



# Off the Shelf

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## Communiqué From Our President

Welcome to the Winter issue of *Off the Shelf*, a newsletter published by the Friends of the Bluffton Library! It is my privilege and honor to serve as President of the Friends organization as we begin 2010 and initiate a new decade of service to our community Library.

As an initial task, I wish to thank Gail Eskra for her dedication and commitment to the Friends during the past three years. During Gail's tenure as President, she organized a strong leadership team, approved a name change for the organization and updated its By-Laws, maintained monthly book sales, and supported a range of Library initiatives for children and adults. Personally, Gail also worked very hard to effect a smooth transition of leadership for the Friends. Thank you, Gail!

As part of the Beaufort County Public Library system, our Bluffton Library will be involved in several major projects in the immediate future including an Open House on February 27 with the theme "Connecting You to the World" and a Strategic Planning process designed to shape and guide the future of all libraries in our County. Read about these and other collaborative ventures in this newsletter.

Looking toward the future, I am personally committed to extend

our connections with other Friends Groups throughout South Carolina and the nation. The Friends of South Carolina Libraries (FOSCL) and the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF) offer opportunities not only to share ideas and best practices, but also to provide us access to multiple resources. By collaborating with others, we all have much to learn! A librarian friend of mine often stated that knowledge is free at the library...you just need to bring your own container! I believe that Bluffton Library patrons, as well as our Friends team, daily bring to our library containers of many different sizes and shapes.

In spite of the numerous budget cuts and the dire economic picture facing all public libraries, I am very optimistic about the future of our Bluffton Community Library. We have an excellent staff, a dedicated group of Friends who value the services of our library, and a client base of adults and children which continues to grow each week. As Madeline Albright eloquently shared: "Libraries are fun, educational, and the biggest bargain on the face of the earth." I am committed to maximizing this bargain for all Bluffton residents and invite you to join us as a Friend as well as a patron of the Bluffton Community Library.

-- Maryellen Ham

## Ellen Malphrus to speak on "Pat Conroy: Lowdown on a Lowcountry Legend"

On Sunday, February 21, at 2:30 PM, at the Bluffton Public Library, Dr. Ellen Malphrus will make a presentation about Pat Conroy and the impact of his literature on natives of the Carolina Lowcountry. Pat Conroy is the most well-known writer living and working in the Carolina Lowcountry. The area also serves as the primary setting for all of his books. Obviously, the Lowcountry suits Pat Conroy, but does Pat Conroy suit the Lowcountry? Do his depictions of Sandlapper society raise the hackles of the local residents, or do people here embrace the work with native pride? No doubt, Conroy's novels are a "different read" for locals, but is that good or bad? Join Dr. Ellen Malphrus from USCB for a lively discussion of these questions.

Dr. Malphrus, a native of the South Carolina Lowcountry, is a renowned English teacher and scholar from USCB with a special interest in Southern Literature. Her publications have appeared in numerous scholarly reviews and journals across the country. She has also had a varied professional background that includes work as a maritime museum curator and as a small town newspaper editor. This experience makes Dr. Malphrus especially qualified to speak on this very interesting subject.

**Time: Sunday, February 21, at 2:30 PM**  
**Place: The Community Room, Bluffton Public Library**  
**Seating is limited to approximately 100 people.**

This program is being jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Bluffton Library and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of USCB as part of an ongoing collaboration between the two organizations.

-- Harold Gortner



## From the Desk of Ann Rosen

We may have experienced some chilly weather recently (ok, cold weather!) but it did not stop Blufftonians and other area residents from coming to the Library! The hustle and bustle continues with programming for all ages, high demand for public computers, inquiries about the availability of the latest bestsellers and other very popular books, and, of course, checking out books and other materials. Have you checked out a Playaway yet? This new medium has been available for several months and has been growing in popularity. Each Playaway has a single book downloaded on a MP3 player – being lightweight, they are perfect for listening while taking your morning or evening walk.

