

Between the Stacks

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Changes in Online Resources

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The NC State Library announced the addition of four new online resources available through NC Live effective January 1, 2009. Anyone with a current Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library card may access NC Live (www.nclive.org) by obtaining a password from the Reference Desk at 638-7807.

EBSCO Career Library has five components for individuals researching career and education opportunities including interest and skills assessments and a resume builder. Information is provided on military occupations, GED and SAT test preparation, financial aid center and occupation video library.

EBSCO Auto Repair Reference Center contains repair information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles from 1945 vintage cars to the latest models. Users will have access to wiring



diagrams, step by step photographs and drawings, recall notices, and maintenance schedules. Auto repair information is also available on the library's website (newbern.cpclib.org) through ChiltonLibrary.com.

EBSCO Literary Reference Center will be useful to students and readers seeking more information about authors or books. Available resources include over 5,000 author interviews and author biographies, literary criticism, plot summaries, book reviews, short stories and poetry.

Geographic Research Simply Maps is a web based mapping application using the most current demographic, business, and marketing data available to create professional quality thematic maps.

Online newspaper resources will be upgraded through **EBSCO News-**

paper Source Plus which offers full text coverage for 149 national and international newspapers including *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *The Washington Post*, *The Times* (London) and the *Irish Times*. Regional newspaper coverage is also included.

Downloadable audio books through **NetLibrary's eAudio** will be discontinued. Recent statewide budget cuts are responsible for the decision not to renew this resource. Our staff is looking at possible alternatives to allow local listeners to continue to enjoy this service.

NC Live is a statewide collaboration among public and academic libraries funded through the NC General Assembly. It offers content and indexing from more than 50,000 newspapers, journals, magazines, encyclopedias, e-books, e-audio, and streaming video titles. Contact the Reference Desk at 638-7807 for more information.

A Dickens Christmas

The Friends of the Library and the English Speaking Union present Howard Burnham, British scholar and actor, performing selections of Charles Dickens' Christmas Tales.

There will be two performances

on Sunday, December 14th, 2008, at 2:30 and 6:00 p.m.

The program concludes with a sing along led by Ann Sorocki, Margaret Rose on piano and Bob Dumon on horn.

Refreshments will be served

following the performance. Tickets for this free event are available at the library's main desk. Contact the library at 638-7800 for more information.



New Computer Classes

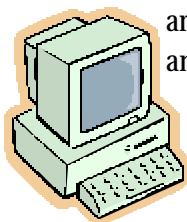
Starting in January 2009, the library will be offering two new free computer classes: Mouse and Keyboard and Job Hunting on the Internet.

Mouse and Keyboard will be a class for computer users of any level—beginning & intermediate.

This class will cover mouse basics and a review of keyboarding. If you've never taken keyboarding before or want to improve your skills, this class is for you.

Job Hunting on the Internet will explore useful websites of

interest to job seekers as well as the basics of formatting a resume and cover letter. This class is for computer users who are familiar with the mouse and keyboard and have basic Internet skills.



Also, the library is revising all of its computer classes to reflect more current versions of Internet Explorer & Microsoft Word.

All computer classes are free. Students are provided with a syllabus which can be used during the class and taken home for continued instruction.

Classes are offered during the mornings and afternoons; a few classes will be offered on Saturday mornings. Current class schedules and descriptions of our classes are kept on the display table near the flag as you enter the main Reading Room.

For more information about our classes contact the Reference Desk at (252) 638-7807 or (252) 638-7802 (TTY) or e-mail: nbcomputerclasses@yahoo.com. Join the computer classes e-mail mailing list by sending a message to: nbcomputerclasses@yahoo.com.

