

Great Readers, Great Leaders

MIKE McMULLIN

for Carroll County Public Library



We are delighted to highlight Mike McMullin, President, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce as our Great Reader/Great Leader

Mike was hired as president of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce in 2010. It has flourished under his leadership, showing consistent financial growth, gains in membership and expansion of activities and opportunities for members. Mike is a champion for small business, taking every opportunity to remind people to buy local and support community events. His positive approach makes it difficult for anyone to say no to a call to join, participate or sponsor an event.

Not only are longstanding Chamber initiatives thriving, such as Leadership Carroll, the Chamber's leadership development program co-sponsored by Carroll Community College, and the Outstanding Teacher Awards, but also new activities are expanding the Chamber's impact, including:

Launch Carroll, a young professional networking community for people ages 21-45 providing opportunities to build successful careers and businesses.

The Biz Challenge, an annual Shark Tank-style event offering local entrepreneurs the opportunity to pitch new business ideas, to make great connections, and to compete for cash prizes.

Public Safety Awards to recognize the achievements of Carroll County public safety professionals.

Drug and Violence Awareness Expo, to help educate children, their parents and the community about the risks associated with drug and alcohol use.

Chamber Travel offering affordable, not-to-be-missed travel opportunities to, among other places, Cuba, China, and in 2019, Greece.

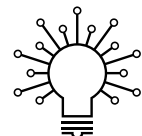
Mike is an excellent communicator who shares sound business advice through columns in the Carroll County Times and highlights local initiatives through Chamber Chat, a weekly radio show on WTTR.

Mike grew up in Chicago and graduated from Loyola University with a BA in Communications, before beginning a successful 24-year career with Pulte Homes, which that led him to the mid-Atlantic area. He and his wife, Marcia settled in Westminster and raised four children. Marcia, a registered nurse, is the coordinator of the Center for Breast Health at Carroll Hospital. Mike has a beautiful voice and can be encouraged to sing from time to time, especially when he is with his youngest son, Matt, who plays guitar at numerous venues in Carroll County. Another family member, Henri, a 170 lb. Newfoundland dog also draws a crowd when he appears for a stroll on Main Street.

"Financial acumen, long hours, a strong will and vision are all important characteristics in an inspirational leader, but without the ability to forge relationships they will not lead a company to excellence. People follow leaders who inspire them and inspiration is built on a foundation of relationships, understanding, integrity and empathy."

Mike McMullin, "What Makes a Good Leader" Article, CCT 8/31/15

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MIKE'S READS

from Carroll County Public Library

[Dune by Frank Herbert](#)

Set in the distant future, Dune tells the tale of young Paul Atreides, whose noble family accepts the stewardship of the desert planet Arrakis. This 1965 prescient story is the first in the Dune saga. In 2003, Dune was cited as the world's bestselling science fiction novel.

[The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien](#)

One of the bestselling novels ever written, with over 150 million copies sold. It began as a sequel to Tolkien's 1937 fantasy novel The Hobbit, but developed into a much larger work. A wide range of compelling characters is featured in the campaign to control the Rings of Power and rule Middle-earth.

[The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey](#)

Covey presents an approach to attaining goals by recognizing and adopting habits that build character and align internal values to universal principles. This highly effective self-help book has sold more than 25 million copies worldwide.

[A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens](#)

Written in 1843 and became an instant classic. Mike annually reads the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, an old miser who is visited by the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come and is transformed into a kinder, gentler man.

[Dracula by Bram Stoker](#)

Written in 1897, this Gothic horror novel introduced Count Dracula, and is the foundation for the subsequent vampire fantasy craze.

[Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling](#)

The fantasy series chronicles the lives of a young wizard, Harry Potter, and his friends at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Since the release of the first book in 1997, the books have sold more than 500 million copies worldwide and have been translated into 80 languages.

[The Cask of Amontillado by Edgar Allen Poe](#)

A short story first published in 1846 and set in an unnamed Italian city at carnival time about a man taking fatal revenge on a friend who, he believes, has insulted him. The narrative revolves around a person being buried alive. Poe conveys the story from the murderer's perspective.

[The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck](#)

Published in 1939, the book won the National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize for fiction, and was cited prominently when Steinbeck was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1962. Set during the Great Depression, the novel focuses on a poor family of farmers driven from their Oklahoma home by drought and economic hardship, who set out for California in search of jobs and an opportunity for a better life.

[Lion of Ireland by Morgan Llywelyn](#)

Bestselling historical fiction about the greatest king Ireland has ever known who leads his people out of the most violent age to the peak of their golden era. Set against the barbaric splendor of the tenth century, it is a story rich in truth and legend.

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