Mark your calendars for the Fourth Annual Beaufort County Library Open House – Saturday, February 27 from 11 – 4. Each Branch has special activities planned along with local performers. Fliers and programs are available at each Branch and information is also online at our website:

[www.beaufortcountylibrary.org](http://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org). The Bluffton Branch staff looks forward to greeting many current customers and meeting new ones! So please spread the word and join us on February 27. And especially pass the word on to your teens! There is a newly-formed Teen Advisory Board, officially known as TAB, and the Board members will be hosting Teen Trivia and Pictionary games as well as the classic game of Charades during the Open House. Another reason to drop by the Bluffton Branch that day is the very special Friends of the Bluffton Library Last Saturday of the Month book sale. As always, there will be bargains galore! And don't forget the ongoing book sale, also sponsored by the Friends, that is open during all of our operating hours.

If you are a frequent user of the Library, you may have noticed longer lines at our service desks. One reason, of course, is that there are more people coming to the Library to check out books and other materials! You don't have to buy books or rent DVDs anymore! There is another reason – we have fewer staff now, specifically five less staff. And we are not able to replace them because, as you are no doubt aware, the County is currently in a hiring freeze. So please bear with us as we endeavor to provide the same quality customer service that we always have, but with fewer staff.

In closing, I want to remind you once again of the incredible programming for children, teens, and adults that goes on at the Bluffton Branch. Access the Library's website for details or stop by the Bluffton Branch and pick up the current month's flyer that lists all the activities. Do you want to know more about our computer courses? Or register your young child for a story time session? And, yes, there is still room for a few more teens who are interested in joining our Teen Advisory Board. In addition, remember that during tax season both AARP and VITA are providing free tax assistance here.

See you at the Library!

-- Ann Rosen, Branch Manager

## Making a Difference: How Our Community Can Help Plan For the Future

The Beaufort County Library is engaging in a strategic planning process to ensure that it is responsive to our dynamic and changing environment. To do this the Library will re-examine its purpose, its programs, its services and its infrastructure to focus on the challenges and opportunities of the twenty-first century.

The strategic planning process is a disciplined effort to produce decisions and actions that shape and guide what the BC Library system is, what it does and why it does it, always with an eye to the future. That's why we need you, the community, to join us in the process; the BCL is seeking input from you.

We're asking the community to check out the BCL website @ [www.beaufortcountylibrary.org](http://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org), click on and complete the online survey entitled, "Help Us Plan for the Future." When you do so your voice will be heard and incorporated into the strategic plan. We will also be hosting focus groups at each of the five branches (dates and times to be announced). If you are interested in participating in a focus group, we encourage you to contact us at 843-470-6509 or by email at [jorourke@bcgov.net](mailto:jorourke@bcgov.net).

-- Jan O'Rourke,  
Library Services Assistant Director



## On Line

One of our most frequent requests is for resources to assist in learning a foreign language. We currently own books, DVDs, and CDs and now I am very pleased to tell you about a new database the Library offers called Byki. Byki is an online language-learning system with over 80 languages to choose from. The site uses a web-based flashcard system that is perfect for beginners or those looking to brush up on their language skills before travelling to a foreign country. There is an audio component to assist with pronunciation and even a "turtle" mode to slow down the sound to make it easier to understand. Instead of starting with grammar, Byki's approach is ideal for adults, who learn best by collecting words and phrases in their memories.

Contact a reference librarian to sign up and then have fun exploring the site. From Afrikaans to Zulu, there is bound to be a language of interest to you!

-- Halle Eisenman  
Web Administrator

## Friends Book Corner Overflows

Sometimes we can't even get in the door of our small book storage room. While we truly appreciate all book donations of every kind (as long as they are clean and in good shape), sometimes we have to request that the Circulation Desk refuse accepting donated books until we can clear up the logjam. We hope you understand and will bring your donations back at another time. Don't be mad at us!

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Book sales in the Friends Corner are the mainstay of our fundraising and the numbers continue to impress. Our annual sales for the past two years (2008 and 2009) are around \$15,000.00. Believe it or not, that allows us to fund almost our entire budget in providing support for library programs and services not provided for in the County's budget for the Bluffton Branch. Way to Go Friends!

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An all volunteer force handles the sorting of all donated books and keeps the shelves in the Friends Corner stocked - neatly and cleanly - for our patrons to enjoy. This is no easy task and the volunteers are critical to our operation. The Friends would like to especially recognize the efforts of Ms. Jean Pontarelli as being one of our most dedicated volunteers. Thanks, Jean, for all your time and effort on our behalf!

