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Debora and Jack Hutchins Receive 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award The couple personify the driving spirit of the Friends of the York County Library

Debora and Jack Hutchins, the recipients of the 2019 Joann Woods McMaster Volunteer of the Year Award, personify the driving spirit of the Friends of York County Library.

The Clover couple was honored during the Friends Annual Meeting January 26 at St. John United Methodist Church in Rock Hill. In attendance was the award's namesake, Joann McMaster, co-founder and first president of the Friends. The award was established in 2005 as a way to recognize extraordinary dedication to the Friends on behalf of the York County Library.

Debora, a two-time member of the Friends' Board, maintains our book-sale shelves at the Clover YCL branch and the Friends' bookshelf at Amelie's, our first and most productive outside sales endeavor. She served as board secretary in 2017-18 and volunteers regularly at Friends Books on Main.

Jack operates the Friends' ebay sales effort, which has become one of our most lucrative endeavors, netting almost \$10,000 last year. He spends countless hours, scanning books for sale, listing them on ebay as well as cleaning, packing and mailing the books. Most recently, he agreed to serve on our newly formed IT committee.

Names of winners are engraved on a plaque that hangs in the lobby of the Main Library. Recipients also receive a gift certificate in appreciation of their service.

Past Winners of the McMaster Award

- 2018 DeeAnna Brooks
- 2017 Mac Lyle (posthumous)
- 2016 David Needham
- 2015 Faye Wyatt
- 2014 Martha Ferguson
- 2013 Nancy Coleman
- 2012 Connie Newland
- 2011 Janie Matson
- 2010 Jane Kasemersky
- 2009 Deborah Wiegand
- 2008 Joan King
- 2007 Michael Simmons
- 2006 Marianne O'Neill
- 2005 Jinny & Jinilyn Anderson

Friends Donations to York County Library to Set Record in 2020 Volunteers Contribute almost \$150,000 worth of service in 2019

The Friends of the York County Library Board of Directors has budgeted \$127,700 for the York County Library (YCL) in 2020, which is believed to be a record for our 45-year-old organization.

The sum includes \$50,000 for a custom-made *Sprinter van*, which will be used to take books and other materials to nursing homes, retirement centers and other venues where the bookmobile would not be appropriate. The van will have a wheelchair lift, a ramp for rolling book carts into nursing homes or setting up for outdoor events, according to YCL Director Jason Hyatt.

The overall cost of the van is approximately \$165,000 with the remaining funds coming from two grants from the South Carolina State Library and from unspent money budgeted for the YCL Bookmobile.

The next largest donation to YCL from the Friends was \$45,000 for the *Summer Reading Program*. This was followed by a donation to the *Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival* (\$9,000), which this year will be held at various venues in York County from March 9-14. (For details of this annual event, visit www.yclibrary.org/patchwork-tales.)

Other Friends' funds committed to the York County Library in 2020 include:

 Programming	\$12,000
 Bucks for Books	\$ 5,100
 Back-to-School events	\$ 1,200
 Maker Space equipment	\$ 1,500
 Sensory materials	\$ 1,500
 Winter Reading Festival	\$ 1,000

“Despite rumors to the contrary, books are not dead or dying,” Jason Hyatt said during the Friends Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26. “More people are checking-out print materials from the library than ever before. Thanks to

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FRIEND
today!

Please join us in making
YOUR library the best!
Fill in the form on page 4 and
become a FRIEND of the Library!

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the generous support of the Friends of the York County Library, YCL is able to offer a number of special programs and opportunities each year.”

Among other programs funded by the Friends, Jason singled out the annual Summer Reading program, which had the second-highest participation rate in the state last year; Patchwork Tales, the storytelling festival that reaches thousands of York County students; and the Winter Reading Challenge, which recently exceeded its goal of 1 million minutes reading by more than 600,000 minutes!

The principal source of revenue for the Friends is through sale of used books, donated at the YCL Main Library in Rock Hill and branches in Fort Mill, York, Clover and Lake Wylie.

Friends Books on Main, our retail store in downtown Rock Hill, netted nearly \$25,000 in 2019, followed by almost \$17,500 in books sold in the branch lobbies. Other sales come from online sales (ebay and Amazon), coffee shops and consignment sales. (For more on Friends Books on Main and donating books to the library, see below and right.)

The greatest asset of the Friends, however, are our members. During 2019, 78 volunteers provided 5,792 hours of service to the Friends and YCL.

According to The NonProfit Times, the value of a volunteer’s time in 2018 was \$25.43. That means the service provided by our volunteers last year was worth almost \$150,000.

Where can I find great prices on books . . . AND help the Friends of the YCL support my library?

