Between the Stacks

The Big Read—March 2007

When was the last time that you read *The Great Gatsby*? People throughout Craven, Pamlico and Carteret Counties have already begun reading or re-reading the novel in anticipation of The Big Read in March. Now is the time to discover for yourself why F. Scott Fitzgerald’s American classic was recently included on a list of the ten greatest books of all time by *Time* magazine.

In March, Big Read Month, public libraries throughout Craven, Pamlico and Carteret Counties will host an extensive variety of events. To set the mood of the 1920s, activities will include a concert by the North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra in New Bern, an antique auto show, a Roaring Twenties dance party at Pamlico Community College, movie presentations of "The Great Gatsby" starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow, movie discussions with NCSU film professor Dr. Joseph Gomez, a special presentation by literary humorist Elliot Engel and a literary luncheon with Matthew J. Bruccoli, a nationally recognized scholar on F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Throughout the month, visitors to the library will also enjoy an exhibit of daily life in New Bern and Craven County during the 1920’s. It will be an opportunity to see and discuss the similarities and differences between the novel’s setting and our local community. The Community College libraries in all three counties are also participating in The Big Read activities with special events that are open to the public. Special activities for military personnel at MCAS Cherry Point have been arranged by the station library.

Each library has a limited supply of the novel available to borrow. Teacher’s Guides and Reader’s Guides developed by the NEA are now available free of charge. The Reader’s Guides deepen exploration of the novel with interviews, booklists, timelines and historical information. As such, they help immerse readers in the time and temperament of Fitzgerald’s classic work.

Big Read materials also include a compact disc packed with interviews, commentaries and excerpts from the novel. The CD presents first-hand accounts of why Fitzgerald’s novel remains so compelling eight decades after its initial publication.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Arts Midwest that encourages literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. For more information about The Big Read activities, call the New Bern-Craven County Public Library (252) 638-7800.
Renovation Update

The emergency exit lights and an exhaust fan were replaced in January. Reducing the output from these lights will allow us to add additional lights in dimly lit areas of the stacks. The Children's Department is ordering several new floor cushions with funds donated by The Friends of the Library.

More and more tutors are discovering the benefits of using our tutoring room that also houses the library's collection of books for new adult readers.

Tentative plans for spring include interior painting, new signage, and exterior lighting improvements.

Future plans include replacing the carpet in the auditorium, upgrade computer wiring as needed, new computer work - stations, improved storage, and necessary repairs.

The campaign has received approximately $95,000 through the support of residents and local businesses including almost $600 in donations in the past six months to the canister at the library's main desk. A generous grant of $25,000 from the Harold H. Bate Foundation was also used to renovate the adult reading area.

Your continued support will allow us to complete the renovations and ensure that the library meets the needs of the community in an up to date, friendly environment.

Memorial Book Program

Are you looking for a special way to honor or remember a relative or friend? Consider a lasting tribute that can be appreciated by many with a donation to the library's memorial book program. With the rising cost of hardcover books and reference materials, a minimum donation of $25 is suggested. Donors may allow the library staff to select a title or request preferred subject areas.

A bookplate that recognizes both the donor and honoree is placed in each book and they also receive an acknowledgment of the gift.

Donations may be made in person at the Reference Desk or mailed to the library.

Friends of the Library Book Sale—April

Mark your calendar now and plan on attending The Friends of the Library annual spring book sale. The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14 and from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 15.

Handicapped individuals are invited to attend the sale on Thursday, April 12 from 12 to 2 p.m. Proceeds from the sale supplement the library budget and support library programs including The Big Read and the annual summer reading program.

Applications for membership in the Friends of the Library may be picked up at the library.
Learning about the Internet

The library offers several free classes for beginning and intermediate-level computer users. All classes are FREE.

If you are new to computers, then you may want to take Introductory Internet as your first class. In this one-hour, one-day class, students will learn how to use the mouse, do basic Internet searches, and use the library’s online catalog. This class is offered on Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m. The next level class is Beginning Internet in which students will learn how to use the mouse, Internet searching, search engines, and e-mail. This class is offered on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10-11 a.m.

There are several classes for intermediate level students.

Intermediate Internet introduces students to more advanced Internet topics: copying and pasting; Internet security; troubleshooting; and blogs. This class is offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 2-3:15 p.m.

