

Between the Stacks

New Bern-Craven County Public Library

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Library Card Sign Up

September is the perfect time to remind adults and students of the importance of a library card as students head back to school. Each year the American Library Association (ALA) designates September as Library Card Sign-Up Month.

This year the library will be offering some incentives to encourage children and adults to get their library cards. Free book bags, bookmarks, and other items will be given away throughout the month.

Anyone who registers for a new card during September will be entered into a raffle to receive a gift certificate to an area bookstore. Everyone who checks out materials using their library card is invited to guess how many pieces of candy corn are in our candy jar. The winner will receive the candy jar and other prizes including a certificate for a free book at the Friends of the Library fall book sale in October.

Libraries play an important role in the education

and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home, and who use the library, perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning

Have you seen the television ads from MasterCard that assign prices to various activities such as going out to dinner, ordering dessert and “giving the kitchen the night off; priceless”?

Your library card is one of those priceless items. A 2006 study conducted by ALA reported that Americans provide, on average, \$25 per person per year in local tax support for public libraries. There are several websites that calculate the value of your library card based on the services used. Taking advantage of the many free and low cost services at your local public library is a painless way to economize. A family that checks out four books, at-



tends a children's story hour and spends one hour on the Internet would save \$115, the estimated retail value of these materials and services.

The ALA Office for Research and Statistics, reports that reference librarians in the nation's public and academic libraries answer more than 7.2 million questions weekly. Standing single file, the line of questioners would stretch from New York City to Juneau, Alaska.

Library cards are one of the best values around; “The Smartest Card: Get It, Use It @ Your Public Library”.

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Internet Use Policy Change

Adult computer use has averaged over 4,500 sign-ins per month for several months. It has been a challenge to try to meet this demand with a limited number of computers. There are many repeat users throughout the day and it can sometimes be difficult for a newcomer to get computer time.

Several changes went into effect on September 1st to address this concern. Individuals are limited to four Internet sessions per day. This policy change is intended to provide equitable access for all patrons. Users may determine

whether to use their four sessions over a two or three hour period or spread them out throughout the day. It may be necessary to limit the total number of sign ups to less than four during periods of peak demand.

All patrons are still guaranteed one thirty-minute session per day. Anyone who signs up for an additional session will be allowed to complete that session uninterrupted. First time users for the day will continue to receive priority over a returning user so there may be a wait for subsequent sessions.

Computer use by students under 18 will be limited to one student with a valid library card per computer. Parents or other adults may sit with a student at any computer.

Adults may also use the computer lab at Craven Community College. This lab is open to the public although college students are given priority in using the 12 Internet computers.

These new policies should provide everyone with an opportunity for equal access to the computers. Thanks for your cooperation.

Summer Reading Program Roundup

Thank you to all our supporters of the Children's and Young Adult 2008 Summer Reading Programs!

The **Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library** organization has sponsored our summer programs for the past ten years. Without the funding from our sponsor and local donations, we would not be able to provide the special activities, refreshments, and handouts at our weekly story times, club sessions, teen book club, and special events. Many thanks to the members of the Friends of the Library board for understanding the importance of the services we offer to our community's children and young adults. We appreciate your continued support!

Sunday Movie Matinee Series

Join us for a free movie matinee series on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. in the library auditorium.

We'll be watching some great classic films including *Swing Time* on October 5; *The Stranger* on October 19; *His Girl Friday* plays November 9 and another to be announced will be shown November 16.



This year's program totals:

Children's—803 participants with 649 children meeting their reading goal.

Young Adult—81 participants with 76 completing the program

I would also like to thank the area businesses that donated items, discounts, and additional money to offset our expenses: Taco Bell Corporation; Heather Sinclair, Snapdragon of New Bern; New Bern Junior Woman's Club; Tom Pike, Chick-Fil-A; Keith Grubbs, Hobby House; Jackie Novak, Downtown Pilates; Dr. Lois Flemming, Flemming Chiropractic; Coastal Carolina Children's Clinic; Cooper's; Cow Café; Gold's Gym; Kids Cuts; McCarthy Square Pharmacy; Harris Teeter; Lowe's Home Improvement; and Wal-Mart

A **special thanks** to all the parents and caregivers of our participants! Thank you for allowing us to help instill one of the most important fundamentals of life—**READING!!**

What Do I Read Next?

Are you looking for some reading suggestions? One answer is to subscribe to NextReads, a new service that provides e-mailed newsletters to subscribers wondering what to read next.

Readers can select from over 20 fiction and non-fiction topics including armchair travel, biography and memoir, romance and historical fiction. There are also choices for children and teen readers.

