





ALAMANCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

A YEAR OF GROWTH  
FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

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# Mission & Values

Alamance County Public Libraries provide **learning** opportunities for **all members** of our community to be successful in living a **larger life** by nurturing the **heart** and the **mind**.



## EDUCATION

ACCESS



LITERACY

# Reflection From Our Director

2018-2019 was a year of change for the Alamance County Public Libraries. Several long-serving staff members retired and the back to back hurricanes caused water damage to the South Annex Library building. Despite these challenges and setbacks, ACPL is proud to have continued to serve Alamance County citizens by providing learning opportunities for all members of the community to be successful in living a larger life by nurturing the heart and the mind.

One of the many retirements this year was that of Library Director M.J. Wilkerson, who served Alamance County for nine wonderful years. She was the inspiration behind the decision to provide a **Mobile Library (bookmobile)** service to the community. This goal will be realized in the summer of 2020. The Mobile Library will provide service to the communities in the Northern and Southern parts of the county, helping to ease the loss of the South Annex Library.

In 2018-2019 the library provided **almost half a million visitors with services** that included the use of computers and wireless Internet, answering questions and providing information, recommending and lending books, movies, and music, offering passes to attend museums and zoos, and other attractions, and being exposed to programs that enrich literacy and job career skills.

ACPL continued to partner with area organizations to offer educational opportunities. **2,031 library programs** were offered this year, which were attended by **35,626 people**. **Free GED Classes** continue to be a thriving partnership with Alamance Community College and the **ACPL Connect program** provides access to electronic resources and library materials to the Alamance-Burlington School System, The Burlington School, Hawbridge School, and new this year, Clover Garden School.

**The Zoom Pass program** is going strong with the addition of new attractions such as local theatrical productions from The Gallery Players and Alamance Children's Theatre, Red Oak Brewery Tours, and the return of the Children's Museum of Alamance County.

Continued support of the library through donations, interest, and participation in library programs and the use of the many services offered to Alamance County is greatly appreciated.

Susana Goldman  
Director of Alamance County Public Libraries



# May Memorial Library

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**May Memorial Library**  
**342 S. Spring St.**  
**Burlington, NC**  
**(336) 229-3588**

The first public library serving Burlington was located in Broad Street High School in the early 1920s. By 1937, the public library had moved to temporary quarters in a storefront located on Main Street. In 1938, industrialist W.H. May, Sr. and his two sons donated \$15,000 towards the purchase of the old U.S. Post Office for use as a public library. This building was constructed in 1918 and stands at the corner of E. Davis and S. Spring Street.

May Memorial Library opened for business on June 2, 1938. At that time, only the main floor fronting on S. Spring St. was in use. In 1945, a Seth Thomas grandfather clock was donated to the library by Col. Eugene Holt, grandson of textile magnate E.M. Holt. It quickly became a much-beloved symbol of the library within the community. In 1955, the basement floor with an entrance on E. Davis Street was remodeled and opened to the public.

By the 1960s, Alamance and Chatham counties had signed a formal cooperation agreement to become the Central N.C. Regional Library with May Memorial Library as its headquarters. In 1981 a new library wing with approximately 4,600 square feet of additional space on the main floor was opened and the basement and second floor of the library were given over to staff work areas. In the late 1990s, local textile CEO Allen Gant, Jr. of Glen Raven, Inc. offered an adjacent building, the former Sears Department Store, to the City of Burlington to expand the public library. The original 1918 building and 1981 addition were linked as one wing with the 1950s Sears building as the other wing connected by a vaulted ceiling entryway and officially opened November 17, 2000.

# Graham Public Library

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Graham Public Library  
211 S. Main St.  
Graham, NC  
(336) 570-6730



The opening of the Graham Public Library as an extension of the May Memorial Library was the highlight of library service in 1967 in Alamance County. Through a partnership with the City of Graham and the board of the May Memorial Library, the Graham Public Library opened in September 1967 in the Graham City Hall as a 3,000 square foot facility with more than 5,000 books. In 1969, the Stokes family was commemorated for the monetary gift made by the Stokes children in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Stokes, which made the Graham Library possible.

