



February 1st marks the beginning of Black History Month, a month-long celebration of the lives, achievements and progress

of African-Americans. People across the nation take time during this month to study, highlight, and recognize the contributions of African-American giants such as Frederick Douglas, Booker T. Washington, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mary McLeod Bethune, Louis Armstrong and W.E.B. Dubois. But many times we overlook those African-Americans who made a difference in our own state, region, county or town.

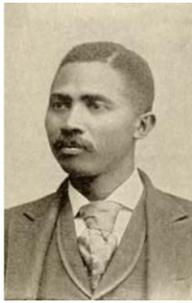
These lesser known and many times forgotten individuals achieved



their groundbreaking feats far from the national and international spotlights... those who were the first to integrate the local schools; the first African-American police officers, teachers and firefighters in their communities; the leaders and organizers of the local struggles for civil rights. They were our neighbors; attended our churches; taught us or our children; grew up with us. For a select few among us, they were our mothers, fathers, grandparents, or ancestors from long ago. These people and the

times in which they lived and struggled should and must be celebrated as much as a Martin Luther King, Jr. or Rosa Parks.

Onslow County Public Library has a host of resources that can help you learn about the important African Americans in your state,



county, community or family. The Library's resources can also help people begin a genealogical journey to discover their family's roots. The Library's electronic resources such as NCLIVE, World Book Online, Ancestry.com Library Edition and Opposing Viewpoints can help you connect with U.S. Census records, Freedmen's Bureau records, slave narratives, timelines, essays and debates central to the African-American experience.

Make sure to visit the Tucker Littleton Room at Main Library. There you will find collections of family biographies such as the *North Carolina Heritage Series* volumes for Onslow, Jones, Sampson, Duplin, Pender, Lenoir, Craven and other



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Eastern North Carolina counties; and resource guides such as *Black Genesis: A Resource Book for African-American Genealogy, Black Indian Slave Narratives, The Heritage of Blacks in North Carolina, Volume I.* Using these and other items in the collection, one can attempt to build a multi-faceted profile of an important local African-American or family member.



So come on in! Let us help you explore, discover and understand the wonderful African-American achievers in your community and family.

It will most certainly be worth celebrating...

Discover

OCPL

ONSLOW COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

January/February ~ 2008
www.onslowcountync.gov/library

All branches of the OCPL will be closed January 1st and 21st in celebration of New Year's Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Grey Seal Puppets
A Show of Virtues



It's never too early to show children character traits that are most admired by society. Inspired by the William J. Bennett book, *The Children's Book of Virtues*, Grey Seal Puppets perform entertaining and enlightening stories from around the world.

Don't miss this very special performance with the nationally recognized and award winning puppetry of Grey Seal Puppets.

Tues, 1/15 @ 6:30 pm
Richlands High School Auditorium

Weds, 1/16 @ 6:30 pm
Dixon Elementary School Gymnasium

Thurs, 1/17 @ 6:30 pm
Swansboro Middle School Auditorium

Fri, 1/18 @ 6:30 pm
Northside High School Auditorium

These performances are FREE and open to the public. No advanced registration required. Please call OCPL's Youth Services @ 910.455.7350 for more information.

Discover Black History...
@ your library

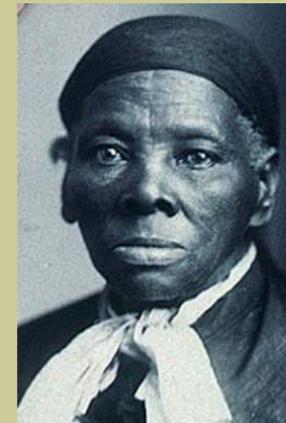


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Storyteller Joyce Gear
as Harriet Tubman

Do not miss this special one-time performance!

Joyce Gear is an accomplished storyteller who has toured the United States since 1987. She combines storytelling & true historical facts to captivate audiences through dramatic interpretations of the life of Harriet Tubman. Stay after the performance for a questions and answers with Joyce Gear!

Meeting Room, Main Library in Jacksonville
Sat. 2/16 @ 3 pm

Discover local African-American history @ your library...see back page

Jacksonville / Main 58 Doris Ave East 910.455.7350 Mon-Thurs, 9-9 Fri-Sat, 9-6 Sun, 1-5	Law Library 109 Old Bridge St. Summersill Bldg Courthouse 910.455.4458 x 307 Mon-Fri, 8-12 & 1-5	Richlands 299 S. Wilmington 910.324.5321 Mon-Weds. & Fri, 9-6 Thurs. 10-7 Sat, 9-3	Sneads Ferry 242 Sneads Ferry Rd 910.327.6471 Mon-Weds. & Fri, 9-6 Thurs. 10-7 Sat, 9-3	Swansboro 1460 W. Corbett Ave 910.326.4888 Mon-Weds. & Fri, 9-6 Thurs. 10-7 Sat, 9-3
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Leading in personal service, research & technology

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Thanks to your continued support & patronage many of the improvements we made in 2007 were successful beyond our expectations! Much of what we did this past year focused on internal operations. Our goal was to change & improve those things we thought would enhance your experience at our libraries. We listened to your thoughts & ideas & translated those into improvements for you.

