



Sayers Memorial Library, Fort Benning



**Sayers Memorial Library,
Fort Benning, Georgia,
Wins Best Army Library Program of the Year for 2006**

All the new programs and service improvements along with recent renovations have earned the Sayers Memorial Library the distinguished award of Best Army Library Program of the Year for 2006. The award is sponsored by the Community & Family Support Center in Washington D.C. The Sayers Library competed with other large Army installation libraries such as Fort Campbell, Fort Stewart, Fort Hood, Fort Lewis and several large libraries in Europe to win the award. Programs are judged on factors such as innovations, program improvements, marketing and community outreach both on and off post. The outreach program to Baker Village, the Story Station, Family Fun Time and the Aflac Summer Reading Program that reached over 300 children and included 32 events in six weeks were highlighted in the award packet. The "Read to Kids" messenger kit program was also highlighted. The messenger kits include DVD/Video recorders as well as carefully selected books that parents can read and record for their children to listen/view while they are away. Renovations and improvements highlighted in the award packet include new carpet, paint, furniture, a redesign of the functional space and a new conference room. The fact that Sayers Library averages 800 customers each day also helped them win the Award.

COLUMBUS AREA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

News



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Upcoming Events:

- CALA Fall Meeting - September 14, 2006**
Columbus Public Library—6:30 p.m.
- CALA Meeting - November 2, 2006**
Donovan Research Library
Fort Benning, GA
- CALA Winter Meeting—January 2007**

CALA Meeting at Donovan Research Library, Ft. Benning



The Fort Benning Libraries hosted the November 2, 2006 CALA meeting at the Donovan Research Library. Those in attendance toured the library and its archives before a presentation by the Command Historian, Dave Stieghan. This is the Centennial year for the Library and the Infantry School. Mr Stieghan's topic "The Infantry School Centennial: From the School of Musketry to Fort Benning 1907-2007" was appropriate.

Since the talk the library has unearthed, in the numerous stacks, books that were in the original collection, and some that were added when the Library moved to Fort Sill.

The provisions of the modern Army in the field, 1909 and *Muskerty Training, 1912* are two of the titles.

An Afternoon in the Stacks

Closing the book I find I have left my head
inside. It is dark in here, but the chapters open
their beautiful spaces and give a rustling sound,
words adjusting themselves to their meaning,
Long passages open at successive pages. An echo,
continuous from the title onward hums
behind me. From in here the world looms,
a jungle redeemed by these linked sentences
carved out when an author traveled and a reader
kept the way open. When this book ends
I will pull it inside out like a sock
and throw it back in the library. But the rumor
of it will haunt all that follows in my life.
A candleflame in Tibet leans when I move.

~William Stafford

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*Membership Liaison (new position) Contact person for happenings in your library or among membership body. Ex. Member getting married, promoted, etc. Special event at your library you want others to know about, etc. contact Rose Frazier 748-2855. Share what's happening in your life and library with CALA members.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

September: Banned Books Week - September 23-30, 2006

October: Book Clubs and Writers Groups:

Wednesday, October 4 at 12:00 p.m. The Art & Artist book club will meet to discuss *Feint of Art: An Annie Kincaid Mystery* by Hailey Lind. (Columbus Museum)

Saturday, October 14 at 1:00 p.m. The Page Turners Book Club will meet to discuss *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks. (Mildred Terry Branch Library)

Saturday, September 23 at 10:30 a.m. The Georgia Writer's Association will meet at the Columbus Public Library for their monthly meeting. (Columbus Public Library-Synovus Meeting Room)

Wednesday, October 25 at 12:00 p.m. The Brown Bag Book Club will meet at the Columbus Public Library to discuss *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner. (Columbus Public Library-3rd Floor Conference Room)

Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m. The Hooked On Books Book Club will meet to discuss *The Girls* by Lori Lansens. (South Columbus Branch Library)

November

Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Muscogee County Friends of Libraries, this month we feature the Columbus School of Music students. Please join us in the auditorium for this special musical afternoon. (Columbus Public Library-Auditorium)

If you would like to see news about your library or media center featured in an upcoming "Library Happenings", please submit your article to ckendrick-kuhn@cvrls.net

Message From the President

We've had a great calendar year in 2006. There were many exciting events, much growth, and wonderful fellowship among the CALA membership. All meetings were well attended averaging at least 20 in attendance at each meeting. Highlights of events in 2006 include the LIBRA celebration during National Library Week in April where the LIBRA Award was presented to three much deserving recipients—Callie McGinnis, CSU, Claudya Muller, CVRLS and Owen Ditchfield, Fort Benning. In May CALA hosted a very informative slide show featuring the Oxford Libraries while the participants sipped tea and enjoyed a wonderful array of European pastries and cookies. CALA also hosted a trip to Warms Springs, GA to the Roosevelt Institute where a group of 17 members and friends toured the institute and enjoyed a delicious meal at the Bulloch House Restaurant before returning to Columbus.

I hope you have been able to join us for some of these events. These events and trips have been very enjoyable, a learning experience and an opportunity for CALA members to network and socialize. We have much to offer each other and CALA is a prime opportunity for those of us involved and interested in libraries to share and learn about and from each other. If you have not taken advantage of this opportunity to participate previously, I urge you to become an active member in CALA meetings. This will enable you to stay abreast of upcoming events and make plans to participate. It is through all members effort that our local library organization—CALA will become stronger and grow. Hope to see you at our next gathering!!! **Charle...**

Membership Update

New

Joan Lakes
Leta Grieves
Kimberley Scott
Tiffany Scott
Joan Peary
Bethany L. Sellers
Andrea Colton
Cathy Michaud
Randy Duncan
Theresa Larson

Renewals

Jo Gables
Claudya Muller
James Smartt
Vickie Luckerson

**If you joined, re-
newed, did not get a
membership card or
your name is not
listed please let us
know!**

***"Aim at the sun and you may not reach it; but your
arrow will fly far higher than if you had aimed at an
object on a level with yourself."***

F. Hawes

ENCOURAGE YOUR CO-WORKERS TO JOIN CALA!!

Treasurer Report

Balance on hand as of
November 2006 \$1,000.40

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