

Making A Difference

by Karen Orr Fritts

We know librarians and library staff are helpful, friendly creatures inside a library, but did you know they are just as helpful and friendly outside the library? The staff at the Mary Livermore Library helps a variety of causes when not at work, covering a wide range, from animals to children to saving the environment.

Recently a new club was started at UNC Pembroke. The Animal Savior Klub (A.S.K.) was started when **Alayna De-Falco**, Health/PE Lecturer & Color Guard Instructor, and her students found a litter of puppies just off the campus. The puppies were unfortunately too sick to survive. A.S.K. was founded to help save the stray animals in Robeson County. Several members of the library staff, **Robert Wolf**, **June Power**, and **Karen Orr Fritts**, are members. A.S.K. is currently trying to raise money to support the animals that they find, foster them, and find them forever homes.

June Power is also making a difference with the children of Lumberton. She is currently directing a play with 61 area children as the cast. *Once on This Island* is a one-act musical based on the novel *My Love, My Love* by Rosa Guy. The play is sponsored by the Public Schools of Robeson County's Children's Theatre Arts Program (CTAP) which sponsors two programs a year. June enjoys working with the theater and has extensive experience doing so. She also enjoys working with children and has a K-8 teaching certification. The performances are scheduled for April 4 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Lumberton Junior High School.

Noticing the number of plastic bottles and the amount of paper library staff members discard, **Nickie Blanton**, University Library Technician for Media Cataloging, organized a recycling program at the Library. Nickie asks the staff to put these items aside, not in the trash, and every few weeks she comes along and collects these recyclables and takes them to the recycling center in Lumberton. The center takes plastic containers, paper products, cardboard, and aluminum cans. This recycling program benefits the Public Schools of Robeson County. Nickie realizes that this may seem small in the overall picture, but at least it's a contribution toward a greener world.



Children involved in the musical *Once on This Island* wait for practice to begin.
Photo provided by June Powers.



Jessica Reisbeck, Anthony Holderied, and Nickie Blanton show off recyclables.

The Annual General Membership meeting of the Friends of the Library of UNC Pembroke will take place in the main reading room of the Mary Livermore Library, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2008. At this meeting, reports of activities sponsored by the Friends in 2007-08 will be provided and officers for 2008-09 will be elected. All members are invited to attend.