In 1994, a two million dollar project was approved to construct, equip and furnish two new Graham facilities: the Graham Public Library and the Graham Police Department. Scheduled to be completed in 240 days, both buildings were placed south of the municipal building; the police department off of Maple Street and the library off of Main Street. The new 10,500 square foot library, which is more than three times the size of the original library, opened its doors on Monday, July 31, 1995.

# Mebane Public Library

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**Mebane Public Library**  
**101 S. First St.**  
**Mebane, NC**  
**(919) 563-6431**



In 1935 the idea that started the Mebane Public Library began with a local literary club, the Reviewers. Through their efforts in recruiting support and funds, the small beginning of the Mebane Public Library was made possible by Mr. E. M. Yoder, Principal of the Mebane Public School in 1936. Members of the Reviewers Club served as library clerks in the small room in the school.

The official Mebane Public Library opened in December 1936 in the Commerical & Farmer's Bank Building, situated at the corner of Clay and North Fourth Streets.

In the Fall of 1941, the building owners offered to sell the building to the City of Mebane for the permanent home of the library. Through the efforts of local civic club fundraising, the building was purchased without the use of any tax payer funds. In 1975, the library moved into a 5,000 square foot space in the back of the Mebane Town Hall.

By the late 1990s, the windowless space at the Mebane City Hall had become cramped and library use had outgrown the space. In the early 2000s the idea to refurbish a vacant mill building revitalized the community. Built in 1919 as Durham Hosiery and changing hands over the years to become Dixie Yarns in the 30s and R.L. Stowe Mills until 2001, the renovated space offered three times the capacity for the new Mebane Public Library and opened its doors on November 7, 2005.

# North Park Library

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North Park Library  
849 Sharpe Rd.  
Burlington, NC  
(336) 226-7185



The North Park Community Center was built by the City of Burlington in 1978 with funds from the federal Housing and Community Development Act. Initial partnering organizations operating part-time from the new facility included the Burlington Police Department's Crime Prevention Bureau, the Alamance-Caswell Area Mental Association, the Alamance County Health Department and the N.C. Central Regional Library.

On May 15, the North Park Library opened in a small room (approximately 300 square feet) of the community center and offered 'listening posts,' special programs, a story hour and a small collection of books and materials.

As popularity grew, a meeting room space was added to the library's availability, doubling the size to approximately 600 square feet. This allowed for more materials and the eventual addition of public computer space. In 2015, the City of Burlington began renovation projects in North Park. Early efforts provided new carpet and a reorganization of resources. Later efforts included a brand new entrance within the atrium of the community center.



658,841

ITEMS CIRCULATED

476,577

VISITORS

139,372

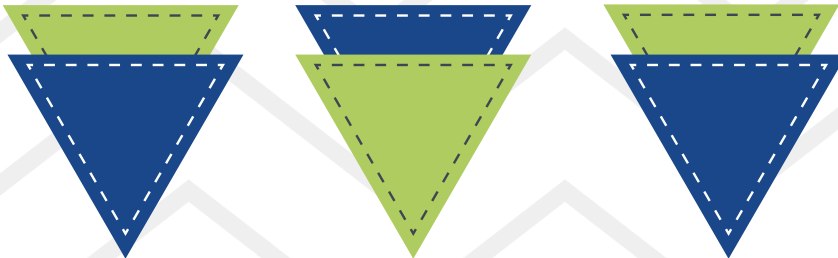
COMPUTER AND WI-FI USES

2,862

ZOOM PASSES CHECKED OUT

2,031

PROGRAMS OFFERED



35,626

PEOPLE ATTENDED PROGRAMS



HIGHLIGHTS

## Featured Classes

- Fitness Classes: Zumba, Yoga, Tai Chi
- NC Poet Laureate - Jaki Shelton Green
- Soap Making Classes
- Hidden Science of Alamance County

