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News from Alamance County Public Libraries

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Alamance Reads 2015 Programs Begin in August

You've read the books, now join the fun. Programs begin in late August, and run through early October.

Contests

Alamance Reads 2015 Writing Contest

Are you an aspiring writer? Enter our online writing contest for a chance to have your work published on www.alamancereads.com. Winners will be announced at the Alamance Reads 2015 Grand Finale Reception. Contest entries accepted August 29-September 19.

Alamance Reads Junior Video Book Review Contest

Create your own video book review of Sue Corbett's *Free Baseball*. Contest is open to rising 2nd-5th graders. Deadline for entries is September 4.

Alamance Reads Junior Book Jacket Contest

Design your own book jacket for Sue Corbett's *Free Baseball*. Contest is open to rising 2nd-5th graders. Deadline for entries is September 4.

Homemade Ice Cream Contest

Submit your best batch of homemade ice cream. Ice cream contest entries due October 8 at 4:30 p.m. at the Captain White House.

Programs & Events

Kick Off

Saturday, 8/29, 6:00 p.m.
Burlington Royals Athletic Stadium
Join us for the pre-game festivities and stay for the game. Free tickets will be available at all libraries beginning August 1.

Author Events

Wednesday, 9/9, 7:00 p.m.
Elon Moseley Center, Moseley Lakeside Hall
Author meet & greet with Wiley Cash.

Thursday, 9/10, 2:00 p.m.
ACC Auditorium, Alamance Community College, Carrington-Scott Campus
Writer's workshop with Wiley Cash.

Monday, 9/21, 6:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Author meet & greet with Mark Cryan, Ph.D., author of *Cradle of the Game: NC Baseball Past & Present.*

Public Book Discussions

Saturday, 8/1, 10:00 a.m., Graham Public Library
Tuesday, 9/8, 7:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Monday, 9/14, 12:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Thursday, 10/15, 2:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library

Panel Discussion

Thursday, 10/1, 7:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Rehabilitation & Information Panel Discussion presented by Benevolence Farm, Sustainable Alamance and Our Children's Place.

Handmade Programs

Tuesday, 8/25, 7:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Mebane Knitting Club makes Knitted Teddy Bears.

Monday, 9/14, 3:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Teddy Bear Workshop

Alamance Reads Junior

Saturday, 8/22, 9:00 a.m.,
Children's Museum of Alamance County
Baseball crafts & activities and FREE admission to the Children's Museum. Get a free copy of the book *Free Baseball.*

Thursday, 9/17, 7:00 p.m., Mayco Bigelow Center
Author meet & greet with Sue Corbett & Awards Ceremony for Book Trailer & Book Jacket Contests.

Movies for the Whole Family

Tuesday, 9/1, 5:30 p.m., Mayco Bigelow Center
Pizza & a movie featuring *Million Dollar Arm* (PG)

Friday, 9/11, 4:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
The Sandlot (PG)

Tuesday, 9/29, 5:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Pizza & a movie featuring *The Rookie* (G)

Just for Fun

Tuesday, 9/15, 5:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
The bases are loaded! Join us for baseball snacks and an interactive "baseball" game. Ages 5+.

Tuesday, 9/22, 6:00 p.m.,
The Blend, 121 E. Front Street, Burlington
Trivia Night at the Blend, including a baseball round and a literature round. The winning team will receive a prize and their order is free. Space is limited.

Friday, 10/16, 4:00-6:30 p.m., Softball Hall of Fame
Open house and reception.

Grand Finale

Thursday, 10/8, 5:00 p.m.
Captain White House, Graham
Enter your best homemade ice cream recipe in our contest (entries due by 4:30) and join us for the Thank You Reception and Writing Contest Awards Ceremony.

For more information, visit www.alamancereads.com

WHERE TO FIND US

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
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OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

A Message From the Friends

Dear Friends,

Your libraries have been buzzing with activity this summer! The kids' Summer Reading Program is wrapping up. Crafts, Zumba, Legos, Zelnick the Magician, story times, computer and GED classes, Murder Mystery Night, and many other activities have kept both adult and youth patrons visiting the library all summer long. With August upon us, checking out a favorite book or movie will help beat the heat at home, too!