Introduction to Ebay is a highly popular class covering the Ebay auction site. In this class, students will learn how to search for items on eBay, buying and selling, PayPal, and security issues. This class is offered on Mondays or Wednesdays, 2-3:15 p.m.

NC-Live is a new class which concerns the NC-Live databases. NC-Live offers North Carolinians access to free magazine and newspaper articles, encyclopedias, e-books, and e-audiobooks. This class is offered on Tuesdays (monthly), from 2-3 p.m.

Yahoo! E-Mail introduces students to the Yahoo! e-mail account. Students will learn about: e-mail folders; composing messages; file attachments; and security issues. This class is offered on Mondays or Wednesdays (monthly), 2-3:15 p.m.

Microsoft Word covers basic word processing subjects: formatting text; margins; tabs; indentations; and cutting and pasting. This class is offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-3:15 p.m.

Pre-registration is required for these classes. To pre-register, ask at the Reference Desk or call 638-7807. For additional information, you may also e-mail: nbcomputerclasses@yahoo.com.

Campbell’s Labels for Education

CALLING ALL PATRONS, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Last year for the labels we needed just the label itself. This year we need only the UPC barcodes with the Campbell’s Labels for Education logo. Some of the Campbell soup labels are worth 5 points and this will show on the UPC barcode, which is highlighted in yellow. Prego lids are worth 1 point and V8 Splash beverages are worth 5 points, these lids are yellow, red, green, blue, orange and white. All Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers and Campbell’s Supper Bakes are worth 5 points and we need the UPC barcode. We are also accepting Bonus Certificates from grocery stores.

Labels for Education supports your Library with items that can be purchased free. We want to thank you for all your donations and support.
2007 Literary Award Winners

In January, the American Library Association announced the 2007 literary award winners for children's and young adult top books and video including the Caldecott, King and Newbery awards.

The Higher Power of Lucky, written by Susan Patron, is the 2007 John Newbery Medal winner for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature. Three Newbery Honor Books were named: Penny from Heaven, by Jennifer L. Holm; Hattie Big Sky, by Kirby Larson; and Rules, by Cynthia Lord.

The Randolph Caldecott Medal is an annual award for the most distinguished picture book for children and recognizes the work of the illustrator of a book. Flotsam, illustrated by David Wiesner, is the 2007 Caldecott Medal Winner. Two Caldecott Honor Books were named: Gone Wild: An Endangered Animal Alphabet, written and illustrated by David McLimans; and Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom, illustrated by Kadir Nelson.

The Coretta Scott King Book Award recognizes an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults. Copper Sun, written by Sharon Draper, is the King Author Book winner. One King Author Honor Book was selected: The Road to Paris, written by Nikki Grimes.

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, is the King Illustrator Book winner. Two King Illustrator Honor Books were selected: Jazz, illustrated by Christopher Myers; and Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes, illustrated by Benny Andrews.

Standing Against the Wind, written by Traci L. Jones is the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award winner.

The Schneider Family Book Award recognizes books that embody the artistic expression of the disability experience for child and adolescent audiences. The Deaf Musicians, written by Pete Seeger and Paul DuBois Jacobs, and illustrated by R. Gregory Christie wins the award for children ages 0-10. Rules, written by Cynthia Lord is the winner in the middle-school category (ages11-13.)

Small Steps written by Louis Sachar is the winner in the teen category (ages 13-18.)

The Theodor Seuss Geisel Beginning Reader Award is for the most distinguished beginning reader book. Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways, written and illustrated by Laura McGee Kvasnosky, is the Geisel Award winner.

Lois Lowry, author of The Giver, is the 2007 Margaret A. Edwards Award winner for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults. Author-illustrator James Marshall is the 2007 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award winner for a substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children.

Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon, written by Catherine Thimmesh, is the Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award winner for most distinguished informational book for children.

Author/illustrator Mo Willems and Weston Woods Studios, producers of "Knuffle Bunny," are the recipients of the Andrew Carnegie Medal for excellence in children's video. The DVD is based on Willems' book Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale and is performed by Willems, his wife Cheryl, and their daughter Trixie.

The Mildred L. Batchelder Award recognizes the most outstanding children's book translated from a foreign language and subsequently published in the United States. Delacorte Press is the winner of the 2007 Batchelder Award for The Pull of the Ocean. Originally published in France in 1999 as L’enfant Océan, the book was written by Jean-Claude Mourlevat and translated by Y. Maudet.