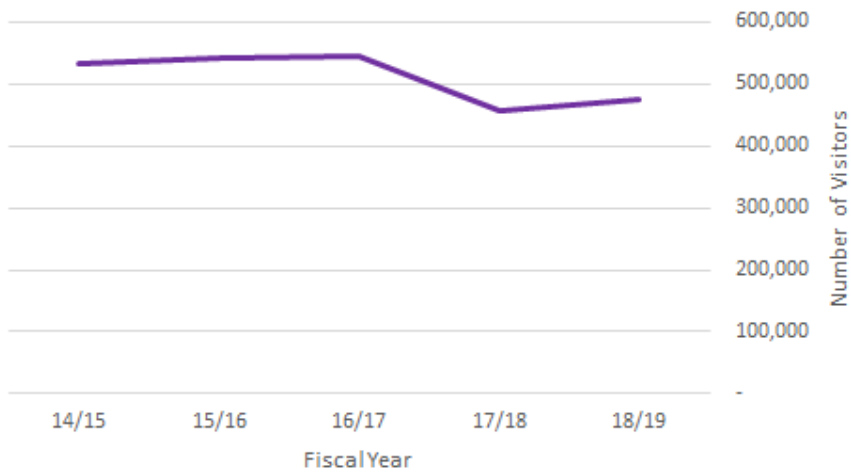
## Top Programs

- Harry Potter Escape Room
- Preschool Storytime
- Toddler Storytime
- LEGO® Club



## Alamance County Public Libraries

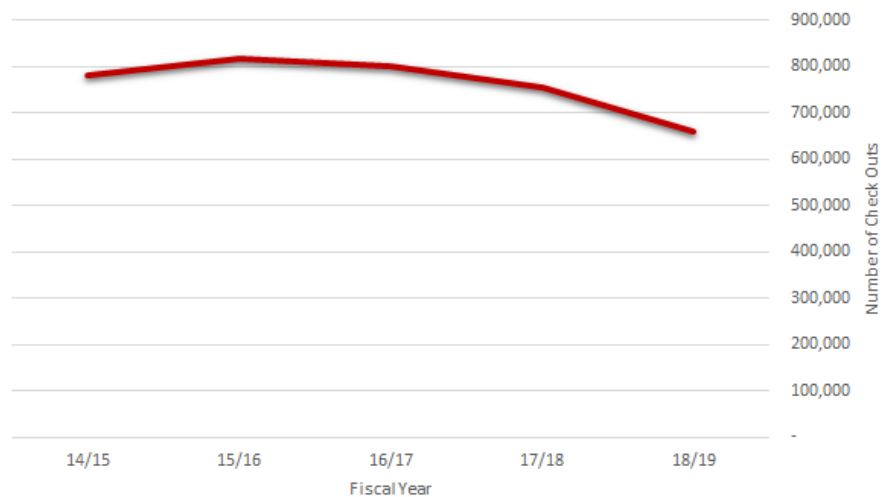
Alamance County Public Libraries Visitors



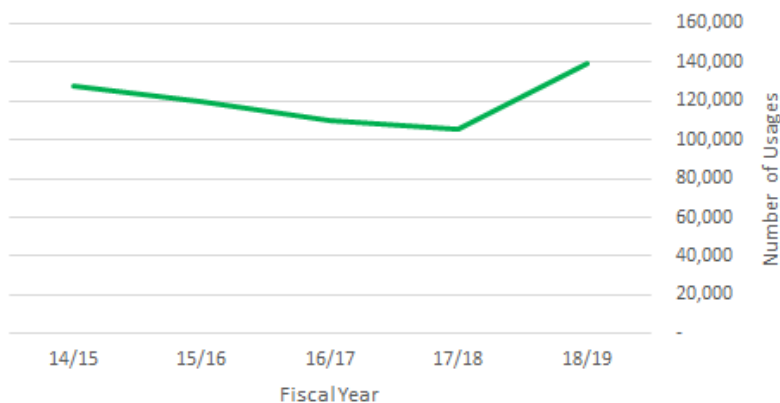
Total library visitors in FY 2014-2015 was 534,201. In FY 2018-2019, it was 476,577, a decrease of 11%. However, there was a 32% increase from FY 2017-2018, which reflects the hard work staff have been undergoing to increase library awareness in the community.

FY 2014-2015 total circulation was 782,256. In FY 2018-2019, it was 658,841 a decrease of 8.4%. The loss of our materials' budget has a visible impact on the circulation of materials.

Alamance County Public Libraries Total Circulation



Total Computer & Wi-Fi Usage



FY 2014-2015 computer usage was 127,964 and has since risen to 139,038 in FY 2018-2019, an 8.6% increase. The ability to count the Wi-fi usage has significantly improved our ability to accurately track the use of computers and personal devices.



