

Between the Stacks

New Bern-Craven County Public Library

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Our Region Reads: *Rocket Boys/October Sky*

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Residents of Craven, Pamlico, and Carteret counties are preparing to read Homer Hickam's memoir *Rocket Boys* (also published as *October Sky*) as they participate in the 2008 Our Region Reads. *Rocket Boys*, the original title, is the story of a teenage boy growing up in a coal-mining town in West Virginia in the late 1950's.



Inspired by the launch of Sputnik, Homer recruits some friends to build rockets. They learn the fundamentals of rocketry with the help of a dedicated teacher. Their experiments eventually engage the entire community and launch days become major events.

The movie version of the story was released as *October Sky*, an anagram that rearranges the letters in the original title. The book is available under both titles.

The library selection committee chose this memoir for our second regional

read because of its broad appeal and timeliness. The year 2008 marks the 50th anniversary of the creation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

(NASA). Students in middle and high school will study astronomy, the principles of physics, and rocketry in school. The theme should also appeal to many members of our active and retired military community.

Readers will enjoy this American success story of a boy from rural West Virginia who goes on to a career as a NASA engineer.

Each library throughout the region will coordinate their own activities and programs, including book discussions led by local librarians. All events are free and open to the public. Individual copies of the book and book club kits will be available after February 1st. Contact the Reference Desk at 638-7807 for more information. A complete schedule of events taking place in New Bern may be found on page 8.

Bate Foundation Grant Received

The Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library received a grant from the Harold H. Bate foundation in support of the Our Region Reads program. Funds will be used to purchase copies of this year's selection *October Sky* for residents of Craven and Pamlico counties.

The grant will also be used to help defray program expenses

including book discussions, movie screenings, and programs by the Imagination Station Science Museum.

The Harold H. Bate Foundation offers financial support to the communities of Craven, Pamlico and Jones counties and East Carolina University to enhance education, youth and recreation and the quality of life

for all in these three counties.

Harold H. Bate was a philanthropist, investor and retired lumber executive. He died in August 2000 at the age of 93. Through his generosity, the Harold H. Bate Foundation has been funded by his estate.

New Location for Friends' Book Sale



DID YOU
KNOW...
640 DVDS
CIRCULATED
DURING THE
MONTH OF
JANUARY?

The Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale will be held in the exhibition hall at the **Sudan Temple** building at 403 East Front Street from **April 11-13, 2008**. Sale hours will remain the same: Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. -5 p.m. and Sunday, 2 p.m. -5 p.m. Handicapped individuals are invited to the sale on Thursday April 10th from noon to 2 p.m.

The move to a larger facility will provide more space for browsers as well as ample room to display all the books for sale. Proceeds from the sale support library programs and services.

Collectors Wanted

Do you have an interesting collection you'd like to share with visitors to the library? Collectors exhibit in the library's display cases for one month at a time. The exhibitor is responsible for arranging the collection and can request any combination of the three display cases located in the main lobby.

Previous displays have included wood carvings, spinning tops, archaeology and Native American artifacts, antique Christmas cards, embroidery, pottery, antique cameras, and war uniforms. Educational and informational displays have been provided by organizations including the Cooperative Extension, Daughters of the American Revolution, Neuse River Foundation, and American Association of University Women. Applications are available at the main desk.

The 2008 calendar is full but you can reserve a 2009 date now and have plenty of time to organize your materials or finish a craft project.

The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement in World War II

On February 10, 2008, at 3 p.m., Dr. Kenneth R. Janken will speak in the library auditorium about the civil rights movement. His presentation is entitled "The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement in World War II".

Dr. Janken is a professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of North Carolina at



Chapel Hill. He is the author of two biographies: *Rayford W. Logan and the Dilemma of the African-American Intellectual* (1993) and *White: The Biography of Walter White, Mr. NAACP* (2003). Dr.