Sponsor A Book

Are you looking forward to the latest John Grisham novel but simply can't add another book to your overcrowded bookcases? Would you like to be the first person to read the latest



best seller from the library? Then consider becoming a book sponsor. For a monetary donation (\$25 for regular print, \$35 for large print) patrons may select a title from the library's wish list. We purchase the book and place a bookplate

with the sponsor's name inside. The sponsor is notified when the book is available and is the first person to check it out. It's a great way to support your local library. Contact the Reference Desk at 638-7807 for more information.

African-American Read In

The library's first African-American Read In will be on February 1, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in the library auditorium. This will be a celebration of African-American literature, music, drama, and poetry. There will be dramatic presentations of famous people from African-American History, literature readings, and an open mike poetry event. Several individuals and groups have

already volunteered for the program and it looks like we are going to have a great event! This year is also the 20th anniversary of the National African-American Read In program.

A volunteer is needed to read a few poems by Langston Hughes while they are interpreted into sign language. Also, assistance is needed with publicity. Contact Wendy at the Reference Desk or

call (252) 638-7802 (voice/TTY).

Mark your calendars for this exciting upcoming event.



From the Librarian's Desk

The handicapped entrance next to the driveway, including the outside benches, is now smoke free. Thank you for not smoking in this area. Smoking is still allowed outside the front entrance.

Those of you who enjoy downloadable audio books may be aware that NC Live is discontinuing this service on January 1, 2009. We are looking at options and will let you know if we are able to implement an alternative service.

One goal for the library in 2009 is to redesign our website. We'd like to make it more visually appealing, informative and easier to locate resources. Many people are unaware of all the services currently available on our site. You may download legal forms through **Gale Legal Forms**, check **ChiltonLibrary.com** for

car repair information, locate local obituaries through our obituary index, view local photographs in our digital history exhibit, and get medical advice through **Salem Health**.

Library card holders may also take advantage of the many resources offered through NC Live including **Morningstar Investment Research Center**, view documentary and educational video programs online, read full text magazine and newspaper articles, trace your family history on **HeritageQuest** or use **Learning Express Library** to take a wide variety of practice tests including ASVAB, GRE, nursing and real estate exams.

We anticipate being busier than ever as people rely more on the library for their entertainment and informational needs. Where

else can you rent a video or DVD for one week for just \$1? Educational videos and DVDs may be borrowed for three weeks without charge. Music compact discs and books on CD or tape are also loaned for the same period.

Our computer software is being updated and soon should include both Office 2003 and 2007, making it easier for individuals who use computers at multiple locations.

Your public library provides many resources to help cope with the challenges caused by the current economic recession. You can reduce stress with soothing music from our collections of CDs, take an online class to improve your skills or check out a book on money management. Your library card opens up a world of opportunities.

Movie Matinee

Sunday afternoon movie matinees return at 2:30 p.m. on January 4th in the library auditorium.

Lighten up the January winter blues with a dose of comedy.

January 4—*A Day at the Races*—Maureen Sullivan joins the Marx Brothers in this classic film.

January 11—*Duck Soup*—Another Marx Brothers classic that includes Groucho's portrayal as president of the bankrupt country of Freedonia.



February 22—*Disney's Ruby Bridges*—The story of integration as experienced by Ruby Bridges, the first black child to integrate the New Orleans public school system, is presented to commemorate Black History Month.

March 8—*The Kite Runner*—A tale of friendship and betrayal between two Afghan boys based on the best selling novel of the same name.

March 15—*Pillow Talk*—This

romantic comedy stars Doris Day and Rock Hudson reluctantly sharing a party line telephone.

March 29—*Annie Hall*—This Golden Globe and Academy Award winning movie explores the relationship between an obsessive, compulsive comic, played by Woody Allen, and his Midwestern ditzzy girlfriend, played by Diane Keaton.

The Friends of the Library sponsor our movie matinee series. Contact the library at 638-7800 for more information.

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WERE THE 2008
NC CHILDREN'S
BOOK AWARD
WINNERS**

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! 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.

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!

READ and VOTE:

- Register to vote in the Children's Department.
- Read five (5) titles from the booklist.
- Vote by Friday, March 6, 2009.