Visit the Children's Services Department for these recent and past award-winning titles!
Computer Use Procedures to Change

Did you know that the library averages over 3,500 computer sign ups per month for our adult public Internet and word processing computers? As you can imagine, at times it is a logistical nightmare for the Reference staff to manage the schedule. Our current policies guarantee users one uninterrupted thirty-minute session each day with priority given for first sessions. Adding to the confusion is the fact that several of our oldest computers use Windows 98 and have limited capabilities. Users needing Adobe Acrobat or other updated programs may need to wait for specific computers.

Over the next month we will be replacing four of our oldest computers. Once they are installed, two new procedures will be implemented.

A time management software system will be installed to ensure fair and proper use of the public computers. This software will allow the reference staff to spend more time answering questions and assisting library customers. A countdown timer notifies users of the time remaining before their programs are closed. There will also be two prominent onscreen notices that will appear during each session reminding users to save their work.

All users will receive a reservation ticket with a unique PIN number. Users must read and accept the library's Usage Policy statement and enter the PIN number to gain access. Patrons who violate the usage policy that restricts pornography will have their session terminated and will lose Internet privileges for one year.

Minors are required to have a signed parental permission form on file and present a valid library card to use the Internet. We are noticing that some minors are using someone else’s library card when signing up to use the computer. This could be because they have lost their card or do not have parental permission. Minors may be asked to provide a photo ID in addition to their library card when signing in to use the adult Internet computers.

These changes are intended to simplify and improve the use and management of computers for both the public and library staff. Thanks for your patience and understanding as the changes are implemented.

Elect to Read...Vote for Books!

The North Carolina Children's Book Award began in 1992. Each year since then, school and public libraries participate in the process of selecting, studying and voting for the next winner!

Members of the North Carolina Library Association's children's committee select a group of picture books and junior novels from suggestions submitted by North Carolinian school children. The list of books is then given to each school and public library throughout the state. During the course of the year, classroom teachers, media specialists and public librarians in North Carolina encourage children to become familiar with the nominees and vote for their favorite title in two categories: "Picture Book" and "Junior Book". The award is therefore truly a children's book award—selected by the children of the state of North Carolina!

READ and VOTE:
- Register to vote in the Children's Services Department.
- Read five (5) titles from the booklist.
- Vote by Friday, March 16, 2007.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."
—Joseph Addison
When John Grisham is out, Mary Higgins Clark is on hold and Harry Potter is nowhere in sight...

**NoveList®** can help you find your next book to read. This database of over 143,000 fiction titles for readers of all ages lets you use your favorite author to link to other books you might enjoy. Grisham fans can find over 200 other legal thrillers they might like to read and you can locate hundreds of fantasies with young heroes!

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**Looking for a book for your next book group meeting?**
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**TIP:** You can also browse complete lists of award winning titles in NoveList’s Best Fiction section—another way to find books for your group.

**Looking for a book to help your first-grader get ready for the first day of school?**
Use Describe A Plot and enter the words that describe the book you would like to read. NoveList uses over 36,000 subject headings to describe the books contained in our database—but don’t worry about learning all those headings—Describe a Plot lets you enter your own words and we look for books that you will enjoy.

**TIP:** The School Resources tab offers additional book lists for young readers.

**TIP:** If you are looking for a list or article on a specific topic, use the Article and List search at the “Search Our Database” tab.

**AVAILABLE HERE!**
NoveList is available for you. Ask a staff member to show you how to access this resource that has been called “a readers’ paradise.”

Also available from home via our website:

[http://newbern.cpclib.org](http://newbern.cpclib.org)

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TRAIN

TRAIN is a teen advisory board for the New Bern-Craven County Public Library.

TRAIN members brainstorm ideas and make decisions that are beneficial to teen patrons of the library. They choose books for the young adult collection, provide information for the young adult web page and organize programs such as:

- Book Bingo (the summer reading program)
- Game nights, craft programs and other special events
- Teen Read Week activities (the third week in October)

There are very few opportunities in the community for teens to be on the advisory board for an organization. Participation in TRAIN is a good experience as well as a means to acquire community service hours to meet honor society requirements. Board members can include this activity on college applications.