Janken's research focuses on 20th Century African-American history. He has published articles on various topics, including the Harlem Renaissance, the civil rights movement in the 1940s, and African-Americans

and international affairs.

After the presentation, there will be a question and answer session. Don't miss this exciting and highly informative historical presentation. Learn more about Black history and the civil rights movement.

Admission to this special event is free. For more information, contact the Reference Department at 638-7807 or e-mail: civilrightsspeech@yahoo.com.

New Computer Classes Offered

Over the next few months, the Reference Department will be adding two new free computer classes: Advanced Beginning Internet and Introduction to Excel.

Advanced Beginning Internet will cover searching with Google; search engines; and NC-Live basics. This class is for beginning computer users who have some familiarity with the Internet and would like to learn more. Familiarity with the

mouse and keyboard would be helpful.

Introduction to Excel is an intermediate-level class on the basics of Excel. It will cover: the menu bar and toolbars; adding & resizing rows and columns; formatting cells; keyboard shortcuts; formatting a worksheet; sorting; and printing. Familiarity with the mouse and keyboard is required.

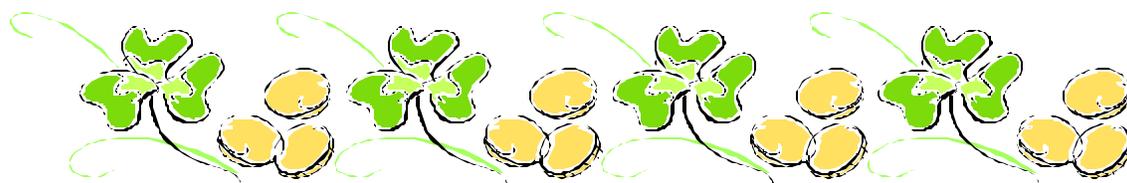
The library also offers an exten-

sive listing of other computer classes: Internet; Yahoo! E-Mail; Ebay; and Microsoft Word.

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

nbcomputerclasses@yahoo.com

**DID YOU
KNOW...**
**6,654 FICTION
TITLES WERE
CHECKED OUT AT
NEW BERN IN
JANUARY 2008?**



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!

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!

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.

READ and VOTE:

- Register to vote in the Children's Services Department.
- Read five (5) titles from the booklist.
- Vote by Friday, March 7, 2008.

DID YOU
KNOW...

3,042 EASY
BOOKS WERE
CHECKED OUT AT
NEW BERN
DURING
JANUARY?

Children's Art Month

March is Children's Art Month. We want to see what works of art your kids can create!!

Have your child design an original piece of art (drawing, painting, etc.) and bring it to the Children's Department

before February 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Artwork will be on display in the Children's Department beginning March 1st. Remember to put your name and age on the back.



Introduction to Stargazing

Members of the Carolina Skies Astronomy Club will offer an overview of the night sky on Tuesday, April 15th at 7 p.m.

For nearly four hundred years civilizations have gazed and wondered at the celestial sights in our night sky through telescopes. Modern telescopes are capable of peering farther into the distant universe than ever before.



You will be introduced to glorious objects including nebulae, galaxies, star clusters, planets, comets, and our own moon. This is a perfect introduction for anyone considering stargazing as a hobby.

Weather permitting, this family friendly program will conclude with an opportunity to use a telescope to observe our own "April Sky".

Operation Bumblebee

On Sunday, April 13th, David Stallman will discuss North Carolina's role in the nation's missile program. The program begins at 2:30 p.m.

Topsail Island was one of the sites selected for Operation Bumblebee, a top-secret experimental project of the United States Navy, to develop and test ramjet missiles.

The operation, named after the bumblebee which should be unable to fly, was undertaken to counter the threat of German

U-boats and their successful rocket programs.

Approximately 200 experimental rockets were fabricated and launched over an 18-month period beginning in 1946.

Early rocket and guidance testing at Topsail Island paved the way for the development of the TALOS missile.