The emphasis library staff members placed on marketing & publicizing library services resulted in 3 statewide awards & an honorable mention for the library's newsletter, brochures & program materials. It also translated into more visitors for the library.

The new Telephone Notification System alerted many patrons their reserve items were available. It has also helped many people avoid accumulating large overdue fines.

The Summer Program was incredibly successful. People are still talking about the way it inspired children to keep reading throughout the summer. Many parents & children continue to enjoy the great prizes they won by participating in the program.

The redesigned library cards were an instant hit! There was a rush on several of the card types. Did you choose the puppy, frog or the goldfish? Aren't the key tags cool?

What about the new bestsellers, DVDs & audio books? Because we changed the way we select & deliver popular items, circulation statistics have gone up substantially this past year. Each month's figures seem to easily surpass the prior year.

Looking ahead, you will see us continue to strengthen our internal operations to ensure your continued pleasure as you visit our libraries & attend our programs. We will continue to develop an increasingly richer array of public programs for the entire community. We will work to shorten the time between the release of a bestseller & its delivery to you. We hope to do even more for our Summer Reading program than we did in 2007. But we will also take the next steps in improving the facilities in which you take advantage of the Library's rich resources.

Even as I write this message, the process of selecting the architectural firm that will design the new Sneads Ferry Branch Library is under way. Several outstanding firms have submitted proposals. Be encouraged to know that regardless of whom we select, a very fine library will be built for the whole Sneads Ferry community.

Philip Cherry III
Director
Onslow County Public Library

A PLACE 4 TEENS



Junior Volunteers
Especially for youth 6th to 8th grade. Earn volunteer hours in a cool & creative atmosphere!
Meets 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Jacksonville
1/15 & 2/19 @ 7pm

Teen Advisory Group
Bring your ideas, interests & energy to OCPD & let your library know what teens want @ their library! Teens in 9th-12th grade can earn volunteer hours!

Richlands NEW!
(meets 3rd Thurs each month)
1/17 & 2/21 @ 5:30 pm

Jacksonville
(meets 2nd Thurs each month)
1/10 & 2/14 @ 7 pm

Homeschool Lunch Bunch
Monthly Book Discussion & Activity Group for home-schooled children 5th grade & up. Bring your lunch & join the discussion!

Richlands NEW!
2nd Mon each month @ 11:30 am

1/14: Catherine, Called Birdy
by Karen Cushman

2/11: The House of Dies Drear
by Virginia Hamilton

Jacksonville
4th Tues each month @ 11:30 am

1/22: The City of Ember
by Jeanne DuPrau

2/26: Eragon
by Christopher Paolini

Pizza Pages
Monthly book club for 6th-8th grade. Discuss great reads with other teens & enjoy **FREE PIZZA!** Be one of the first participants to register in person @ the library to receive a **FREE** copy of the book! Sponsored by the Jacksonville, Swansboro & Richlands Friends of the Library. Pizza courtesy of Pizza Hut of Jacksonville & Dominos Pizza of Richlands & Hubert.

Richlands NEW!
4th Thurs each month @ 5:30 pm

1/24: Larklight
by Philip Reeve

2/28: Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy
by Gary D. Schmidt

Swansboro NEW!
4th Thurs each month @ 5:30 pm

1/24: Kick off meeting: Members will discuss future book titles

2/28: Firegirl
by Tony Abbott

Jacksonville
3rd Thurs each month @ 6 pm

1/17: Star Wars: Clone Wars Adventures, Volume 1
by Haden Blackman

2/21: Fire Star
by Chris D'Lacey

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World Book Online!
Got a school project to work on? You can get tons of info & all the cool pictures, maps, & sound clips to jazz up your PowerPoint presentation or printed report! World Book Online contains every article (over 26,000) from the 22 volume print set & 1,000s more...plus state-of-the-art multimedia with over 12,000 pictures, maps, & sound clips & 7,000 links to editor-reviewed sites.

Opposing Viewpoints!
Need to write a persuasive paper? Need to find arguments for & against? Opposing Viewpoints has all the facts, plus some of the best arguments for & against by people who know! You can also access *information Plus...* where you'll find the stats & gov't records you need to succeed!

