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NEWSLETTER - Fall 2022

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Dear Friends,

Thank you, Friends, for your continuing support of our Wilson County Public Library and branches. It is with pleasure that I look forward to your renewed membership with the Friends of the Wilson County Public Library. This is a non-profit organization with members who are proud of our local library and are dedicated to helping the library serve our community. Members of the Friends group share their time and talents to promote programs for the Wilson community. Andrew Carnegie told us that a "... library outranks any other one that a community can do to benefit people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert."

You are invited to join our Friends to help support the library and promote the joy of reading and lifelong learning at Wilson County Public Library. You will find a **Friends Membership Form attached to this newsletter.** You are not too late to renew your Membership for 2022, as well as 2023.

Because of the funds received from members of the Friends of the Wilson County Public Library, the following programs have benefited Wilson.

- Free events that enrich the lives of children in our community
- Summer reading programs
- Computer assistance
- Annual meetings with outstanding speakers
- Book sales

The Friends of Wilson County Public Library has continued to serve our community with your assistance. We rely on your membership to allow us to make improvements and contributions to our community library. "Libraries store the energy that fuels imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better," according to author Sidney Shelton.

If you have any questions, please contact the library at (252) 237-5355. We hope to hear from you soon. Thank you for your continued support of the library.

Angela Small
President
Friends of the Library

Nostalgia: A Letter from the Library Director

Dear Friends,

I have been thinking lately about how public libraries are unique among local government agencies because they connect us to seemingly happier, simpler times – reading to our children at bedtime, snuggling by the fire with a cozy mystery, browsing library shelves for books on cooking or gardening or woodworking. They bring on a sense of nostalgia, defined as “a wistful or excessively sentimental yearning for some past period or irrecoverable condition.”

In many ways our Main Library building represents that simpler time. Built in 1939, it has been added onto twice, once in the seventies and again in the early 2000s. Both renovations were well done, resulting in a fine, 40,000+ building that retained its historic appearance. That appearance represents one of the challenges we face in positioning the library to respond to the current and future needs of our community because the architecture itself evokes nostalgia.

The past was a simpler time for libraries, too, when we the only place you could browse a large collection of books, ask questions, or read multiple different newspapers. Built around the concept of quiet reading and study, they did not lend themselves to inclusiveness. Access to collection and information were the only services. Helping children to learn to read was considered the job of their parents.

Those days are gone. Public libraries are no longer quiet places for reading. We no longer enjoy a position of prominence in the provision of books and information. Now we are competing with Google, Amazon, Netflix, and others. We cannot afford to go back to what we were. We must change, not by looking inward, but by looking outward to our communities, by actively working to strengthen them, and by helping everyone become their best selves.

The Wilson County Public Library Five-Year Strategic Plan is designed to accomplish exactly this by working for diversity, equity, and inclusion in our collections, programming, and information services, and by working against the social injustices that cause suffering among our fellow citizens. This is what public libraries are now: engines for change and conduits for good, not quiet places designed to fulfill a yearning for the past. And public libraries are under attack for it.

Books are being challenged, censorship is on the rise, and librarians are liable for prosecution and prison for providing information. Simply stated, we have enemies. Now, more than ever, we need our Friends.

We need you to stand with us and all the people we seek to serve in our communities – not just our children in story times, but the children of same sex marriage, the teens struggling with their sexual identity, the disconnected youth drifting without goals, those without the digital literacy skills to land a good job, the homeless, the hopeless, and the addicted. We are in a beautiful, historic building, but we are a modern public library in every other way and dealing with all the challenges of our modern society.

There are some, a vocal few, who want us to return the library we were. Help us help them to accept that our roles have changed and be ready to defend us if the Wilson County Public Library is next public library to come under attack. Be ready to recognize nostalgia when you see it, and to work against it by working with us for a better future.

Thank you,

Molly Westmoreland, Director
Wilson County Public Library

OCTOBER 2022 WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

Main Library Programs

Gaming Café*

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25; 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Main Library Assembly Room

Ages 5-18. Drop into the library for casual gaming on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation4, and Oculus VR headsets. Snacks will be served.

Halloween Comic Fest

Monday, October 31, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

All ages. Visit the Youth Services Desk on Halloween for a spooky comic book treat while supplies last.

Youth Programs

LEGO Club

Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Services Storytime Area

Ages 5 and up. Join us each month for LEGO Club!

All LEGOs are provided for in-person programming. If you can't make it in-person, the prompts will be shared on Facebook and YouTube. Send us pictures of your creations to share on social media!

