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NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER, 2011

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Wow! This has been a wonderfully productive summer at the library, and the fall events look to be even more exciting. Check out the schedule of events below and the middle pages of this Newsletter for more information – and mark your calendars.

On Sept. 22nd we're doing our first ever "joint venture" with the Arts Council of Wilson when we host Deborah Ford, the author of the G.R.I.T.S. (Girls Raised in the South) books and the inspiration for *G.R.I.T.S. The Musical* that will be presented at the Boykin Center on the 23rd. We're hoping that our partnership with the Arts Council will expand the offerings of both organizations.

Our Fall Banquet will be held on Oct. 13th at the Wilson Country Club. This year we're pleased our speaker will be the nationally known suspense author P.T. Deutermann. Mr. Deutermann has written fourteen well-reviewed, page-turning thrillers. The popularity of these novels is attested to by the way they zip off the library shelves. This should be a terrific evening. Be sure to mail in your ticket reservation form found on page three.

You should have received your Membership renewal card a couple of weeks ago. Be sure to fill this out and return it as soon as possible. The Friends are funded solely through our membership donations and this helps make our library the vibrant place that it is. This past year we've supported a myriad of library programs as well as helping to buy needed books and supplies that would otherwise not be here in this time of budget tightening. If you did not receive your renewal notice, or have friends who should be Friends, please call 243-7374 and I'll be sure you have the needed cards in hand.

Thanks for all your support.

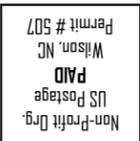
Merry Simmons

UPCOMING PROGRAMS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, September 22nd - 7 PM – Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room
Deborah Ford – author of various G.R.I.T.S. books that inspired G.R.I.T.S. THE MUSICAL

Thursday, October 13th – 6:30 PM – Wilson Country Club (ticketed event)
P.T. Deutermann – author of 14 novels of suspense

Wednesday, November 30th – 7 PM – Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room
Master Gardeners Linda May and Dorothea King will inspire us to find natural Christmas decorations.



FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The Library would like to extend a giant "Thank You" to the Friends for allocating approximately \$2,000 for the purchase of 137 high demand books in June. Patrons were very appreciative that wait time was reduced for these popular titles!

Also, the Summer Reading Program was a huge success this year---thanks in part to the generous financial support from the Friends of the Library! Eighty-four programs were held in the six locations with 3,859 children and teens in attendance. In addition, 55,768 children's and teen books circulated this summer. This is an increase of 11,512 over last year's circulation of 44,256.

The Friends of the Wilson County Public Library are friends, indeed.

Sincerely,

Becky Callison

EVENTS!

MEET THE AUTHOR WHOSE BOOKS INSPIRED G.R.I.T.S THE MUSICAL.



Deborah Ford is the author of the bestselling *Grits Guide to Life, Puttin' on the Grits, and Grits Friends are Forevah*. She founded Grits, Inc. ten years ago and has grown it into a multimillion dollar merchandising business.

Ms. Ford will present a program in the Assembly Room at the Library on September 22nd at 7 PM. Don't miss hearing this fascinating speaker and greeting members of the Arts Council who will be attending.

Whirligigging

The Friends of the Library will again participate in the Whirligig Festival on Nov.5th and 6th. We will be selling gently-used, nearly-new books from one of the bookmobiles. This is a fun project that offers inexpensive books to those in our community while it makes money for new book acquisitions at the Library. Anyone wanting to donate books should call Sue Dail at 243-9346 and she'll arrange pick-up. Last year we quickly ran out of children's picture books, so if you have some your children have outgrown, we would really appreciate them.

Think Christmas!

It's hard to think of Christmas with September's heat upon us, but that holiday will arrive more quickly than we're prepared for it to. Therefore, to help with your planning, on November 30th in the Assembly Room of the Library, we will have a timely program presented by Linda May and Dorothea King. Both of these ladies are Master Gardeners who will inspire us to use items found in nature in our decorating. This should be fun and hopefully, money saving.

Wilson Reads

The Wilson Reads committee is hard at work considering a number of books for our choice in 2012. If you have any suggestions for a book you have thought was excellent and would lend itself to discussion, please put your suggestion in the Friends' mailbox at the Main Circulation Desk before September 21st.

Friends of the Wilson County Public Library

request the pleasure of your company at

The Fall Banquet

Thursday, October 13, 2011 • Wilson Country Club • Reception 6:30 pm – Dinner 7:00 pm



With Guest Speaker Suspense Author P.T. Deutermann



Friends Fall Banquet Registration

Please reserve _____ seats at \$35 each = Total \$ _____

Table reservations may be made with a minimum of either 8 or 10 tickets

Reservation deadline, October 10th – No Tickets sold at the door

Please be a Banquet Sponsor for \$125 _____

You will receive two complimentary tickets and your name will appear in the program.

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Flora McNeill Webb Plyler

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A true **Friend**, Flora Plyler's loving support of the Wilson County Public Library was exceptional.

She served on the Library Board of Trustees for 33 years,

26 of those years as either Vice Chairman or Chairman.

Under her leadership,

the Library greatly expanded in physical size and operationally transitioned to the computer age.

About Our Banquet Speaker

We are pleased to welcome P.T. Deutermann, nationally known suspense novelists, as our Banquet speaker this year. An Annapolis graduate and retired naval officer, Deutermann is noted for the authenticity of his military and police procedural thrillers. Author of 14 critically acclaimed novels, his latest book, *Pacific Glory*, was published in March of this year and has already entered its second printing. *Publishers Weekly* praised *Pacific Glory* and said "those who like pulse-thumping action, cinematic prose, and intrepid heroes will be rewarded."

Books in his series about ex-cop turned private investigator, Cam Richter – *The Cat Dancers*, *Spider Mountain*, *The Moonpool* and *Nightwalkers* – all take place in North Carolina. But after reading these books, you'll never view these settings in quite the same way.

Please be a Banquet Sponsor

In an effort to keep our Fall Banquet tickets as affordable as possible, we need the help of those of you who will graciously decide to be Sponsors. Our ticket prices do not begin to cover the cost of this event. For a donation of \$125.00, you will receive two complimentary tickets, your name in the program, and our gratitude as we try to make this special evening available to all our members and guests.