Free Internet & Downloads
Visit our computer lab or connect to OCPD's wireless internet! While surfing the net, check out the FREE downloadable eAudiobooks available through our website (just click on the "NetLibrary" link). It's FREE, It's EASY!

TEENS, COLLEGE & FINANCIAL WELLNESS



Options for College @ your library!

College-bound students & their parents are invited to a **FREE financial aid workshop** presented by the College Foundation of North Carolina. Learn financial aid basics, how to complete the FAFSA form, grant programs, college loans & using www.CFNC.org to research scholarships & grants, explore career opportunities & to apply online for college admissions & financial aid. Stay after for **FREE account set-up assistance** using library computers!

Jacksonville, Sat 1/19 @ 11 am
Richlands, Tues 1/22 @ 7 pm
Swansboro, Sat 1/26 @ 11 am

Basic Personal Finance for Teens

Teens will learn the basic do's and don't's of finance for the first years of college. Wendy McGill, Vice-President of Marketing for Marine Federal Credit Union will help prepare your teen for future financial success with essential financial information including the ins and outs of establishing credit and to avoid the pitfalls of credit card debt. Please join us, as we celebrate Financial Wellness Month with a special emphasis on teens!

Jacksonville, Thurs 1/24 @ 6:30 pm
Swansboro, Sat 1/26 @ 1:00 pm
Richlands, Tues 1/29 @ 7:00 pm



CARDS & KEY TAGS

4 New Card Designs to Choose From!

We've redesigned our library cards! Come into any library branch & get your new library card & key tag. Key tags fit conveniently on your key ring & allow easy access to your library account! Yes, we have key tags for kids too... they come with your library card!



Its EASY! Its FREE!
Ages 5 & up.

BOOK CLUBS & MORE FOR ADULTS

Bookaholics
Share & discuss books in an informal & relaxed atmosphere. Please join us for lively discussion, refreshments & great fun! Co-sponsored by the Harriotte B. Smith Library onboard Camp Lejeune.

Jacksonville:
4th Tues. each month @ 7 pm

1/22: The Lost Memoirs of Jane Austen
by Syrie James

2/26: The Moviegoer
by Walker Percy

Let's Talk About It NEW!
Book Discussion Series
"Not for Children Only"
"While there are many reasons why great children's literature is 'not for children only', the best reason may be that we, as adult readers, will enjoy & discover new meaning in these books."

The Swansboro Friends of the Library invite you to join the discussion, as we explore the wonderful world of children's literature! Register for one or all sessions & pick up a copy of the book at the Swansboro Branch Library. Let's Talk About It is funded by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council in conjunction with the State Library Center for the Book.

Swansboro: Thurs, 1/10 @ 7 pm
The Classic Fairy Tales
by Iona & Peter Opie
Discussion with James Burkhead of Pitt Community College

Swansboro: Thurs, 1/24 @ 7pm
The Secret Garden
by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Discussion with Bes Spangler of Peace College

Swansboro: Thurs, 2/7 @ 7pm
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
by Mildred D. Taylor
Discussion with Brenda Johnson of ECU/UNCW

Swansboro: Thurs, 2/21 @ 7pm
Charlotte's Web
by E.B. White
Bridge to Terabithia
by Katherine Paterson
Discussion with Rebecca Godwin of Barton College

LIBRARY FRIENDS

The Friends of the Library support OCPD in its mission to educate, enrich, entertain, & inform all who visit the library. Please join our meetings & become a Friend of your library!

Used Book Sales
Swansboro Friends host used book sale @ the Swansboro Branch Library
Sat, 1/12, 9 am to 1 pm
Sat, 2/9, 9 am to 1 pm

*all proceeds from this sale directly benefit the Swansboro Branch of Onslow County Public Library.

Swansboro: Thurs, 3/6 @ 7pm
Dragonwings
by Laurence Yep
The Giver
by Lois Lowry
Discussion with Michelle Manning of UNCW

15th Annual NEW!
Lunch with the Author
The Sneads Ferry Friends of the Library host a very special lunch with guest Bill Thompson, author of Sweet Tea, Fried Chicken, and Lazy Dogs. This humorous & nostalgic work is a view of life from the vantage point of a native Carolinian who has had the opportunity to leave the area & return. It is a wonderful telling of small, rural town life.

Sat, 2/16 @ 12 noon
Sneads Ferry Community Building
Tickets: \$15, available at the Sneads Ferry Branch Library or by calling 910.327.2327

Poetry Open Mic Night
All poets & poet hopefuls are invited to share their words & ideas. Co-sponsored by the Harriotte B. Smith Library onboard Camp Lejeune. Meets 4th Thursday of every month.