Storytime Online

Wednesdays, October 12, 26; 10:00 a.m.

Ages 0-10. Join us via Facebook or YouTube for an all-ages storytime led by library staff. Each storytime we will explore a new theme with favorite stories, old and new!

Bilingual Storytime

Fridays, October 14, 28; 5:00 p.m.

Ages 0-10. Listen to favorite stories in English and Spanish on Facebook and YouTube!

Signing Storytime

Saturday, October 15, 5:00 p.m.

Ages 0-10. This storytime, presented in American Sign Language and Spoken English, will be available on Facebook and YouTube. Provided in partnership with Deaf Education students and library staff.

Youth Crafting Kits

All ages. Visit the Youth Services Desk for a new craft kit every Wednesday. Instructions and special materials are included. Projects will vary in complexity. Kits are available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.

Young Adult Programs

TGIF: Teen Book Review

Fridays, October 7, 21; 11:00 a.m.

TGIF is a virtual book review show featuring Teen Librarian Kate Brittain. Listen to book reviews and recommendations for readers of Young Adult literature and learn background information on each title. Watch on Facebook or YouTube!

How To: Write a College Essay

Thursday, October 13, 4:00 p.m.

Main Library Teen Room

Ages 12-19. If you're getting ready to apply or in the process of applying to colleges and feel like you're stuck with your essays, come drop in for some help!

Local History & Genealogy Programs

Women's Struggle for the Nineteenth Amendment

Tuesday, October 18, 6:00 p.m.

Main Library Assembly Room

What was it like to live in a world where men made all the rules? Come find out why a woman's right to vote should never be taken for granted. Local History Librarian Tammy Medlin explains why the Nineteenth Amendment was important to women and how they fought to ratify it.

Wilson County's Historical Marker Program

Tuesday, October 25, 6:00 p.m.

Main Library Assembly Room

Wilson County historian B. Perry Morrison, Jr. will discuss the Historical Marker Program and other historical-themed organizations in Wilson. For the last 15 years, Morrison has been the president of the Wilson County Historical Association (WCHA), and ten years ago conceived and created, with others, the WCHA's Historical Marker Program. This program is hosted by the Wilson County Genealogical Society. All are invited to attend.

Adult Gaming Nights*

Mondays, October 24, November 28; 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Main Library Assembly Room

Adults 18 and up. Immerse yourself in Virtual Reality with our Meta Quest 2 VR headsets! Enjoy a variety of Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4 games with a partner or on your own!

Adult Programs

Unidos: Con Casa Azul de Wilson

Wednesday, October 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Main Library Assembly Room

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, join us to learn how this year's theme, *Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation*, is vital to all in our community. Our speaker, Elizabeth Herrera, is Co-Founder and Director of Community Advancement for Casa Azul de Wilson, a local nonprofit that helps the Latinx community to nurture their authentic selves and to recognize the value and cultural wealth they bring to Wilson. Learn more about the resources that Casa Azul provides through four core focus areas: Education Equity, Language Justice, Culture, and Civic Engagement. For more information, contact Elizabeth Herrera at iza.casaazuldewilson@gmail.com or Naija Speight at nspeight@wilsoncountync.gov or 252-237-5355 ext. 5074.

Candidate Forums

Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27; 7:00 p.m.

Main Library Assembly Room

Meet and listen to contested candidates running for local, state, and federal office in this November's elections. Submit your questions in advance to PublicLibrary@wilsoncountync.gov or to library staff during the event.

October 6: NC Court of Appeals Judge Seats 08, 09, 10, 11

October 13: NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 03, 05

October 20: NC State Senate District 04, NC House of Representatives District 024

October 27: US Senate, US House of Representatives District 01

For more information, visit

www.wilsoncountypubliclibrary.org or contact

Amanda Gardner, Assistant Library Director,

at agardner@wilsoncountync.gov or

252-237-5355 ext. 5072.

Demystifying the Vitamin & Supplement Aisle

Monday, October 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Main Library Assembly Room

Feeling overwhelmed by the many vitamins and supplement choices? Silvia Judd, Health Science Librarian at Wayne UNC Health Care, will explain the background of vitamin & supplement development and share an online tool to help you make safe choices. Learn how these products get to our shelves and the laws that protect (or don't) what is marketed, as well as adverse reactions/interactions and the importance of using MedlinePlus, the pharmacist, and the physician in making medical decisions.

Behavior Management: Dealing with Difficult Behaviors
Monday, October 31, 2:00 p.m.

