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gathering place where education occurs in many ways, with art programs, musical presentations, readings and cultural interaction.”

Right now, the thing they most need is an infusion of community energy. Each quarter, they hold a book sale, where they sell books worthy of any library — not just to raise money — but because the purchase of current books pushes older books out of the limited space in the branch location.

“We’re constantly cleaning out our shelves to make more room,” Browner said. “It breaks my heart, but it’s necessary to meet the needs.” Part of that need is being with the school library, which forever needs more space for students.

At each sale, especially on Carrboro Day held at the Town Commons, they hear people exclaiming that they didn’t know Carrboro had a library.

“It’s a transient community,” Triantafyllou said. “Just when we think everyone knows, and we’re feeling good about it, a new group moves in. It makes a difference when we have a lot of Friends.”

“There are 1.75 full-time employees at the library,” Tyson said. “Friends have stepped in and done so much, providing the appearance that it’s doing great.” She said that whenever a poll is taken asking what Carrboro needs, a library always tops the list.

The Friends have taken a new tack. Rather than requesting a freestanding library for Carr-

boro, they are asking for a Southwest Regional Orange County Branch, which, after years of begging, has been provided (on paper) about \$3 million. They of course hope to find a site for it in Carrboro.

They’ve heard the arguments about the proximity of Carrboro to the Chapel Hill Public Library and campus libraries, where parking is an issue at each. “But there are no children or senior programs at campus libraries,” Tyson reminds.

Grateful, discouraged, yet steadfast, they more than anything need to hear from the people of Carrboro — and southwest Orange County. Not only do they need volunteers with strong backs to help them lift books during sale preparations, they need more voices backing them up.

If you care at all, call the Carrboro Branch Library and leave a message with your contact information. If you can help with sales, call 929-7954 and offer your strength.

Imagine it — a building near the heart of Carrboro where children and adults can walk, ride the bus or a bicycle (or drive), and enter a place that can take their minds on a journey and provide all comers access to computers, printers and copiers. Certainly, if you know of an available site, let these diligent women know about it. They want the infrastructure of future Carrboro to include its own library.

“There’s hope,” Levy said, “but people need to come forward and be a part of it.”

Contact Valarie Schwartz at 923-3746 or valariekays@mac.com.

Community Calendar

Got an event you'd like to see in our calendars?

email us at: calendar@carrborocitizen.com or drop us a line: P.O. Box 248, Carrboro NC 27510. Please send calendar items no later than one week prior to publication.

Special Events

Join members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War and Iraq Veterans Against the War and VVAW National Coordinator Barry Romo as he talks about the upcoming historic event— **Winter Soldier: Iraq & Afghanistan**. Fri, Jan 25, 6pm. Carrboro Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St. Free. Visit www.vvaw.org/events for more info.

Conservation of Freshwater Habitats of the Southeast — Robert Sutter, regional scientist for The Nature Conservancy's Southern U.S. Conservation Region, will lead a presentation and discussion about threats to aquatic habitats in the Southeast. Sat, Jan 26, 2-4pm. \$10. North Carolina Botanical Garden. Call 962-0522 to pre-register.

Focus the Nation: Climate Change Awareness Days will be hosted by UNC in the Great Hall of the Frank Porter Graham Student Union. Activities will include dinner; a political panel on global warming and showing of “The 2% Solution” on Wed, Jan 30, beginning at 6pm; and a carnival with environmental speakers, info booths and entertainment on Thu, Jan 31, 8am-5pm. Call 252-916-2794 or visit focus.thenation.org for more info.

First Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball to Benefit Chatham and New Orleans, complete with Big Easy-style fun. Guests are invited to collaborate and participate in an auction for a group service trip to New Orleans to benefit the Musicians' Village, sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. Sat, Feb 2, 7pm. Chatham Mills, 280 Hillsboro St, Pittsboro. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door; \$2 discount for ChathamArts members. Proceeds go to the Abundance Foundation, ChathamArts and Katrina relief efforts. Call 542-0394 or visit www.chathamarts.org for more info.

