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## Troup-Harris-Coweta News and Notes

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### **Teacher Safety**

Recent events have highlighted the problem with violence in schools across our country. On Monday, November 13, Sergeant Kenny Lane from the Hall County Sheriff's Department presented a program on teacher safety at the Murrayville Branch of the Hall County Library System. This timely event instructed educators how to react in case of such an emergency. All educators throughout Hall County were invited to attend.

### **Doggy Tales**

During November and December, the Murrayville Branch of the Hall County Library System began hosting "Doggy Tales." "Doggy Tales" is a unique program during which children read aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Children were invited to attend four sessions. Each child was given 15 minutes on each day to read with therapy dogs Ginger or Casey. This program is especially effective with children who need reading practice and encouragement. The children were asked to bring a book from home or come to the library a few minutes early to select a title to read. A second series of programs is currently being planned for 2007.

### **Hunting Safety**

The Hall County Library recently collaborated with the Department of Natural Resources to present two programs on hunting safety. The program was presented at the Gainesville Branch Library on November 14 and at the Blackshear Place Branch on December 7. Both programs saw large numbers in attendance and received numerous compliments from attendees. ▶▶

## **Ohoopee Regional Library news and notes**

Martha Francis Powers has been appointed the Public Services Librarian for the Ohoopee Regional Library System. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Masters of Library and Information Services from Kent State University. She worked as a Technical Services and Government Documents Assistant in the L.A. Beeghly Library of Ohio Wesleyan and did her practicum work as a



*McDonald*

Young Adult Librarian at the Delaware County District Library in Delaware, Ohio.

The Ohoopee Regional Library System has acquired the complete sets of both the "Dear America" and "Royal Diaries" historical fiction series for teens thanks to the work of a young patron. Lauren McDonald, age 12,

chose the library as her service project to win her Bronze Award for Girl Scouts. By writing letters and talking to neighbors, Lauren raised enough money to purchase the entire series. She placed one set in the library and worked with the library to have another set of the books placed in the Family Crisis Center for the children who are living there.

On November 14, Ms. Jackie Bell of Sandersville, Georgia, gave a presentation on the history of the Transylvania Club and the Georgia Historical Plates at the Laurens County Library.



*From left: Transylvania Club members Mary Grace Kay, Mary Alice Jordan, Jackie Bell and Dianne Mathis*

Through sales of the historical plates and its annual fundraiser, the Transylvania Club's 36 members provide generous financial support for staffing and collection development to the Rosa M. Tarbutton Memorial Library in Sandersville. ▶▶

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The 11th Annual Azalea Storytelling Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, March 2-4 in the new Callaway Auditorium at LaGrange College. Both LaGrange College and LaGrange Memorial Library are among the sponsors. This year's tellers include Donald Davis, Kathryn Wyndham, Andy Offutt, and Sheila Kay Adams with appearances by Jane Cunningham, Anne Hewett, and Josie Bailey. For additional information, contact Pat Gay at the LaGrange Memorial Library (telephone: 706-882-7784 x21; e-mail: pgay@thclibrary.net).

Frank Lewis, regional library Board of Trustees member, passed away on October 25. Frank had been a longtime library supporter and was director of the Banks Library at LaGrange College for 22 years before his retirement in 1995. Frank was noted throughout the community for his commitment to service including board memberships and service to the 100 Black Men of America, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Historic Chattahoochee Commission, and the Troup-Harris-Coweta Regional Library board. He also helped establish the Troup Council of Aging and the Pathways Center. In 2003, the State House of Representatives passed a resolution in his honor. He will be deeply missed by all his friends in the community. ▶▶