The monthly meetings are very informal. We provide bagels, donuts, hot drinks, and juice during the discussions. The meetings are held one Saturday each month from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The TRAIN schedule is available in "Between the Stacks" (the library's newsletter) and on the library's web site at: newbern/cpclib.org/YA/index.html.

Here is what some of our teen patrons and TRAIN members have to say:

"I enjoy reading so being on the teen advisory board for the library was a natural fit for me. I was able to use the volunteer hours that I accumulated -- from attending meetings, participating in special events, and reviewing books and anime DVDs as the chairman for graphic novel collection development -- toward the National Honor Society community service hours requirement."—TRAIN board member, Latara Sydnor.

"The variety of books in different genres that are available in the young adult section is great. I loved playing Animal Jeopardy last summer".—Summer Reading Program participant & prize winner, Matthew Case

"Being on the TRAIN board is a good way to contribute to the library and the community. And the library has a new space for teens to have a quiet place of their own to enjoy a good book".—TRAIN board member, Hillary Seybold

"I've been a patron of the New Bern - Craven County Public Library for a long time and now I'm involved as a volunteer. As a TRAIN member I can contribute by reading and reviewing advance copy books from publishers, voicing my opinions and suggestions for programs, and helping to prepare and run special events."—TRAIN board member, Neil MacIntosh

Most Read New Titles

There were hundreds of books purchased during 2006. The following are a list of the most circulated newly added titles from the New Bern-Craven County Public Library.

Fiction: Terror Town by Stuart Kaminsky; Death of an Outsider by M.C. Beaton; Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter by Blaize Clement; The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell by Lillian Jackson Braun; and Irish Gilt by Ralph McInerney

Non-Fiction: You'll Never Nanny in this Town Again by Suzanne Hansen; 30-Minute Get Real Meals by Rachel Ray; The Woman at the Washington Zoo by Marjorie Williams; Marley and Me by John Grogan; and Aruba: The Tragic Untold Story of Natalee Holloway and Corruption in Paradise by Dave Holloway.

While many of these may be checked out right now, the following newly added fiction books need a friend, as they have never circulated: The Other Side of Mulholland by Stephen Randall; King of the Vagabonds by Neal Stephenson; and Over the Moon at the Big Lizard Diner by Lisa Wingate.
Winter 07 Calendar of Events

February—Black History Month - Exhibit courtesy of the James City Historical Society
February 19—President's Day - Library Closed - Region wide staff training
March—The Big Read—come together to read and discuss *The Great Gatsby*
March—Craven County in the Gatsby Era exhibit
March 1—Artist of the Month reception—7 p.m.
March 3—TRAIN Meeting—10 a.m.
March 4—The Big Read kick-off—2 p.m.—A performance by the North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra at the Riverfront Convention Center. Tickets are $15 and are available at the library.

March 9—"Flappers Swingers and Shmoozers" Dance—7 p.m. at Pamlico Community College. Costumes encouraged. Free

March 15—Book Discussion of *The Great Gatsby*—7 p.m. Library Auditorium. Register at the Library. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

March 17—Movie—2 p.m. in the library auditorium—The 1974 film version starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

March 18—"The Great F. Scott Fitzgerald" by literary humorist Elliot Engel, Crystal Coast Civic Center. $5 tickets are available at the library.

March 20—Brown Bag Lunch Discussion 12 noon—Bring your lunch to a discussion of *The Great Gatsby* in the library’s conference room. Seating is limited so advance registration is required. Beverages provided by the Friends of the Library.

March 22—Movie—6:30 p.m. in the library auditorium—The 1974 film version starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

March 25—"What’s Great About the Movie" 2:30 p.m.—Dr. Joseph Gomez, NC State professor of film studies will compare the film adaptations of *The Great Gatsby*. Free

March 30—"Lifestyles of the Jazz Age”—2 p.m. Craven Community College Library—Presentation and book discussion.

March 31—Literary Luncheon at Pine Knolls Shore Aquarium 12:30 p.m.—Noted Fitzgerald scholar Matthew Bruccoli will be the guest speaker.

April 5, 2007—Artist of the Month reception—7 p.m.
April 6-8—Easter Holiday—Library Closed
April 12—Handicapped individuals may attend the Friends Book Sale 12 - 2 p.m.
April 13-15—Friends of the Library Book Sale—9-5 Friday and Saturday, 2-5 on Sunday
April 15-21—National Library Week "Come Together@Your Library"