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## Stock Farm Antiques

The Friends of the Library received a donation of a bound set of 12 Charles Dickens volumes from an anonymous donor. They sat and sat at our end-of-month Saturday sale without finding a buyer. Our Book Sales Chair, Loretta Wells, had the foresight to take them to Stock Farm Antiques. Well, lo and behold, they appealed to someone (a book collector from Savannah) and from this consignment sale the Friends realized a \$50 profit. Who knew...

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## The Children's Book Basket

Loretta Wells advises that we NEVER have enough children's books to sell in the Friends Corner. The children's basket will be full one day and empty the next. Children (indeed, their parents) like to buy books to take home with them to keep. We adults like to do the same thing, don't we? The books are sold at nominal cost.

If you know anyone who has children's books sitting around the house unused, or if you would like to donate for the purchase of children's books, please get in touch with us.

-- Gail Eskra



## REMINDER - IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010!

We call this to your attention so all our wonderful members can renew their membership for 2010. In case you are not aware, or have forgotten, your membership dues cover the period from January to December of each year. Various levels of membership are available to fit your particular needs.

We acknowledge each membership registration with a hand-written note mailed to your home address and include a bookplate for your personal library. To help you, the year of your last renewal is noted on the mailing label on the back page of this newsletter. This is important to note as many Friends joined in the fall for 2010.

Please take a moment of your time to complete the membership form which is included in this newsletter. Also, there are extra forms at the library. You can mail your completed form to The Bluffton Library; P.O. Box 513, Bluffton, SC, 29910 or hand it in at the Circulation Desk.

Please print or write as clearly as possible so that we can update our Membership Database accurately. Include your email address if you have one as we are still planning to electronically distribute notices and the newsletter to our membership - it is a work in progress!

Thank you for joining and renewing, we need all of you to be our Friends in 2010!

If you have any questions please call me at 705-5208.

-- Ann Walli

## Taking the Mystery out of the Beaufort District Collection

The Beaufort District Collection (BDC) exists to acquire, preserve, maintain and make accessible a research collection of permanent value which records the history, culture, and environment of our part of the South Carolina Lowcountry. When the collection was created in 1992, it was called the South Carolina Room.

Most folks don't realize that during much of the 18th and 19th centuries, Beaufort District covered all of Beaufort, Jasper and Hampton counties and a small segment of what is now Allendale County.

In 2003, the Library Board of Trustees renamed the SC Room to reflect the scope and depth of the materials housed in the "Forever" part of the Beaufort County Library.

*A lot of library systems have a South Carolina Room; however, Beaufort County Library has the only "Beaufort District Collection" on the planet!*

The role of the BDC is to be the "Forever" part of the Library system. Since our focus is primarily historical in nature, we tend to emphasize materials that focus on 1960 and before. Over the past decade, the size of the BDC holdings has increased dramatically, heightening the problem of insufficient space to store and be good stewards of the rare, unique, and historically value materials we hold in trust for the community. The BDC operates to benefit the entire library system, by taking care of, protecting, and sharing (when we can) local historical materials about the history, culture, and environment of all parts of the former Beaufort District in order that these materials are available for customers to view. In other words, we bring the past to the present.

How do we bring the past to the present?

- We manage the BDC research room. This is the mission critical part of our work.
- We stock the local history sections at the branch libraries with appropriate materials customers can check out and review at their leisure.
- We coordinate adult programs on topics of local history, culture, environment and how to do genealogy in Beaufort County for customers to enjoy learning about this wonderful place in which we live.
- We talk to church and community groups about the "Wonders of the Beaufort District Collection."
- We collaborate with sister cultural heritage organizations in Beaufort County on projects of mutual benefit.
- We post information in the "Virtual BDC:" available 24/7/365 (366 in a leap year!)

[Local history and nature pages](http://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org/htdocs-sirsi/pages.htm) <http://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org/htdocs-sirsi/pages.htm>

[BDC Home Page](http://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org/htdocs-sirsi/normal.htm) <http://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org/htdocs-sirsi/normal.htm>

[BDC Services Page](http://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org/htdocs-sirsi/normal2.htm) <http://www.beaufortcountylibrary.org/htdocs-sirsi/normal2.htm>

We created and maintain the [Online Obituary Index](#) to death notices in local newspapers, 1882 – 1982; 2007 --

Our first digital collection, [Phosphate, Farms, and Family: The Donner Collection](#), went live in 2007

[Connections](http://beaufortdistrictcollectionconnections.blogspot.com) blog <http://beaufortdistrictcollectionconnections.blogspot.com>

*Coming soon:* Selections from the Lucille Hasell Culp Collection will be added to the [Lowcountry Digital Library](#) to help Beaufort County celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the English settlement of the town of Beaufort.

