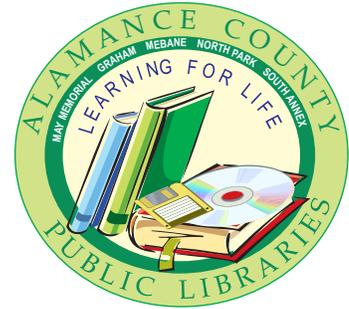


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Annual Murder Mystery Night Has a “Super” Twist

by Emery Lai, Library Assistant, Reference Department, May Memorial Library



Summer is fast approaching, and if you've been a library lover for a while, you know what that means – Murder Mystery Night is just around the corner!

This year's Adult Summer Reading Program theme is “Escape the Ordinary,” and participants will do just that as they unravel a “super”-sized mystery!

“With Great Murder Comes Great Mystery” is guaranteed to be one of the highlights of your summer, filled with intrigue and excitement and a healthy dose of comedy.

With your help, it won't take any time at all for us to figure out who murdered Superhero Roark Miller. Was it his lawyer? A fellow superhero, bitter with envy over Roark's super success? Even the most devoted member of Roark's fan club is not above suspicion!

Murder Mystery Night is free and will take place at 7:00 pm on Friday, July 24th and Saturday, July 25th. Tickets will be available at your library beginning Monday, June 29th. As always, space is limited and the tickets go fast, so dust off your detective kit and call your library or stop by to reserve your tickets.

Alamance Reads 2015 Title Announced

by Heather Holley-Hall, Associate Director of Operations, Alamance County Public Libraries

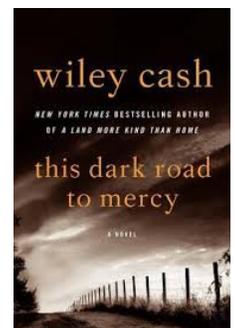
As the temperature rises and the school year winds to a close, Alamance County readers are searching for that great “summer read.” This year, Alamance County Public Libraries is making it easy to choose! *This Dark Road to Mercy* by Wiley Cash is the Alamance Reads 2015 book, and trust me, it's a great vacation read!

This Dark Road to Mercy is a gripping road-trip story of fathers, daughters and baseball. Former minor league baseball player, Wade Chesterfield, wants desperately to reconnect with his daughters. Realizing that he has no legal recourse, he kidnaps them from their foster home and embarks on a road trip that takes the threesome from Gastonia to Myrtle Beach, Charlotte and finally, to St. Louis.

It seems that Wade also knows more than he is saying about the large sum of money missing after an armored car heist, and there is a very, very bad guy on his trail. The girls' guardian ad litem, Brady Weller, is also hunting for the trio. Cash expertly builds the suspense, revealing just enough information to keep his readers on the hook.

The story takes place during the late summer of 1998, when baseball fans everywhere were riveted by Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa's home run record chase. Cash masterfully juxtaposes the major league baseball drama against Chesterfield's struggle to hold on to his daughters and outrun the men pursuing him.

We have some great programs lined up beginning in August, including a visit with the author. Stay tuned for details, and be sure to add *This Dark Road to Mercy* to your summer reading list! You'll be glad you did.



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Graham, NC 27253
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Mebane Public Library

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

North Park Library

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South Annex Library

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Graham, NC 27253
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by Susan Gant, President,
Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries

Dear Friends,

I hope you are as excited as I am about the announcement of our latest Alamance Reads title, *This Dark Road To Mercy*. You won't want to miss this engaging book by a rising North Carolina author, Wiley Cash. We will be excited to welcome Mr. Cash to Alamance County in the fall as part of the celebration of his excellent novel.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with the interesting and fun programs planned around *This Dark Road to Mercy*. If you want to be part of the fun, don't hesitate to contact one of our dedicated co-chairs, Michelle Mills (mmills@alamancelibraries.org) and Susan Holland (sh@bioallies.com), or call your library branch and ask to be put on the list of volunteers.

So, drop by the library to buy or check out your copy of *This Dark Road To Mercy*, enjoy your summer reading, and plan to participate in Alamance Reads this fall!

