

Between the Stacks

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New Bern-Craven County Public Library

Book Club Kits

Nine book club kits were ordered recently thanks to a generous donation from a library patron. The first kit, *The Great Gatsby*, was distributed to local book groups as part of The Big Read in March 2007.

The kits are now available to book discussion groups.

Each kit contains ten copies of one book, information about the author, and discussion questions or guides. The entire kit is checked out at the Reference Desk for up to six weeks.

Titles available include: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Fast Food Nation*,

The Great Gatsby, *Life of Pi*, *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Water for Elephants*, and *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*. Please contact the reference staff for more information or if your book group would like to donate a set of books.

Musical Compact Discs

Have you checked out our music collection? The library has an extensive collection of music on compact discs arranged by categories. The genres include the expected classical, jazz, rock and folk categories. In addition, there are musical soundtracks, religious works, and world music. Until now,

patrons would browse the collection by looking through the available booklets for each category. We recently changed to a new organizing system that will make it easier to locate specific albums or artists.

The CDs in each category are arranged in numerical

order. The listing in the online catalog will show a location with an abbreviation for the category and the number, instead of a Dewey Decimal number. For example, *The Three Tenors* is CD CLA 73 for classical music, while *Breathe* by Faith Hill is classified as CD COU (country) 26.

Local Author to Speak October 22

Local author Bill Benners will be the guest speaker at the Friends of the Library fall meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22. The meeting is open to the public.

Benners will discuss the steps in getting his first

book, *My Sister's Keeper*, published including writing and marketing.

Benners began a career in communication, landing a job at the age of 14 as an announcer for WHIT Radio in New Bern. He would later spend more than twenty

years writing and producing for radio and television.

Benners now lives in New Bern with his wife, Dorrie, four cats, and a Yorkshire Terrier named "Higgins."

Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

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Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are busy planning fall activities including their fall program and book sale in October.

A small, dedicated group spends several days preparing for the book sale. Sale dates this fall are Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 14. Handicapped individuals may attend the book sale on Thursday, October 11 from noon to 2 p.m.

The Friends' Fall Program will be October 22 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker, Bill Benners, will be discussing his book *My Sister's Keeper*. (See related story on page 1.)

The Friends also sponsor the monthly reception for Artist of the Month and provide travel expenses and refreshments for the *Let's Talk About It* book discussion program. The annual Christmas program, Charles Dickens *A Christmas Carol*, is cosponsored with the English

Speaking Union.

Membership forms are available at the library's main desk.



**NORTH CAROLINA
PUBLIC LIBRARIES
CIRCULATED OVER
46 MILLION BOOKS,
PERIODICALS, AUDIOS,
VIDEOS AND DVDs IN
2005.
IF PEOPLE HAD TO BUY
THAT MANY, IT WOULD
COST OVER A BILLION
DOLLARS.**

Renovation Update

The library renovations continued this summer with improvements to the lights in the parking lot and new carpet in the auditorium, conference room and staff workroom.

Carpet and an additional range of shelves were installed in the Kellenberger Room in September.

The emphasis for the fall will be

on the building exterior as we replace the roof and the wooden benches at each entrance. Landscaping improvements are under review.

Free Computer Classes

The Reference Department offers several free computer classes for the public:

- Internet (Beginning & Intermediate)
- Microsoft Word
- Yahoo! E-Mail
- eBay (Introductory & Intermediate)

Are you new to computers? Then, start with our Beginning Internet class. This is a 2-hour, 2-day class for new computer users. Learn

how to use the mouse and search the Internet.

On the intermediate level, the library offers: Microsoft Word, Yahoo! E-Mail, and eBay classes.

There are two eBay classes: Introduction to eBay & Intermediate eBay (Selling on eBay). The introductory eBay class covers the basics of eBay, searching for items, and security issues. If you have an eBay account, and would like to

learn more about selling, there is an Intermediate eBay class. In this class, students will set up a listing and learn about security issues with selling. Students can bring in the item they wish to sell (or a description of it) and a picture of the item on diskette, CD, or USB drive.

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

Beginning Genealogy Program October 29

In celebration of Family History Month, the Kellenberger Room is sponsoring a program on Beginning Genealogy on October 29 at 7 p.m.

Local History and Genealogy Librarian, Victor T. Jones, Jr., will lead the beginning researcher through the processes and sources used in

tracing one's family tree.

A brief discussion of available online sources, including Heritage Quest Online and Ancestry Library Edition will also be covered during the presentation. This free program is open to anyone interested in starting a hobby that will last a lifetime!

Also, remember to spend an afternoon with columnist Betty Wood Thomas on Saturday, October 27, at 2 p.m. She will hold a Question and Answer Session regarding the founding of New Bern and the Early Settlers.