# 100,876

NUMBER OF ACTIVE LIBRARY CARDS

# 14,139

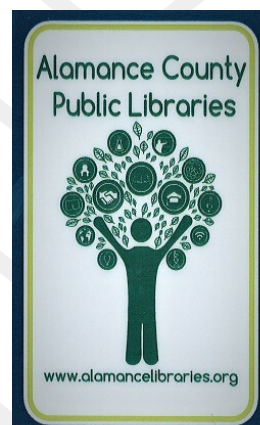
NEW LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED

# 214,832

ITEMS IN THE LIBRARY COLLECTION

# 84,151

ITEMS TRANSFERRED BETWEEN BRANCHES



# 1,315,299

TOTAL CATALOG VIEWS

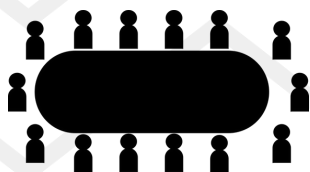
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AVAILABLE DATABASES

# 263,416

DATABASE USAGES

Alamance County Public Libraries offers four meeting rooms for public use. One at the Mebane Public Library, one at the Graham Public Library and two at the May Memorial Library.



Public Uses of Meeting Rooms

# 281



Total Attendance of Meeting Room Uses

# 2,992



# ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

## Every Child Ready to Read

An innovative program to encourage parents to participate in enrichment activities that create the building blocks for reading through the development of fundamental skills through: talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing.

## What We Offer

### Book Clubs for All Ages

Reading for 20 minutes a day exposes readers to 1.8 million words a year. ACPL offers eight adult book clubs and five children's book clubs to share the love of reading with others!

## Educational Kits

Educational Resource Kits are theme related boxes that make learning fun and may contain books, DVDs, lesson plans, toys and other props designed to engage young children and encourage them to explore new things. They are great for parents, teachers, daycare workers, home schools, and other caregivers.



# JOB RESOURCES

Making Opportunities a Reality



## Citizenship

Alamance County Public Libraries partners with Orange Literacy Council to offer free citizenship classes funded by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS).



## NC LIVE

Gale Testing & Education Reference Center accessed through NC LIVE offers practice exams in a wide variety of career fields. Cypress Resume helps create resumes and develop skills to prepare for job interviews.



## Application Basics

ACPL staff and technology assistants help patrons find information in their effort to search and apply for employment online.