Sincerely,
Susan Gant
President, Friends of the Library

ACC Adult GED Classes

Do you need to complete your High School Diploma? Do you want to improve your academic skills or qualify for a better job? Call 336-570-6730 or stop by today to sign up for ACC's FREE classes! Classes meet Mondays & Wednesdays from 1:00–3:30 p.m. at Graham Public Library.

Open-Lab Computer Classes

Whether you are new to computers or want to develop better skills, ACC's Digital Literacy Classes will improve your understanding of computers. Classes meet Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at May Memorial Library. Call 336-229-3588 for more information.

May Memorial Library Contributes Local Insurance Records to the NC Digital Heritage Center

by Lisa Kobrin, Local History Librarian, May Memorial Library

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center located at UNC-Chapel Hill, recently scanned eight oversize historical ledgers from the Local History Collection at May Memorial Library to make them available to genealogists and historical researchers on their website at digitalnc.org.

The ledgers represent early fire insurance policies underwritten by the Alamance County Branch of the N.C. Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company. This insurance cooperative was founded in 1892 to insure rural farm properties and their early records date from the time period between about 1905 and 1930.

The records include the names of rural farmers, small businesses, one room schoolhouses, and small industrial enterprises such as grist mills and sawmills in Alamance County. They also include some specifics about rural churches, parsonages, and fraternal organization clubhouses. The records help historians to pinpoint rural addresses and the types of agricultural activity that took place on certain pieces of property as indicated by the variety of outbuildings found there. Some examples might include granaries, barns, tenant houses, smoke houses, tool sheds and occasionally livestock.

Of particular interest in this records collection are reference to several businesses founded in Alamance County that operated over a long time period including Green & McClure Furniture Company and Charles F. Cates Pickle Company (a brand that later underwent a move to eastern North Carolina and was subsumed under the name of a larger food company).

Among the records, there's also claims correspondence related to a tornado that touched down near the Mt. Hermon Community in November 1926. It was part of a deadly series of tornadoes that swept the South during a two-day period on November 25 & 26, 1926 killing more than 100 people.

The Farmers Mutual Insurance records may be viewed at www.digitalnc.org after searching for Alamance County in the index. They may also be accessed via the library web page at <http://alamancelibraries.libguides.com/content.php?pid=665541>. The latter site includes a personal name index to look for local ancestors.

Visit the friends online at:
www.alamancefol.org

UPCOMING events

JUNE



MONDAY, 6/1

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

TUESDAY, 6/2

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

6:30 p.m., *Mebane Public Library*

Strange History: Körner's Folly. This month, we'll discuss Körner's Folly, the eccentric Victorian home of Jule Gilmer Körner, located in nearby Kernersville.

SATURDAY, 6/6

10:00 a.m., *Graham Public Library*
Breakfast Book Club. This month's selection is *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini.

12:00 p.m., *May Memorial Library*

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

MONDAY, 6/8

12:00 p.m., *May Memorial Library*
Lunch Bunch Book Club. This month's selection is *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin.

TUESDAY, 6/9

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 is *The Martian* by Andy Weir.

THURSDAY, 6/11

6:30 p.m., *May Memorial Library*
ACPL F.O.L.D.S. Origami Club

SATURDAY, 6/13

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., *Mebane Public Library*
World Wide “Knit in Public” Day at the Library. Knitters, bring your knitting project, lawn chair and a picnic lunch and join us on the lawn. In the event of inclement weather, we will move inside the library.



MONDAY, 6/15

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

TUESDAY, 6/16

12:00 p.m., *Graham Public Library*
Books Over Coffee. Bring a book you have recently read to share with the group.

6:15 p.m., *Graham Public Library*

YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba.

WEDNESDAY, 6/17

12:00 p.m., *May Memorial Library*
T'ai Chi: Experience an ancient, Chinese system of movement embodying exercise, meditation and self-defense with certified T'ai Chi instructor, Jane Thomas.

THURSDAY, 6/18

3:00 p.m., *Mebane Public Library*
Adult Crafternoon. Make your own paint chip bookmarks to use or share. Materials and instruction provided. Call 919-563-6431 to register.

SATURDAY, 6/20

9:30 a.m., *Mebane Public Library*
Writer's Block Workshop and Support Group. Bring a short passage or chapter of your work for the group to read. Please register by calling 919-563-6431.

