

Between the Stacks

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Regional Server Replaced

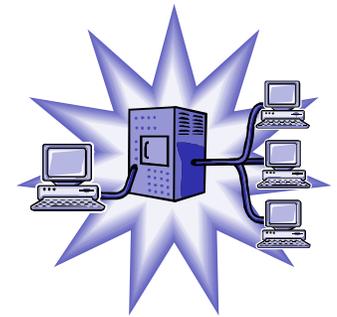
The server for the Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library was successfully replaced on Thursday, June 25th, with a server on loan from East Carolina University.

Functions that were unavailable since the server crashed in mid-February have been restored. Users may now search the library's catalog either at the library or from home. Books that are not available may once again be requested from any library in the

system.

A daily list of overdue materials is also now being generated with over 400 notices generated each of the first two days this feature was restored. Overdue notices are a courtesy the library typically provides for patrons for items they still have checked out. Unfortunately, we had no way to determine what materials were overdue while the server was out of commission.

It is hoped that this server will meet our needs until the Regional Library System is in a financial position to upgrade the software and equipment.



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Let's Talk About It—America's Greatest Conflict

Registration for the Let's Talk About It book discussion series "America's Greatest Conflict: Novels of the Civil War" begins on Monday, July 13th.

Participants will meet on Monday evenings at 7pm to discuss five novels exploring the battles of the Civil War as they occurred both on the battlefield and between family and neighbors. The first session is Monday, August 10th and meetings continue every three weeks through November 2nd.

Visiting professors from area colleges introduce each book and lead the discussion. Books for the series are

provided by the North Carolina Center for the Book and will be available at the library beginning July 13th.

Titles to be read include:

- August 10- *The March* by E.L. Doctorow
- August 31 - *On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon* by Kaye Gibbons
- September 21 - *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara
- October 12 - *Enemy Women* by Paulette Jiles
- November 2 - *Lincoln's Dreams* by Connie Willis

"The Let's Talk About It

book discussion series are always popular" said Joanne Straight, Librarian. "We anticipate many residents will be interested in the Civil War theme but registration is limited so we encourage people to sign up early".

This project is made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide non-profit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Friends of the Library provide additional support.

Contact the Library at 638-7800 for more information.

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Master the Art of Reading

The New Bern-Craven County's third annual Adult Summer Reading Program has begun! Master the Art of Reading will run from June 15 through July 31. Participants may register through July 28, 2009.

Program participants read any library book, Book on CD, Book on Tape, or eBook on NC-Live. It must be a book, Book on CD or Book on Tape that is from the CPC Regional Library System.

Participants submit mini-reviews for each book read or listened to. For each review submitted, the participant's name will be put into a drawing for prizes. The more Mini-

reviews submitted, the better your

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large donation of country music on compact discs.

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chance of winning. Program participants who submit 3 mini-reviews will receive one Book Sale Certificate (for the upcoming library book sale in October) and a magnetic bookmark. Participants are only eligible for one certificate and bookmark per program.

Prizes include gift certificates or admission tickets to: Tryon Palace; New Bern Trolley Tour; New Bern Civic Theatre; New Bern Ghost Walk; Chadwick House; Chick-Fil-A and Swing Zone Family Fun Park.

It's easy to register! Just ask at the Reference Desk or Circulation Desk or call 638-7807. Deaf participants can call the library TTY: 638-7802. You can also register by sending an email to: newbernreads@yahoo.com

with your name, address, phone number, and library card number.

Mini-review forms may be picked up from and returned to the Reference Desk, Circulation Desk, or by e-mail.

Don't miss this exciting reading program for adults! Stop by the display table in the Adult Reading Room for more information about the program. There you will also find several free book lists which give suggestions for library books to read or listen to. These book lists include: Amish Fiction; Vampire Fiction; Beach Reads; Fiction that Inspires; Non-fiction that Inspires; Biographies; Autobiographies; and Science Fiction. Book lists may also be requested by e-mail.

Country Music CD Collection

The library recently received a

large donation of country music on compact discs.

Many new titles to will be added to the collection including albums by Alabama, Brooks & Dunn, Alan Jackson, George Jones, Patty

Loveless, Tim McGraw, The Oak Ridge Boys, Brad Paisley, Ray Price, Leann Rimes, George Strait, and Aaron Tippit.

Music CDs may be borrowed for three weeks. It's a great way to discover whether you like an album well enough to purchase it. There are also large collections of jazz,

classical, rock and popular music CDs. Additional categories include religious, holidays/Christmas, world and soundtracks/shows. A small number of North Carolina artists were added this year.

The library's budget for the music collection is limited and donations are welcomed.

