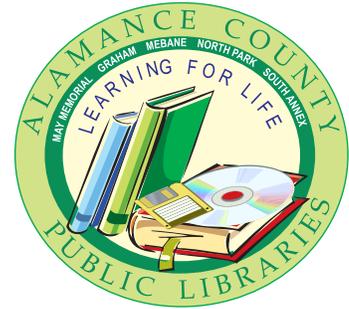


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A Big "Thank You" to Alamance County Library Supporters!

by Michelle Mills, Manager, Graham Public Library

Alamance County Public Libraries would like to thank all of the organizations that have made our year in programming a success. We are extremely appreciative of your support in donating your time, services, and resources to us and the community that we serve.

Our libraries strive to offer a variety of educational and engaging programs to support our diverse community. Our goal is to understand the needs and interests of our patrons in order to provide opportunities that will enrich and educate each one of us. So far this year, a total of 36,830 people have attended our programs! We know that we can have another great year with your help and support.

Again we thank you for the support of our libraries, literacy and education. We know that we could not have had such a successful programming year without you, and we look forward to working with you in the months to come.

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Matthew's Chocolates
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Mebane Enterprise
Moorefield Florist
Mosca's Restaurant
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N.C. Paranormal Society
N.C. Zoo
Ninth Wave Coaching & Hypnosis
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Muttley, Shaka**
PBS Kids
Pizza Hut
Purple Penguin
Putt-Putt Fun Center
Red Robin
Roasted Coffee Depot
Ron Oakley, Historian
Smitty's Homemade Ice Cream
A Sophisticated Pair
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May Memorial Library

342 S. Spring Street
Burlington, NC 27215
(336) 229-3588

Graham Public Library

211 S. Main Street
Graham, NC 27253
(336) 570-6730

Mebane Public Library

101 S. First Street
Mebane, NC 27302
(919) 563-6431

North Park Library

849 Sharpe Road
Burlington, NC 27217
(336) 226-7185

South Annex Library

6343 Snow Camp Road
Graham, NC 27253
(336) 376-9705

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OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

A Message From the Friends

by Lynn Taylor, President, Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries

Dear Friends,

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries would like to thank you for your support. You have been essential to our success.

You have contributed if you are a library patron, donate materials, volunteer, or shop our book sales. During those sales, we've seen thousands of smiles leave the basement of May Memorial clutching new found treasures. We know the books will bring hours of time well-spent to their readers, or income to the book seller who acts as another step in the recycling process.

However, the smiles don't end there. Upstairs and at the other library branches you'll find more happy faces. Adults, young people and children all attend programs and use materials that are funded by the book sales and membership fees almost every day of the year.

Elsewhere literacy efforts are funded throughout the community. Christmas Cheer, Reach Out and Read, and Alamance Arts have been great partners. Our organization endeavors to help in a variety of ways with funds and volunteers.

Alamance County is a great place to live and work, but is better for every person that extends a helping hand to those in need. Please join us by joining the Friends or by renewing your membership.

Sincerely,
Lynne Taylor, President
Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries

To join the Friends, or for more information
about the Friends, visit us online:
www.alamancefol.org

A Note from Our Director

by M.J. Wilkerson, Library Director

How many of you make New Year resolutions? And the next question is, how many of you keep those resolutions? Last January, I promised myself that I would read at least 1 book a week during 2014.

Because my brain is too full to be able to remember everything, I keep up with what I read by using an app called GoodReads. It lets me keep a list of books I want to read, books I am currently reading (or listening to), and what I have already read. Each year I make a "shelf" labeled what year it is and as I read a book, it goes on the "read" shelf and the "2014" shelf. I am happy to say that as of today I have 45 books on my "2014" shelf – only 7 more books to go for the year! It helps that I also listen to books when I am driving back and forth to work or to meetings.

One of the conditions I added to my resolution this year was to get out of my comfort zone, as well as to read, or re-read, some classics. Some of the books I've read or listened to this year are *White Fang*, by Jack London, *Wicked: the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire, *Calico Joe* by John Grisham, and *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. I also managed to squeeze in some mysteries by J.D. Robb and Julia Spencer-Fleming, some fantasy by Mercedes Lackey and Kristin Cashore, and some fun adventures by Janet Evanovich. The nice thing about it is that I got all of them from the library!

One of the great things about a library is that it has books for all kinds of readers and listeners. No matter what your reading pleasure is, one of the Alamance County Public Libraries will probably have a copy of it. Come in and browse our shelves to find your next favorite book.



A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "M.J. Wilkerson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.



**Is it time to clean off
your bookshelves?**

**Donate your gently used
books, CDs and DVDs and
support your libraries!**

Fill up our shelves as you clean
off yours! Donations are accepted
at all Alamance County Public Libraries.