The newsletters are delivered to your inbox either monthly or bi-monthly, depending on the topic. Lists will contain 10-12 suggested readings with a brief synopsis for each title. There are links to the library's online catalog so that readers can check on a book's availability immediately.

Sign up by clicking on the NextReads icon on our website <http://newbern.cplib.org>.

Contact the Reference Desk at 638-7807 for more information.



Book Club Kits Update

Three new titles are on order for our Book Club Kits program. Participants will soon be able to borrow: *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines, *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult and *The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman.

Kits contain 10 copies of one title and a reader's guide with information about the book and discussion questions. Kits are

checked out at the Reference Desk for six weeks.

Donations are welcome for this program. We encourage book clubs to consider donating multiple copies of a title they've discussed so that others may also enjoy the book. Specific titles we are looking for include: *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson, *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers, *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gil-

bert, *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant, and *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Contact the Reference Desk at 638-7807 for additional information including a complete list of available titles.

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Fall Book Sale

Changes are in store for fans of the Friends of the Library fall book sale.

This year the sale, traditionally held during MumFest weekend, will be held the following weekend October 17-19th. The book sale will once again take place at the Sudan Shrine Center on the corner

of Broad and East Front Streets.

Sale hours are Friday and Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday 2 PM to 5 PM.

Proceeds from the sale are used to support library services, allowing us to offer programs and materials not funded in our regular budget.

Donated books may be left at the library during normal business hours.



Adult Summer Reading Program Prize Winners & Sponsors



Congratulations to all of our winners of this year's Adult Summer Reading Program: Bonnie

Bates-Sharpe, Suzanne C. Bennett, Christa Blakelock, Tracy Connor, Denise Deaton, Rita Flynn, Margaret E. Fowler, Katharine W. Galla-

gher, Edna L. Gaskins, Betsy K. Gatchel, Carol M. Glatthaar, Paula M. Hartman, Pat Hawkins, Mary Ellen Johnson, Viola Madigan, Ann Miller Mooney, Jason Philipps, John F. Prendergast, Nora Prendergast, Deborah Revette, Kay M. Strickland, Maureen Vallera, Johnelle Walker, and Gretchen Wirtz.

Also a big thank you to all of our

sponsors: Chadwick House, Chick-Fil-A, Kinston Indians, Mitchell's Hardware, New Bern Civic Theater, New Bern Historical Society (Ghost Walk), Swing Zone, Texas Steakhouse & Saloon, Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.

Mini-Reviews from the Adult Summer Reading Program are available for browsing on the Library Display shelves.

Legal and Medical References Online

Specialized legal and medical resources are now available on the library's website. Simply scroll down the page to find the icons for Salem Health and Gale LegalForms.

Salem Health offers online access to Magill's Medical Guide. The Guide, also available as a five volume print resource in the Reference Department, covers diseases, disorders, treatments, procedures,

anatomy and biology in an A-Z format, with sidebars addressing recent developments in medicine. It is suitable for patients and caregivers as well as student research.

Gale LegalForms provides access to a wide variety of commonly requested legal forms including powers of attorney, wills, divorces and bankruptcies. Users have the opportunity to download the form and print it "as is" or save it and

fill in the blanks before printing. Thousands of state specific and federal forms are included.

Legal definitions and an Attorney Directory are also included. The Attorney Directory is not a complete or recommended list of attorneys. It is a list of attorneys nationwide who have agreed to provide their services at a competitive rate. Taking care of legal affairs is now easier with Gale LegalForms.

Chilton's Online

Have you been trying to diagnose that strange noise you hear whenever you accelerate over 45 miles an hour? The answer may be as close as the nearest computer. Chilton Service Manuals have been used by do it yourselfers and automotive students for years. Now, a valid library card and an Internet connection are all that's required to access the information through *Chilton Library.com*

Users will find details on domes-

tic and imported cars, trucks, vans and SUVs whether it's a 1971 Dodge Colt or a 2007 Acura RL.

Many car owners find out the hard way that their car's computerized system gives a trouble code with no explanation for what the code means. *ChiltonLibrary.com* provides a drop down menu of common trouble codes to identify the problem. Detailed step-by-step service instructions include close up illustrations and photo-

graphs as well as vacuum and wiring diagrams. Also available are maintenance and specification tables and recall notices.

Now you can work on your car at a time and location that's convenient for you. No more running down to the library in the middle of a repair to check out a book. Your library card number is all you need to get started at: <http://newbern.cpclib.org>

Young Adult News

Summer Reading Program was a smash! We had over 80 students registered, with an almost 75% return rate on reading records.

Thanks again to all of our sponsors, including the Friends of the Library, Lowe's Home Improvement, Coastal Children's Clinic, McCarthy Square Pharmacy and Dr. Lois Fleming Chiropractic.

