

***The Book Sale Is Coming!***

The annual book sale is just around the corner, chronologically speaking. The Preview Sale, just for members of the Friends, will be in the evening on April 6. The next morning we'll open the doors to everyone, and the sale will continue through Saturday, April 10. We need volunteers to help us during the sale so if you're interested please let us know by signing up at the library or by calling Maureen Brooks at 662-843-8584.

***New Shelves***

The Fiction room at the library is getting a bit crowded, and the books are demanding some elbow room! The Friends have allocated \$2500 for the purchase of new shelving units that will be installed along the back wall of the Fiction room. Can't you just hear the books heaving a huge sigh of relief? The library workers will also be thankful for some extra space to stock their new tomes.

***Library Receives Grant***

The Friends have the honor of administering a grant the library received from the FINRA Foundation. The grant will be used for the purpose of serving the investor education needs of library patrons through a program called Smart investing@your Library. Be on the lookout for more information about this opportunity.

***Lee and Parker at Luncheon with Books***

In November, Joe Lee, a Starkville native and a graduate of Mississippi State University, was our guest speaker. His newest book, *The Magnolia Triangle*, is the second volume of the series that began two years ago with *Judgment Day*. "This one picks up seven months later and fea-



tures characters that readers will remember from *Judgment Day*. Because it's set in a small town in northeast Mississippi, I'm hopeful that mystery fans who enjoy Southern-based suspense will like it," Lee said. He also owns and operates Dogwood Press, a small but traditional publishing company in Brandon.



Laurie Parker was our guest in December. She has enjoyed writing rhyming narratives and other poetry since childhood. Another one of her long-time pastimes is cutting and pasting colored paper to create collages such as the ones used to illustrate her books.

Laurie is the author of several books, including *Everywhere in Mississippi*, the enchanting story of a lost dog named Skippy, whose master searches for him. She resides in her hometown of Starkville, Mississippi.



Another year has come upon us, so now is the time to pay your dues or join us for the first time. Complete the form below and please include an e-mail address as we are trying to develop an up-to-date e-mail database. Mail it to: Friends of the Library, 104 S. Leflore Avenue, Cleveland MS 38732. Thanks, and see you soon.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dues	Student (\$5.00)	Couples (\$15.00)	Org/Business (50.00)	Lifetime (\$150.00)
	Individual (\$10.00)	Families (\$20.00)	Patron (\$100.00)	

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