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SAVE THE DATE

For the Friends of the WCPL

20th Annual

ART AUCTION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 • 5:30 PM

It all began in Washington County in 1993, when a group of dedicated library supporters (some of them founders of the WCPL and others who saw its value and wanted to help) donned the name Friends of the WCPL and implemented a unique fundraiser. In our rural area, government funds were not enough to support the many information needs of the community, so the Friends of the WCPL came up with a wonderful ideal to collect artwork and other unique items to auction off at a community event. And so it began, twenty years ago the first "WCPL Art Auction and Dinner" was held at a local

was held at a local Chatom restaurant and generated over \$5,000. To date this event has



raised over \$500,000 for the Washington County Public Library. This annual function has become a fun and much anticipated event in our community. For the last 3 years, the Art Auction has generated an annual amount of more than \$40,000, which makes a tremendous impact on our ability to provide vital services in this community throughout the year. Proceeds from the Art Auction have helped improve our technology resources, children and adult education programs, books and audio materials, and they have provided matching funds for many grants and other vital services that would otherwise be unattainable. We greatly appreciate the Friends of the WCPL and their twenty years of hard work and their willingness to take the initiative in our community to create such a special and enjoyable event to benefit our library and our community as a whole!





Please join us Friday, February 22 at 5:30pm for a wonderful night of food, fun, and art! Tickets are available from any of the Friends of the WCPL members or at the Washington County Public Library.

If you or someone you know would like to donate an auction item, please contact the library before February 1st at 251.847.2097 or jross@wcpls.org.

· New Arrivals

The Age of Miracles Karen Thompson Walker

Luck of the Draw
Piers Anthony

Dear Life Alice Munro

This Is How You Loose Her

Junot Diaz

Pete the Cat:

Rocking in my School Shoes His Four Groovy Buttons

> At the Beach Big Lunch

James Dean

Agenda 21 Harriet Parke

The Wedding Letters

Jason F. Wright

5 Love Languages
Gary D. Chapman

Best Advice I Ever Got on Marriage Jim Daly The Striker
Clive Cussler

Red Velvet Cupcake Murder Joanne Fluke

> Bloodfire Quest Terry Brooks

Shadow Woman Linda Howard





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7	8 10:00 am Preschool Story Time	9	10	11	12 Jack London's Birthday
13	14	10:00 am Preschool Story Time	Coffee w/Sylvia 10 am LUNCH-N-LEARN 11:30	17	18	19 Edgar Allan Poe's Birthday
Inauguration Day	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Robert E. Lee Day Library Closed	22 10:00 am Preschool Story Time Library Board Meeting 5:00pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 10:00 am Preschool Story Time	30 F.D. Roosevelt's Birthday			

potter's tails

Happy New Year to all God's creatures from "Potter" the library kitty!

The holidays are behind us and we are all looking forward to a wonderful new year!

res·o·lu·tion [rez-uh-loo-shuh n] noun

- 1) a resolve or determination: to make a firm resolution to do something.
- 2) the act of resolving or determining upon an action or course of action, method, procedure, etc.
- 3) the mental state or quality of being resolved or resolute; firmness of purpose.

I took the time to interview and ask the library staff their resolutions for 2013. Jessica says her New Year's resolution is to make time to write more library grants. My suggestion would be a grant for a kitty (kiddie) playground at the library. More domestic classes, like cheese making for Lunch-n-Learn is Paige's resolution. What a wonderful idea—that means a lot of milk around for me. Meow! Miriam's resolution is to encourage more people to toss their old blue library cards

By Brenda Howard, Ghostwriter

and get a new one so they can try downloadable books. The old blue cards will become extinct shortly anyway, she says. Yeah, the new ones are so much prettier! Brenda says her resolution is to enjoy more books like "Pete the Cat" by James Dean. She thinks Pete is cool! Well, hopefully Pete won't be number 1 in her affections. (Purr) Robin is always thinking about money for the library, so her resolution is to continue looking for a large windfall to help for all the many services that the library provides. Great, some more money for my "kitty" playground! Meow!!! Jamie says her resolution is to increase the number of email addresses to which we send the WCPL newsletter. That means more people reading my "Potter's Tails!" And lastly, my resolution would be for everyone to continue to spoil and love me and visit me at the WCPL. (Purr, Purr!!!)

Well this is Potter signing out. Peace, Love and Happy Cats in the New Year.

Later, Potter 🍪



January's Lunch-N-Learn on **Wednesday the 16th** will be a presentation by Ellen Huckabay from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System on the importance of soils and the maintenance of the soil in your home landscaping.

Are you always burning your candy or is your brittle just not turning out just right? On **February 20th** Rita Jones will host our class on Brittle and Candy making so please join us.

Have you ever wanted to know how to get grease out of your clothes? Or what is the best way to clean your glass shower doors? March's Lunch-N-Learn will be devoted to making us "Domestic Goddesses"! So grab a lunch and come ready to learn the best tips and tricks everyone should know.

January 16th - Soil Prep for Spring
February 20th - Brittle and Candy Making
March 20th - Household Tips and Tricks





The WCPL started off the New Year with a bang. On January 2nd, we were joined by author Jason F. Wright on Skype to discuss his wonderful book *The Wednesday Letters*. We had a great turn out and enjoyed his Skype visit.

The book for February 6th is *The Five People*You Meet in Heaven
by Mitch Albom.

We love seeing new

book club friends and our regulars, so come see Paige at the library to get your next book and join us on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Don't forget to bring your lunch and the library will provide drinks and desserts.

Join us February 6th - book signing with local author Bridgett Henson for her book Whatever He Wants.

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3	4	5 10:00 am Preschool Story Time Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution	6 BOOK CLUB 12:00 Noon Book Signing w/ Bridgett Henson @1	7	8 Jules Verne's Birthday	Town of Chatam Mardi Gras Parade 1000 am
10	11	12 10am Preschool Time 5pm Lib. Board Meeting Abraham Lincoln's Bday	13 Ash Wednesday	Valentines Day	15	16
17	18 Library Closed HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!*	19 10:00 am Preschool Story Time	20 Coffee w/ Sylvia 10 am LUNCH-N-LEARN 11:30	21	Friends of the Library ART AUCTION 5:30 pm	23
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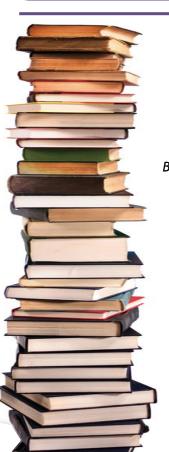
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- iMac/Skype/Distance Education
- Small & large meeting rooms
- BASF Science Center
- Online Job Search
- Online research databases and free test prep
- AERN Entrepreneurial Research Center for Business Resources
- Audio Books on CD & Tape
- Movies on DVD & VHS
- Display cases & exhibit spaces
- Educational workshops
- Bookmobile
- BOOKS! 🙂



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the world of information, ideas and
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work, education, personal growth and
enjoyment.