1:00 p.m., *Cedarrock Park, Burlington*

Beekeeping the Foxfire Way and Now with NC Certified Beekeepers, Paul Jollay from Glencoe Honey Company and Ira Poston from Blueberry Hill Apiaries.

MONDAY, 6/22

7:00 p.m., *Graham Public Library*
YA For All Book Club. This month's selection is *The Fifth Wave* by Rick Yancey. Ages 16+.

TUESDAY, 6/23

4:00 p.m., *Graham Public Library*
Color Me Calm. Melt away the stress with a relaxing coloring project. Ages 13+.

6:15 p.m., *Graham Public Library*

YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba.

7:00 p.m., *Mebane Public Library*

Mebane Knitting Club. Knitters of all skill levels welcome, but only limited instruction is offered.

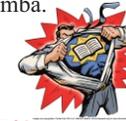
TUESDAY, 6/30

12:00 p.m., *Graham Public Library*
Adult Crafternoon. Learn a new craft. Materials and instruction provided. Ages 16+.

6:15 p.m., *Graham Public Library*

YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba.

JULY



FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 7/3 & 7/4

Independence Day Holiday – Libraries Closed

MONDAY, 7/6

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

TUESDAY, 7/7

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

THURSDAY, 6/11

6:30 p.m., *May Memorial Library*
ACPL F.O.L.D.S. Origami Club

SATURDAY, 7/11

10:00 a.m., *Graham Public Library*
Breakfast Book Club. This month's selection is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

MONDAY, 7/13

12:00 p.m., *May Memorial Library*
Lunch Bunch Book Club. This month's selection is *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

TUESDAY, 7/14

12:00 p.m., *Graham Public Library*
Adult Crafternoon. Learn a new craft. Materials and instruction provided. Ages 16+.

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 is *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent.

WEDNESDAY, 7/15

12:00 p.m., *May Memorial Library*
T'ai Chi: Experience an ancient, Chinese system of movement embodying exercise, meditation and self-defense with certified T'ai Chi instructor, Jane Thomas.

THURSDAY, 7/16

2:00 p.m., *Mebane Public Library*
The Best of Times Book Club is reading *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini and *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See.

SATURDAY, 7/18

12:00 p.m., *May Memorial Library*
Clever Head Games. Play modern board games with other enthusiasts.

1:00 p.m., *Cedarrock Park, Burlington*

Canning the Foxfire Way and Now with Jeannie Dunn.

MONDAY, 7/20

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

TUESDAY, 7/21

12:00 p.m., *Graham Public Library*
Books Over Coffee. Bring a book you have recently read to share with the group.

6:15 p.m., *Graham Public Library*

YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba.

7:00 p.m., *Mebane Public Library*

Mebane Knitting Club. Knitters of all skill levels welcome, but only limited instruction is provided.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 7/24 & 7/25

7:00 p.m., *May Memorial Library*
Murder Mystery Night 2015: “With Great Murder Comes Great Mystery.” This is a ticketed event. FREE tickets will be available at our libraries beginning Monday, June 29. Call or stop by to reserve your tickets.

SATURDAY, 7/25

9:30 a.m., *Mebane Public Library*
Writer's Block Workshop and Support Group. Bring a short passage or chapter of your work for the group to read. Please register by calling 919-563-6431.

MONDAY, 7/27

7:00 p.m., *Graham Public Library*
YA For All Book Club. This month's selection is *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein. Ages 16+.

TUESDAY, 7/28

4:00 p.m., *Graham Public Library*
Color Me Calm. Melt away the stress with a relaxing coloring project. Ages 13+.

6:15 p.m., *Graham Public Library*

YMCA of Burlington presents Zumba.



Kids just for Kids

Our libraries will take a short break from our regularly scheduled programs to allow us to plan our exciting summer events! There will be no weekly programs from June 7-19.

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, Tuesdays at 10:30
Mebane, Thursdays at 10:30

Toddler Time

Graham, Fridays at 10:30

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

Mebane, 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. All ages welcome.

PAWS for Reading

Sessions are available by appointment. Call your library to schedule an appointment. Ages 5-12.

JUNE

FRIDAY, 6/5

4:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Friday Matinee. This afternoon's feature is *Planes – Fire & Rescue* (PG). Ages 5+.

