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### President's Letter

It's hard to believe that fall is already here; I hope that you have all had a great summer. I have reread three series of books by my favorite authors over the summer, having gotten quite addicted to my Kindle. Along that same line, the library is about to embark on purchasing a number of e-books, as that is becoming a very popular way for a lot of people to get their reading material. The Friends Board has agreed to provide funds for some optional equipment for the e-reader project, and the library hopes to begin offering this delivery method shortly after the first of 2013.

Please make note of our annual banquet, set for Thursday, October 25th, and will feature what will be a very interesting program presented by Morris Glass, a holocaust survivor, and Dr. Carolyn Happer, the author who has written a book that relates his story. Reservations for the banquet are now available, and we hope to have a great turnout for what will be a very good evening of food and learning; please consider attending, and also being a sponsor.

The Board would like to welcome Deborah Webb, who has joined us after her retirement from the library staff; she was one of our "go to" people who was invaluable to us. Welcome, and thanks, Deborah!

If you ever have any questions or comments concerning the activities of the Friends, please do not hesitate to email them to me at [john@anthonytabb.com](mailto:john@anthonytabb.com)

Thanks for your support, and hope to see you on October 25th.

*John Anthony*

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## "JOURNEY STORIES" in Wilson and "MAKING TRACKS" at the Library

*Journey Stories* is a collaboration among the North Carolina Humanities Council, the Smithsonian Institution, and rural sites statewide. It will tour six sites in North Carolina in 2012-13 and will be on display in Wilson from November 17th to December 29th, 2012. The exhibit will be displayed at the North Carolina Museum of the Coastal Plain.

Coinciding with the exhibit, the Wilson County Public Library and Friends will be offering a "Let's Talk About It: Picturing America" series called *Making Tracks* which includes two nonfiction books, a selection of poems, a documentary film, and a novel. The Let's Talk About It Series are sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council and the North Carolina Center for the Book. Dates and topics for discussion are listed below:

**Thursday, November 15, 2012: *Nothing Like It in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad* by Stephen Ambrose**

**Tuesday, November 20, 2012: A selection of poems by nineteenth and twentieth-century poets that offer views of trains and from trains.**

**Tuesday, November 27, 2012: *Rising from the Rails: Pullman Porters and the Making of the Black Middle Class* by Larry Tye**

**Tuesday, December 4, 2012: *Riding the Rails* is an award-winning film that tells the little-known story of the adolescents who became transients during the Great Depression.**

**Tuesday, December 18, 2012: *Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson**

All programs will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held in the library's Assembly Room. All of the programs are free to the public, but will require registration in order to receive the reading materials in advance of the programs.

Register by calling the library at (252) 237-5355 or emailing Friends, wilsonlibraryfriends @gmail.com.

## Updates from the Library Director

The Wilson Junior Woman's Club held their "Bookin' It" fundraiser on May 5th. Their 5K Run raised \$1,700 which was donated to the library for the purchase of children's books. Thus far 135 new children's books have been received and are on display in the children's department.

In June the library received grant funds in the amount of \$5000 from the Upper Coastal Plain Learning Council for the purchase of 329 health and wellness books. The books are located in the adult non-fiction area's new book section on the second floor of the library.

The Summer Reading Program was a huge success this year! Thanks to the generous donation of funds from the Friends of the Library, programs were held at all six locations. There were 64 programs attended by 3,455 children from birth to grade 5 based on the theme, "Dream Big, Read!" More than 40,000 children's books were circulated from June through August. Young Adult programs were also held for students in grades 6-12 based on the theme "Own the Night". The fourteen programs were attended by 205 students and more than 7,100 teen books circulated from June through August.

Four Wilson County Public Library staff members have received scholarships from the State Library of North Carolina to attend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries 2012 Annual Conference to be held in Raleigh from September 27-29, 2012. Those attending include the following branch managers; Cindy Heacox (Black Creek), Millie Sparks (Stantonsburg), and Sue Young (Elm City) as well as the Teen Services librarian, Maegen Wilson. They will attend a variety of programs which will "Celebrate Libraries!"

Two additional staff members, Genevieve Baillie and Joetta Stoner have been selected to attend the North Carolina Library Association's Leadership Institute. This 4 day residential event will be at the Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro from October 25-28, 2012.

Congratulations to these wonderful staff members.

*Becky Callison*

Becky Callison



## MAKEOVER at the East Branch Library

The East Branch has reopened recently after a makeover of new paint, carpet and a long overdue face lift to the inside of the facility making it more warm and inviting to patrons. Becky Callison states that "Manager Brenda Edmondson has been thrilled with the results and enjoys showing it off to anyone who stops by to visit."

## WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM

Beginning in October, the Wilson County Public Library will begin offering "Thursday Night Teens" the first Thursday of each month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

All events are free and open to the public and will offer refreshments and door prizes. We hope to see you there!

## WHIRLIGGING AGAIN

For the third year Friends will participate in the Whirligig Festival with a used book sale from the Bookmobile. Proceeds go to the new book fund for the Wilson County Public Library. Here's a great opportunity to create space on your bookshelf. Please donate gently used, nearly new books, adult, young adult/teen and children's level, for the sale. Children's books and puzzles are especially welcome. If the advantage of pick-up would make your donation easier, please telephone Sue Dail at 243-9346 to arrange a convenient time. Thank you, and see you at the Whirligig Festival, November 3rd and 4th. Stop by the Bookmobile near the corner of Nash and Pine.