Jacksonville:
Thurs. 1/31 @ 6:30 pm

Camp Lejeune:
Thurs. 2/28 @ 6:30 pm

Second Saturday NEW!
Book Brunch
Joint monthly book discussion group in partnership with the Onslow County Museum. Enjoy friendly discussion, good company, and delicious refreshments as we kick off our new book discussion group. Meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Richlands Branch Library.

Sat, 1/12 @ 10:30 am
Persuasion
by Jane Austen

Sat, 2/9 @ 10:30 am
The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother
by James McBride

Jacksonville Friends host used book sale @ the Main Library in Jacksonville
Thurs, 2/28 @ 7:00 pm Sale/Open House
Fri, 2/29 from 3 pm to 5:30 pm
Sat, 3/1 from 11 am to 2 pm

****from 1 to 2 pm only: fill a bag of books for only \$5**

*all proceeds from this sale directly benefit Onslow County Public Library.

STORYTIME

Infants & Toddlers:
Laptime:
Rhymes, songs & stories for infants 6-23 months & their caregivers.

Jacksonville: Every Weds @ 10 am
****Beginning in February, Laptime will meet at 9:30 am & 10:30 am. Register for the time that best fits your schedule!**

Time For Twos:
for 2 yr. olds & their caregivers. Stories, fingerplays, flannel stories & songs.

Jacksonville: Every Thurs @ 10 am

Mother Goose Time:
Rhymes & songs, music & movement makes for a fun story & play time for up to 3 yrs. old & their caregivers.

Richlands: Every Tues @ 10 am

Swansboro: Every Thurs @ 10 am

Preschoolers:
Preschool Storytime:
Children 3 to 5 yrs old will enjoy the entertaining world of books & discover their independence.

Jacksonville: Every Tues @ 10 am

Richlands: Every Tues @ 11 am

Swansboro: Every Thurs @ 11 am

School age:
Homeschool Storytime:
Explore the world of books in a fun, theme-based story & craft hour for K-5 to 4th grade.

Jacksonville:
4th Monday each month @ 11 am

Richlands: **NEW!**
2nd Monday each month @ 12:30 pm

Kids Creations:
Books, stories & activities offered after school for school-aged kids.

Richlands:
1st Tues. each month @ 4:30 pm

Swansboro:
1st Thurs. each month @ 4:30 pm

Sneads Ferry:
1st Weds. each month @ 4:30 pm

Jacksonville:
1st Weds. each month @ 4:30 pm

Friends Meetings
Swansboro Friends
1st Tues each month @ 9:30 am
(no meeting Jun, Jul, Aug, Dec)

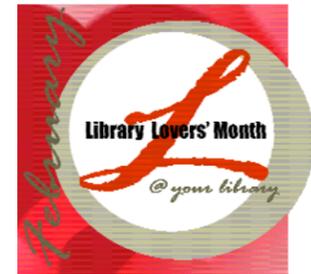
Richlands Friends
1st Thurs each month @ 10 am
(no meeting Jun, Jul, Aug)

Sneads Ferry Friends
3rd Thurs every other month @ 9 am
(meets Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov)

Jacksonville Friends
3rd Thurs each month @ 4 pm
(no meeting Dec)

LIBRARY LOVERS

February is National Library Lovers Month



You are cordially invited to join our circle of Friends & discover the many ways you can love your local library...

Bring your friends to join our Friends for a special open house & coffee.

Richlands, Sat, 2/02 @ 10 am
Swansboro, Sat, 2/23 @ 10 am
Sneads Ferry, Tues, 2/26 @ 1pm
Jacksonville, Thurs, 2/28 @ 7:00 pm

FOR FAMILIES

Free Family Film Fridays



Bring the entire family for a **FREE movie and FREE popcorn!** We'll screen a new family-friendly film the third Friday of every month at the Main Library in Jacksonville

Jacksonville
Friday, 1/18 @ 4:00 pm

We'll be showing the story of two ordinary siblings who develop extraordinary talents after they find a mysterious box of toys. The pair is soon learning from a stuffed rabbit named Mimzy who teaches them everything from science to levitation.

Jacksonville
Friday, 2/15 @ 4:00 pm

We'll be showing an animated feature inspired by the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tales. This comedy explores what would happen if the balance of good and evil were upset in Fairy Tale Land. When Wicked Stepmother takes control, Cinderella's fairy tale becomes totally fractured in this hilarious take on what happens when its happily NEVER after.

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Go to www.onslowcountync.gov/library and click on "requests." **Its Free! Its Easy!**