

Word for Word

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Spotlight on Terri Prout



Prout helps at a fundraiser.

"I started out as green as you could be and had to learn the business of running a library," Prout said, "But I grew along side the library and that has been one of the most satisfying experiences of my career."

While going from a special needs and fifth grade teacher to administrative assistant may seem like a huge leap, in many ways she is still in the education profession.

"The library is like teaching," Prout said, "There is a value we are adding to the community that is often taken for granted."

For the past decade, Terri Prout has watched the South Georgia Regional Library change and grow. In that time she has served as the Administrative Assistant for three library directors and has managed countless facilities' personnel. After her long and distinguished library career, Prout will be retiring in March.

Originally a teacher, Prout craved a new challenge, working with adults, and was hired by Director Liza Newsom in 2000.

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SGRL BY THE NUMBERS:

- 38 Number of Employees
- \$2,284 Average amount of money taken in from fines each month
- 70.9% Amount of patrons prefer to get their books in print format versus CD or downloads.

Dear fellow FOL members,

It is hard to believe that 2010 is almost over! It seems to rush by faster and faster. We (the FOL) have accomplished much this year. The cataloging department is busy getting a final order ready for us to reach our goal of \$25,000 for the purchase of books for the library this year. Thank you Bernard, Debbie, Sarah and Harikleia, the hard working group that puts the orders together. The FOL has received thank you letters from some of our library patrons that are so appreciative of our book purchases.

Kelly Lenz, who was profiled in the last newsletter, is our new SGRL Director. She has a big job and the FOL Board supports her and her staff 100 percent. Congratulations, Kelly.

Our annual meeting has been set for January 11, 2011 @ Steel's Jewelry, from 5 to 7 p.m. Susan and Chuck Steel and their staff were gracious hosts last year and they had wonderful giveaway drawings. We'll also have some library silent auction items. We'll elect a new slate of officers at the meeting so plan on stopping by and having a bite to eat and mixing with other FOL members.

The Back Door Bookstore desperately needs donations. We are very short on children's books, magazines, audios, videos, adult level fiction and non-fiction. Please check around your house and see if you can't bring us your gently read books. To meet our goals and continue to fund library activities, we need more inventory to sell. Feel free to drop by the Back Door Bookstore and see what they have to offer. Hrs: Tuesday 10-1, Saturday 11-2.

The FOL Board decided to kick off the 2011 Membership drive in January 2011. Kay Scott has agreed to chair the membership committee. Be on the look out for membership information coming in the mail.

I've had a great time serving as President of the FOL.

Thanks for all your help,

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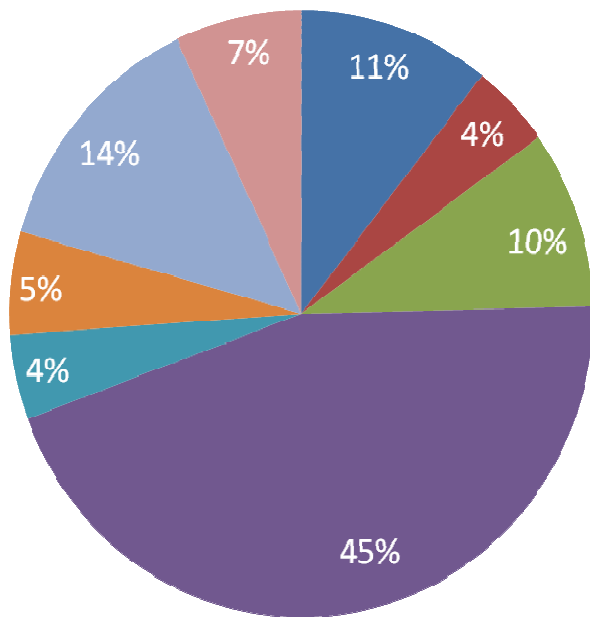


And the Survey Says...

As part of the planning process for the new Main Library facility, the South Georgia Regional Library recently conducted a regional survey.

Over 200 community members responded. Here are some of the results.

What is the most important purpose for which you use the library?



- Information related to school, school assignments?
- Information related to job or career?
- Information related to personal interests or needs [healthcare, business info]
- Materials for leisure/recreational use [books, DVDs, etc.]
- Programs and materials for my child including story hours
- Programs and materials for adults [book groups, author talks, etc.]
- Computer use for internet, word processing, etc.
- Other (please explain)

Which of these services you like to have available in your library?

