Cannon rearranges books on the new shelves to allow for a separate area for children and young adult books.