On Saturday August 29 at 6:00, you are invited to Burlington Athletic Stadium for the kick-off to this year's Alamance Reads program. Come for pre-game festivities, food, and games sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and stay for the Burlington Royals game after. Free tickets to the game are available at all branch libraries.

Alamance Reads is a gift to the community co-hosted by the Friends of the Library and Alamance County Public Libraries. There are so many exciting programs for adults and youth from August 29 until the Ice Cream Contest finale on October 8 at the Captain White House in Graham to engage readers of *This Dark Road to Mercy* and the Alamance Reads, Jr. book, *Free Baseball*. Check out the events listed on the front page of this newsletter or visit www.alamancereads.com for more information.

Most of the library programs, as well as Alamance Reads, are funded by your membership dues and proceeds from the Friends of the Library Book Sale! County taxes pay for the Library essentials, salaries, and buildings, but the "extras" that make our libraries so vibrant are primarily supplemented by the Friends and you.

How can you help keep these fun, educational, and worthwhile programs happening? By donating books to our upcoming book sale, September 11-21 at May Memorial Library. By shopping at the sale, and inviting your friends and neighbors to do the same. By volunteering to sort and shelve books or work a 2-hour shift during the sale. By increasing your annual membership level from $10 to $25, or more. And by making plans to read *This Dark Road to Mercy* and attend our exciting programming August 29 through October 8.

I hope to connect with you at the library in the coming weeks!

Sincerely
Susan Gant
President, Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries

A Note from Our Director

by M.J. Wilkerson, Library Director

Alamance County Public Libraries are in the middle of their annual Summer Reading Program as I write this. Staff is also busy getting ready for Alamance Reads, the community read program we present in cooperation with the Friends of the Library.

This year's title is *This Dark Road to Mercy* by Wiley Cash. We're excited to offer a children's title, *Free Baseball* by Sue Corbett to correspond with the adult's title. Normally we offer programs for Alamance Reads in January and February, but this year, we want to tie in America's favorite pastime – baseball! We're working with our local team, the Burlington Royals, for a grand kick-off. During the month of September we'll be showing movies, hosting book discussions, author events, and many other activities.

The goal of Alamance Reads is to have everyone in the community reading the same book and talking about it. The titles chosen for this year lend themselves to a lot of different topics for discussion.

You might find yourself in a heated debate about performance enhancement drug use, learning about the foster care system in our county, or understanding how the local guardian ad litem program works. No matter what, this year's books will give us all a lot to talk about and we hope you'll join us in the conversations!

MJWilkerson

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UPCOMINGevents

AUGUST

SATURDAY, 8/1
10:00 a.m., Graham Public Library
Breakfast Book Club. This month's selection is *This Dark Road to Mercy* by Wiley Cash.

MONDAY, 8/3
9:00 a.m., Graham Public Library
Writer's Workshop presented by Wayne Drumheller of the Burlington Writer's Club. Participants will go through the creative process to create a 12-20 page short book. Please plan to attend all three classes (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday). Call (336) 570-6730 to register. For rising 6th graders through senior adults.

TUESDAY, 8/4
1:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Writer's Workshop presented by Wayne Drumheller of the Burlington Writer's Club. Participants will go through the creative process to create a 12-20 page short book. Please plan to attend all three classes (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday). Call (336) 570-6730 to register. For rising 6th graders through senior adults.

THURSDAY, 8/6
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m, Alamance Battleground Historic Site
Join other genealogy enthusiasts for a day of stories, research and fun!

SATURDAY, 8/8
9:00 a.m., Graham Public Library
Writer's Workshop presented by Wayne Drumheller of the Burlington Writer's Club. Participants will go through the creative process to create a 12-20 page short book. Please plan to attend all three classes (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday). Call (336) 570-6730 to register. For rising 6th graders through senior adults.

MONDAY, 8/10
12:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Lunch Bunch Book Club. This month's selection is *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian.

