Merry Christmas from the Dean of the Library, Mary Roby

Christmas in the Library ... Candles in the windows, a beautiful Christmas tree at the front door, candy on the counter, and stressed-out students studying for final exams. We are happy to be able to provide a friendly, relaxed place to study during this time of year. We have dedicated faculty and staff that provide a welcoming and comforting atmosphere for the students and it is my pleasure to serve with them here at Gardner-Webb. This year, instead of giving gifts to each other, we gave gifts to the Angel Tree in Webb Hall and contributed two boxes to Operation Christmas Child. I am truly thankful for the generosity and giving spirit here in the Library.

I am so pleased that we have begun our new Friends of the Library group here at the Dover Memorial Library. We have completed another successful semester, graduating over 300 students on December 14. During exam time we offered extended hours and free coffee, hot tea and hot chocolate for our students. If you would like to encourage our students by sponsoring a study break during exam time, please contact the Development Office at (704) 406-4101 or go to www.supportgwu.com.

As the Friends of the Library begins to host more cultural and community events, we also welcome any ideas you may have. Please contact me at (704) 406-4290 and let us know what you’d like to see the Friends of the Library offer.

We wish you a very merry Christmas as you celebrate our Savior’s birth!

Ways to Support the Library

Becoming a Friend of Library doesn’t have to mean just sending in a check to Gardner-Webb. We have several opportunities available to honor those in your life and have a direct impact on the library’s resources.

For example, after each graduation, friends and families of graduating seniors are invited to donate $50 to the library to name a book in the graduate’s honor. The book may be selected by the donor, or it can be left to the library’s discretion. Either way, it is a great way to help the library and leave a lasting tribute to your Gardner-Webb graduate.

For other creative giving options, please contact the Development Office at (704) 406-4101.
Past, Current, and Upcoming Events

Past Events

Over 600 people were in attendance to hear Mr. Young speak, and we were excited to meet some potential new Friends of the Library members.

Mr. Young was also the keynote speaker at the 2009 Alumni Awards Banquet.

If you didn’t receive a brochure on the Friends of the Library at this event and would like us to send you one, do not hesitate to contact Mary Roby, the Dean of the Library, at (704) 406-4290.

Current Events
There is always something going on at the Dover Library or at the Gardner-Webb Campus.

Stop by now to see the pottery of local artist and Gardner-Webb student, Brad Lail, showcased in the library’s main entrance. You may also view his work online at www.bradlailpottery.com.

Come by in the Spring to hear selections from Gardner-Webb’s on campus literary magazine, The Broad River Review.

Upcoming Events
And next Fall, stay tuned for information on the Ron Rash Festival—a multiday event to celebrate the writing of local author Ron Rash.

You can always check for events on the calendar at www.supportgwu.com, and keep reading the Friends of the Library newsletter for exciting updates.