MONDAY, 6/8

3:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Puppeteers. Call 336-229-3588 to register. Ages 7+.

WEDNESDAY, 6/10

4:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Garden Club for Kids. Ages 5+.

MONDAY, 6/15

3:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Puppeteers. Call 336-229-3588 to register. Ages 7+.

TUESDAY, 6/16

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Movin' & Grooving. Families rock their way into fitness with YMCA fitness instructor, Christy Fox. All ages.

WEDNESDAY, 6/17

4:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Awesome Readers Book Club. This month's selection is *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* by Kate DiCamillo.

THURSDAY, 6/18

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Music in the Morning. Move to the beat & develop rhythm skills. Ages 2+ with a caregiver.

FRIDAY, 6/19

4:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Family Movie. This afternoon's feature is *The Lego Movie* (PG). Ages 5+.

MONDAY, 6/22

3:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Puppeteers. Call 336-229-3588 to register. Ages 7+.

TUESDAY, 6/23

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Movin' & Grooving. Families rock their way into fitness with YMCA fitness instructor, Christy Fox. All ages.

FRIDAY, 6/26

10:30 a.m., Mebane Public Library
Move to the Music. Move to the beat & develop rhythm skills. Ages 2-5.

4:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library

Lego Time. Ages 4+.

MONDAY, 6/29

3:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Puppeteers. Call 336-229-3588 to register. Ages 7+.

TUESDAY, 6/30

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Movin' & Grooving. Families rock their way into fitness with YMCA fitness instructor, Christy Fox. All ages.

JULY

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 7/3 & 7/4

Independence Day Holiday – Libraries Closed

MONDAY, 7/6

3:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Puppeteers. Call 336-229-3588 to register. Ages 7+.

TUESDAY, 7/7

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Movin' & Grooving. Families rock their way into fitness with YMCA fitness instructor, Christy Fox. All ages.

WEDNESDAY, 7/8

4:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Garden Club for Kids. Ages 5+.

FRIDAY, 7/10

4:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Friday Matinee. This afternoon's feature is *The Lego Movie* (PG). Ages 5+.

MONDAY, 7/13

3:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Puppeteers. Call 336-229-3588 to register. Ages 7+.

TUESDAY, 7/14

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Movin' & Grooving. Families rock their way into fitness with YMCA fitness instructor, Christy Fox. All ages.

THURSDAY, 7/16

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Music in the Morning. Move to the beat & develop rhythm skills. Ages 2+ with a caregiver.

FRIDAY, 7/17

4:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Family Movie. This afternoon's feature is *Despicable Me 2* (PG). Ages 5+.

4:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library

Lego Time. Ages 4+.

MONDAY, 7/20

3:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Puppeteers. Call 336-229-3588 to register. Ages 7+.

TUESDAY, 7/21

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Movin' & Grooving. Families rock their way into fitness with YMCA fitness instructor, Christy Fox. All ages.

FRIDAY, 7/24

10:30 a.m., Mebane Public Library
Move to the Music. Move to the beat & develop rhythm skills. Ages 3+ with a caregiver.

MONDAY, 7/27

3:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Puppeteers. Call 336-229-3588 to register. Ages 7+.

TUESDAY, 7/28

10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Movin' & Grooving. Families rock their way into fitness with YMCA fitness instructor, Christy Fox. All ages.

Summer Reading Help at Your Library

Don't let your reading skills slip this summer! Group sessions presented by Sylvan Learning Center will help prevent "summer slide." Sessions are for 2nd & 3rd graders. Registration is required. Call your library to register. Sessions begin the week of June 22.

Graham Public Library
Mondays @ 10:00

North Park Public Library
Wednesdays @ 4:00

Mebane Public Library
Thursdays @ 4:00

May Memorial Library
Fridays @ 10:00



For information on our summer reading programs for kids 5-12, see the back cover!





UNMASK A GREAT SUMMER AT YOUR LIBRARY!

Join us for crafts, hands-on STEAM activities, games, snacks and more!
Rising 6th-12th graders.

GRAHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.
Call 336-570-6730 for more information.