YA News

Here's what's happening in the YA program here at New Bern-Craven County Public Library:

Book Club has been meeting each Monday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. since September. We have really enjoyed reading our way through the *Twilight* series by Stephenie Meyer, and we are all excited about the release of the movie based on the first book. We went as a group to the movie, Sunday, November 23 at Southgate Cinema on Trent Road. We are sure to have a lot

to talk about at our next meeting!

Speaking of which.... Book Club meetings will shift to Wednesdays, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, beginning November 26. We will meet throughout December, break for Christmas and resume January 7. From now on, meetings will be open to everyone ages 12-18, and feature no specific titles, instead allowing for each member to bring in their own favorites and

share them with the group.

Sleepless in the Stacks Library Lock-In was AWESOME! We had over 30 students sign up and show up to watch movies, talk about the library, read, and play Guitar Hero. Thanks to Domino's Pizza, we had free late night movie snacks. I am especially thankful that two of our former employees were able to come home from college for the weekend and chaperone. A big Thank YOU! to Christophe Lafargue and Zak Mathews!



Middle East Let's Talk About It

Registration is under way for the book discussion series *Divergent Cultures: The Middle East in Literature*. Participants will meet every three weeks on Monday evenings beginning January 12, 2009, to discuss five titles focusing on the Middle East.

This new series is especially appropriate at a time when world news continues to focus on events in this region. Readers will consider ancient and modern conflicts to develop an understanding of the divergent cultures, faiths and people and their stories of triumph and

tragedy.

Titles to be read include:

- *Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books* by Azar Nafisi
- *Palace Walk* by Naguib Mahfouz
- *A Perfect Peace* by Amos Oz
- *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...* by Greg Mortensen
- *Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women* by Geraldine Brooks

The Let's Talk About It program is unique among book groups because professors from area colleges lead the discussion.

Books for the series are provided by the North Carolina Center for the Book. This project is made possible in part by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a state 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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What's Happening
@ Your Library



December 24-26—Library CLOSED for Christmas.

December 31—Library Closes at 6 p.m. for New Year's Eve.

January 1—Library CLOSED for New Year's Day.

January 4—Sunday Movie Matinee: *A Day at the Races*—2:30 p.m.

January 8—Artist of the Month Reception—7:00 p.m.

January 11—Sunday Movie Matinee: *Duck Soup*—2:30 p.m.

January 12—Let's Talk About It Book Discussion—7:00 p.m. —*Reading Lolita in Tehran*—Registration required

January 19—Library CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday

February 1—African-American Read In Day—2:30 p.m.

February 2—Let's Talk About It Book Discussion—7:00 p.m. —*Palace Walk*—Registration required.

February 5—Artist of the Month Reception—7:00 p.m.

February 7—Reading Fun Day at Twin Rivers Mall, all day.

February 16—CLOSED for Staff Training Day

February 22—Sunday Movie Matinee: *Disney's Ruby Bridges*—2:30 p.m.

February 23—Let's Talk About It Book Discussion—7:00 p.m. —*Perfect Peace*—Registration required.

March 5—Artist of the Month Reception—7:00 p.m.

March 6—Last day to Vote for Books! (See page 4)

March 8—Sunday Movie Matinee: *The Kite Runner*—2:30 p.m.

March 15—Sunday Movie Matinee: *Pillow Talk*—2:30 p.m.

March 16—Let's Talk About It Book Discussion—7:00 p.m. —*Three Cups of Tea*—Registration required.

March 29—Sunday Movie Matinee: *Annie Hall*—2:30 p.m.



The Children's Services Department will not offer any programs from December 21, 2008, through January 3, 2009. Children's programming resumes on January 6, 2009.



YA Book Club meets at 4:30 p.m. on the following dates: January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 15, 25.

TRAIN Advisory Board meets at 10 a.m. on December 27, January 24, February 21, and March 21.

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