

Between the Stacks

New Bern-Craven County Public Library

Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library

Summer is here and that means the arrival of the Summer Reading Program! The theme for this year's children's program is Catch the Reading Bug. The Summer Reading Program begins July 1 and runs through August 1. Early Registration begins June 23, with registration ending July 21.

Catch the Reading Bug is for children ages 12 and under. Children may read any books on their reading level that are in the Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library System. Children who are not yet reading independently may be read to by another reader.



Each child will keep a reading record. Only books read during the Summer Reading Program should be recorded by title on the reading record. All reading records are due by August 1.

Certificates of achievement will be awarded to the following: Read-to-Me participants who have had 10 books read to them; Summer Reading Club (K-6) participants who have met their goal. Read-to-Me certificates will be available on August 5 at the Read-to-Me Party. The certificates for Summer Reading Club participants may be picked up in the Children's Department beginning August 6.

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Storytime Schedule for Catch the Reading Bug

Read-to-Me Participants:

TOTS meet on Friday, July 11, 18, 25, and August 1 at either 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storysteps meet on Tuesday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at either 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Summer Reading Club (K-6, attend grade completed):

K and 1st meet Thursday, July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 at either 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.

2nd and 3rd meet Wednesday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.

4th through 6th meet Tuesday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Storytimes and club sessions are for individual participants. Due to limited space, we cannot accommodate groups or summer camps.



From the Librarian

We are trying to complete a few of our renovation projects as we approach the end of the library's fiscal year on June 30th.



New quartz countertops were installed in both the men's and women's restrooms over Easter weekend. Additional lighting will be added at the Reference Information Desk and the side and rear exits. A new bicycle rack has been installed behind the building.

Automatic door openers have been installed for handicapped access at the side entrance. Handicapped individuals may be dropped off or picked up at this door. Please park in the parking lot or on the street after dropping off passengers since the driveway is heavily used.

We are also implementing some changes

"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to an ignorant nation."
—Walter Conkrite

How to Avoid Scams

The office of North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper provided a copy of the DVD "Standing Up, Fighting Back" to public libraries across the state.

The DVD was produced to help protect residents from fraud and scams. Interviews on the video suggest ways to protect oneself against criminals who steal money through telemarketing, sweepstakes, health care or home construction scams or living trust and

to improve security for both staff and patrons based on recommendations by the Police Department. The back door in the Children's Department is to be used as an emergency exit only. It will no longer be used as a handi-cap entrance.

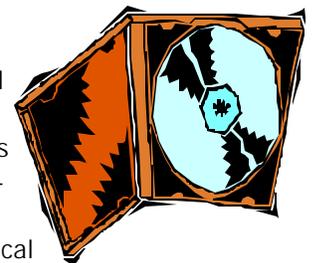
The Red-Tip Photinia hedges have been trimmed back to provide better visibility. The shrubs between the book drop and the brick fence are slowly dying as a result of a root fungus. They will be replaced with a tree form holly.

Behind the scenes repairs include gutter repairs, the replacement of two windows and a new compressor for the Heating-Ventilation and Air Conditioning chiller unit.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we strive to improve the safety and appearance of your public library.

annuity frauds.

Attorney General Cooper recommends sharing this information at senior centers, civic clubs, and other local organizations.



There is no charge to borrow this DVD for a three week rental.

Children's Story Hour

Our program is exploding! Story hour attendance has more than doubled this past year and we are having a BLAST! I am so happy each week to see so many new faces. All children between the ages of 5-9 years old are encouraged to come join us for an hour filled with great stories, fun learning games, occasional crafts, and good times! We have five more weeks before our program ends and the Summer Reading Pro-



gram begins. Those weeks will be filled with tales of royalty, wishes, frogs, baseball and more. We will end Children's Story Hour with a bang on June 19th. I hope everyone stops in that last week of June to register to **"Catch the Reading Bug!"** We have a fun and exciting program planned for this summer!

Children's Story Hour will kick-off again on September 4th, when we will **"PIG OUT ON BOOKS"!!**

Metamorphosis @ Your Library—YA Summer Reading Program

It's hard to believe, but the Young Adult Summer Reading Program starts soon! The theme this year is Metamorphosis. Registration packets will be available at the program kickoff on June 16, 2008, from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Auditorium. Registration will continue throughout the two weeks following the kickoff.

The program is open to 7th through 12th grade students. Teens are invited to read anything!! This year, participants will monitor time spent reading. For every 2 hours logged reading, participants will receive 1 raffle ticket. When participants attend a weekly event, their time record will be stamped for one extra raffle ticket. The more time you log, the more chances you have to win!

