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WCPL Art Auction, Twenty Years Strong!!

The 20th Annual Friends of the WCPL Art Auction & Dinner was held Friday night, February 22, 2013 at the Chatom Community Center. Rainy weather did not deter the more than 200 people who came out to support the Library by participating in the silent and live auction led by Auctioneers, Ed Turner, Tatum Turner, and Tommy Fuller. Decorations of flowers from Chatom Floral and Andrew's Hardware, orchids from Hawaii, and herbs from Mighty Grow Organics in Fruitdale brought this year's theme, "Dig Into Reading" to life. First Community Bank excited attendees by donating "Bank Bucks," door prizes given to 20 lucky winners to spend during the auction. Top auction items included a handmade table with benches and steel Alabama/Auburn fryers made by students at Washington County Career Technical Center. Many beautiful and collectible items were also included from local and nationally known artists, authors and craftsmen in the silent auction, drawings and door prizes.

With the support of many people and local businesses, the 2013 Friends of the WCPL Annual Art Auction raised \$41,000 that will be used to improve library services for Washington County and the surrounding areas. Proceeds from this year's art auction will be used for Matching funds for Grants, Technology Equipment, Software and Services, Adult Literacy Efforts, Programs for Children and Adults, Special Events and Author Visits, Educational Resources and Materials, & much more!

"On behalf of the Friends of the WCPL and the Washington County Public Library Board of Directors and Staff, we thank everyone who attended, sponsored, and donated auction items! Washington County Public Library is more than just a place to find information. It is a Community Learning Center for our area and we are so

grateful for the continued support for this amazing event!," said Library Director, Jessica Ross. "The Friends of the WCPL work so hard to make this yearly auction and dinner a lovely, fun evening for everyone who attends and we appreciate their tireless efforts for over 2 decades!"

..."Dig Into Reading!"

··· Top 10 Books of

Dear Life: Stories
Alice Munro

This is How You Lose Her

Junot Diaz

The Age of Miracles
Karen Thompson Walker

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Coast Cheryl Strayed Behind the Beautiful Flowers

Katherine Boo

Quite: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking

Susan Cain

Bruce Peter A. Cain Gone Girl Gillian Flynn

How Children Succeed
Paul Tough

Where'd You Go, Bernadette
Maria Semple

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	Memories of Old St. Stephens Living History Program
3	4	5 10:00 am Preschool Story Time	BOOK CLUB 12:00 Noon	7	8	9 St. Stephens Park 4-Wheeler Ride Registration @ 8am
10 Daylight Savings SPRING FORWARD	11 Ezra Jack Keats' Birthday	12 10:00 am Preschool Story Time Virginia Hamilton's Birthday	13	14	15 Property of the Person National Property of the Person Nati	16 MILLITY CATFISH FESTIVAL 10:00AM @ MILLITY LAKE
St. Patricks Day	18	19 10:00 am Preschool Story Time Library Board Meeting 5:00pm	Spring Begins LUNCH-N-LEARN 11:30	21	22	23
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Hi everyone, it's Potter the library kitty!

There is a lot of frenetic energy pulsating from the library--a new work year, The Friends of the

WCPL preparing for the annual art auction, acquiring a new Children's Coordinator, the Book Club, Lunch-n-Learn, and the numerous other tasks that are required in order to make WCPL the best library in the state of Alabama. (Meow!) Of course, the staff has been really busy. The library has received large amounts of donated books and audios from many of our faithful patrons. All donations are gladly accepted. I try to be helpful as often as I can, but sometimes I just want to curl up and take a nap. (Purr, Purr)

The staff loves to read when they can, and they just have to share their likes with me. Paige loves *The Wednesday Letters*, by Jason Wright. She says she would recommend the book to everyone. She really enjoyed being able to Skype with the author recently in book club. She is patiently waiting for his sequel, *The Wedding Letters*. Brenda has raved about *The Blood Gospel*, by James Rollins. She said she read it in two days, and that she could not put it down. I'm jealous that it's not a book about cats. Robin is reading a book by James Lee Burke—*Creole Belle*. She really likes all of his books featuring Dave Robicheaux. She says she doesn't have a lot of time to read books but I think she is secretly enjoying our new technology even when she is busy troubleshooting. One of Jessica's favorite books is *Christina Katerina & the Box*, by Patricia Lee Gauch. Her newest favorite book is *Bossypants* by Tina Fey—she said that it is hilarious. Jamie's favorite book of all time is *The Devil's Arithmetic*. It's one book she remembers reading in the fifth grade that taught her the most about her family heritage. Miriam's favorite book is The Bible, with its wonderful stories and lessons, And my favorite book is *Tom Kitten*, by Beatrix Potter. If I were a character in this book, I know that he would be my favorite friend (Meow!!!!!!)

I would like to personally welcome to the WCPL staff, Heather Dantzler, our new Children's Coordinator! Welcome Heather! Her favorite book is A Wrinkle in Time, by Madeleine L'Engle. ...P.S. Heather already loves me. Purrrrrr!!

Well, 'til next time, this is Potter, signing out!

LUNCH-N-LEARIN

Wednesday, March 20th Lunch-N-Learn is

Spring Flower Bed Planting. Prepare
your beds and containers for perfect
plants and produce this spring!

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?

Wednesday, April 17th retired educator
Mrs. Ernestine Vann will be teaching Lunch-NLearners to be "Domestic Gods/Goddesses!" So grab a lunch and come ready to learn the best tips and tricks that every resourceful person needs to know.



Meet Heather Dantzler!

My name is Heather Gilley Dantzler and I am so excited to be the new Children's Coordinator at WCPL! An alumnus of WCHS, I have lived in Washington County for most of my life. I graduated from the University of Mobile in 1998 with a BS in Sociology and then decided to return to school in 2008 to get my Master's degree in Early Childhood Education.

For the last seven years I have been the lead Pre-K teacher at Spot for Tots in Chatom. My husband, Brian and I have two wonderful children, Hayden and Halle who are both students at WCHS. I am truly looking forward to working with the children and youth in our community!

BIG SPRING BOOK SALE

March 11th-15th 9am - 5pm at WCPL

BOOK CLUB.

We had an amazing turn out on February 6th with local author Bridgett Henson and her new book *Whatever He Wants.* Book Club will meet on Wednesday, March 6th at noon with the author to discuss her book

April 3rd we will meet to discus *Eat, Pray, Love, by Elizabeth Gilbert.* This book was first made popular when it joined Oprah's Book Club and again with release of the 2010 drama film starring Julia Roberts.

Brown bag your lunch and WCPL will provide drinks & dessert.



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