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6:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Clever Head Games. Play modern board games with other enthusiasts. Presented with Alamance County Recreation & Parks Department.

TUESDAY, 8/11
7:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Evening Book Group. This month's selection is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

WEDNESDAY, 8/12
3:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Adult Crafternoon: Color me Calm. Join us as we melt away stress with soft music and a relaxing coloring project. To register, call 919-563-6431.

THURSDAY, 8/13
6:30 p.m., May Memorial Library
ACPL F.O.L.D.S. Learn the art of origami, and make a star box and a book mobile.

TUESDAY, 8/18
12:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Books Over Coffee. Bring a book you have recently read and join us for a lively discussion. Light refreshments provided.

WEDNESDAY, 8/19
12:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
T'ai Chi with certified instructor Jane Thomas.

SATURDAY, 8/22
9:30 a.m., Mebane Public Library
Writer's Block Workshop & Support Group. Bring a short passage or chapter of your work for the group to read. Please register by calling 919-563-6431.

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Cedarock Park
Cedarock Farmfest: Preserving Our Heritage. Explore the historic farm at Cedarock Park and learn about Alamance County's rich agricultural heritage.

MONDAY, 8/24
4:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Color me Calm. Join us as we melt away stress with soft music and a relaxing coloring project. Ages 13+.

MONDAY, 8/24
6:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Clever Head Games. Play modern board games with other enthusiasts. Presented with Alamance County Recreation & Parks Department.

7:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
YA For All Book Club. This month's selection is *The Great Wide Sea* by M.H. Herlong. Ages 16+.

TUESDAY, 8/25
7:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Mebane Knitters. Join us for a workshop on how to knit or crochet a small teddy bear for charity or personal use. Knitters must have basic skills. Free patterns and instructional help available.

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, 9/1
6:15 p.m., Graham Public Library
Adult Zumba. Dance your way into fitness with a YMCA instructor. Adults only.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, 9/6 & 9/7
Libraries Closed for the Labor Day holiday.

TUESDAY, 9/8
7:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Evening Book Group. This month's selection is *This Dark Road to Mercy* by Wiley Cash.

THURSDAY, 9/10
6:30 p.m., May Memorial Library
ACPL F.O.L.D.S. Learn the art of origami. Make sunflowers and water lilies.

MONDAY, 9/14
12:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Lunch Bunch Book Club. This month's selection is *This Dark Road to Mercy* by Wiley Cash.

6:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Clever Head Games. Play modern board games with other enthusiasts. Presented with Alamance County Recreation & Parks Department.

7:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
YA For All Book Club. This month's selection is *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin. Ages 16+.

TUESDAY, 9/15
12:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Books Over Coffee. This month, we will discuss *This Dark Road to Mercy* by Wiley Cash.

WEDNESDAY, 9/16
12:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
T'ai Chi with certified instructor Jane Thomas.

THURSDAY, 9/17
12:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Adult Crafternoon. This month's project is TBA.

SATURDAY, 9/19
9:30 a.m., Mebane Public Library
Writer's Block Workshop & 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., Cedarock Park
Pottery in Alamance County presented by Susan Kern, owner of Falcon Lane Pottery and founding member of the Alamance Artisans Guild.

TUESDAY, 9/22
7:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Mebane Knitters. Learn how to "cast on" in three different ways. Bring your own needles and yarn. This will be a great instructional program for beginners.

WEDNESDAY, 9/23
3:00 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Adult Crafternoon: Magazine Strip Animals. Materials and instruction provided. To register, call 919-563-6431.

FRIDAY, 9/25
Libraries Closed for staff training.

MONDAY, 9/28
4:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Color me Calm. Join us as we melt away stress with soft music and a relaxing coloring project. Ages 13+.

6:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Clever Head Games. Play modern board games with other enthusiasts. Presented with Alamance County Recreation & Parks Department.

Adult Zumba
Dance your way to fitness with a YMCA instructor.
Tuesdays @ 6:15
Graham Public Library

For more information on upcoming events, visit our website, www.alamancelibraries.org.