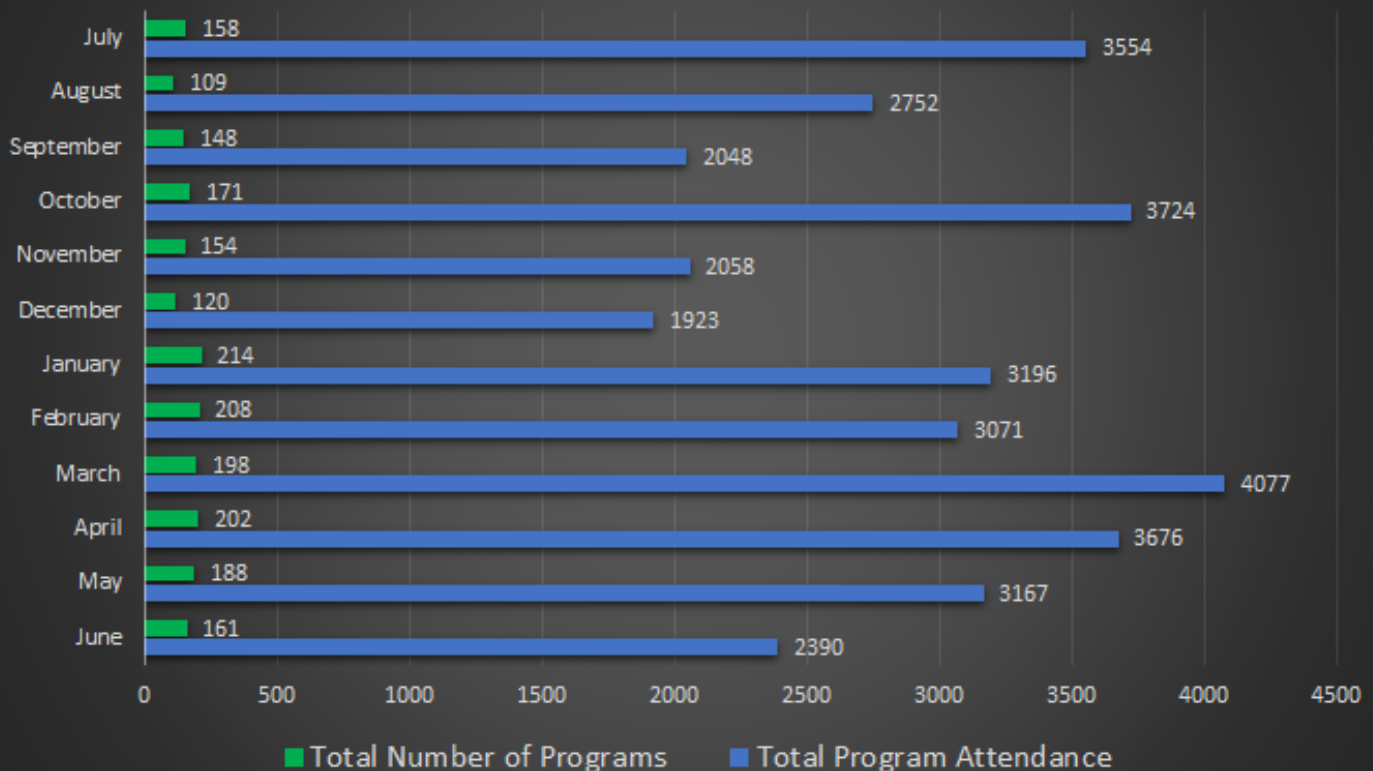




# Program Statistics

Number of Programs		Attendance at Programs	
Adult programs	951	Adult attendance	10,573
Young Adult programs	116	Young Adult attendance	968
Children's programs	964	Children's attendance	24,085
<b>Total Number of Programs</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>Total Attendance at Programs</b>	<b>35,626</b>

## FY 2018-2019 Programs



Programs by Topic	
Agricultural Programs offered	9
Agricultural Program attendance	184
Job/Career Programs offered	162
Job/Career Program attendance	1,218
Technology Programs offered	61
Technology Program attendance	192

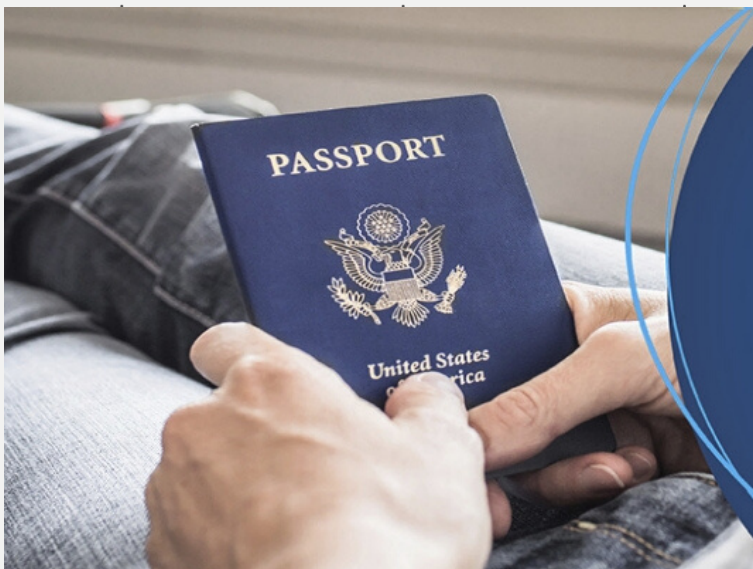


Photo from Farmers Market 101 with Eleanor Frederick, NC Cooperative Extension

# Passport Services

Passport Services is available at the May Memorial Library.

Fiscal Years	Passport Applications	PHONE CALLS/ Voice Mail	Passport Visitors for Inquiries	Passport Monthly <u>Totals</u>	Out of County Total Activity Customers Assisted	Out of County <u>Applications</u>
Jul 18	126	301	72	499	37	21
Aug 18	125	243	74	442	50	27
Sept 18	65	149	49	263	34	15
Oct 18	133	289	92	514	49	25
Nov 18	84	169	59	312	23	10
Dec 18	85	159	57	301	43	22
Jan 19	150	352	80	582	80	40
Feb 19	162	300	82	544	71	32
Mar 19	177	336	85	598	78	43
Apr 19	182	330	98	610	89	48
May 19	145	299	94	538	81	40
Jun 19	140	275	104	519	59	30
<u>Total Fiscal Year 07/19</u>	1,574	3,202	946	5,722	(694)	353