In other words, the BDC serves the entire library system as a separate division of Beaufort County Library, inside the 311 Scott Street library building, at each branch library, as well as remotely through the internet. And we do it with a staff of two!

The BDC gathers appropriate materials about all areas of Beaufort County -- from just about anywhere we can get them, from all periods of written history. We have a county-wide policy to collect research materials of permanent value that help us understand the history, culture, and environment of the area. And yes, that means the BDC collects materials about Bluffton and other localities south of the Broad River. In fact, the [Bluffton, South Carolina](#) brochure online lists the key sources for studying the history of the locality. (You can access this bibliography by going to <http://knol.google.com/k/beaufort-district-collection-bdc/bluffton-south-carolina/3859k4scvdgpi/12#>.)

If you want to see a more inclusive list of materials that the BDC makes available to you on the topic, go to [Connections](#) and see a list of more than 30 directly related to [Bluffton area](#) history titles that I've selected to share with you from the SCLENDS catalog. (<http://sclends.lib.sc.us/opac/extras/feed/bookbag/html-full/1611>)

The major goals for the BDC during 2010 are: 1) Move to the second floor of the 311 Scott Street library facility and 2) Take more BDC-sponsored local history programs to the branch libraries. Read [Connections](#) or consult the [BDC home page](#) for our program schedule.

Please investigate how the BDC can help you learn about the history, culture, and environment of this fabulous place where we live. Visit us on the web, call me at 470-6525 or e-mail me at [gracec@bcgov.net](mailto:gracec@bcgov.net) to learn more.

**Grace Morris Cordial, MLS, SL**  
Historical Resources Coordinator  
Beaufort County Library

*Grace Cordial has been responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Beaufort District Collection at the Beaufort County Library since 1999.*

# Library Happenings

## ***“TED Talk Tuesdays”***

The Bluffton Library is showing its first assortment of “TED Talks” this winter. TED is an annual conference in Long Beach, California (as well as the TED Global conference in Oxford, UK) that brings together people from three worlds: Technology, Entertainment, and Design. TED is devoted to “ideas worth spreading” and challenges thinkers and doers to give a worthy speech in 18 minutes or less. At TED, you’ll hear speeches from Nobel Prize winners, authors, scientists, professionals, musicians, comedians, and much more. We ask you to join the library as we view an assortment of pre-recorded TED Talks one Tuesday each month. In February we’ll listen to authors Doris Kearns Goodwin (Team of Rivals) and Elizabeth Gilbert (Eat, Pray, Love). In March, our speakers are physicist Brian Greene and hacker/writer Joshua Klein. (Pre-recorded speeches, speakers are not present.) Feel free to bring your packed lunch! See you February 16 and March 16 in the small conference room. Thanks to the Friends of the Bluffton Library for sponsoring this program!

## ***“Foreign Film Series @ the Bluffton Library”***

Do you enjoy foreign films? So do we! To piggyback off of the annual Beaufort International Film Festival, the Bluffton Library will show three foreign films in our Large Meeting Room, January through March. Our February selection (Sunday, February 28 @ 2pm) is a Critics Choice Award Winner and was nominated for an Oscar. Our March movie (Sunday, March 28 @ 2pm) was an Academy Award Winner and also won Best Foreign Film of the Year. Refreshments will be served. Bring yourself and some friends to these free programs. Thanks to the Friends of the Bluffton Library for purchasing the foreign films and refreshments!

-- **Traci L. Cox**  
Reference Librarian

### **FRIENDS of the Bluffton Library 2010 Board of Directors**

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## **Welcome**

A warm welcome and thank you to our New and Renewal members since October. Your support supplements the growing needs of our library.

