One of the most interesting and fun books the Library has received recently is the Greenville High School Alumni Association Newsletters - 12 Years - 1998-2009. Through the past 12 years the Alumni Association has faithfully published its quarterly newsletter and now all 48 of them are compiled into one beautiful book, index included. In fact the 2010 newsletters are found in the back.

Each newsletter is delightful: full of stories and pictures of people in the past and present, reunions, remembrances, history, features, accomplishments, interesting tidbits, and letters to the editor. If you'd like to see a picture of your great-grandpa on the track team of 1939, you'll find it here!

Dick Brown, current President of the Association, donated a copy to Director John Vehre as seen below. This book would make a great holiday gift and can be purchased via Dick Brown or from www.greenvillealumni.net. The website also allows you to become a member of the Association and contains all kinds of information.

The idea for the Association began in the 1990’s when GHS Principle Steve Gruber solicited interested alumni to become involved. The self-supporting organization eventually formed with a Board of Trustees and an Executive Committee. The newsletters began shortly thereafter.

As the editorial in the first issue, Spring 1998, states, “Those were formative years. We now realize the old saying ‘we are part of all those whom we have met’ is especially true of the acquaintances; the associations; and the friendships made in high school... Where are all the classmates who impacted each of us? And where are all the teachers? Those teachers we forgot to thank?”

It goes on: “Sixty years of high schools operating at ‘full bore’ have produced legions of high school attendees and high school graduates. They are scattered around the state, the country and the world.... Most of all they became an integral part of the fabric of this country, each contributing to its diversity and its strength in their own particular way.”

Enjoy this book from the Library or obtain your own copy to reconnect with your GHS high school heritage!
Library “Wish List”

The Library has been posting a “Wish List” for several years as a means to let the public know its most pressing needs. The List is displayed on a poster on each floor with pictures of each “wished for” item. In the past these have included the outside book drop, the stained glass window repair, a refrigerator for the Children’s Room, a children’s drinking fountain, the automatic door opener, a Microfilm Reader/Printer, and a delivery van.

Generous sponsors have responded to these needs with donations or purchases and all of these items now make the Library a more usable, beautiful place. As an aside, the stained glass between the Reference Room and the Magazine Room is in the process of being repaired by Willet Hauser Architectural Glass from Winona, Minnesota. They removed the glass last summer and will return it after the first of the year. They are the same firm who repaired the Memorial Hall’s stained glass.

Now again the Library has evaluated its needs and three major items have appeared on the Wish List for 2010-2011. They are the equipment for automatic computer sign-up, a security system at the exit/entrance, and conference tables & chairs for the Meeting Room. With expensive items such as these it is not unusual to receive a number of gifts towards each one, with the purchase taking place once the monies are raised.

The automatic computer sign-up equipment consists of a card reader (left) which allows a patron to access one of the 20 public-use computers in the computer room. The patron swipes his/her library card and is able to use the computer for the allotted two hours a day. This is an easy, convenient procedure for the patron and an efficient use of staff time. As it is now, a staff member must leave the Reference Desk over & over to log on patrons, taking away the service otherwise given to Reference patrons. The cost is around $5000.

The security system (left) consists of a walk-through area by the main exit & entrance. This system detects any materials that have not been checked out properly by causing a beep. Sometimes materials leave the building by mistake as well as on purpose! Thousands of dollars worth of library property is lost each year this way. A security system was part of the original design when the Library upgrade was first planned. The cost is around $10,000.

The furniture needed for the Meeting Room consists of two tables and 16 chairs, with a cost of around $4400. This furniture would add dignity and comfort to the Room which now uses old folding tables & chairs.

As always, the Library considers itself very blessed with all the support from its benefactors. Again please consider helping with these items when you plan your giving for this year and next!
Now that the Capital Campaign has come to a close, many Library donors are asking how they can continue to show their support and make a difference in the community. They know the Library plays an integral part in meeting the educational and informational needs of the county. And they know that in these tough economical times the Library’s budget has suffered large cuts.

The answer is that donations are still very welcome! In the two years since our occupying the newly expanded and renovated building, donations have exceeded $13,000 in cash as well as in the form of hundreds of books, Audio-Books, DVDs, movies, and Lego’s! These generous gifts have kept our collections current and interesting and have allowed our excellent programming to continue.

So if you are interested in doing a tax deductible gift, remember the Library! You may contribute to the Book Fund and designate your choices - fiction, non-fiction, YA, Children’s - in any media, or you may pass along your own slightly used materials. Or you may donate towards any of the items on our “wish-list.”

Whatever you choose, make it something personally rewarding to yourself - and know that many people are benefiting from your generosity!

Friends Donate Laminator

The Friends of the Library are a major source of support who always step up quickly when a need arises, purchasing many items for the Library as well as sponsoring programs and activities.

Recently the Library’s laminator stopped working and a new one was on sale for a limited time. Laminating is a popular service to the public so it was advantageous to move quickly - within hours the new one was ordered. Many thanks again! Paula Hemmerick & Jan Boyer are seen below.

Honeywell Buys Books

Honeywell UAW Local 2413 recently made a generous donation to the Book Fund. The gift was comprised of monies raised by the Women’s Committee who held a Book Fair and a luncheon, as well as a donation from the UAW itself. Book plates will be placed inside the covers of all the books bought by the UAW.

Buzz (Edward) Fink presented Assistant Director Susi Halley with the money order. Thank you, Members, for your help!
**New Library Van**

Recently the Library purchased a 2010 Ford Transit-Connect van with monies donated by Pat Haines and the Norman & Helen Anthony bequest. Dave Knapp sold the van to the Library for little over cost and supplied the GPL signs. The multi-purpose van will be used for extension service deliveries and staff transportation. Director John Vehre stated “It gets very good gas mileage. We’re very pleased to have gotten it at such a good price and thank Dave Knapp and our donors.”

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**Display Case**

The beautiful glass display case sits in the Reference Room next to the fireplace and is well worth a look. Each month a new collection or set of memorabilia is installed. It’s amazing what unusual and interesting items the public collects and is willing to share - everything from Roy Rogers to milk bottles. If you have a few beloved treasures you’d like to display, please contact Carolyn Fisher at the Library (the case is securely locked). She’ll help you move them in and out!