The remodeling at the Atlanta Library branch we meet at began July 15. While we are unable to meet at the library be sure to check out the other club meetings during the next 6 months. We will continue to do a newsletter.

Congratulations to Mel Coe for receiving a Large Silver at CHARPEX as well as their Sterling Achievement Award and an ATA 3rd for his exhibit on the stained glass windows of Marc Chagall on stamps.

I hope many of you were able to attend the GwinPex show.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 7    Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlewood Ct., Lilburn, GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.

September 7 – 8 Blue Ridge Stamp Show. Comfort Suites Outlet Mall, 890 Brevard Rd. Asheville NC. Hrs: Sat. 10AM-5PM, Sun. 10AM-4PM. Big Lick Stamps. Cary Cochran, PO Box 163, Locust, NC 28097. PH: 704-485-4027 or send an Email: carytj@yahoo.com DLR: 5. TA: 10

September 14    FSDA Orlando Fall Stamp Show. Venue on the Lake - Maitland Civic Center, 641 Maitland Ave, S. Maitland, FL.  [www.floridastampshows.com](http://www.floridastampshows.com)

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October 16    Joint meeting with Button-Gwinnett Stamp Club. Auction and Pizza provided. 7 PM at Mountain Park UMC, 1405 Rockbridge Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. Usual auction limit 5 items and minimum $5 opening bid.
Stamps With a Special Touch

*Have a ball with these circular, tactile stamps*

The *Have a Ball! Forever® stamps* feature vibrant illustrations of eight popular sports balls used in school athletics and community leagues across the nation.

Each stamp preserves in miniature the distinctive feel and material attributes that make the ball familiar: the raised stitching on a baseball, the rubbery ridges of a kickball, the dimpled depressions in a golf ball, the seamed panels of a volleyball.

Art director Greg Breeding worked with designer Mike Ryan and illustrator Daniel Nyari to amplify these characteristics in the stamp artwork. To emphasize the characteristics of each ball, Ryan used a high-viscosity coating, which, when applied to selected areas of each stamp, reinforces the illustration with an actual raised surface.

The result? A visually striking pane that invites a touch and evokes fond memories of favorite sports. Whether you love a swish, a serve, a strike, or a spike, have a ball with these stamps!

The stamps were printed using a technique called offset lithography, followed by a high-viscosity clear coating applied to selected areas of each ball to create a faux embossed effect.
Daniel Nyari was a natural choice to create the *Have a Ball!* stamp. “As early as age 4 or 5, I remember drawing the soccer players I saw on TV,” says the Romania-born illustrator, who currently lives in New York City. That childhood obsession with soccer then led to his prolific career as a sports illustrator.

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Our library meeting place will be undergoing remodeling for the next 6 months. Other club meetings that you might want to attend are:

Cobb County Stamp Club meetings are on 2nd and 4th Sunday at 1:30 pm. New location is 1809 Roswell Road, Marietta, GA “The Bridge Club” (next to Restaurant Depot)

Button-Gwinnett club meeting at 7 PM on third Wednesday of the month at Mountain Park UMC, 1405 Rockbridge Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30087.

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Our Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs includes our club’s page. The main site is www.sefsc.org. Our club’s page is at www.sefsc.org/atlanta-stamp-collectors-club.html. But be sure to check out all the other information on the site. New clubs were added to the Federation at the January meeting. Check out where meetings are so you can visit as you travel.

If you are interested in writing for our newsletter or presenting to our club at one of our monthly meetings, please contact me at the email below or Scott Holmberg at sdholmberg1@gmail.com with your ideas.

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