

Friends Activities and Events

Thursday, June 16 at 7:30PM: Author Tim Darnell

Tim Darnell, is the author of *The Crackers: The Early Days of Atlanta Baseball*. Spanning six decades, *The Crackers* is the first comprehensive history of Atlanta's original minor league (Southern League and Negro Southern League) baseball teams.

Before Turner Field and the Atlanta Braves, Atlantans turned out at Ponce de Leon Ball Park, called "Poncey," to root on their beloved **Atlanta Crackers**.

For 58 years, the park housed the winningest team in baseball. It was also one of the most unique fields in the Southern Association - with a "kudzu-covered hill and a giant magnolia, both in fair territory..."

Darnell is an accomplished newspaper and magazine journalist. His passion for baseball inspired him to establish a company which owned the minor league Albany (GA) Alligators.

Coming in July - Annual Ice Cream Social

Every July, the Friends offer members a chance to get together for ice cream, live entertainment, and door prizes.

It is always a wonderful evening - with the feel of an old fashioned community gathering where people enjoy being together. We are looking forward to seeing you this July.

Watch the Library for the date and time.

Searching for the missing Link?

It's back! I apologize for the long delay in getting this issue of the Link to you.

Going forward, our publication schedule will be May - August - November - February, to enable us to bring you news of our big events - like Murder Goes South, the Ice Cream Social, Summer Reading for Kids - in a more timely manner!

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Map Your Way to a Summer of Good Reads!

Adult Summer Reading Program 2005

Beloved American poet Emily Dickinson wrote: "There is no Frigate like a Book to take us Lands away..." The Friends of Smyrna Library would like to invite area adults to a new adult reading program this Summer: **Reading Around the World - Map Your Way to a Summer of Good Reads.**

The object of the program is to introduce readers to books about other countries and writers from other countries. A list of suggested reads will be provided, but participants can read any book they like so long as it is by a foreign writer or takes place in a foreign country.

A map of the world will also be available so you can map your way around the world and have a wonderful summer of good reading. So whether you plan to visit Dostoevski's Russia or Achebe's West Africa, we invite you to bring the world to your doorstep.

At Summer's end we will meet to discuss our "travels" and the "Frigate" we used to reach our destinations, and share our reading experiences. Refreshments will be served.