### **NEW**

Bill & Marcia Budarz  
Marietta Fields  
Charlene Gardner  
David & Helen Lennek  
Sally & Ed Luck  
Jean Morgan  
Joan Mullins  
Ron & Julie Musselman  
Nancy Pritchard  
Taffy Scheider

### **RENEW**

Diana Ameer  
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Ms. Ethel Davis  
Shirley DeHond  
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Francesca & David Denton  
Mary Dolan  
Lynn Ann & Tom Faber  
Caroline Fasig  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ferguson  
D. Lou Gast  
Alice Gates  
Linda Gillet

Harold & Sylvia Gortner  
Maryellen & Charlie Ham  
Carol & Bill Harrell  
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Ms. Mary B. & Nancy Scheider  
George & Betty Schuster  
Mrs. Dorothy Smith  
Mr. & Mrs. James E. Snow, Jr  
Norma Stewart  
Mrs. Virginia Stroehlein  
Albert & Marian Thomas  
Dr. & Mrs. William P. Thorpe  
Ms. Joan Vander-Arend  
Don & Ann Walli  
Kirk P. Wells

## Tributes & The Giving Tree

Donations to the Friends continue to amaze! We thank everyone for their generosity and creativity. As you know, the Friends rely on membership dues, donations and the sale of books in the Friends Corner to provide support for library programs for all age groups and to purchase equipment and media not provided for in the Beaufort County Library Budget. As the patron base continues to grow and the budget shrinks, so go the demands for additional funding from the Friends.

### Books for the Children

A very clever Bluffton gentleman had a great idea. While hosting a holiday party, he requested that his guests bring brand new children's books to the party instead of bringing the typical gifts of food and/or wine. He then donated these books to the Bluffton Library. What a concept!! Our only problem is that he did this anonymously, therefore, we cannot write him a proper thank you note. We hope he is a member of the Friends and reads our newsletter so that he knows how much we appreciate this extraordinary gift. Thank you, kind sir!

### Friend to Friend - another unique idea!

Ms. Barbara Baker of Charlotte, North Carolina had a unique idea for a holiday present for her friend Bette Donaldson of Bluffton. She made a generous donation to the Friends of the Library in honor of her dear friend, Bette, in lieu of exchanging gifts. What a clever idea!

### The Season of Giving - other donations

The Friends received many kind and generous donations over the past couple of months from both members and non-members. Each of the donors listed below should realize how much we appreciate their gifts! In the case of member donations, their gift far exceeds the annual membership dues.

All these gifts are special indeed!

John & Kathleen Chadwick of Bluffton  
Mrs. D. Lou Gast, currently residing in St. Joseph, Michigan  
David & Helen Lennek  
The Thorpe Family Foundation by Dr. & Mrs. William P. Thorpe of Bluffton

### In Memoriam

#### Patricia Ann Moritz Lombardo

Many donations were received from family, friends and co-workers in memory of Patricia Ann ("Holly") Moritz Lombardo of Sun City who passed away on December 20, 2009. One of her friends expressed her sentiments as follows, "she loved reading, loved books, tapes - she consumed it all...thanks for being there for her...". In honor of the donations made to Patricia, we will be adding a copper leaf on our Giving Tree. May she rest in peace knowing that the Bluffton Library will always remember her!

#### Mary Ann Reitzel

In our Summer 2009 issue of this newsletter, memorials to Mary Ann Reitzel who passed early last year were announced. The Friends wish to advise that due to additional donations received a copper leaf will be added to the Giving Tree in memory of Mary Ann. May she rest in peace knowing that she too will always be remembered as a friend of the library!

-- Gail Eskra

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## Meet Our Newest Board Members

**William A. Budarz**, born in Hartford, CT; Grew up in Newington, CT; Served in the Army from 1964-66; Attended Quinnipiac, CCSU, and Cambridge of Boston, BS, MEd; Retired after 31 years with the USDJ; Relocated from South Burlington, VT to Sun City, SC with lovely wife Marcia in 2006 and we both are having the time of our lives with all our new friends.

**Margaret McLamb Collins**, Born in Savannah, GA; Attended University of FL; Graduated GA State University, B. S. in Therapeutic Recreation. Currently an Activities Coordinator and Activities Consultant for Sr. Health Care Facilities. Family includes Ken Collins, husband; sons Donald Anderson Armstrong and Ryan Seth Collins., Outside activities include Rotary Club of Bluffton, Board of Friends with Wheels and former Jr. Warden, All Saints Episcopal Church. Hobbies enjoyed: Tennis and yard work.