In this Zoom webinar, mental health professionals from Therapeutic Alternatives will discuss dealing with difficult behaviors. Registration is required.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3KlmyBh> to register. For questions, contact Therapeutic Alternatives at 919-523-5120 or Naija Speight, Adult Services Librarian, at 252-237-5355 ext. 5074 or nspeight@wilsoncountync.gov.



The Friends participated in the Wilson Teen EXPO September 8th at the Sunset Recreation Center.

A donation was made by the Friends as a door prize. Your donated books were also located at our booth to give away to our local teens for free!



Do you have a local Little Library near your home or business in need of tender loving care? Our fantastic Friends Board Members have adopted Little Libraries around town! Please email us at wilsonlibraryfriends@gmail.com if you have a local Little Library in need of books!!



Branch Programs

Black Creek Branch Library

Storytime in the Library

Monday, October 17, 3:00 p.m.

Ages 0-10. Join us for an all-ages storytime led by library staff.

Skeletal Stories

Monday, October 24, 3:00 p.m.

Ages 6-10. Participants will learn about the bones of the body and create a skeleton using cotton swabs. Can't make it October 24th? Take-home crafts will be available while supplies last.

Elm City Branch Library

Art Program for Children

Wednesday, October 5, 3:00 p.m.

Ages 5-10. Create a 3D Halloween mask inspired by artist Karl Schmidt-Rotluff and provided by the NC Museum of Art. Can't make it October 5th? Take-home crafts will be available while supplies last.

Storytime in the Library

Wednesday, October 12, 11:00 a.m.

Ages 0-10. Join us for an all-ages story time led by library staff.

Elms Festival Activities at the Library

Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Fun for all ages!

East Branch Library

Storytime in the Library

Tuesday, October 4, 3:30 p.m.

Ages 0-10. Join us for an all-ages storytime led by library staff.

Lucama Branch Library

Storytime in the Library

Thursday, October 20, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-10. Join us for an all-ages storytime led by library staff.

Howl-O-Ween Celebration

Friday, October 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Ages 6-13. Join us for games, face painting, crafts, and treats!! Feel free to wear a costume. We look forward to having a spooktacular time! All items are available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.

Stantonsburg (Crocker) Branch Library

Oculus VR Gaming Hour*

Wednesday, October 12, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Ages 5-18. Drop into the Library for casual gaming with the Oculus VR headsets.

Storytime in the Library

Friday, October 14, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 0-10. Join us for an all-ages storytime led by library staff.

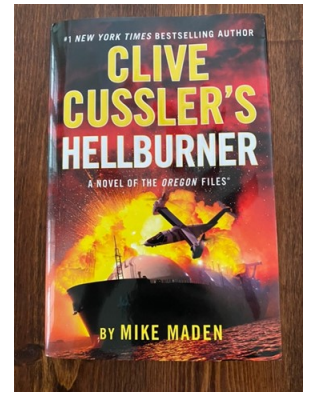


We are in need of VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR ANNUAL BOOK SALE. Please email us at WILSONLIBRARYFRIENDS@GMAIL.COM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

Donations have been made to the Friends in Memory of:

Dot Powell & Sandra Buchan

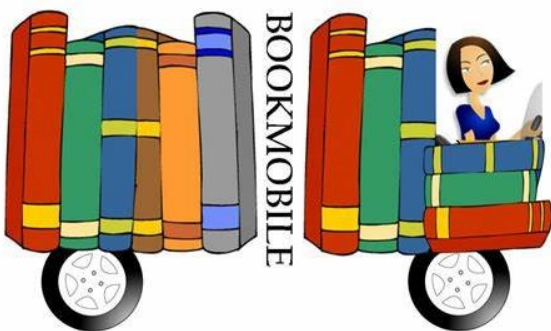
A donation was made In Memory of Tyson Barnes and Sim Wooten. The newest Clive Cussler’s book was purchased and placed in the library.



In Honor

Charles and Melanie Mauze’ donated in honor of Martha Walston’s 100th birthday. Two of Grace Greene’s books were purchased and placed in the library, in her honor. Happy Birthday!

