

Stone Story Augments Bainbridge College Library, Proceeds Support Scholarship

With his book hot off the press, and fresh from its initial sale and downtown autograph session at the Book Nook, Jim Stone delivered a volume as a gift to the Bainbridge College Library.

Jim Stone, at center, presents his book to Bainbridge College Library Director Susan Ralph as they tour the Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center with BC President Tom Wilkerson (at right) and Director of Development Jim Beck.



The gift of his book, [There's a Stone's Store Near You: The Jim Stone Story](#), represents only a small portion of the gift the store's founder has made to the college through the years.

In addition to being a faithful BC Foundation member and strong friend of the college, Stone established the Joanna Stone Scholarship in honor of his younger daughter. He has designated the proceeds from the book sales to go to the scholarship. Its first recipient received the scholarship in 2007.

Stone presented the book to Library Director Susan Ralph while they were on the stage in the 508-seat theater of the Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center. As workers at the center put finishing touches inside and out, Stone toured the building with BC President Dr. Tom Wilkerson, who asked what Stone thought the late Mr. Kirbo's reaction to the building would be.

"Overwhelmed. This is outstanding," Stone said of what he thinks his longtime friend would say. Kirbo gave the land for Bainbridge College where his namesake center stands at the entrance on Shotwell Street.

Stone will be at the first major event at the Kirbo Center – the Georgia Literary Festival Oct. 25, which is open to the public at no charge and occurs the day before the center's official dedication. Featured festival participants represent a wide variety of literary genres and will give special presentations, readings, and other activities, many for children.

Vendors will be there to sell books, including the launch of the Bainbridge College 35th Anniversary Cookbook. Stone will sign his book 10 a.m.-noon as one of more than 20 Southern authors participating in the statewide festival.