Kids just for Kids

We will take a short break from our weekly programs to get ready for fall. There will be no regularly scheduled programs from August 2-15. Keep on reading! We'll see you in August.

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 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! Every Sunday in August. 4th Sunday of each month beginning in September.

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.

PLAY WITH ME!

While we take a break from our regularly scheduled programs, families are invited to join us for special "Play With Me" programs at Graham, Mebane & May Memorial. Join other parents and children for fun with LEGOs, building blocks and more!

GRAHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
August 5, 7, 12 & 14 at 10:30

MAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
August 5 & 12 at 10:30

MEBANE PUBLIC LIBRARY
August 11 & 13 at 10:30

AUGUST

TUESDAY, 8/4
10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Movin' & Grooving. Children & parents of all ages rock your way into fitness with YMCA fitness instructor, Christy Fox

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WEDNESDAY, 8/19
4:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Garden Club. Ages 5+.

4:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Awesome Readers Book Club. This month's selection is *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo.

THURSDAY, 8/20
10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Music in the Morning. Little ones will move to the beat and develop rhythm skills in this energetic program. Ages 3+.

FRIDAY, 8/21
4:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Family Movie. Join us for *Big Hero 6* (PG, 102 min.). Ages 5+.

WEDNESDAY, 8/26
10:30 a.m., Mebane Public Library
Move to the Music. Little ones will move to the beat and develop rhythm skills in this energetic program. Ages 2-5.

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, 9/1
4:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Jumping Genres Book Club. 3rd-5th graders.

WEDNESDAY, 9/2
4:00 p.m., North Park Public Library
After School Fun: "Back to School" Ages 5-12.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, 9/6 & 9/7
Libraries Closed for the Labor Day holiday.

WEDNESDAY, 9/9
4:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
May Memorial Garden Club. Ages 5+.

4:00 p.m., North Park Public Library
After School Fun: Fancy Nancy & Pirate Party. Ages 5-12.

FRIDAY, 9/11
11:00 a.m., Graham Public Library
Baby Sign Language: "Sign & Play." Enjoy playing and learning techniques to teach your baby to sign.

SATURDAY, 9/12
1:00 p.m., Graham Public Library
Storyteller Sarah Beth Nelson will share family friendly stories. This event is part of the "100 County Storytelling Journey" presented by the NC Storytelling Guild.

MONDAY, 9/14
4:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Book Buddies. Join us as we explore a variety of fun and games through great books & activities! K-2nd graders.

WEDNESDAY, 9/16
4:00 p.m., North Park Public Library
After School Fun: Robotics. Call 336-226-7185 to register. Ages 5-12.

4:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Awesome Readers Book Club. This month's selection is *Free Baseball* by Sue Corbett.

THURSDAY, 9/17
10:30 a.m., Graham Public Library
Music in the Morning. Little ones will move to the beat and develop rhythm skills as they enjoy songs and movement exercises in this energetic program. Ages 3+.

SATURDAY, 9/19
All Day, May Memorial Library
International Talk Like a Pirate Day. Learn about pirate history and lingo as you complete a treasure hunt through the kids area.

TUESDAY, 9/22
4:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
Tell Tale Tuesdays Book Club for K-2nd graders.

WEDNESDAY, 9/23
10:30 a.m., Mebane Public Library
Move to the Music. Little ones will move to the beat and develop rhythm skills as they enjoy songs and movement exercises in this energetic program. Ages 2-5.

4:00 p.m., North Park Public Library
After School Fun: "Appy Hour!" Parents & children are invited to interact and engage with technology by using an iPad as a device for learning and entertainment. Ages 5-12.

THURSDAY, 9/24
4:30 p.m., Mebane Public Library
Fun With Origami. Ages 8+.

6:00 p.m., May Memorial Library
The Marvelous Roald Dahl. Celebrate the author's birthday with funny stories, silly crafts and wacky foods, all scrumdiddlyumptious! All ages.

FRIDAY, 9/25
Libraries Closed for staff training.

