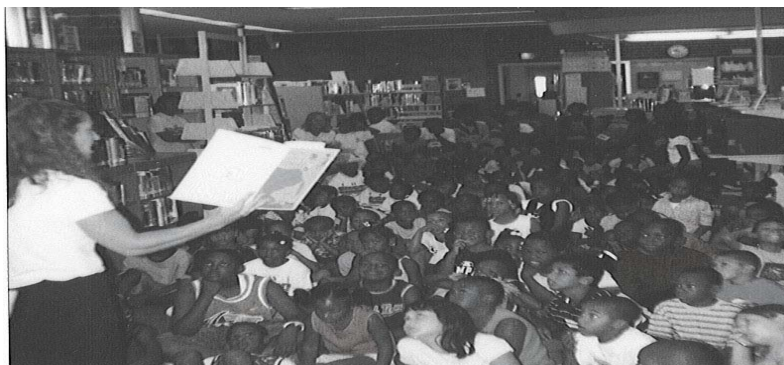




Mildred L. Terry A Branch of the CVRLS



The Mildred L. Terry Branch Library is 54 years old. It was built in November 1952, and opened on January 5, 1953, to deliver segregated library service to Columbus' Black citizens. First called the *Colored* library, it later became *The Fourth Avenue Library*, and in 1981, was renamed for its first librarian Mildred Lane Terry who served from 1952 to 1980. Mrs. Helene Watson served as Manager from 1980 to 1999. Silvia Bunn is the third manager in 54 years. A GA Historical Marker was placed in 2003 by Kendrick H.S. Young Historians, Historic Columbus Foundation, Friends of Libraries and others.

Today, the branch is a full service unit of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System. Its focus on family literacy is carried out through services and programs like a *GED Class* (in partnership with Tillinghurst Adult Education), a daily *Literacy Hour*, a weekly *Books and Babies Storytime*, a weekly *Conversational Spanish* class, an *Adult and Children's Book Club*. Outreach includes service to schools, daycares, and the nearby Georgia Career Center.

In just 2,190 square feet *for public service*, (4,200 square feet total) and without a story time area, the space has packed in over 200 children during Vacation Reading. This February, 103 persons (31 adults), attended a program with children's author Cedric Threatt. They occupied the entire floor in the adult department! Spaces originally designated as "backroom" space (the staff breakroom and periodicals storage area), are now used for public services.

17 computers afford online and word processing access to children and adults. A Meeting Room (which doubles as a Computer Lab and seats 10 –12), is available by reservation. The 63,176 items that circulated last fiscal year included books (print and audio), videos, DVD's, music CD's, magazines, and thematic *Find-Out-About-It Kits* (primarily geared to pre-schoolers and home-schooled audiences).

The staff, William Wade, Enid Vega, Gae Henderson, Penny Cook, Ruby Porter, Vera James, Deborah Clark and Silvia Bunn enjoy the work immensely. Like the community, they are excited about the \$2.5 million dollars from the 2003 Special Local Options Sales Tax (SPLOST) to be used to *modernize* the branch. This step would not only "renovate" a building, it would renew an institution.

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Upcoming Events:

**Next CALA Meeting — May 30th, 6:30 Pm
Columbus Public Library**

June— CALA Membership Drive

**July—CALA Field Trip to Warm Springs
Library (See Page 3 for More Details)**

2006 LIBRA Award Presentation and National Library Week Celebration

LIBRA Award Winners!



Callie McGinnis, Left

Owen Ditchfield, Middle

Claudya Muller, Right

Three distinguished citizens Callie McGinnis, Dean of Libraries, Columbus State University, Claudya Muller, Director of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System and Owen Ditchfield, Media Specialist, White Elementary School, Fort Benning were presented the 2006 LIBRA Award on April 7, 2006 at the Columbus Public Library during National Library Week. National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and library staff and to promote library use and support. To commemorate this special week, the Columbus Area Library Association (CALA) hosted a reception in honor of three notable library advocates who have contributed much to the success of libraries in our local communities. The membership body of the Columbus Library

Association deemed Callie McGinnis, Claudya Muller and Owen Ditchfield equally worthy of this special honor via a highly unusual three-way tie vote at the Spring Meeting in March.



Callie McGinnis is a founding member of the Columbus Area Library Association and has worked diligently to improve and expand local archives and genealogy services in the community. Callie McGinnis is Dean of Libraries at Columbus State University where she has been employed for 31 years. Claudya Muller is Director of the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Li-

brary System since the summer of 2001. She has made a tremendous impact in the public library system. Her impact is reflected in numbers, visibility and in making the library responsive to the needs of the community. The number of library cardholders today exceeds 90,000 - double the number in 2001. Claudya Muller has made a significant difference in the quantity and quality of library service in our local community.