Friends Books on Main is the first place you should head to. Operated by the Friends, *Friends Books on Main* is a used book store with thousands of donated books, DVDs, audiobooks, and CDs at great prices. **All proceeds benefit York County Libraries.** Located in Old Town Rock Hill at 206 East Main Street, the store is open to the public. Hours are Thursday through Saturday, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

However, Friends Books on Main is not the only place the Friends sell used books. Books in gently-used condition are sold **at all York County Library locations.** (See page 4 for a list of the five branches of the YCL, including addresses and hours.) So the next time you are at the library checking out a book, check out the rack of used books for sale. Payment for the books is made at the Circulation Desk.

In addition, the Friends are fortunate to have community partners helping us. Used books supplied by the Friends are sold at *Amelie’s French Bakery* (157 East Main Street, Rock Hill), *Virgin Bean Coffee Bar & Creamery* (204 South Main Street, Clover) and *York Coffee Roastery* (132 Blackburn Street, York). As with the books sold at Friends Books on Main, **the book proceeds from our community partners benefit York County Libraries.** So stop for a latte and get yourself a “new” book!

Finally, the Friends sell books online at Amazon and eBay.

2019 Friends Milestones

-  78 volunteers provided 5,792 hours to the Friends and YCL.
-  Contributed \$76,229 to YCL for programming and special projects, including the Summer Reading Program, the Winter Reading Challenge and Patchwork Tales.
-  Established sales outlets at Virgin Bean Coffee Bar and Creamery in Clover and the York Coffee Roastery in York.
-  Created a Publicity Committee to bolster our on-line presence, including membership enrollment and renewals, and a newsletter.
-  Set up a 24-hour informational phone service (803-272-8203) and an Instagram account for Friends Books on Main (**friendsbooksonmain**).
-  Expanded/continued activities in downtown Rock Hill, including Christmasville, ART Party sale and showcase, and the monthly Shop Small Saturday.



Donate Your Books to the Library!

 

YOUR used BOOKS help the Friends to raise money for YOUR library!
Curious about what to donate?
Here are some hints!

What TO Donate!
Books with dust jackets
Paperbacks in good condition
CDs, DVDs and Audiobooks
Children’s books
Old, rare and collectible books
Recent fiction
Anything that looks interesting!

What NOT to donate!
Magazines
Reader’s Digest Condensed books
Recent fiction without dust jackets
Encyclopedia Sets
Out-of-date medical books
Text books
Water/fluid damaged books
Books with loose/damaged pages/covers
Or any materials in poor condition

See BRANCH LOCATIONS on page 4 for donation drop-off locations.

Annual Meeting Wrap Up Friends 2020 Leadership Team Announced

The Friends announced officers for 2020 and elected three new board members during our annual meeting Jan. 26, at St. John United Methodist Church.

Terry Plumb, formerly vice president, becomes president, succeeding *DeeAnna Brooks* of Clover, who remains as an ex officio board member. *Susan Lyle* of Rock Hill, a lead at Friends Books on Main, was elected vice president. Current board members *Jim Beamguard* and *Cindy Marcelais* will serve as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Winners of the Joann McMaster Volunteer of the Year Award were Debora and Jack Hutchins of Clover.

Sandi Ludwa, author of *Ashes to Incense: Emancipation from Jim Crow*, was guest speaker for the event.

Newly elected to the board for three-year terms are *Cindy Schafer* of York and *Judy Gritzmacher* of Rock Hill. Both have previously served as volunteers at Friends Books on Main. Continuing board members include: *Glenn Ackerman*, *Martha Ferguson*, *Debora Hutchins*, *Connie Newland*, *Lois Stimax*, and *Deborah Wiegand*.

Terry thanked DeeAnna, and departing board members *Linder Tucker* and *David Lyon* for their long service.

YCL Director Jason Hyatt thanked the Friends for its continuing support of the York County Library, citing such programs as *Patchwork Tales*, the *Summer Reading Program* and the *Winter Reading Challenge*. “Despite what many people may think, libraries are not in danger of extinction,” Jason said. During 2019, both “door counts” and items in circulation increased 4% -5% over 2018.

“In coming months,” he said, “YCL will purchase a Sprinter Van, equipped for outreach service to senior centers, nursing homes and special events. The van, which will have a wheelchair lift and rollout shelves, will be paid for by a \$50,000 grant from the Friends, matching grants from the South Carolina Library system and county funds.”



Terry Plumb,
newly elected
President of
the Friends



Guest speaker
Sandi Ludwa

In Memoriam Michael G. Simmons 1946-2019

Longtime Friends member and volunteer Michael Simmons passed away in September. A native of Greenwood, South Carolina, he received a degree in chemistry from Erskine College and had a long career in the textile industry, retiring from Springs Industries in 2001. Michael was a dedicated volunteer at Friends Books on Main and was a former chair of the York County Library Board of Trustees. At the time of his death, he was serving his second term on the South Carolina State Library Board and was incoming chairman.

Find out more about the Friends of the YCL — check us out online!

www.yclibrary.org/library-news

We are under the “Friends of the Library” tab on the right side of the page.