WEDNESDAY, 9/30
4:00 p.m., North Park Public Library
After School Fun: A Visit from the NC Zoo. Ages 5-12

Celebrating Craft Traditions of Appalachian Culture
FOXFIRE
in Cedarock Park

Celebrating the Traditions of Appalachian Culture

Cedarock Farmfest: Preserving Our Heritage
Explore the historic farm at Cedarock Park and learn about Alamance County's Rich Agricultural Heritage.
Saturday, August 22 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pottery in Alamance County
Presented by Susan Kern, owner of Falcon Lane Pottery.
Saturday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Programs will be held at Cedarock Park.
For more information, call 336-229-3588.

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Get Crafty!

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

Learn a new craft, enjoy a snack, and hang out with other teens.

August 10 & September 14

YA For All

Graham Public Library ~ Monday evenings @ 7:00
Ages 16+

August 24
***The Great Wide Sea* by M.H. Herlong**

September 14
***Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin**

If you love to read YA fiction, this is the book club for you! Join the discussion with fellow YA readers. The club is open to teens and adults. Call 336-570-6730 for more information.

Make It!

Mebane Public Library ~ 6th-12th Graders

Bot Basics! Come make simple brushbots and origamibots, and learn basic robotics concepts. Snacks will be served.

Saturday, September 26 @ 3:30

I ♥ Animé!

May Memorial Library ~ Saturday afternoons @ 3:00
Ages 12+

Hang out and watch anime with your friends!

September 12

Animé Club

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

August 15
Ramen Bowl Party! Make your own Ramen Bowl, play "Name that Manga," and watch animé!

September 19
DIY Silk Screening! Learn to silkscreen your favorite anime emblem onto a T-shirt and watch animé! (Please bring your own pre-washed t-shirt, or call the library to have one provided for you.)

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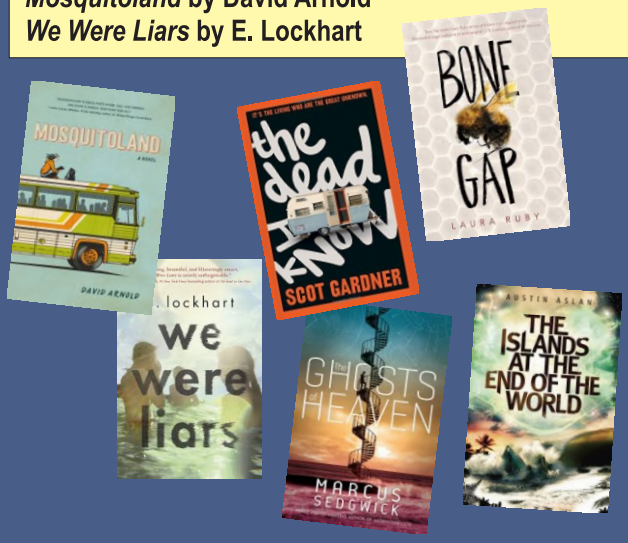
Whatcha Reading?

Our libraries have some great YA reads in the collection. Check out one of these staff picks the next time you're stuck wondering what to read! Already read these? Ask staff at your library for a recommendation!

Bone Gap by Laura Ruby
The Dead I Know by Scott Gardner
Ghosts of Heaven by Marcus Sedgwick
I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson
The Islands at the End of the World by Austin Aslan
Mosquitoland by David Arnold
We Were Liars by E. Lockhart



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The Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries

FALL BOOK SALE

Buy Books – Support Your Libraries!

SEPTEMBER 11-21

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13 1:00-4:00	14 12:00-7:00	15 12:00-7:00	16 12:00-7:00	17 12:00-7:00	18 12:00-7:00	19 9:00-4:00
20 1:00-4:00	21 12:00-7:00					

**Opening day for members of the Friends only. New members welcome; memberships available at the door.*

Shoppers using a scanner will be charged a one-time fee of $10 during the entire Fall Sale.

Mark your calendar today!

It's that time again!
Get your reading list ready and come browse our book store!

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