To attend the end of program social at least 18 hours must be logged. That means that registration will end June 30, or else there won't be time for the requirements to be met!

The best thing about this program is that participants can log ANY time they spend reading! Reading the paper? Magazines? Blogging or checking out a friend's facebook messages? That's reading! Time spent reading to a younger sibling to help them reach their goals in the Summer Reading Program even counts toward your goals!

Throughout the Summer Reading Program, special programs called "Checking In" will be

held on Monday afternoons from 4:30-6:00, with book talks, movies, crafts and a whole lot more. During SRP, we will be making duct tape bags and wallets. A yoga instructor will give a short demonstration during our discussion of "Changing Ourselfs - Inside". We will talk about recycling and the environment during the week of "Changing Our World". It's a great, air-conditioned way to spend your Monday afternoons throughout July!

There will be a social on Saturday, July 26, 2008, to celebrate your goals. A raffle will be held at the end of program social, with prizes including gift certificates from area restaurants, entertainment venues, and local merchants. In addition, prizes will be awarded for most hours read, and most creative uses of time spent reading to someone else! There's even a free month at Gold's Gym to support our theme of "Metamorphosis"! Prizes, crafts and fun throughout July! All time records must be turned in by July 22, 2008.

This year's program is sponsored by the New Bern-Craven County Friends of the Library, with some craft materials provided by Lowe's Home Improvement. Further donations have been received from McCarthy Square Pharmacy and Dr. Lois Flemming. We can't thank our wonderful New Bern community enough for the support we receive for all of our Young Adult services and programs!



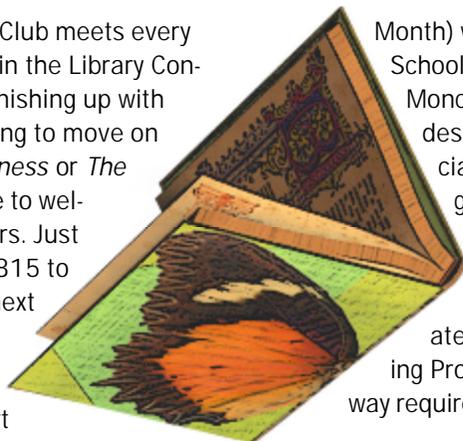
"Going to a library builds a kid's imagination. Books help them discover themselves and the world."

—Mike Bordick,
Former All-Star shortstop.

Other YA News

The Young Adult Book Club meets every Monday from 4:30-6:00 in the Library Conference Room. We are finishing up with *Rocket Boys* and preparing to move on to either *The White Darkness* or *The Outsiders*. We would love to welcome some new members. Just call Krissy Boccia 638-7815 to sign up, or come to the next meeting.

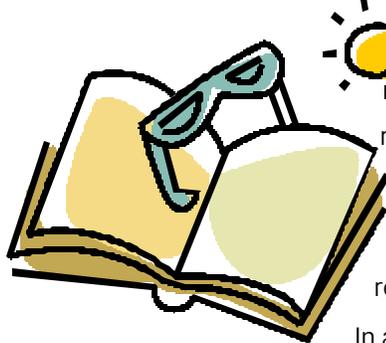
The art contest held in March 2008 (Youth Art



Month) was won by New Bern High School student, Lindsay DeMonch. Her fantastic original design will be featured on special Summer Reading Program t-shirts available for OPTIONAL purchase from the TRAIN group. This will be the only cost associated with the Summer Reading Program, and it is not in any way required.

Bask In Books @ Your Library

Are you ready to Bask in Books? Coming this June... the 3rd annual Adult Summer Reading Program of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library.



Read or listen to any library book of your choosing, submit a mini-review, and be eligible for terrific prizes.

The program will run from June 23-August 1. Register at the Reference Desk beginning June 23. Pick up mini-review forms at the Reference Desk.

In addition to weekly prize giveaways,

there will be a grand prize drawing at the end of the program. Don't miss this exciting program!

No matter what your interests in reading are, the library has it: classics; mystery; fantasy; westerns; romance; large print; recorded books; young adult; historical. There's something for everyone @ your library.

For more information about the Adult Summer Reading Program, ask at the Reference Desk or call (252) 638-7807 or e-mail: baskinbooks@yahoo.com

African-American Read-In coming February 2009

The library's first African-American Read-In will be on February 1, 2009. This will be a celebration of African-American literature, music, drama, and poetry. There will be dramatic presentations of famous people from Black History, literature readings, and an open mike poetry event.