This missile, successfully used in Viet Nam, evolved into a sophisticated homing rocket used to intercept and destroy other

missiles.

Stallman, an Ohio native, and current Topsail Island resident, has written several books about the island's history, including *ECHOES of Topsail, A History of Camp Davis*, and *Operation Bumblebee, 1946-1948*.

His most recent book is *Women in the Wild Blue...Target Towing WASP at Camp Davis*.

Copies of his books will be available for sale following the program.

Library Acquires Old Land Grant

Thanks to a generous donation by Eddie and Veronica Ellis, the Kellenberger Room was able to acquire a land grant signed by Richard Dobbs Spaight.

Spaight attended the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and signed the United States Constitution. He also

served as governor of North Carolina from 1792-1795.

The land grant, dated May 30, 1795, was issued to William Tate and Robert Tate for 640 acres of land in Burke County.

**DID YOU
KNOW...
THE LOCAL DAR
CHAPTER IS
NAMED FOR
RICHARD DOBBS
SPAIGHT?**

Food Lion MVP Cards



The Food Lion MVP Lion Shop and Share Program has donated \$100 to the library in just the past four months. Please consider selecting the library to receive a portion of your total grocery purchase each time you shop at Food Lion.

Simply register your MVP card online (www.foodlion.com) and select the "New Bern Public Library" under "Find Your Organization."

If you don't have a computer, bring your MVP card to the Reference Desk and the staff can get you set up. The money received is used to supplement our budget.

Poetry Pizza

*Oh, I wish I had a Poetry Pizza
That is what I truly think I need;
For, if I had a Poetry Pizza
Poetry would be just what I read!*

April is National Poetry Month. We would like to invite all children ages 5-12 to participate in our Poetry Pizza program.

All you need to do is submit an

original poem by Thursday, April 3rd to the public service desk in the Children's Services Department.

We will display all poems on our "Poet-tree" for the month of April. On Thursday, April 24th, we will have a pizza party for all who participated. Remember—no poem, no pizza!



Region Reads Bedtime Special and Assembly Program

In conjunction with the Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Libraries' Our Region Reads, the Children's Services Department of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library will offer the following programs:

**Preschool thru 3rd Grade—
Bedtime Special:** "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom: We're Off to the

Moon!" on Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium

Join us as we share a night of stories, music, and fun about space.

Children must have a ticket to attend this program. Free tickets will be available in the Children's Services Department, March 20-April 3. Children may wear pajamas!

**Grades 4th thru 8th--
Assembly Program:** "Soar

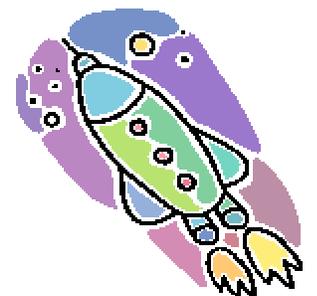
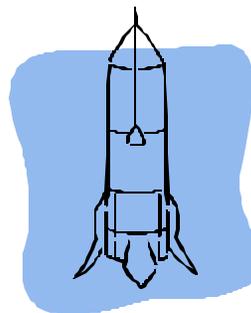
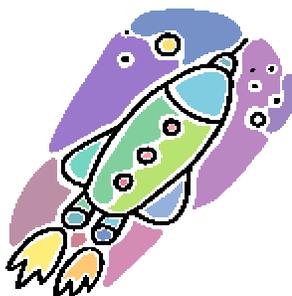
With Physics!" on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium.

The Imagination Station's Science on Wheels will lift the audience's excitement with an interactive program that will explore forces, motion, and gravity.

A rocket launch in the library parking lot will conclude the program (weather permitting).

Free tickets required for this event and must be picked up in advance, April 7-16.

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Space Age Technology

Come hear NASA engineer Donner Grigsby on Thursday, March 27th at 7 pm., as he provides an insider's view about working at NASA. Grigsby, an award winning speaker will showcase the development of NASA's exploration technology including rocketry, the International Space Station, Space Shuttle, and the importance of the Agency's newest ARES mission.