**Charlene Gardner**, owner of Four Corners Art Gallery and Framing is a returning member to the Board of the Friends of the Bluffton Library. She served on the board as one of the members who were instrumental in securing large donations for the opening of the Library. Planning children's programs as well as writing grants for children's programs was the thrust of her past work on the board. Charlene has been a resident of Hilton Head, Bluffton area since 1985. She started her business here in Bluffton in 1999; it is located beside Stock Farm Antiques on Hwy 46. Participating on boards that positively affect the young people in our community has been a passion of hers since starting a family of her own.

**Nancy Pritchard**, born, raised and educated in Washington D. C. In 1960 I graduated from the Washington Hospital Center School of Nursing and received my license as a R.N. I have worked in a variety of settings as a nurse, the longest being in Federal Health Units. I have always seen books as friends and used libraries to expand my experiences. We are so fortunate to have our beautiful Bluffton Library and I am lucky to live nearby in Sun City. I look forward to supporting the strong staff as we work together enriching our community.

# News from the Children's



# Room

Dear Friends,

We have been busy, busy in the Children's Room and with establishing the Teen Advisory Board. The Fall 2009 children's story time program went over very well, and we were quite pleased with ourselves! Carol Beck and I had story time programs for all ages and a weekly home school program. The Bedtime Story Program was and continues to be a huge hit with families. If you happened to be in the library on Halloween, you saw all the little ones in their costumes trick or treating throughout the library. Mrs. Claus (aka my mother) stopped by for a photo shoot at the Pastries for Parents event in December. It was more popular than we ever imagined! The Children's Room became quite the little breakfast buffet.

We are getting ready to begin the Winter/Spring Story Time program. We are getting a late start due to Carol's departure at the end of December. She is missed in so many ways; but it's their family time, and they will be traveling all over the country and the world. We wish her and Don "happy trails." We are hoping that Gail Earley will be promoted into Carol's programmer slot (everyone-fingers crossed, please). We are planning as if it is a definite thing, and Gail is readying story time programs for Mother Goose (ages 2 & 3) and the Bookworms (ages 4 & 5). I will be conducting the Lapsit Program for the littlest ones (ages 12 -24 months). The program slots are filling up quickly. It should be a very hectic spring.

We are also starting the Summer Reading Program process – ordering supplies and planning programs. This program is a huge undertaking, and we will be looking for reliable teen volunteers to give the staff a helping hand. Last year over 1200 hundred children and teens participated in just the Bluffton Branch Library's program!

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) has ten very active members. They elected their officers and passed their first set of TAB By-Laws. One of their first events was the Bluffton Christmas Parade. The library van was decked out, and the teens handed out lots of candy on the long parade route. I was driving and giving the librarian wave (sort of like the "beauty queen wave," but not as precise). TAB will be running a Teen Tournament of trivia, Pictionary and charades at the 2010 Library Open House. They have prizes and refreshments for the participants and winners of each contest. They will be hosting a Teen March Movie Madness series over three Sunday afternoons in March. This will coincide with the Food Drive that they will be sponsoring for the Bluffton Self-Help agency. There will be a collection buggy in the front lobby for donations. They have planned their schedule well in advance, to include: a photography contest for teens, a library teen/child reading partnership during the Summer Reading Program, a library mystery night, and a teen book club to begin in the fall. They are excited, enthusiastic and huge library supporters!

I hope you realize that all of these programs are mainly funded by you – the Friends of the Bluffton Library. In these very tough budgetary times, we really count on the Friends.

Thank you.

**Jean P. Morgan**  
Children's Services Manager



The Bluffton Christmas Parade and Members of The Teen Advisory Board



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**Mark your calendars!!**

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**Saturday, February 27, 11am – 4pm:**  
*Fourth Annual Beaufort County Library Open House*

## Membership Application and Donation Form

Please print your information below and mail with an appropriate check or money order for a one-year membership to: **Friends of the Bluffton Library, PO Box 513, Bluffton, SC 29910**, or drop off your completed form and payment at the circulation desk.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*I/We would like to volunteer to help with (circle all of interest):*

*Adult Programs*

*Membership*

*Newsletter*

*Saturday Book Sale*

*Sorting Books*

Membership: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type (please check one):

Single, \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Family, \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate, \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Patron, \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime, \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Your contribution is tax deductible. Membership is for the calendar year 2010**