**ALAMANCE COUNTY  
PASSPORT OFFICE**  
342 South Sping Street  
Burlington, NC 27215  
**APPOINTMENTS ONLY**  
Call: (336) 570-4160  
M-F 9:00 – Noon  
M-F 1:30 – 4:00

#BeginYourJourney





# Outreach Services



## HOME-BOUND BOOKS



**HOME-BOUND BOOKS** is a program that delivers print materials on a monthly basis to patrons around Alamance County. It also offers a Books by Mail USPS service.



Outreach Patrons

178



Materials Delivered

15,244



Outreach Volunteers

26 Volunteers  
60 Visits Each Month  
720 Yearly Total

## Outreach Services



### MOBILE CAFÉ



Bringing the internet to remote locations in the county. Our locations have tables, chairs, and benches to work comfortably while connecting to our Wi-Fi.



Mobile Cafe Patrons

631



Wi-Fi Usages

323

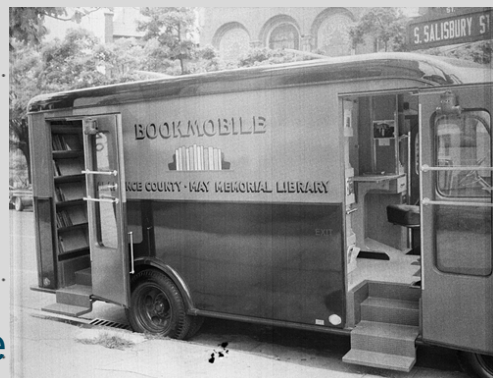


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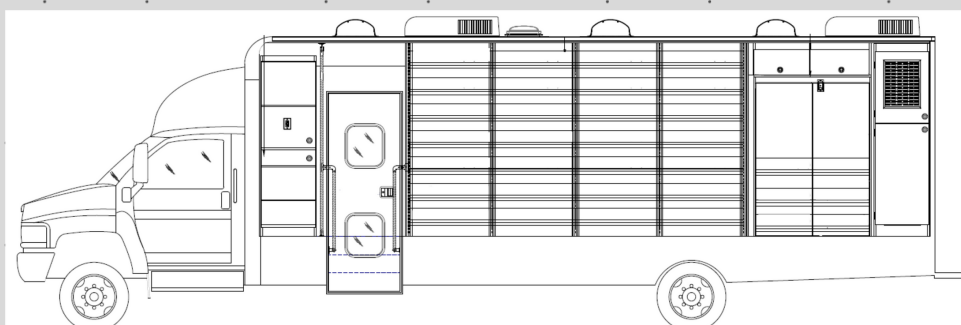
# MOBILE LIBRARY

In 1938, a county bookmobile began its service in Alamance. Carrying 400 books in a converted light delivery truck, a three week rotation of deliveries was established.

By 1951, a second vehicle increased capacity to 1,600 books and records, making deliveries to 83 stops every two weeks. The next thirty years of continuous bookmobile service continued to grow and thrive in Alamance County until the last vehicle couldn't be replaced in the late 70s/early 80s.



## COMING IN 2020!



Funded By:

Library Services & Technology Act Grant

Impact Alamance Grant

Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries

Various Trusts and Endowments to ACPL

Generous Donations from Alamance County Citizens

# Partnerships &

# Collaborations

## Community Partners



Over 230 partnerships with the community including ABSS, ACC, Elon, and many more.



GED Classes  
Citizenship Classes  
ESL Classes  
Fitness Classes  
Crafting Classes  
Enrichment Programs

## ACPL Connect



Providing students with easily accessible information and educational resources.  
Partnering with ABSS, The Burlington School, The Hawbridge School & Clover Garden School



## Zoom Pass Program

Offering families access to hands-on educational and life skills opportunities at thirteen different organizations and museums, including new partnerships with local theater groups and parks.