Ethical Sex, a presentation led by Kate Lovelady, leader of the Ethical Society of St. Louis, will be held on Sun, Feb 3 at 11am. The discussion will cover topics such as who should have sex, when, how, with whom and under what circumstances. The ArtsCenter, 300 E Main St. Free & open to the public. Hosted by the North Carolina Society for Ethical Culture.

“A Chocolate Affaire” 2008, a live auction benefiting Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, will be held Sun, Feb 10 from 2-5pm. Tickets are \$40 and include wine, coffee, cheeses, fruit and chocolate desserts. The Carolina Club, George Watts Hill Alumni Center, UNC Campus. Call 401-9333 for tickets.

Fieldwork on Mexican Migration in Tijuana and North Carolina, a presentation by UNC-Chapel Hill post-doctoral scholar Sergio Chavez, will be given Sun, Feb 10 at 5pm. The presentation will include photographs and find-

ings from Chavez’s research in Mexico and North Carolina and an overview of day laborers in North Carolina. At the Chapel Hill Institute for Cultural and Language Education. 101 E Weaver St, 3rd Floor. Visit www.chi-cle.com for more info.

Celebration of Earth and Sky, with keynote speaker Aaron Nelson. Sun, Feb 10, 2-6pm. Sponsored by Chapel Hill High School S.U.R.G.E. and The Foundation for a Sustainable Community. \$2 donation. Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St.

The Vagina Monologues, presented by V-Day Chapel Hill/Carrboro 2008. Fri, Feb 8, 8pm. \$12 general public, \$10 ArtsCenter friends, \$7 students. The ArtsCenter, 300-G E Main St. Call 929-2787 or visit www.artscenterlive.org for tickets. Proceeds benefit the Orange County Rape Crisis Center and the Family Violence Prevention Center of Orange County.

Kids

Toddler Time — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. For more info, call 969-3006.

Preschool Story Time — At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Saturday at 10:30am. All preschoolers are invited to this free program. For more info, call 969-3006.

ComedySportz 4 Kidz — Games & improv for the 12 & under crowd. Saturdays, 5pm. \$10, students \$8, kids under 5 \$5. DSI Comedy Theater, 200 N Greensboro St, Ste B-11, Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro, 338-8150, www.dsicomedytheater.com.

Express Yourself! — Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Weekly art projects for children & adults to explore their own creative paths; registration requested. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 & 11:30am-noon. \$2. Kidzu Children’s Museum, 105 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. 933-1455, www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org.

Volunteers

Meals on Wheels — Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. For more info, call 942-2948.

Goathouse Cat Refuge — Seeks volunteers to help with rescued cats & kittens. For more info, call Bonny at 545-2825 or email her at brooze@embarqmail.com.

Orange County Literacy Council is looking for Adult Basic Education/GED tutors. To become a tutor, volunteers must attend one orientation and one training session. Orientations: Fri, Jan 25, 10am to noon; Mon, Jan 28, 6-8pm; or Wed, Jan 30, 1-3pm. Training sessions: Fri, Feb 8, 9:30am-1pm; Mon, Feb 11, 5:30-9pm. Call 933-2151 or 732-0868 for more details.

English as a Second Language

Conversation Club seeks volunteers to talk with groups of international students on Fridays (beginning Jan 25). 11:30am to 1:30pm. University Methodist Church on Franklin Street. Call 967-1448 or email harwellja@bellsouth.net.

Health & Wellness

Community Grief Support Group, offered by UNC Hospitals’ Bereavement Support Services. Group will focus on sharing and moving toward healing in a safe, supportive setting. Mondays, Jan 28-Mar 10, 6:30-8pm. United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Free and open to anyone, regardless of faith background. To enroll, contact Heidi Gessner at 966-0716 or hgessner@unch.unc.edu.

Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer — A bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, Chapel Hill. 401-9333, www.cornucopiahouse.org.

NAMI Family-To-Family Education Program will host a series of 12 weekly classes for people who have family members with a serious mental illness. Classes offered in Chapel Hill & Hillsborough. In Chapel Hill, contact Gove Elder, 967-5403. Classes begin Mar 4. In Hillsborough, contact Bill or Sandy Moyer, 382-7408. Classes begin Feb 2. Registration required. Email confidential inquiries to gbelder@bellsouth.net.