Computer Classes

The library's free computer classes are on temporary hold for the summer. The library will be offering one "Beginning Internet" class in July. Our regular schedule begins in August and September 2009.

Classes will be offered in the Conference or Tutoring Rooms. Students will have a laptop computer and a regular mouse. Class sizes are limited to 6 students, with a minimum of 2 students. Class offerings include: Beginning Internet; Inter-

mediate Internet; Microsoft Word 2007; Excel 2007; Introduction to EBay; Intermediate EBay; Yahoo! E-Mail; Mouse & Keyboarding; and Job Hunting on the Internet. For information contact the Reference Desk, 638-7807.

Be Creative @ Your Library



The Summer Reading Program (June 29-July 31) is for children ages 12 and under. Registration continues through July 29.

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 reading records. Only books read during the Summer Reading Program should be recorded by title on the reading record. All reading records are due by Friday, July 31.

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 Tuesday, August 4, at the Read-To-Me Party. The certificates for Summer Reading Club (K-6) participants may be

picked up in the Children’s Department beginning Wednesday, August 5.

Storytime Schedule:

Read-To-Me:

TOTS: Friday, 9:30 & 10:30 am

Preschool Storysteps: Tuesday, 9:30 & 10:30 am

Summer Reading Club (Attend Grade Completed):

K & 1st: Thursday, 10:30 am & 2:30 pm

2nd & 3rd: Wednesday, 10:30 am & 2:30 pm

4th - 6th: Tuesday, 2:30 pm

**DID YOU KNOW
884 PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED IN
LAST YEAR’S
CHILDREN AND
YA SUMMER
READING
PROGRAMS?**

Express Yourself @ Your Library

The Young Adult Summer Reading Program begins June 15, 2009. Registration packets are available in the Youth Services Department. The program is open to students having already completed grades 7-12.

Teens are invited to read anything! Participants will monitor their time spent reading. In order to qualify to attend the end of program social, a total of at least 18 hours must be logged.

The best thing about this program is that you can log ANY time spent reading! Reading the paper? Magazines? Blogging or checking out a friend’s facebook messages?

Texting? IM? You were reading! Time spent reading to a younger sibling to help them make their goals in the Summer Reading Program even counts toward your goal!

“Checking In”, the Young Adult Program, will be held Mondays from 4:30-6:00 pm. Each week will be a new program, with an emphasis on Creativity–Express Yourself @ Your Library!! This year’s program includes a video contest; teens can express themselves on video in 10 minute shorts to be screened at a special event in the New Bern Civic Theatre in July. Prizes will be

awarded for best interpretation of the theme, and a reception afterwards will honor all entrees.

All time records must be turned in by July 20, 2009.

Prizes will be awarded at the end of program party for most hours read and most creative use of time spent reading to someone else! Prizes, music, crafts and fun throughout the summer!

For more information, please contact Krissy Boccia, Young Adult Coordinator, 252-638-7815 or email at youngadulthnb@gmail.com.

African-American Genealogy Program

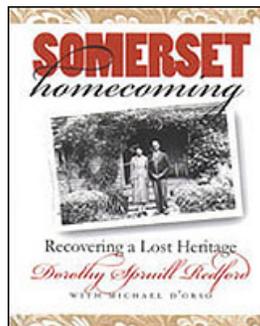
Author and Genealogist, Dorothy Spruill Redford, will speak on “African –American Genealogy: Challenges and Rewards” at 2:30 PM on Saturday, October 3, in the library auditorium.

Inspired by Alex Haley’s *Roots*, Ms. Redford spent nearly ten years researching to connect her life with those of her enslaved ancestors held on Somerset Place plantation in Creswell, North Carolina. Her research culminated in the first Somerset Homecoming, a celebration of African-American culture and heritage attended by 3000 descendants of the enslaved community and others connected to

the former plantation.

The account of her family history and the homecoming entitled *Somerset Homecoming: Recovering a Lost Heritage* is available through the University of North Carolina Press.

Redford went on to manage and serve twenty years as Executive Director of Somerset Place, a North Carolina Historic Site. She oversaw the reconstruction of the plantation’s former slave community. Redford’s approach to the history of Somerset Place was a familial one and everything at the site is designed to illuminate human family relationships.



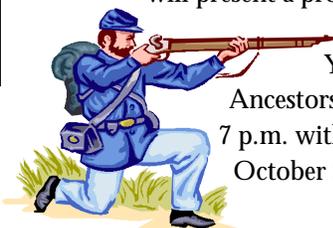
Ms. Redford lectures extensively on topics including African-American Genealogy, Antebellum History, and Slavery’s Legacy and from 1993 to 1996 served as a visiting lecturer at Elizabeth City State University teaching Oral History Methods. In 2005, her second book, *Generations of Somerset Place: From Slavery to Freedom*, was released by Arcadia Press.