UPCOMING events



December

MONDAY, 12/1

10:00 a.m., May Memorial

Getting Started with Medicare. Are you confused about which Medicare to sign up for? Learn your rights from an expert and get tips to help you plan for your future.

TUESDAY, 12/2

6:15 p.m., Graham Public Library
YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba

WEDNESDAY, 12/3

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., May Memorial
Mom and Dad Craft Time. Make educational toys and games for your child.

12:00 p.m., Graham Public Library

Adult Craft Program. Create a holiday snowman in a jar. All supplies provided. Registration is required and space is limited. Call 336-570-6730 to register.

1:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library

Adult Crafternoon. Make a beautiful but simple luminary using vintage Christmas card images and picture frames. All supplies provided. Registration is required and space is limited. Call 919-563-6431 to register.

MONDAY, 12/8

12:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Lunch Bunch Book Club. This month's selection is *Where Did You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple.

6:00 p.m., May Memorial Library

Clever Head Games. Play modern board games with other enthusiasts.

TUESDAY, 12/9

9:00 a.m., May Memorial Library
Holiday Movie Marathon. For a complete listing of movies and times, see the back cover of this newsletter.

TUESDAY, 12/9

6:15 p.m., Graham Public Library
YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba

THURSDAY, 12/11

6:30 p.m., May Memorial Library
ACPL F.O.L.D.S. Learn the art of origami. All skill levels welcomed.

SATURDAY, 12/13

10:00 a.m., Graham Public Library
Breakfast Book Club. Bring your favorite or most interesting book you've read this past year.

TUESDAY, 12/16

12:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Books Over Coffee. Bring a book you have recently read and join fellow book lovers for a leisurely chat.

6:00 p.m., May Memorial Library

Pinterest Pals. Join us as we make crafts, share recipes and discuss tips around the theme of "Homemade Gifts."

6:15 p.m., Graham Public Library
YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba

MONDAY, 12/22

6:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Clever Head Games. Play modern board games with other enthusiasts.

TUESDAY, 12/23

All libraries close at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY–FRIDAY, 12/24–12/26
Merry Christmas! All libraries closed.

WEDNESDAY, 12/31

All libraries close at 6:00 p.m.



January

THURSDAY, 1/1

Happy New Year! All libraries closed.

SATURDAY, 1/3

10:00 a.m., Graham Public Library
Breakfast Book Club. This month's selection is *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

TUESDAY, 1/6

6:15 p.m., Graham Public Library
YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba

WEDNESDAY, 1/7

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., May Memorial
Mom and Dad Craft Time. Make educational toys and games for your child.

THURSDAY, 1/8

6:30 p.m., May Memorial Library
ACPL F.O.L.D.S. Learn the art of origami. All skill levels welcomed.

MONDAY, 1/12

12:00 p.m., May Memorial
Lunch Bunch Book Club. This month's selection is *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro.

6:00 p.m., May Memorial

Clever Head Games. Play modern board games with other enthusiasts.

6:00 p.m. Graham Public Library
CPR Educational Class. LaTina McGee, RN-BSN, will be presenting the American Heart Association Friends and Family CPR educational program. Manikins and educational materials provided. This class is for educational purposes only and does not certify individuals.

TUESDAY, 1/13

6:15 p.m., Graham Public Library
YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba

7:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Evening Book Group. This month's selection TBA.

THURSDAY, 1/15

2:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Best of Times Book Club. This month's selection is *Life After Life* by Jill McCorkle.

MONDAY, 1/19

MLK Holiday. All libraries closed.

TUESDAY, 1/20

12:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Books Over Coffee

6:00 p.m., May Memorial Library

Pinterest Pals. Join us as we make crafts, share recipes and discuss tips around the theme of "Resolutions."

6:15 p.m., Graham Public Library
YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba

SATURDAY, 1/24

3:00 p.m., May Memorial
Family Self-Defense with Mrs. Yoder. All ages are invited to learn self-defense skills with the Chief Instructor from Carolina Shin Karate.

MONDAY, 1/26

6:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Clever Head Games. Play modern board games with other enthusiasts.

TUESDAY, 1/27

6:15 p.m., Graham Public Library
YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba

7:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library

Mebane Knitters. Bring something you are working on or help us with one of our special projects. Knitters of all levels welcome, but only limited instruction is available.

WEDNESDAY, 1/28

3:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Adult Crafternoon. Craft project TBA. Call 919-563-6431 for more information or to register.

SATURDAY, 1/31

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., May Memorial
Ask-a-Lawyer Day. Get free legal advice from NC lawyers.





WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Baby Fun Time (birth-23 months)

May Memorial, Tuesdays at 11:00
Mebane, Thursdays at 11:00

Time for Twos

May Memorial, Wednesdays at 10:00
Mebane, Thursdays at 10:30

Toddler Time

Graham, Fridays at 10:30

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

Mebane Public Library, Tuesdays at 10:30
May Memorial, Wednesdays at 10:30
Graham, Wednesdays at 10:30

WEEKLY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

Family Fun Time

May Memorial, Sundays at 2:00
Drop in and play board games or build with blocks. Fun for the whole family!

PAWS for Reading

Kids practice reading aloud to a registered therapy dog. Sessions are available by appointment. Call your library to schedule an appointment. Ages 5-12.

DECEMBER



TUESDAY, 12/2

4:30 p.m., May Memorial Library
Jumping Genres Book Club. Grades 1-5.

WEDNESDAY, 12/3

4:00 p.m., North Park Library
Origami for Kids. An instructor from ACPL F.O.L.D.S. will teach kids the art of paper folding. Ages 8+.

FRIDAY, 12/5

4:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Afterschool Matinee. Join us for a *Frozen* sing-a-long. You know the words – now sing along with friends! (PG)

SATURDAY, 12/6

3:00 p.m., May Memorial
Family Gift Making. Make gifts for family members while listening to holiday music and enjoying refreshments. All ages welcome.

MONDAY, 12/8

6:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Holiday Extravaganza! Join us for holiday crafts and fun, and a special visit from Santa! Refreshments will be served. All ages welcome.

WEDNESDAY, 12/10

4:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Fun With Origami. Learn the art of paper folding. An instructor from ACPL F.O.L.D.S. will teach beginner and advanced paper ornament designs! Ages 8+.

4:00 p.m., North Park Library

Lego Fun with Bricks4Kidz! Ages 5-12.

THURSDAY, 12/11

11:00 a.m., May Memorial Library
Move to the Music. Ages 2-5.

SATURDAY, 12/13

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Home Depot of Burlington presents Santa's Workshop. Stop by for face painting, snacks and hands-on activities.

SUNDAY, 12/14

2:00 p.m., Historic Depot, Downtown Burlington
Model train interactive exhibit including stories and a craft with ACPL.

MONDAY, 12/15

4:00 p.m., May Memorial
Origami for Kids. An ACPL F.O.L.D.S. instruction will teach kids to make holiday creations using paper. Ages 8+.

4:00 p.m., Graham Public Library

Basic Karate. Learn basic karate techniques with Carolina Shin Karate. Ages 8+. Registration is required. Call 336+570-6730 to register.

4:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library

Book Buddies. Explore the books of Jan Brett! Grades K-2.

WEDNESDAY, 12/17

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Join Mrs. Claus for a special Christmas storytime. Ages 3+.

4:00 p.m., North Park Library

Hear Christmas stories and make a gingerbread house with Mrs. Claus. Ages 5+.

WEDNESDAY, 12/17

4:30 p.m., May Memorial Library
Make & Take Afterschool Crafts. Ages 4+.

4:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library

Awesome Readers. This month's selection is *Half Magic* by Edward Eager.

THURSDAY, 12/18

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Music in the Morning. Ages 2-5.

4:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library

Lego Party. Ages 4+.

5:00 p.m., Historic Depot, Downtown Burlington

Model train interactive exhibit including stories and a craft with ACPL.

TUESDAY, 12/23

All libraries close at 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, 12/24-12/26

Merry Christmas! All libraries closed.

WEDNESDAY, 12/31

10:30 a.m., Mebane Public Library
Move to the Music. Join us for a special New Year's Eve Dance Party! Ages 2-5.

All libraries close at 6:00 p.m. December 31.

JANUARY



THURSDAY, 1/1

Happy New Year! All libraries closed.

FRIDAY, 1/2

2:00 p.m., May Memorial
An Afternoon at the Drive-In Movie Theater! Families can make a car then watch a movie at our make-believe drive-in movie theater.

4:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library

Afterschool Matinee. This month's feature is TBA.

TUESDAY, 1/6

10:00 a.m., Mebane Public Library
Science Explorers. Come learn amazing scientific facts about the moon, and have fun with hands-on activities. Grades K-5.

4:00 p.m., May Memorial Library

Jumping Genres Book Club. Grades 1-5.

THURSDAY, 1/8

11:00 a.m., May Memorial Library
Move to the Music. Ages 2-5.

WEDNESDAY, 1/7

4:00 p.m., North Park Library
Frozen Sing-A-Long. Join your friends and sing along with the movie. (PG)

MONDAY, 1/12

4:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Book Buddies. Join us for art exploration through books and hands-on activities. Grades K-2.

WEDNESDAY, 1/14

4:00 p.m., North Park Library
Penguin Party! Join us for penguin stories, crafts and more!

THURSDAY, 1/15

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Music in the Morning. Ages 2-5.
4:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Lego Party. Ages 4+.

MONDAY, 1/19

MLK Holiday. All libraries closed.