Owen Ditchfield, Media Specialist, is without a doubt, "Mr. Library Supporter". He epitomizes the kind of visible, vocal support that libraries in our community need to be strong and effective. Owen Ditchfield is an avid user of libraries and has been a member of Friend of Libraries (FOL) for years. In his role as a Media Specialist, Mr. Ditchfield has a passion to motivate students to read. "His greatest achievement", says his wife, "is inspiring students to read and learn, and have fun doing it."

Pictures... Center and bottom



Audience enjoying CALA LIBRA Award ceremony.

"A house without books is like a room without windows. No man has a right to bring up children without surrounding them with books.... Children learn to read being in the presence of books." - Horace MANN (1796-1859)

Area Library Happenings

CALA Field Trip to Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute Library - July 15, 2006

Mike Shadix, Librarian, at the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute Library, will host CALA members and lead a tour, show a historical film and make arrangements for lunch, Saturday, July 15, 2006 in Warm Springs.

From its unique beginning as the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, a hospital for polio patients founded by Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1927, the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation is an internationally recognized comprehensive medical and vocational rehabilitation facility, providing services for people with many different types of disabilities.

Join us for this educational networking experience. This is a great opportunity for personal and professional enrichment.

The bus will be leaving from Columbus Technical College Library at 10:30 a.m. – Saturday July 15, 2006

To sign up for this trip please call Charle Menefee - 706-748-2855 or
E-mail ctarver-menefee@cvrls.net

Directions from Columbus:

Take Manchester Expressway through Waverly Hall to Warm Springs. At the stoplight in Warm Springs, turn left. The main gate of the Institute will be on the left about ½ mile from the light.

Due to the construction of a new building, the most direct route to Georgia Hall is blocked. After turning in the main gate, you will proceed up a long hill. There will be an intersection at the top of the hill. Follow the road straight across the intersection with the temporary orange plastic fence. Turn right at the stop sign. This road will take you directly to Georgia Hall. Park in the lot across from Georgia Hall.
Additional information forthcoming.....

If you would like to see news about your library featured in the next "Library Happenings" please submit your article to teri.boscia@us.army.mil by July 31st.

Message From the President

Greetings...

CALA is an organization all members should be proud of! I have stated several times 'If CALA is to thrive and survive we all must take an active role and commit to making things happen'. I saw this in action on March 16th at our Spring Meeting. In order for CALA to recognize three worthy nominees for the 2006 LIBRA Award, all deemed worthy by a very unusual three-way tie, additional funds were needed. CALA members rallied for the cause and made it happen. Callie McGinnis, Claudya Muller and Owen Ditchfield received a LIBRA Award on April 7th. At a time when action, not just words, was needed the membership showed true commitment to their organization. Practically every member present at the March 16th meeting renewed their membership and some gave an additional donation or made a donation for funding the LIBRA Award celebration. That's COMMITMENT! Members saw a need, found a solution and were willing to put forth the necessary action and resources (\$) to make it happen. This commitment shown by the membership is what gives me the drive to continue working to do all I can to make CALA the best it can be. As a result of this effort 21 CALA members renewed their membership for 2007 and 6 new members joined. Thanks for your commitment and support of CALA. Together we not only survive, but we will thrive!!

Charle Menefee, President, CALA

"There's a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when circumstance permits. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results."

Membership Update

2006 Membership Drive

CALA's Annual Membership Drive is June 2006. CALA invites you to renew your membership and ask colleagues and other library acquaintances to join our local library organization. CALA is a dynamic organization that promotes libraries and provides great networking opportunities. Prizes will be awarded to the member that solicits the most new memberships. So get busy, encourage your colleagues to join CALA our local library organization.

New

Debra Clark
Penny Cook
Vera James
Verenca Madel
Gail Render
Michael Shadix*
Matilda Smith
Susan Wynne*

Renewals

Alice Budge
Christie Rudd
Sylvia Bunn
Suzanne Barnes
Carole Burke*
Sherrie Floyd*
Rose Frazier*
Alice McCown*
Ruby Porter*
Michele Jones
Brooke Mann
Juanita Marbury
Uretha Gilmer*
Stephanie Middleton
Charmette Kendrick*
Charle Tarver-Menefee
Erma Banks
June Reynolds*
Donna Osbourne
Camille Walkinshaw
Ronald Mack*
Sandra Stratford*

*** A big thank you to these members for their generous donations to CALA**

Treasurer Report

Balance on hand as of
February 14, 2006 \$329.44

Deposits \$562.00

Less Disbursements \$411.04

Balance on hand as of
May 8, 2006 \$480.40

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