

# FOCCL POINT

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## Message From The President

*Bill Crowell*

Have you visited the Carson City Library recently? If not, you should. It's not the library of your youth where there were signs posted "SSHHHH." It's now the happening place, and the enjoyment of the facility by the patrons is almost palpable. Wonderful excitement and happiness abound. People of all ages, nationalities, particularly young people, and many from more verbal and vocal cultures. Even the dark entryway is busy and often crowded. Teens are quite comfortable in that dim area. If you think library = just books, you're so wrong.

Be sure to stop in and savor the place. And say thanks to the staff for a job well done. Whatever shortfall exists in the library is more than made up by the dedicated staff, overworked and harried with the demand but still ever willing to help.

With the current financial woes, the Friends are putting forth maximum effort to be available both financially and by way of manpower for the library, including funds to assist

## News from the Carson City Library "The Value of a Friend"

*Sara Jones, Library Director*

The Carson City Friends of the Library provide a tremendous level of support to your local library. The Friends primarily raise funds through their membership, an extremely successful book store and book sales. The group puts in thousands of volunteer hours to make this Library the best it can be. Each year the library requests funding from the Friends to support programs and services that the City budget or other grants do not fund. Over the past two years the largest requests have been to upgrade technology in the library. Last year the friends were the primary funding behind upgrading the public computers. The library was able to greatly expand the number of computers, their speed and a sophisticated way to manage their use. Locally these computers are often used to support local job hunters who cannot afford this resource on their own. A recent study showed that 77 million people used library computers and Internet access in past year. "Library technology services have created opportunity for millions of Americans, but public libraries struggle to replace aging computer workstations and increase the speed of their Internet connections," said Allan Golston, president of the United States Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and partial funder of the study. Like every other library Carson City struggles with meeting the need for public computing, but through the generous support of the Friends of the Library and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation public computing resources have more than doubled.

In the upcoming year the Library hopes the Friends will support an upgrade to the way the library circulates books which will save human resources and provide more library workers to provide direct service to patrons. This funding was also leveraged with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Library Service and Technology Act grant that will install five stations to check out books and ultimately a machine that will do most of the work as books come back into the library. In addition to these substantial technology projects the Friends regularly support the purchase of library materials in all formats- recently they helped the Library purchase videos and shelving from the going out of business Sale at Hollywood Video. On a yearly basis they support children's programs for all ages, the celebration of National Library Week, requests for furniture and for a variety of special projects.

In addition to financial support and extra hands to get our work done the Friends provide powerful voices demonstrating the value and contribution this library makes to our community. There is tremendous value in their wonderful support of the Carson City Library. ❖

### Carson City Library

900 N. Roop Street, Carson City  
775-887-2244

### Library Hours

Monday: 10am - 6pm  
Tue., Wed., Thu.: 10am - 8pm  
Friday: 12pm - 6pm  
Saturday: 10am - 4pm

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the current book collection and the automated check-out equipment. You can be proud of the Friends efforts and contributions. You belong to a truly remarkable organization.

We can't stop now! Your participation, even if only by way of dues, is necessary.

Please do not hesitate to step forward, make contact, and VOLUNTEER. Every bit of assistance is welcome. I am certain that you will find the volunteers a wonderful group of people with whom to work.

Additionally, with the popularity of e-mail, I hope you will fill in your e-mail address and indicate your willingness to receive up-to-the minute news on issues that affect the continued success of our library (as well as give us a chance to hound you constantly to Volunteer). Perhaps you will even be willing to contact your elected representative and other officials showing your support for the library. These folks need to know that there is strong community support for decisions they might make on behalf of the library. ❖

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*"The Mission of the Friends of the Carson City Library is to support and promote the purposes and activities of the Library and its community."*

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### Nominees

For executive committee positions due to be filled for the 2010-2012 term at the Annual Meeting to be held June 29, 2010, the Nominating Committee reports its nominees as follows:

For President: William Crowell  
For Treasurer: Laura Beckerdite

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### What is Browser's Corner?

The Friends of the Library's biggest fundraiser is Browser's Corner, a used book store. Run solely by volunteers, the store raises thousands of dollars each year to further support the library. Located in the library to the right when you first walk in, the store is open Monday through Saturday. Hours vary.

Why should you shop there? Browser's Corner is the best used book store in Carson City. Its location is convenient for booklovers who enjoy both borrowing and buying. 100% of the store's proceeds help the library. The prices at Browser's Corner are very, very low. You'll almost never pay more than \$2 for any book on the shelf. The store offers an adventure to browsers. You'll never know what you'll find as the collection is ever-changing due to a constant influx of donations. You're not only helping yourself by shopping at Browser's Corner, you're helping your library! Please visit us. You won't be disappointed! ❖

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### Donate Your Used Books to FOCCL

Our sincere thanks to you for materials donated to us. Funds raised at Browsers Corner and book sales support the valuable library programs.