WEDNESDAY, 1/21

4:00 p.m., North Park Library
Puppet-Making Workshop. Learn the art of puppetry and make your own puppet.

4:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library

Awesome Readers. This month's selection is *Dragonbreath* by Ursula Vernon.

4:30 p.m., May Memorial Library

Make & Take Afterschool Crafts. Ages 4+.

THURSDAY, 1/22

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Bricks4Kidz presents a preschool program for children ages 3+.

4:00 p.m., Graham Public Library

Bricks4Kidz presents a Lego program for children ages 5+.

MONDAY, 1/26

4:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Basic Karate. Learn basic karate techniques with Carolina Shin Karate. Ages 8+. Registration is required. Call 336-570-6730 to register.

WEDNESDAY, 1/28

10:30 a.m., Mebane Public Library
Move to the Music. Ages 2-5.

4:00 p.m., North Park Library

Let's Play A Game! Give the electronics a break and join us for some good old-fashioned board game fun!

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Ages 13-19

Saturday, December 20
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
May Memorial Library

Don your ugliest holiday apparel and engage in some festive, tacky cheer! Craft stations, dancing, yuletide snacks, ugly sweater contest and more! Don't have an ugly sweater? Make one at the party! FREE!

Must arrive by 7:10 p.m. and will not be able to leave until 9:00

YA Book Club

Graham Public Library ~ Tuesday evenings @ 7:00
Ages 13+

December 2

Hostage Three by Nick Lake



January 6

More Than This by Patrick Ness

Animé Club

Mebane Public Library
Saturday afternoons @ 3:30 ~ Ages 13+

December 20

Make Origami ornaments and watch *My Neighbor Totoro*.

January 17

Activity TBA. Call 919-563-6431 for more information.

Teen Crafternoon

May Memorial Library
Tuesday afternoons @ 4:00 ~ Ages 12+

December 23

Need a last-minute gift? Stop by and make soothing bath salts.

January 27

Make a cool craft and hang out with your friends.

Get Crafty!

Graham Public Library
Monday afternoons @ 4:00 ~ 6th-12th Graders

Learn a new craft, enjoy a snack, and test your gaming skills on the Wii or Xbox.

December 8 & January 12

Make It!

Mebane Public Library ~ 6th-12th Graders

Join us for this STEAM-based Maker program for tweens and teens, and make cool stuff while learning new skills. It's FREE!

Saturday, December 13 @ 3:30

Make simple gifts to give away this holiday season.

Saturday, January 24 @ 3:30

Activity TBA.

New Teen Club!

Join us for a new club where it's all about YOU!
Learn new things and meet new people.
Ages 12-18 only.

Tuesday, January 13 at 4:00 ~ May Memorial Library

game on @ ACPL

Are you a gamer? Join us for gaming fun and friendly competition. We provide the Wii & Xbox, you bring your skills!
Programs are for ages 12 and up.

Mebane Public Library ~ Thursdays @ 4:00,

December 4: BATTLE CHALLENGE!

Drop by to do battle in games like Super Smash Brothers & Kinect Star Wars on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect.

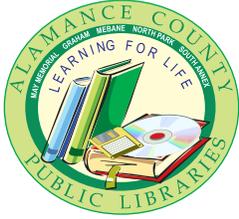
January 8: LEGOMANIA!

Drop by and play games like Lego Batman 2 and Lego Harry Potter on the Wii and Xbox 360 Kinect.

May Memorial Library

Tuesday, December 9 @ 4:00

Drop by and play Xbox 360 and Wii games with your friends.



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Burlington, NC 27215

Visit us on the web:

www.alamancelibraries.org

Holiday Programs



Family Gift Making

May Memorial Library
Saturday, December 6, 3:00 p.m.

Holiday Extravaganza!

Celebrate the season with stories,
music and a visit from Santa!
Mebane Public Library
Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Magic: A Dickens Christmas

May Memorial Library
Friday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Home Depot Santa's Workshop

Graham Public Library
Saturday, December 13
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Stories with Mrs. Claus

Graham Public Library
Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.

North Park Public Library
Wednesday, December 17, 4:00 p.m.



Mark Your Calendar!

The Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries

Spring Book Sale

March 10-20, 2015

May Memorial Library
Friends of the Library Book Store
342 S. Spring Street, Burlington, NC
(Use Davis Street entrance, downtown Burlington)



Get in the Holiday Spirit at Our Christmas Movie Marathon!

May Memorial Library ~ Tuesday, December 9

- 9:00 a.m. *Mickey's Holiday Classics* (G)
- 10:00 a.m. *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (G)
- 11:45 a.m. *Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (PG)
- 1:45 p.m. *The Santa Clause* (PG)
- 3:30 p.m. *Elf* (PG)
- 5:15 p.m. *A Christmas Story* (PG)
- 7:00 p.m. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (PG-13)