Answers	Response Percent
More large and small meeting spaces	28.1%
Multiple person study spaces	22.6%
Place to watch TV news	17.1%
Music and place to listen to it	18.1%
Vending area	20.6%
Public garden area	35.2%
Homework help afterschool	20.6%
24/7 reference service	21.1%
Better access to historical records	22.1%
More computers	38.2%
Other	18.1%

Book Review: Stones into Schools

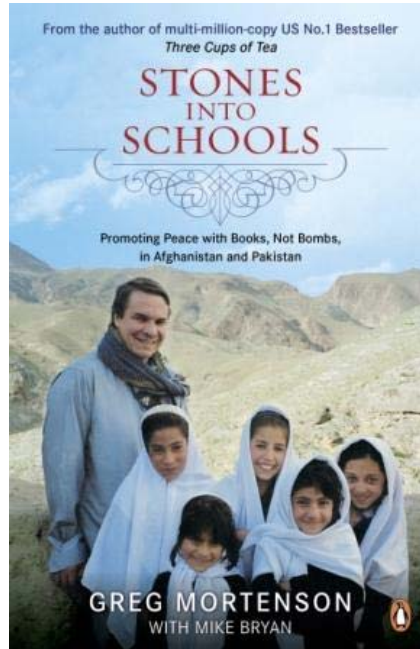
Contributed by Dr. Patricia Marks

Imagine widespread literacy; imagine peace in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Idealistic? Greg Mortenson is that indeed—but those familiar with his *Three Cups of Tea* know that he is also energetic and determined. *Stones into Schools* continues the story of his vision of promoting peace through literacy, of engaging those on opposite sides of the cultural divide in a mutual endeavor.

And what an unlikely cast of characters. Fourteen Kirghiz warriors on shaggy horses, trudging across impossibly high mountains in the hope that Mortenson will build a school in their remote Pamir Mountain village. Add the “Dirty Dozen,” Mortenson’s hand-picked crew headed by Sarfraz Kahn, ibex-hunter and ex-commando. And then, into the mix, stir Chris Kolenda, Commander of Task Force Saber; General David Petraeus; and Admiral Mike Mullen, chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

These and others like them sit down to drink the proverbial three cups of tea and then join in providing support for building schools in remote regions of Afghanistan. The pictures in this book are evocative, the success stories heartening! There is Najeeba, teaching at a women’s literacy center in Kabul; there is Fozia, the first woman from a tiny Pakistani hamlet to pass the bar exam. And here is Parveen, the first female high school graduate in Wakhan, enrolled in a maternal health training program. She plans to return to her village to help stem the tide of infant mortality.

When stones become schools, Mortenson says in this inspiring book, the harvest of literacy is jobs and training, the ability to feed one’s family and live in health. And more; literacy fosters the kind of understanding that thwarts the misinterpretations and deliberate lies of the extremists. Those tiny abc’s blossom into the flowers of peace.



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Prout believes that the library will play an even larger role in adding value to the community in the future with the construction of a new main facility.

“During difficult times the role of the library becomes more important,” Prout said, “People depend on us more and more for job searches, GED classes, and Spanish Classes. We have an important role and our library is committed to this community.”

Leaving the library after years of service is bittersweet for Prout.

“As much as I am looking forward to retirement, part of me wishes I were going to be here to see the new building,” Prout said.



Terri Prout “geeks” psychology.

Cotton Bowl '84

The air was rather breezy on this January day
To the Cotton Bowl in Dallas came the boys of UGA.
Although ratings were against them, they were hopeful
nonetheless
For the mighty Bulldogs of Georgia would certainly
do their best.

Two Texas field goals put the Georgia boys six points
behind.

The Longhorns tasted victory, a championship was on
the line.

When with a mighty surge of power that opened up
the way,

A touchdown! A victory - by Big John and the Dooley
Dawgs of UGA.



Contributed by Beulah Exum Henny

About Us

Friends of the Library (FOL) is made up of people from all walks of life, diverse cultural and religious backgrounds whom all share a passion for the library and a earnest desire to see the South Georgia Regional Library system flourish. Members of the FOL volunteer their time and donate their resources to constantly improve the library.

Everyone Needs a Friend!

With the help of Friends of the Library, the South Georgia Regional Library System has reached a materials level of 2.6 items per person for the service area. But, the Friends aspire to have an 'excellent' system by state standards, which requires four items per person. This means that at least \$1,000,000 must be raised to achieve our goal.

Friends of the Library are concerned citizens who share the belief that a strong public library is the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational heart of the community. Friends support the library by being advocates who communicate the value of the library to elected officials and to the general public.

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