Friends Launch ‘New’ Newsletter

A Message from the President . . . TERRY PLUMB

Welcome to the first issue of The Friends of York County Library’s “new” newsletter. I say that because the Friends published a newsletter, “*Fabulous Friends*,” a few years back. I have seen copies from 2010-2011.

York County Library, of course, already publishes an excellent quarterly newsletter, *YCL News*, as well as a monthly e-newsletter, *YCL E-News*. If you are not familiar with those newsletters, produced by Jaimie Edwards, YCL graphics and publicity specialist, you can find them at www.yclibrary.org/library-news.

The YCL administration and staff have been very generous in alerting readers to Friends’ events and activities. For that, we must thank Stacy Williams, YCL Marketing Manager. She not only makes sure events such as special sales at Friends Books On Main are covered in the YCL newsletters, but she also updates our Facebook page and sends messages to members via email.

The reason we are launching the Friends newsletter is to keep our members informed about accomplishments, challenges and opportunities facing our 45-year-old organization.

To save mailing costs, the newsletter is being made available to members online although a limited number of print copies will be provided at YCL branches.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article with more details on Friends’ donations to YCL. We hope to raise awareness of our accomplishments in coming months — not to boast but to let other community-minded people know the good we do and to invite them to become members.

A final note: the title of this column, “*Bookends*,” I borrowed from an earlier version of the York County Library newsletter. I think it’s a nice tribute to those who have gone before as well as a fitting metaphor for propping up the ramblings of a septuagenarian president.



Support the Friends AND help your library! Sign up for **AMAZON SMILE** at smile.amazon.com

and follow the directions, selecting “Friends Of the York County Library” as your charity of choice. For every purchase you make on Amazon, half a percent will come to your library.

YCL Branch Hours, Addresses and Book Donation Locations

YORK County Main Library

138 East Black Street, Rock Hill
803-981-5858

Monday–Thursday: 9 AM–8 PM
Friday–Saturday: 9 AM–6 PM
Sunday (September - May): 2–6 PM

Drop donated books in Donation Box to the left of the front door.

CLOVER Public Library

107 Knox Street
803-222-3474

Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–7 PM
Friday: 10 AM–6 PM
Saturday: 10 AM–2 PM
Sunday: Closed

Drop donated books at Circulation Desk

FORT MILL Public Library

1818 Second Baxter Crossing
803-547-4114

Monday–Thursday: 9 AM–7 PM
Friday–Saturday: 9 AM–6 PM
Sunday: Closed

Drop donated books at Circulation Desk

LAKE WYLIE Public Library

185 Blucher Circle
803-831-7774

Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–7 PM
Friday: 10 AM–6 PM
Saturday: 10 AM–2 PM
Sunday: Closed

Drop donated books at Circulation Desk

YORK Public Library

21 East Liberty Street
(803) 684-3751

Monday–Thursday: 9 AM–7 PM
Friday–Saturday: 9 AM–6 PM
Sunday: Closed

Drop donated books at Circulation Desk

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The Friends of the York County Library is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) volunteer organization formed in 1975 to provide advocacy and financial support for the York County Library.

Annual membership starts at just \$15! As a Friend, you will receive:

- ♥ Advance notice of book sales and special events
- ♥ A 15% discount on purchases at Friends Books on Main
- ♥ Invitation to the annual Volunteer Recognition Event

Through funds raised via book sales, memberships, and other activities, the Friends support a variety of library functions:

- 👉 Summer Learning Challenge, promoting literacy for all ages
- 👉 Bucks for Books campaign, adding new books to library shelves
- 👉 Non-budgeted library special projects

(See articles on pages 1-2 to see more of what the Friends support at your library.)

**Friends of the York County Library
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

(Please print clearly. Your information will not be shared.)

Date: _____ Membership: New Renewal

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CHOOSE A MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

- Friend (Individual): \$15
- Family Friend: \$25
- Good Friend: \$50
- Supportive Friend: \$100
- Best Friend: \$500
- Student Friend: \$10

LIST THE NAMES TO INCLUDE IN THIS MEMBERSHIP. (Adults must live at the same address and are limited to 2 per \$25 membership and 4 per \$50 and up)

- 1. _____ 3. _____
- 2. _____ 4. _____

CHOOSE ONE OF THE TWO PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ① Enclosed is my check made payable to: Friends of the York County Library
- ② Charge my credit card: Visa MasterCard Discover

Name as it appears on card (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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I am interested in volunteering my time and talent. My areas of interest are:

- Friends Books on Main book store
- Library branch book sales
- Sorting donated books and materials
- Other. Please contact me so we can talk.

Return completed application and payment to any York County Library branch

(Clover, Fort Mill, Lake Wylie, Rock Hill, or York — see information on the top left) or mail to:

Friends of the York County Library, PO Box 10032, Rock Hill, SC 29731

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