Volunteer presenters are needed. If you are an amateur or professional: author; poet; musician; or dramatist, and would like to participate in the Read-In, please ask for Wendy at the Reference Desk or call (252) 638-7802. Poets are needed to participate in the open mike poetry reading.

"A book is like a garden carried in the pocket."

—Chinese proverb.

Let's Talk About It returns in September

The popular *Let's Talk About It* book discussion series returns at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 8th. Participants will read and discuss five books over the course of nine weeks.

"How Folklife Crafts Our Literature, Lives and Communities" includes a mix of fiction and non-fiction titles including:

- *Somerset Homecoming: Recovering a Lost Heritage* by Dorothy Redford Spruill
- *A Tree Accurst: Bobby McMillon and Stories of Frankie Silverby* Daniel Patterson
- *Nowhere Else on Earth* by Josephine Humphreys
- *Uncommon Clay* by Margaret Ma-ron

- *From Cambodia to Greensboro: Tracing the Journeys of New North Carolinians* by Barbara Lau

The *Let's Talk About It* series is unique among book discussion groups because visiting scholars from local colleges present background on the series and the author and facilitate the discussion. Previous participants have enjoyed the opportunity to discover new authors and the sometimes lively exchange of ideas among the readers.

Registration will begin August 1st. Books are provided by the North Carolina Center for the Book. This project is made possible in part by the North Carolina Humanities Council, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and supported by the Friends of the Library. Contact the library at 638-7800 for more information.



Book Club Kits Update

Local book clubs are enjoying the new Book Club Kits program that began in January thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor.

Each kit contains ten copies of a selected title and a reader's guide with information about the book, the author and discussion questions.

One local group recently donated copies of *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niff-

enegger to create a new kit.

Please consider donating books that your group has enjoyed so that we may expand our collection and meet the request for additional titles.

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



Friends of the Library News

The Friends of the New Bern–Craven County Public Library elected new officers at their spring meeting on Monday, April 28th, 2008.

The new officers are:

- Jean Hawes–President
- Ann Woodruff–Vice-President
- Betsy Johnson–Secretary
- John G. Dunn, III–Treasurer

Elinor Hawkins and Kit James decided to

step down as officers after many years of dedicated service, but they will remain active in the Friends. Their hard work and commitment to the library are appreciated by the entire library staff.

The funds raised by the Friends twice yearly book sales supplement the library's annual budget in countless ways including: supporting the annual summer reading programs for all ages, sponsoring special children's programs, adult book discussion series, and purchasing equipment and supplies.

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Friends of the Library Membership Form

<p>_____ Name</p> <p>_____ Address</p> <p>_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ Phone</p>	<p>Sign up for:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Membership</p>	<p>Price</p> <p>\$10.00</p> <p>\$25.00</p> <p>\$50.00</p> <p>\$100.00</p>
<p>Mail completed form and check to:</p> <p>Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library 400 Johnson Street New Bern, NC 28560-4098</p>		<p>Can you help with the following?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Book Sale</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Programs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Publicity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>

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Calendar of Events

- May 25-26**—The Library will be closed for Memorial Day.
- June 5**—Artist of the Month reception, 7 p.m.
- June 15**—The Library begins its summer hour schedule and will be closed on Sundays until September 7.
- June 16**—Young Adult Kick-off of the Summer Reading Program, “Metamorphosis”, in the Auditorium from 4:30 to 6:30.
- June 23**—Early Registration begins for Children’s Summer Reading Program, “Catch the Reading Bug”.
- June 23**—Registration for the Adult Summer Reading Program “Bask in Books” begins.
- June 30**—Young Adult SRP registration ends.
- July 3**—Artist of the Month reception, 7 p.m.
- July 4**—The Library will be closed for Independence Day.
- July 21**—Children’s SRP registration ends.
- July 22**—Young Adult time records due.
- July 26**—Young Adult SRP Social.
- August 1**—Children’s SRP reading records due.
- August 1**—Adult SRP ends, final date to turn in mini-book reviews.
- August 1**—Registration begins for *Let’s Talk About It* book discussion group.
- August 5**—Read-To-Me SRP Party.
- August 6**—Summer Reading Club (K-6) certificates may be picked up in the Children’s Department.
- August 7**—Artist of the Month reception, 7 p.m.
- September 1**—The Library will be closed for Labor Day.
- September 4**—Artist of the Month reception, 7 p.m.
- September 7**—The Library returns to normal hours and will reopen on Sundays at 2 p.m.
- September 8**—*Let’s Talk About It* book discussion group begins at 7 p.m. with a discussion of *Somerset Homecoming* by Dorothy Redford Spruill.