A special thanks to Jackie from Downtown Pilates, who provided

a free yoga workshop for our teens.

Throughout the month of September, members of TRAIN will be involved in a fundraiser to raise money for special projects, events and to expand our collection. This fundraiser will be operated through Southern Living At Home, and will be an exciting way to order products to beautify your home while supporting our young people. Contact any TRAIN member or

Krissy Boccia to order!

Book Club begins September 15! Suggestions for books to talk about are always welcome, but this fall we will be working our way through the *Twilight* series by Stephenie Meyer, and finishing up with a field trip to see the first movie when it is released on November 21. Book Club meets Mondays from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the conference room. Call or come by to sign up.

A TRAIN meeting will be held October 11 from 10-11 a.m. in the Conference Room. T.R.A.I.N. (Teenage Readers Active In New Bern), a teen advisory board for the New Bern-Craven County Public Library, seeks teens to make a difference in our library. TRAIN members help make purchasing suggestions to add to the young adult collection, provide information for the young adult Web page and organize special events and programs.

For information on attending or volunteering to help with any Young Adult Programs or Events, contact Krissy Boccia, Young Adult Coordinator at 252-638-7815 or youngadultnb@gmail.com.

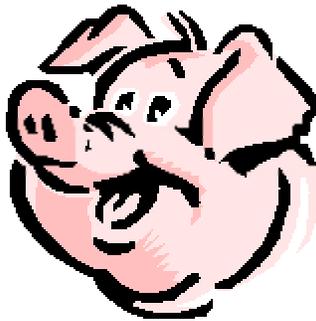
Go Hog Wild—Read!

During the month of September while exploring our theme "Go Hog Wild-READ!" we will discover many wonderful books, make fun, creative crafts and have a great time playing our new learning games.

All children ages 5-9 are welcome to attend.

Starting September 11th, on Thursdays from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. we will meet in the Children's Mini

Theater located in the Children's Services Department.



Pardon Our Appearance

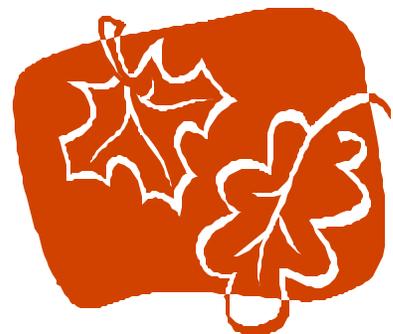


Several people have asked about our landscape plans for the area

along the driveway next to the book-drop.

The shrubs were removed by the city at our request. They were slowly dying from a root fungus.

New disease resistant shrubs will be planted once the weather is a little cooler.



Calendar of Events

September—Go Hog Wild—READ! Program for ages 5 -9 each Thursday from 4 -5 p.m. (see story on page 5).

September 15—YA Book Club begins at 4:30 p.m.

September 22—Let's Talk About It Book Discussion—7 p.m.—*A Tree Accurst: Bobby McMillon and Stories of Frankie Silver* by Daniel Patterson—Registration required.

October 4—TRAIN meeting at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room.

October 5—Sunday Movie Matinee—2:30 p.m.—*Swing Time* with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire.

October 6—Let's Talk About It Book Discussion—7 p.m.—*Nowhere Else on Earth* by Josephine Humphries—Registration required.

October 16-19—Friends of the Library Book sale at the Sudan Temple Shrine Center—Friday and Saturday 9-5; Sunday 2-5 p.m.

October 19—Sunday Movie Matinee—2:30 p.m.—*The Stranger* with Edward G. Robinson and Loretta Young.

October 20—Let's Talk About It Book Discussion—7 p.m.—*Uncommon Clay* by Margaret Maron.

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

October 26—Friends of the Library Annual Meeting with speaker Bill Hand—2:30 p.m.

November 3—Let's Talk About It Book Discussion—7 p.m.—*From Cambodia to Greensboro: Tracing the Journey Of New North Carolinians* by Barbara Lau.

November 6—Artist of the Month Reception 7 p.m.

November 9—Sunday Movie Matinee—2:30 p.m.—*His Girl Friday* with Cary Grant and Roslind Russell.

November 11—Veteran's Day—Library Closed.

November 16—Sunday Movie Matinee—2:30 p.m.—Call for title.

November 21—YA Movie field trip. Call for details.

November 26—Close at 6 p.m. for Thanksgiving.

November 27 & 28—Closed for Thanksgiving.

November 29—Tickets available for "A Dickens Christmas" by Howard Burnham on Sunday, December 14th—Two performances at 2:30 and 6 p.m.

