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[Left to right] Information Technology Head Andrew Pace and NCSU Libraries Fellow Emily Lynema led the Libraries' rollout of the new catalog powered by Endeca search software, which has reconceptualized how users perform searches of the library's collection.

Friends of the Library

By Anne Schnatter

Emyl Jenkins Steals the Show

On December 8, 2005, the Friends of the Library welcomed Emyl Jenkins, the talented writer and Friends of the Library life member, for an antiques-filled luncheon special. Jenkins read from her latest book and first foray into fiction, *Stealing with Style*. Intended to be the first in a new mystery series, the book draws upon her extensive knowledge of antiques and the antiques trade.

Nancy Olson, fellow Friends life member and owner of the independent bookstore Quail Ridge Books and Music, introduced Jenkins. The dynamic and fun-loving personalities of these two women made this an enjoyable event for all who attended. In addition, board member Anna Ball Hodge provided antique-themed decorations for the podium and entryway. Members of the Friends of the Library Program Committee, who helped plan the event, continued the decorating scheme throughout the luncheon area. The luncheon concluded in the spirit of the popular television program “Antiques Roadshow,” with Jenkins examining and offering information about antiques owned by members of the audience. ❖



Emyl Jenkins assesses a pottery vase.



Friends staff member Marylu Lawrence greeted guests at the Jenkins event.



Jan Karon Gives Special Reading

The Friends of the Library and Quail Ridge Books and Music jointly hosted Jan Karon, author of the hugely popular Mitford Series, at a special reading held on November 14, 2005. Karon read from and discussed *Light from Heaven*, the latest and final book in the series. Members of the audience delighted in her folksy delivery while Karon explored the sources of inspiration for her fiction and possible future directions for her work. ❖

[Left to right] Jan Karon and FOL board member and owner of Quail Ridge Books and Music Nancy Olson enjoyed greeting audience members at the Karon reading in November.

Judge Martin Clark Provides His Own Mischief

On January 11, 2006, the Friends of the Library welcomed the Honorable Martin Clark, author of *Plain Heavens Mischief* and *The Many Aspects of Mobile Home Living*. Clark is a circuit court judge who lives in Stuart, Virginia, but on the side

[Left to right] Judges Martin Clark and Ron Spivey at the Friends' event held in honor of Judge Clark.

he writes extremely funny stories about crime and redemption.

The Honorable Ron Spivey, superior court judge from Winston Salem, North Carolina, and Friends of the Library board member, introduced Clark. Clark's reading from his book *The Many Aspects of Mobile Home Living* introduced the audience to the main character, who happens to be a judge from Winston Salem. Clark engaged his audience with accounts of his own wild ride in finding a publisher, and he encouraged

hopeful writers by sharing excerpts from some of the harsh rejection letters he received from various editors. He persevered in seeking a publisher because he believed in his work, and he finally found one who recognized its quality.

The Friends of the Library, with special help from Program Committee member Sory Bowers, hosted a reception following the event. The Friends deeply appreciate her help in making the reception a success. ❖



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A Permanent Tribute

In fall 2005 the NCSU Libraries began honoring the memory of recently deceased faculty members and current students of the NC State University community by selecting and purchasing a book in their fields of study. A memorial bookplate will be placed in each book in their honor.

The Libraries has also begun memorializing the lives of deceased library staff by purchasing engraved bricks in their honor. Staff members of the NCSU Libraries make invaluable contributions to the life of the university and its students, faculty, and staff. It is an honor to remember them in such a public and permanent way. ❖

Friends of the Library Memorial Donations

Three members of the Friends of the Library passed away recently, and their families requested that memorial donations be made to the Friends of the Library in their honor. The NCSU Libraries is pleased to acknowledge the generous and thoughtful memorial gifts made by the following donors.

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In Memoriam: Hubert Vern Park

Hubert Vern Park of Raleigh died on December 28, 2005, at the age of ninety-four. He was born on December 29, 1911, in Rowan County, south of Salisbury, North Carolina, the eldest child of the late John and Pearl Park.

Park was preceded in death by his wife of more than sixty-three years, Mary Alice Herman Park. He is survived by his sons, Richard B. Park and wife Jane of Lynchburg, Virginia, and Robert V. Park and wife Sheryl of Raleigh, North Carolina; by his daughters, Elizabeth Park Whitaker and her husband James of Lutz, Florida, and Alice Park Fairbrother and husband

Elwood of Raleigh; and eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Park graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1931 with a degree in mathematics. He earned a master's degree and doctorate from UNC-Chapel Hill by 1939. He joined the North Carolina State University mathematics faculty in 1934 and retired to emeritus and part-time status in 1978. He continued to teach until 1991, devoting a total of fifty-seven years to teaching and counseling thousands of NC State students. Hubert Park also became a life member of the Friends of the Library.

In 1982 he received the Award of Merit from the

NCSU Alumni Association, and in 1986 he received the Watauga Medal, NC State's highest nonacademic honor given for distinguished service to the university. The citation recognized him as a professor extraordinaire, a teacher whose dedication to students, mathematics education, and the university for more than fifty years gave new meaning to the definition of outstanding teacher.

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