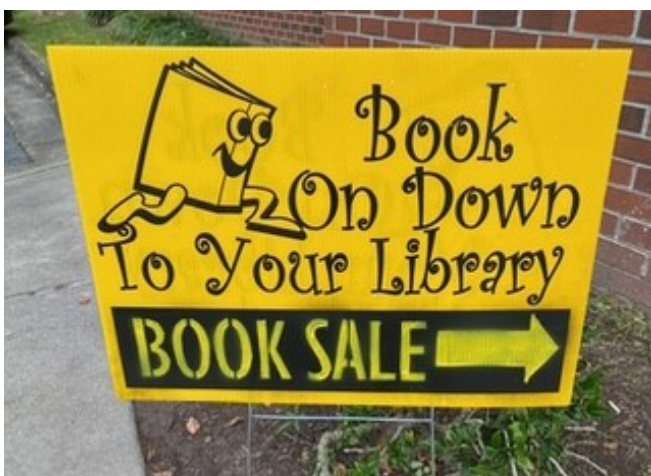
A donation was made in honor of Mr. William Franklin Sharpe, Jr. A book of Mr. Sharpe’s choice will be placed in the library, in his honor very soon!



The Bookmobile schedule is:

- 1st Wednesday - Rock Ridge (3:00 - 4:00) and Sims (4:15 - 5:00)
- 2nd Wednesday - Bridgersville (2:30 -4:00)
- 3rd Wednesday - Vick Elementary School (2:00 - 4:00)
- 4th Wednesday - White Oak (2:30 - 3:30)

Visit the Wilson County Public Library website for exact location information!



The Friends Annual Book Sale will be held in the **library garage** (facing Broad Street) during the Whirligig Festival November 5th and 6th.

The Assembly Room will be an alternate location, pending weather.

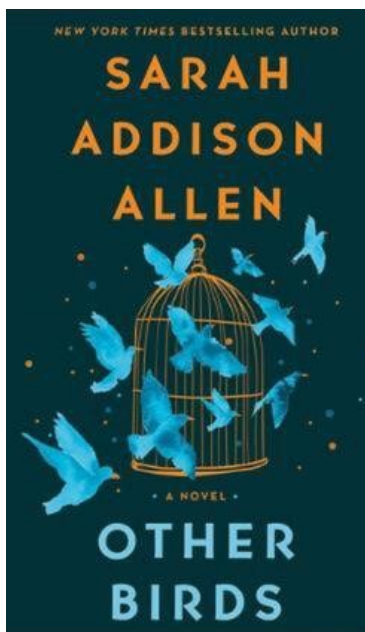
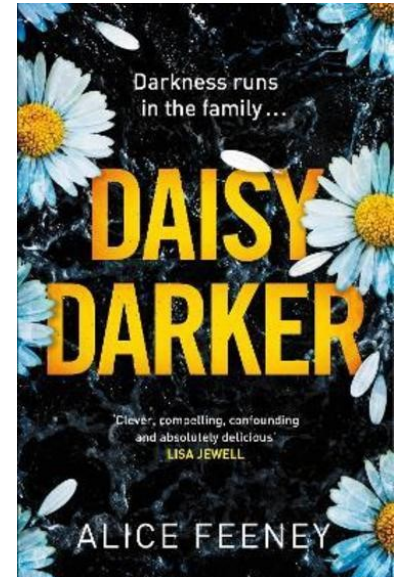
Please come out to support our local Friends by purchasing books! Thanks again for your support and donations!!

The Annual Book Sale will be held November 5th from 10:00AM - 5:00PM and November 6th from 12:00PM-4:00PM.

Books to check out this Fall

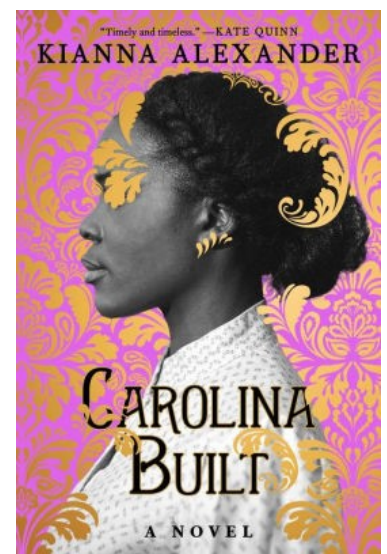
Thanks for the book recommendations, Genevieve!!

"Daisy Darker" by Alice Feeney delivers her trademark twisty suspense around a family reunion that leads to murder, in a remote island mystery inspired by the Agatha Christie classic "And Then There Were None".



Sarah Addison Allen gives us another warm and enchanting magical-realism set in the Carolinas with "Other Birds", which follows the quirky, enigmatic neighbors that inhabit a cobblestone apartment building.

"Carolina Built" by Kianna Alexander is a story of passion and perseverance that celebrates the real-life story of Josephine N. Leary, as she rises from plantation roots to become a real-estate magnate in Edenton, North Carolina.





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