Admission to this event is free. Refreshments will be served. The program is co-sponsored by the Climbers Club.

“PEOPLE WILL NOT LOOK FORWARD TO POSTERITY, WHO NEVER LOOK BACKWARD TO THEIR ANCESTORS.”
—EDMUND BURKE

Researching Your Civil War Ancestors

Special Collections Librarian Victor Jones will present a program titled “Researching Your Civil War Ancestors” on October 20 at 7 p.m. with a repeat on October 22 at 3 p.m.



Jones will introduce researchers to the types of records that were created during and just after the War Between the States. Regardless which side your ancestor fought (North, South, both or neither), come learn about the records available for researching your Civil War era ancestor.

Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Library fall book-sale returns to the Sudan Shrine Center on the corner of Broad and East Front Streets from Friday, October 16th to Sunday, October 18th. Sale hours are Friday and Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, 2 PM to 5 PM.

The selection of materials, which

includes hard cover and paperback books for adults and children, records and videos, fills more than twenty tables. A large collection of recently donated comic books will also be available.

The library accepts donations of books and other materials in good to excellent condition. Unused gifts

cannot be returned to the donor. At the library's discretion, they may be added to the library collection, offered to the Friends of the Library or discarded. We are unable to accept magazines, text books, condensed books, or items that are soiled, torn, moldy or damp.

Grant to Replace Computers

The New Bern-Craven County Public Library is receiving an Opportunity Online hardware grant from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The two year matching funds grants were awarded to libraries in 32 states to help libraries support high quality technology services.

“We are using phase one of the grant to replace computers in the Children’s Department and Kellenberger Room and add some additional software” said Joanne Straight, Librarian. “The average life expectancy for a desktop computer is three to five years. Our children’s computers were installed in 2001 with an earlier grant from the Gates Foundation. With 700 to 1,000 uses per month they have served us well and are overdue for replacement”.



Each library that receives funds from this grant is required to match a portion through community donations and local government funding. The Friends of the Library contributed

\$3,000 this spring toward the \$5,900 matching requirement for the current fiscal year according to Straight. Round two of the grant requires a match of \$9,282 which must be in place by next spring. Craven County government has committed \$5,000 toward this goal in their budget for 2009-2010.

“Our computers serve an important need in the community” said Mrs. Straight. We see college students taking online courses or preparing reports. Some of our users tell us that they can’t afford to get their computer repaired or pay for Internet services. They depend on us. They may use the computers

to search for a job, prepare a resume, manage their finances or stay in touch with distant family and friends. The Gates Foundation wants libraries to get the word out to the entire community, particularly elected officials, about the importance of library computer services to local residents”.

The Opportunity Online hardware grants focus on communities that are struggling to keep pace with changes in technology. The program seeks to motivate local governments to commit long term local funding to computer services in public libraries. It is anticipated that this will be the foundation’s last round of hardware grants to support public libraries in the U.S.

“THE GOAL OF OUR FOUNDATION IS TO MAKE INVESTMENTS WHOSE PAYBACK TO SOCIETY IS VERY HIGH RATHER THAN TO PAY OUT THE MINIMUM TO MAKE THE ENDOWMENT LAST AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. ”
—BILL GATES

Sunday Movie Matinee

History and Civil War buffs will enjoy the library’s fall Sunday movie matinee series that begins on Sunday, September 20th, in the library auditorium. All movies start at 2:30 PM.

This is an opportunity to explore some of the issues and themes of the Civil War prior to a national touring exhibit “Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation”. The library will host the exhibit November 15th, 2009 through January 6th, 2010.

September 20-*Ride with the Devil* explores the lives of four Southern guerilla fighters on the Missouri Kansas border. 138 minutes

October 4-*Shenandoah* stars James Stewart in the movie classic about a Virginia farmer who tries to remain neutral and disregard the entire conflict until his youngest son is kidnapped by Yankees. 105 minutes

October 18-*Great Locomotive Chase* based on a true event when the Andrews Raiders, a team of Union spies, stole a train in an attempt to

cripple the Southern railroad network. 88 minutes

November 1-*Glory* a modern classic tells the story of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, an all-black unit comprising Northern freemen and escaped slaves, starring Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman. 122 minutes

Red Badge of Courage starring Audie Murphy will be shown as an evening movie. Check the library calendar for date and time.

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What's Happening @ Your Library.

July—Summer Reading Programs in session.

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September 7—Library closed for Labor Day.

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October 22—Researching Your Civil War Ancestor (repeat) at 3 p.m. with Special Collections Librarian, Victor T. Jones, Jr.

October 25—Afternoon program with Joseph Glatthaar, author of *General Lee's Army*. More details to follow.

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