- June 22 Thought Bubble Tote Bags
- June 29 Superhero Snow Globes
- July 6 Comic Covered Picture Frames
- July 13 Superhero Record Album Journal
- July 20 Secret Identity ID Holder
- July 27 Galaxy T-Shirt

MEBANE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.
Call 919-563-6431 for more information.

- June 23 "Alter Ego" Altered T-Shirts
- June 30 Stop Motion Animation Lab
- July 7 Unmasked Matinee: *Guardians of the Galaxy* (PG-13)
- July 14 "Heroes vs. Villians" Craft Workshop
- July 21 Ice Cream Masquerade

MAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Thursday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.
Call 336-229-3588 for more information.

- July 2 Be a Hero - Solve that Crime
- July 9 Movie Night - *Jupiter Ascending* (PG-13). This program begins at 6:00 p.m.
- July 16 Flow Circus
- July 23 Earth Heroes

SUPERHERO BALL

Unleash your inner hero or villain!
Costume contest, photo booth,
crafts, snacks and dancing!

Friday, June 26

7:00-9:00 p.m.

May Memorial Library

You must arrive at the library by 7:10 p.m. Once you leave you will not be readmitted. Call 336-229-3588 for more information.

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ANIMÉ CLUB

Saturday, July 18 @ 3:30 p.m.

Mebane Public Library

COSPLAY MEETUP

Learn how to get started on cosplays!
Basic tools & supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Ages 13+.



GAME ON

Thursday, June 4 @ 4:00 p.m.
Mebane Public Library

Drop by for gaming on the Xbox and Wii, and stay for 8-bit crafting and snacks. Ages 12+.



METEOR MAN STAR PARTY+ AGES 13-19

Find out about the heroes in the stars and gaze at the heavens through our telescope. Keep an eye out for shooting stars from the Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower!

Friday, July 31 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.
May Memorial Library

You must arrive at the library by 7:10 p.m. Once you leave you will not be readmitted. Call 336-229-3588 for more information.



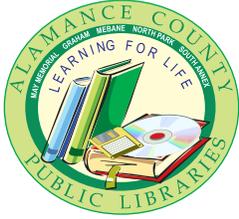
I ♥ ANIMÉ

Hang out and watch, discuss and listen to animé. Ages 12+.



Saturday afternoons,
June 20 & July 18
3:00 p.m.
May Memorial Library

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Summer Reading
 Program 2015

May Memorial Library

Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m.
 Call 336-229-3588 for more information.

- June 23 Superhero Training Camp
- June 30 Community Service Heroes Invade the Library
- July 7 Heroes of Art with local artist Amos Stokes
- July 11 2:00 p.m. Special Saturday Program: NC Museum of Natural Sciences presents Growing Up in the Animal Kingdom
- July 14 Earth Heroes with environmental educator Pam Vivian.
- July 21 Animal Heroes with author Libby Bagby
- July 28 May Memorial Puppeteers



Graham Public Library

Thursday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.
 Call 336-570-6730 for more information.

- June 25 Hometown Heroes
This program will be held at the Graham Fire Department.
- July 2 Be Your Own Hero!
- July 9 Superhero Training Academy
- July 16 Zelnik the Magician
- July 23 Animal Heroes
- July 30 Grand Finale! Mad Science of the Piedmont

North Park Public Library

Monday afternoons at 4:00 p.m.
 Call 336-226-7185 for more information.

- June 22 Design a Superhero
- June 29 Animal Heroes
- July 6 Skills of a Hero, Pt 1: Leadership
- July 13 Skills of a Hero, Pt 2: Spy Skills
- July 20 Not All Heroes Wear a Cape
Kopper Top Life Learning Center
- July 27 Skills of a Hero, Pt. 3: Defense Moves

Mebane Public Library

Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 p.m.
 Call 919-563-6431 for more information.

- June 24 From Ordinary to Extraordinary! Tales of Unlikely Heroes.
- July 1 Something Wicked! Villian & Trickster Tales
- July 8 Rags to Riches Theater presents "Jack Tales." *This program will be held at the Mebane Arts Center.*
- July 15 Everyday Heroes! Celebrating Community Helpers.
- July 22 Superhero Training Academy
- July 25 3:30 p.m. Special Saturday Program: NC Museum of Natural Sciences presents Animal Tracks & Signs

