

Strong Libraries for a Strong Recovery!

North Carolina's Public Libraries are a vital part of the economic recovery - and need full funding in order to have the maximum positive effect!

Did you know that in addition to supporting literacy and lifelong learning:

Many Public Librarians across NC now spend an average of half of their time at work helping with job-related needs of the public? This includes:

Helping people with resumes, cover letters, and access to resources to improve **interview skills**, assisting with **online job searches**.

Providing access to **test preparation** materials - both print and online - for the GED, SAT, MCAT, etc., but also for the U.S. Postal Service Exam, Firefighter Exam, Real Estate License Exam, and other vocational tests.

Public libraries are the primary outlet for free public access to **computing services and internet!** Many people rely on the libraries as the place to **file for unemployment benefits** as well as the place to work on **online college and community college coursework!**

** Because of the critical role public libraries play for job seekers, the NC Department of Cultural Resources and State Library have provided enhanced job assistance training for public librarians all across the state to maximize the benefits to job seekers! This program to increase public library effectiveness helping people get back to work was so successful, it drew national attention and spread all across the United States!

Please support full funding of State Aid so that public Libraries can have the strongest positive impact on the economic recovery!

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Welcome back to our old FRIENDS and a big hello to our new FRIENDS! 2011 is shaping up to be a fun and exciting year and I hope all of you can attend some of the varied programs that will be offered.

As a president, I've discovered that Sue Dail has left awfully big shoes to fill – amazing for such a petite woman, but true. Fortunately, I will have a lot of help from our dedicated Board of Directors and the conscientious library staff.

Wilson is indeed blessed with an outstanding library. And it's one of the goals of the Friends of the Wilson County Library to help keep it that way. We are in a period of understandable budget tightening, so it's imperative that the Friends of the Library continues to provide financial support for some of the library's programs and activities. All of our operating budget comes from your generous memberships, and we thank you for this. But since no one can have too many FRIENDS, please urge your personal friends to become our FRIENDS too.

If you have any comments or concerns, please feel free to email me at merry@myglnc.com. If you put FOL in the subject line, there is less of a chance that it will be deleted along with the lingerie ads.

Again, welcome, and thanks for being here.

Merry Simmons

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mark your calendars for these not-to-be-missed events

March 15, 2011, 7 PM
Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room

In Search of Olive

Marian Westbrook, Liz Meador and Rosalyn Lomax will bring Olive Kitteridge to life in a one-woman play. Who is Olive Kitteridge? Come see this delightful, thought-provoking presentation and find out.

April 14th, 2011, 7 PM
Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room

April is National Poetry Month and we are delighted to have **Shelby Stephenson as our guest poet**. Shelby grew up in Johnston County, North Carolina, and was educated at UNC, the University of Pittsburg, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He has taught literature and creative writing at UNC-Pembroke. The author of four chapbooks, he currently resides in Southern Pines, NC.

May 2011
Traveling Exhibit

In collaboration with the Theater of the American South, in May 2011 the Wilson County Public Library will be host to the **Freedom, Sacrifice, Memory: Civil War Sesquicentennial Photography Exhibit**. In observance of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources has organized an exhibit that will travel to 49 of the state's public libraries. Wilson County Public Library is only the second library to host this exhibit. Visitors will see women who served as Confederate spies, well-known Confederate generals, re-enactment images of soldiers and battles, and more. The battlefield, homefront, African Americans, and women are all reflected in the exhibit of 150 photographs. A notebook will accompany the exhibit to explain the significance of the photographs. This is an exciting once in a lifetime opportunity.

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based on
The King's Speech
by Mark Logue

The Eagle

based on
The Eagle of the Ninth
by Rosemary Sutcliff

Beastly

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Beastly
by Alex Flinn

I Am Number Four

based on
I Am Number Four
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Jane Eyre

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Jane Eyre
by Charlotte Bronte

Mars Needs Moms

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Mars Needs Moms
by Berkeley Breathed

The Lincoln Lawyer

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The Lincoln Lawyer
by Michael Connelly

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:

Roderick Rules

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Diary of a Wimpy Kid:
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by Jeff Kinney

Upcoming HBO Miniseries

Game of Thrones

based on the book series
A Song of Ice and Fire
by George R.R. Martin