# Thank you to all who have partnered with us this year!

The African American Cultural Arts and History Center	Feed the Streets, Inc.	Rock Creek A.M.E. Church
Alamance Achieves	Front St. Playschool	The Gallery Players
Alamance Arts	Game Over Comics	Sylvan Heights Bird Park
Alamance Burlington School System	Haw River Assembly	Chamber of Commerce of Alamance County
Alamance County Beekeepers	Elaine Head and Buford (the dog)	Burlington Downtown Corporation
Alamance Cares	Headstart	Alamance Community Foundation
Alamance Community College	Home Depot	Piedmont Health
Alamance County Health Department	Impact Alamance	Jennifer Bunone
Alamance Parks	Kathleen Johns and Shaka (the dog)	Kim Ragland
Alamance Partnership for Children	Jessica Lea	Holly Henderson Bourne
Alamance Pride	Legal Aid of NC	Bright Star
Allie, William, Carmen, and King INC.	Lowes Home Improvement- Mebane	Judy Butler
American Red Cross	Mayco Bigleow Community Center	Casey's Laugh and Learn
ARMC	Pat McDonald, Village at Brookwood	The Curly Fries
Atomic Comics	Danny McMasters	Wild Tails, LLC
Books on Bikes	Mebanesville	Diane Faison
Bricks for Kids	Mebane Arts and Community Center	Graham Cinema
Burlington Christian Academy	Carol Moore, Elon LDS Family History Center	David Lucas
Burlington Parks & Recreation	Nancy Slott	Morehead Planetarium
Graham Parks & Recreation	NC Department of Cultural Resources: Archaeology Department	Diane Perry
YMCA Free Summer Time Playground	NC Science Festival	Rags to Riches
Champions Academy	New Covenant Day Care	Anggie Thompson
City of Burlington	OE Enterprises	Mad Science
City of Graham	Orange Literacy	Burlington Beer Works
City of Mebane	Piedmont Triad Regional Council	Smitty's
Town of Elon	Graham Fireman Beau Russell	The Blend
Steve Bydal, Filmmaker	Elena Schoonmaker-Gates	Filament Coffee
Department of Environmental Quality	Steam Junction	Reed's Coffee Shop
Lloyd Dosser, US Coast Guard Auxiliary	Studio One	Martinho's Bakery
Elon University Art Collections	Stormwater Smart	Sheetz - Burlington
Elon University Early Childhood Education Dept.	Teens Destined to Succeed, Inc.	Jason Cox
Elon University LINKS Program	Town of Elon Parks Department	S & S Auto Trim
Jessica Embry	Sandra Vanover	Davis Street UMC Women's Club
Mrs. Wardelia Enoch	Doug Vassello	Burlington Junior Woman's Club
The Exchange Club Family Center	Lori Wilson	Burlington Housing Authority
Christian Academy	Women's Resource Center	Sylvan Ruritan's Club
Gibsonville Public Library	You Can Vote	Mebane Women's Club
Red Oak Brewery	Durham Museum of Life & Science	Mt. Hermon Community Club
Alamance Children's Theater	Animal Park at the Conservator's Center	Burlington Women's Club
Kidzu Children's Museum	Young Musicians of Alamance	Alamance County Dental Clinic
North Carolina Zoo	Hawbridge School	Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
The Painted Grape	Children's Museum of Alamance County	Sylvan Elementary PTA
The Burlington School	North Carolina Transportation Museum	CrossRoads
Vocational Rehabilitation	Scott Community Health Center	The Press
Cane Creek Friends Meeting	Fairview United Methodist Church	The Verdict
		Bright Penny Brewing
		Roasted Coffee Depot



# Library Staff

## ADMINISTRATION

Director	Susana Goldman
Office Manager	Terri Lamm
Associate Director of Operations	Deana Cunningham
Associate Director of Technical Services	Martha Sink
Associate Director of Community Relations	Vacant
Couriers	Mark Drennen Mac Pettiford

## TECHNICAL SERVICES

Technical Processing Assistant	Wardelia Enoch
Library Acquisitions Assistant	Martha Way
Cataloging Librarian	Mary Desrosiers

## PASSPORT SERVICES

Passports Manager	Edwina DeRosa
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## OUTREACH SERVICES

Outreach Coordinator	Mary Beth Adams
Mobile Cafe Driver	Susie Flores
Bookmobile Driver	Vacant

## MAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Full Time Staff

Branch Manager	Vacant
Local History & Genealogy Librarian	Lisa Kobrin
Adult Programming Coordinator	Amanda Gramley
Youth Services Coordinator	Elizabeth Weislak
Library Assistant II	Katie DeVriese
Library Associate	Kathy Garrison
Library Assistant II	Charrity Johnson
Children's Services Manager	Candice Sanders
Library Assistant II	Emery Lai
Library Assistant I	Tammy Stewart

### Part Time Staff

Library Assistant	Donavon Anderson
	Hailey Peterson
Circulation Assistant	Tonya Black
	Kaity Moore
	Varlese Hall-Grady
	Jaime Graves
	Nakisha Moore
Shelvers	Pat Hill, Amber Shoffner, Penny Latta, Denise Tate

## GRAHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Full Time Staff

Branch Manager	Wendy Kimbro
Library Associate	Risha Bigelow
Children's Services Manager	Barbara Seibold
Library Assistant II	Amanda Shoop
Library Assistant I	April Lankford

### Part Time Staff

Library Assistant	Kayleigh Dyer
Circulation Assistant	Ray King
Shelvers	Jennifer Brehm
	Sandra Smith

## MEBANE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Full Time Staff

Branch Manager	Katherine Arends
Library Associate	James Downes
Library Assistant II	Karin Clark
Children's Services Manager	Tampa Enoch-Reese
Library Assistant I	Amy Segposyan

### Part Time Staff

Library Assistant	Tracy Wright
	Samantha Hunter
Circulation Assistant	Tyler Wilson
	Jackie Brown
	Margaret Baba
	Vacant
	Vacant
Shelver	Madison Keeney

## NORTH PARK LIBRARY

### Full Time Staff

Branch Manager	Alexis Vivian
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### Part Time Staff

Circulation Assistant	Kelsey Blackburn
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## VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't function without our many amazing volunteers. Here are a just some of the few tasks they accomplish...

Outreach Deliveries  
Technology Tutors  
Local History

Greeter  
Collection Maintenance  
Technical Services

Program Preparation  
Special Projects  
FOL Book Sale Preparation



# Library Committee Members

Susana Goldman - Director

- Courtney Doi - Chair
- Robin Moser
- Christine Quigley
- Emily Connor
- Dodie Boone
- Logan Savits
- Hiroko Solari
- Arnetta Girardeau
- Steve Carter, County Commissioner

**FRIENDS OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES** support the programs and activities of the Alamance County Public Libraries. Our mission is to increase interest in and to raise the level of library services in our community, to better relationships between library staff and community, to give and allow the exchange of information, and to encourage education and literacy.

- Jeff Tudor, President
- Julie Monroe, 1st Vice-President
- Barbara Roberts, 2nd Vice-President
- Debbie Gunyan, Treasurer
- Susan Gant, Past President
- Pat Shoffner, Secretary

Anne Hogan  
Debbie Mann  
Ed Burgess  
Laura Wright  
Linda Shirley  
Matt Wall  
Ron & Kathy Oakley  
Madison Taylor

Patsy Pringle  
Rosemary Lewis  
Sue Buckley  
Virginia Kenney  
Crystal Humble  
Hal Vincent  
Gay Sharpe  
Susana Goldman

*"I want my kids to grow  
up in a library  
like I did."  
- Patron*



*"It is a place to use your  
imagination and let  
your mind wander."  
- Volunteer*



*"I enjoy taking my granddaughter  
to the library. The first time I  
took her she started to read  
out loud and the  
librarian just  
smiled."  
- Patron*



# Get Connected

## Our Social Media



[www.facebook.com/AlamanceLibraries](http://www.facebook.com/AlamanceLibraries)  
2,959 Followers



[www.twitter.com/ACLibraries](http://www.twitter.com/ACLibraries)  
901 Followers



[www.instagram.com/alamancelibraries/](http://www.instagram.com/alamancelibraries/)  
1,008 Followers



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A decorative background featuring a light beige surface covered with numerous small, round, gold-colored sequins. The sequins are scattered across the entire image, with a higher concentration at the top and bottom edges, creating a festive and celebratory atmosphere.

The Alamance County Public Libraries  
have worked to build a community-  
based space for Alamance County.

We strive to provide an abundance of  
events and activities to our  
community members that bring them  
together through both education and  
enrichment.

We are thankful for an amazing staff  
and supporters who help make all of  
this possible.

*Thank You!*