Books in like-new or good condition are gladly accepted. We also welcome audios, videos, CDs, CD-ROMs, magazines, and some textbooks. In order for donated materials to be of use to us:

- Books must be intact. No materials with brittle pages or damaged bindings.
- Books must have no stains or water damage. No wet or mildewed items.
- Books must not have an odor (examples: cigar, cigarette or musty odor).
- Books must not have excessive notes, highlighting, or underlining in them.

FOCCL volunteers are unable to assess the value of donated materials for tax purposes. We will be glad to give you a receipt which will also serve as the acknowledgement of your gift. ❖

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### VOLNTEES

What's Missing? **U-R!** That's right, FOCCL needs you as a volunteer! We know you're devoted to *your* Friends group, but we'd love to have you spend a little time with us too. There's plenty to do.

The used book sales and special programs sponsored by the FOCCL are brought to you through the efforts of an all-too small group of active volunteers. This core group plans sales and programs, maintains the on-going sales shelves in Browsers Corner and, for the used book sales, sorts and stores large quantities of material, prepares the library auditorium, and conducts the sales. Like the Marine Corps, we're always looking for a few more good people to carry on this fine work.

If you can spend a few hours a week on a regular basis or can assist us several times a year in preparing for the used book sales, please contact us. We would be very glad to answer any questions you might have.

BUSINESS HOURS:		
Mon.	10:00	to 5:00
Tues.	10:00	to 7:00
Wed.	10:00	to 7:00
Thur.	10:00	to 7:00
Fri.	noon	to 5:00
Sat.	10:00	to 4:00
Sun.	CLOSED	to CLOSED



## CALENDAR

### Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Saturday, May 22, 2010  
2:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium

### Friends Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 29, 2010  
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Plaza Conference Center

### Upcoming Book Sales

### Summer Reading Kick Off Sale ~ June 12

### Dollar Book Sale

August 12\*, 13, 14

*\*Member only preview night – 5:30pm to 7pm*

### Board Meetings

2nd Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Library Auditorium

## FOCCL BOARD

Bill Crowell  
President

Donna Curtis  
Vice President

Susan Matthes  
Recording Secretary

Cindy Byington  
Treasurer

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Frieda Ford  
Browsers Corner,  
PR/Marketing

Karen Crandall  
Budget

Donna Curtis  
Bylaws

Cheryl Mathwig  
Membership

## Friends on the Web



Have you ever visited FOCCLs website? If not, it's time to surf on over. You can find us at [www.friendsclibrary.org](http://www.friendsclibrary.org). There you will find our calendar of events, our list of officers, photos, and much more. Come by and let us know what you think. If there's something missing you'd like to see, please let us know.

If you're interested in social networking to share information, check out the FOCCL Facebook page. We post information about our upcoming book sales, events, photos, and current news related to the library. Become a Fan of "Friends of the Carson City Library" by going to our website at [www.friendsclibrary.org](http://www.friendsclibrary.org) and click on the link at the top of the page. Don't miss out! Friend us today!



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### Help Us Cut Costs and Still Keep you Informed

Help us cut costs AND keep you up-to-date on FOCCL events by sharing your Email address. Savings from printing & postage will give us more funds to help the library. Please e-mail us at [info@friendsclibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsclibrary.org) or call 232-1440.

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### Annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Friends of the Carson City Library will host their annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Saturday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m.

The Friends will be recognizing the volunteers who give their time and efforts and talents to the library tasks to aid the staff in any way. Their contributions are extremely beneficial in the day to day operations of the library.

This day is also the kickoff to begin the 2010 membership drive for the Friends of the Library. It is an excellent opportunity to become a new member of the Friends or to renew your membership and get involved by supporting the projects that the Friends will be participating in this year!

Becoming a member is easy and forms may be picked up at the front desk of the library. Remember that contributions for membership are deductible for income tax purposes!

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### Thank You!

The FOCCL Board thanks you for your membership. We cannot provide help to the Carson City Library without funding. Your membership furthers the library causes. ❖

*We would like to hear from you.  
Please tell us how we're doing.  
E-mail: [info@friendsclibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsclibrary.org)*

Build a better library with Friends!



Join or renew your Friends of Carson City Library membership today by filling out the membership form.

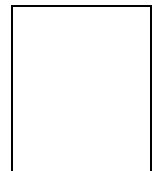
The mailing address is:

FOCCL  
P.O. Box 1814  
Carson City, Nevada 89702

**Join Today and tell other Friends about FOCCL!**



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Time to Renew  
Your FOCCL  
Membership!**

# Membership Renewal

Membership Renewal for:

- Senior or Student \$5
- Individual \$10
- Family \$15
- Sustaining \$25
- Patron \$50
- Benefactor/Business \$100

Additional donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

To help reduce printing costs and receive news via email, please include email address.

- This is a gift membership from:
- This is memorial membership from:

I also want to be a Friends Volunteer. My special interests are:

- Friends' Board Member / Committee Chair
- Book Sale Assistance
- Browsers Corner Work
- Special Interests (newsletter, computer, programs, other)
- Comments