

Update from the Wilson County Public Library Young Adult Department

The Public Library's Young Adult department is off to a great start this school year with over 150 participants since August including students at the Spot and the Boys and Girls Club of Wilson! Events included up-cycling workshops, skill toy workshops, movies, and more! To top it off the library hosted an all-day gaming festival in November with over 50 teens in attendance.

More great events are being planned for the spring semester. In the meantime, all teens are encouraged to join our Anime Club which meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 4:00.

Wilson County Public Library Participates in 18th Annual Wilson Education Partnership Adult Spelling Bee

The library team consisting of Elizabeth Dunn, Sheila Little, Danette Taylor and Becky Callison would like to thank the Friends of the Library for sponsoring us in this year's spelling bee which was held on November 15 at Beddingfield High School. The library team made it to the fourth and final round but was unsuccessful in bringing home the trophy this year.

Forty-one teams participated in the competition and the winning team was Bridgestone with the word THURIFICATION. The library team had lots of fun and has vowed to start studying earlier for next year's spelling bee!



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2013 Wilson Reads will feature Titanic books

Plans are being finalized for the 2013 Wilson Reads which will feature [The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices From the Titanic](#) by Allan Wolf and [The Dressmaker: A Novel](#) by Kate Alcott. Plans include a viewing of the 1953 Titanic movie starring Clifton Webb, Barbara Stanwyck and Robert Wagner to be held following the Annual Meeting on January 24; an author presentation and book signing by Allan Wolf on February 21; a multi-media exploration of the story of the RMS Titanic, its 1912 sinking, and the 1985 discovery of the ship's remains, presented by Titanic enthusiast Dr. Melinda Ratchford on February 28; and a day trip to see "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition" at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences during the week of March 11-15 or the week of March 18-22.

Booklist's Starred Review describes Wolf's book [The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices From the Titanic](#) as a "masterpiece". Wolf leaves no emotion unplumbed, no area of research uninvestigated, and his voices are so authentic they hurt. Everyone should read it. Outstanding, insightful back matter completes this landmark work. Kirkus Review's Starred Review states that Wolf's book is "a lyrical, monumental work of fact and imagination that reads like an oral history revved up by the drama of the event." Horn Book Magazine's Starred Review states that "several concrete poems add visual interest; the Iceberg poems gradually get shorter as the monster melts, and the melee above decks is shown through a series of four-line poems surrounded by snippets of frantic conversation that converge in the gutter. As the ship sinks, the words of shipbuilder Thomas Andrew's poem tilt and then drop off the page."

[The Dressmaker](#) by Kate Alcott forces the reader to ask themselves what means they would go to in order to secure a seat on a lifeboat as the Titanic is sinking. The historical novel tells the story of Tess, a spirited young woman and an aspiring seamstress, who survives the disaster only to find herself embroiled in the media frenzy left in the wake of the tragedy.

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President's Letter

Our annual banquet was held on October 25, and we had a great turnout of approximately 80 people. Morris Glass spoke about his experiences as a holocaust survivor, which I think left everyone with a better understanding of that period in history. His story is contained in the book Chosen for Destruction: The Story of a Holocaust Survivor, written by Dr. Carolyn Happer, who introduced Mr. Glass.

Special thanks to our banquet sponsors: Dudley and Lisa Anderson, John and Viki Anthony, Barbara Barshay, Dale and Genia Bone, Ralph and Sue Dail, Richard and Norfleet Herring, Tom and Vicki Hooper, Betty McCain, Mark and Linda Matthews, Charles and Mary Lou Rakow, Bob Reardon and Susan Nealen, Bob and Merry Simmons, and Sarah Warden and Mike Kushner.

Our annual members' meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the library. Reservations are not needed, so please put this on your calendar and make an effort to attend.

Our annual membership campaign is winding down and has been very successful. Thanks go to Mary Lou Rakow, Merry Simmons and Vicki Hooper for the time and energy they have expended to make the campaign a success. Responses to the campaign total 215 families including new members John and Betty Sharpe, Mrs. Barbara C. Flowers, Dr. and Mrs. Skip Hanson, Joyner's Funeral Home, Maitland and Aedan Barnes, Robin and Bobby Johnson, Pete's Auto Body, Inc., Kathy and Bill Vaughan, Carolyn Turner, George Loveland, Michael and Michele Kennedy, Mary Kathryn Quinn, Pete Williams, Drs. Tom and Julia Watkins, and Scott and Paula Benson.