With awe-inspiring images of our own solar system along

with truly fantastic graphics of neighboring galaxies, this is one event that you won't want to pass up! The speaker will take questions from the audience so don't miss your chance to talk to a real NASA engineer.

Donner Grigsby is a NASA engineer and a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP). Among his many accolades are two *Turning Goals into Reality* awards, three Speaker of the Year awards for NASA-Langley, and a 2007 induction

into the Speakers Bureau Hall of Fame.

NASA recruited Grigsby in 1986 to join their 6-year Engineering Technician Apprentice Program, which has produced about 1500 graduates since its inception. After graduating at the top of his class, he was chosen by the Models Engineering Branch to design aerospace vehicles and wind-tunnel hardware. Donner served in the military as a Naval Air Traffic Controller.

Young Adult Calendar

February 29—6:00

p.m.—**Youth Art Month.** The theme for the Young Adults this year is Metamorphosis.

Original art pieces reflecting the theme must be submitted by February 29 to be considered in the running for use in our Summer Reading Program Publicity. All submissions will be on display in the Children's Department and the Young Adult area throughout March.

March 1—10:00-11:00 a.m.—**TRAIN Meeting**—Conference Room. TRAIN (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.

March 1-2—7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.—**Sleepless in the Stacks!**—Auditorium. Library Lock-in for young adults 13-17. Permission slips and information available at the Children's Services desk.

March 31—9:00 p.m.—Submissions for **Poetry Café** are DUE!! We're looking for poetry written by teens aged 12 to 18! Poetry may be on any subject, and of any length for publication in a volume to be placed in our collection

here at the library. Any submissions received after 9:00 p.m. will not be accepted or considered.

April 13-19—**National Library Week**

April 28—7:00-9:00 p.m.—**Poetry Café Reading**—Auditorium. A reading will be held to offer authors of poetry submitted for National Poetry Month an opportunity to read their works for an audience. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

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Our Region Reads 2008
October Sky
(also known as Rocket Boys)
New Bern Schedule of Events

All Events are Free and Open to the Public

March 1-31—Rotating display of exhibits from NASA

March 5—Tentative NASA Astronaut Program—NASA will confirm astronaut availability approximately 2 weeks in advance

March 9—2:30 p.m.—Movie Screening of “October Sky”

March 10—7 p.m.—Book Discussion—Advanced Registration Required—Call 638-7800

March 13—7 p.m.—NASA Speaker **Larry Cooper** at Havelock Public Library—Topic: “To the Moon Again”

March 18—12 noon—Book Discussion—Advanced Registration Required—Call 638-7800

March 27—7 p.m.—NASA speaker **Donner Grigsby** will discuss “**The Development of NASA’s Space Technology**” including the shuttles and the International Space Station

April 7—6:30 p.m.—Movie Screening of “October Sky”

April 9 and 10—7 p.m. each night—Bedtime Special (preschool-3rd grade)— “Zoom, Zoom, Zoom: We’re Off to the Moon”. Free tickets will be available March 20-April 3.

April 13—2:30 p.m.—**David Stallman** will discuss “**Operation Bumblebee**”—Operation Bumblebee was a project of the U.S. Navy begun in 1946. Topsail Island was one of the sites selected for experiments in missile flight in response to the German U-Boat Rocket Program.

April 15—7 p.m.—“An Introduction to Stargazing” program including night sky observation Presented by **Carolina Skies Astronomy Club**.

April 17—4 p.m. with a repeat at 6 p.m.—“**Soar w/ Physics**”—**Imagination Station Science Museum** presents an interactive program exploring motion, gravity, and forces. Concludes with a Rocket Launch (weather permitting). Grades 4-8. Tickets for this free event may be picked up at the library between April 7 and April 16.

Programs are sponsored by the Harold H. Bate Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