The Compassionate Friends: Self-help support after the death of a child. Free and open to any adult grieving the loss of a child or sibling. 3rd Mondays, 7-8:30pm. Evergreen United Methodist Church. 11098 Highway 15-501.

Feelings: What’s Appropriate and When to Say It, hosted by Charlie Bernacchio, professor of counseling and psychology. Thu, Jan 31, 5:30-7pm. Carrboro Town Hall, 301 W Main St. Call 942-5602 or email peerconnections@yahoo.com. This meeting is part of the Peer Connections Be Well! Be Fit! program.

Museums

Planetarium & Digital Theater Shows — Science LIVE Demos. Ongoing. Morehead Planetarium, 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Info hotline 549-6863, office 962-1236, tickets 843-7997. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, 6:30-9:15pm. Tickets \$5.25; \$4.25 seniors, students & children. For more info, visit www.moreheadplanetarium.org.

A Nursery of Patriotism: The University at War, 1861-1945. Exhibit on war’s historic impact on UNC-Chapel Hill. In the Manuscripts Dept (4th floor), Wilson Library, UNC Campus, through Feb. www.lib.unc.edu/spotlight/universityatwar.html.

Dance

Havana Nights — Cuban Salsa. 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10pm. Mansion 462, 462 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 967-7913, www.mansion462.net.

Salsa/Mambo — 3rd Saturdays, lesson 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. \$7, 358-4201, salsa_4u2@yahoo.com. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Rd, Durham (Hillsborough).

Ballroom — Dancing. 4th & 5th Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, \$2. 933-8982. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, 968-2070.

Literary Discussion/ Open Mic

Open Mic — For poetry, music & short fiction. Tuesdays at 7pm, Market Street Books & Maps, Southern Village, 610 Market St, Chapel Hill, 933-5111, www.marketstreetbooks.com.

Pulitzer Prize winner Edwin Yoder will read from his new book *Lions at Lamb House*. Thu, Jan 24, 3:30pm. Bull’s Head Bookshop. Student Stores, UNC Campus.

Warren Rochelle will read from his novel *Harvest of Changelings*. Thu, Feb 7, 3:30pm. Donovan Lounge, Greenlaw Hall, UNC Campus.

Films

Film Screening: “Durham: A Self-Portrait”, a film about the city’s dynamics following the Duke Lacrosse incident. Screening will be followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Steve Channing. Mon, Jan 28, 6:30pm. Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History. 150 South Road. UNC Campus. Free and open to the public.

Century Center Cinema presents “The Gold Rush”, Charlie Chaplin’s 1925 silent classic about life on the Alaskan frontier. With live piano accompaniment by Erich Lieth. Sat, Jan 26, 7pm. Century Hall, Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St. \$4, free popcorn and soft drinks. www.centurycentercinema.com.

Other

VITA, a free tax assistance program for low- to middle-income clients, begins Feb 1. For enrollment requirements and more info visit www.co.orange.nc.us/aging/VITA.asp.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



APS OF ORANGE COUNTY — Meet Sierra! This young chow mix has a smile that lights up the whole room! She loves attention and will crawl right in your lap if you let her! And she’s smart too! She learned to sit in just a few minutes and has lots of potential to learn all the tricks you want to teach her! Don’t miss out on this sweet girl. Visit her today at Orange County’s Animal Shelter, 1081 MLK Jr. Blvd, Chapel Hill, or call 967-7383. You can also see her online at www.co.orange.nc.us/animal-services/adoption.asp.



ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES — Hello there, my name’s Wave. Six months ago, I came to the APS as a 3 month old female kitten and I am still waiting for my real forever home. I get along with all the kitties at the adoption center. I love to get my lovin’ and purr so loudly for my appreciation. I am playful, yet mellow and sweet also. Please come visit me and my friends at the APS adoption center at 6311 Nicks Road Mebane.304-2300 ext. 221.