Dickens Returns December 2



Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchett, and the Ghost of Christmas Past will take over the library auditorium at 2:30 and 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, 2007.

British scholar and actor Howard Burnham returns for two performances of his popular one man show of Charles Dickens "A Christmas

Carol".

The program is fast becoming a holiday tradition for many families who will be enjoying Burnham's third visit to New Bern.

Burnham tours the country providing audiences with witty and informative first person "living history" encounters of approximately 30 literary and historical characters including Lewis Carroll, Edward Lear, Lord Cornwallis, Winston Churchill and King James I.

Free admission tickets will be avail-

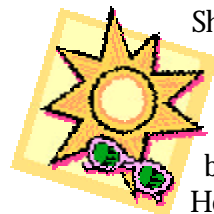
able at the library beginning Sunday, November 18.

The program is sponsored by the Colonial North Carolina Branch of the English Speaking Union and the Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be served.

AMERICANS GO TO SCHOOL, PUBLIC AND ACADEMIC LIBRARIES 50% MORE OFTEN THAN THEY GO TO THE MOVIES.

Adult Summer Reading Program Prize Winners

Congratulations to all of our winners of this year's **Adult Summer Reading Program**: Pearlie Acker, Sarah Arthur, Bonnie Bates-



Sharpe, Virginia Brooks, Sandra Butts, Rebecca Buzzard, Elizabeth Conley, Helen Deaton,

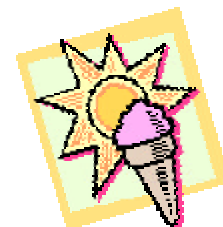
Peggy S. Delano, Marie Fiduccia, Margaret Fowler, Vicki Gable, Elizabeth Gatchel, Shelby G.

Hook, Susan V. Hynes, Betty Jo Jones, Joyce McKinney, Anne Miller Mooney, Amanda Powers, Maureen Prendergast, Kay Strickland, Casey Toler, Irene H. Underwood, Gretchen R. Wirtz

Thank you also goes to all of our sponsors: Annabelle's Restaurant, A Catered Affair, Chadwick House, Chick-Fil-A, Mitchell's Hardware, New Bern Civic Theater, River Bend Marina & Café, River Rats, Swing Zone, Texas

Steakhouse & Saloon, Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.

Mini-Review forms from the Adult Summer Reading Program are available for browsing on the Library Display Table.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7—Family Film Series, 2:30 p.m., *The Secret Garden*

October 11—Book Sale Preview for handicapped individuals
Noon- 2 p.m.

October 12-13—Book Sale 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

October 14—Book Sale 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

October 14-20—Teen Read Week

October 22—Friends of the Library Fall Meeting with “Bill

Benners”, 7:30 p.m.

October 23—Artist of the Month Reception, 7 p.m.

October 25—Let’s Talk About It book discussion, 7 p.m. *Charlotte’s Web* and *Bridge to Terabithia*

October 27—Meet and Greet with Betty Wood Thomas at 2 p.m.

October 28—Family Film Series, 2:30 p.m., *Charlotte’s Web*

October 29—Beginning Genealogy, 7 p.m.

November 1—Artist of the Month Reception, 7 p.m.

November 4—Family Film Series, 2:30 p.m., *Bridge to Terabithia*

November 12—Closed for Veteran’s Day Holiday

November 15—Let’s Talk About It book discussion, 7 p.m., *Dragonwings and the Giver*

November 21—Library closes at 6 p.m.

November 22-23— Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2—Dickens Program with Howard Burnham, 2:30 and 6 p.m.

December 6—Artist of the Month Reception, 7 p.m.

December 24-26—Closed for Christmas Holiday

January 1—Closed for New Year’s Day

Family Film Series

The New Bern-Craven County Public Library will be hosting a Family Film series on Sunday afternoons in the library auditorium beginning Sunday, September 30th at 2:30 p.m. The series features several classics in children’s literature brought to life on the big screen. One of the restrictions of our public performance movie license is that we may not advertise the titles of the movies. So test your knowledge and see how many titles you recognize from the descriptions provided below.

September 30— This 1933 version

of Louisa May Alcott’s story of four sisters stars Katherine Hepburn.

October 7—Frances Hodgson Burnett described a lonely young girl who discovered a special place while living on the Yorkshire moors. We’ll be watching the 1993 version of *The Secret Garden*.

October 28—Join us to watch this recent release that tells the story of a bashful pig and his friendship with a spider. This film, *Charlotte’s Web*, was the winner of a 2007 Critics Choice award.

November 4—Our series concludes with a more recent title that was released as a movie just this year. A secret getaway for two children becomes their own make believe kingdom until tragedy strikes in *Bridge to Terabithia*.

Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the library’s ongoing renovation projects. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for purchasing the movie license for our use. Contact the library at 638-7800 for more information.