If you haven't joined/renewed for this year, please consider doing so, as this is the major source of the funds we use to assist the library in its activities.

On December 6, the Friends will be hosting the library staff at the annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon at Something Different.

If you ever have any questions or comments concerning the activities of the Friends, please do not hesitate to email me a john@anthonytabb.com.

Thanks for your support, and I hope to see you on January 24th.

John Anthony

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RECORD-BREAKING FUNDRAISER HELD AT WHIRLIGIG FESTIVAL

The Friends of the Library's used book sale raised \$708 at the 8th Annual Whirligig Festival held on November 3rd & 4th. Donated books were sold from the Wilson County Public Library's Bookmobile. This was the most money raised in three years of participation. All items were priced at \$1.00 or less and the low prices contributed to the success of the fundraiser according to customers who stated that they came to the event specifically to buy books!

Sheila Little, Bookmobilitist, sorts and prices donated books throughout the year for this event. During the week of the event all of the bookmobile's regular items are removed from the vehicle and it is loaded with used books for the sale. During the week after the event, the process is done in reverse. Lots of library staff members are involved behind the scenes to make this a successful event. The Friends of the Library also volunteer during the festival to be sure people come inside the bookmobile to browse through the stock. Look for the bookmobile in front of BB&T again next year as it will be loaded full of bargain books!



January 2013 WCPL Calendar

Please mark your calendar for January closings at WCPL. As per tradition, the library will be closed for the New Year's holiday on Tuesday, January 1, and Saturday and Monday, January 19 and 21, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Other closed days will include Monday, January 14, through Thursday, January 17 for a technology upgrade and training.

North Carolina Websites of Interest

North Carolina Literary Map: <http://library.uncg.edu/dp/nclitmap>

The mission of the North Carolina Literary Map is to highlight the literary heritage of the state by connecting the lives and creative work of authors to real (and imaginary) geographic locations. Through the development of a searchable and browseable data-driven online map, users are able to access a database, learning tools, and cultural resources, to deepen their understanding of specific authors as well as the cultural space that shaped these literary works.

NCpedia: <http://www.ncpedia.org>

NCpedia is an online encyclopedia. Its purpose is to highlight North Carolina's unique resources, people, and culture to enrich, educate, and inform. As of November 1, 2012, NCpedia included **2,738 entries** and **3,377 images!**

100 North Carolina Icons: <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.libguides.com/100ncicons>

Our State Magazine created a list of 100 North Carolina icons that make the state unique. This guide provides links and resources to more information about each of them.

Today in NC History: <http://nchistorytoday.wordpress.com>

The Department of Cultural Resources has recently launched a new resource called "This Day in N.C. History." Daily history updates from across the state will be posted on the website.

News & Observer Index, 1926-1992: <http://statelibrarync.org/noi>

The N&O Index, 1926-1992 is available online for the public to search and browse. The N&O Index is an alphabetical list of names and subjects, with references to the newspaper articles in which they occur. It is not a database of articles; rather, it is a guide to help find articles with more information about a particular topic.

Ever wonder where your membership dollars go?

Here is a list of projects the Friends sponsored this year:

- Wilson Reads program with author Marjorie Hudson discussing her book *The Accidental Birds of the Carolinas*
- Books purchased for the Library specifically for the Wilson Reads and Banquet Programs
- Summer Reading program for the main and all five branches; East, Black Creek, Lucama, Stantonsburg, and Elm City
- Summer reading program for the Young Adults at the Main Library
- Staff Appreciation Day
- New signage for the East Branch renovations
- Sponsor the Library team for the Annual Spelling Bee
- Three author programs, including Margaret Bauer, Bob Garner, and Ben Casey
- Quarterly newsletters
- The Banquet attendees and sponsors, who we want to thank for their contributions, pay for our annual Banquet, reception, speakers and programs.

WRITE STUFF JUMBLE

Unscramble to salute twenty of America's iconic authors, and poets and resolve to include their works in your reading in the new year.

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