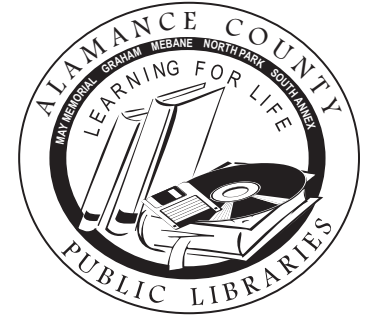


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The Smartest Card is @ Your Library!

by Susan Benning, Head Librarian, May Memorial Library

Alamance County Public Libraries want to remind you that “The Smartest Card is @ Your Library” – it’s your library card.

“Your library card is your ticket to discover the endless possibilities that await you at your public library. Alamance County Public Libraries offer you a variety of resources that enhance lifelong learning. The best part is that it’s all free with your library card,” said Library Director Judy Cobb.

The library is joining the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association, and public libraries across the country to promote “The Smartest Card @Your Library,” a campaign to make the library card the most valued and used card in every wallet. The campaign, held annually in September, also serves as a reminder that public libraries are an essential part of vibrant and educated communities.

For more information on how you can sign up for your library card, visit any of the four libraries in Alamance County or stop by the library website at www.alamancelibraries.org.

High School Reading Lists Go Multicultural!

by Lisa Kobrin, Head of Reference Services, May Memorial Library

Move over Shakespeare, Homer, and Herman Melville. The dreaded high school reading list isn't plain vanilla anymore. *The Scarlet Letter* and *Moby Dick* still figure prominently, but many lists have expanded to include a wider world view. Some titles are based on contemporary world events of the past century and others on the lives of various immigrant populations within the U.S.

Night by Eli Wiesel and *Maus* by Art Spiegelman explore the horrors of the Holocaust. *Night* is the story of a father and son's stay in the concentration camps and *Maus* is a graphic novel that depicts via cartoons the struggles of the author's father, a Polish Jew, to survive the Holocaust.

The Chosen, a novel by Chaim Potok, is a post-war account of the Jewish experience in 1940s New York that highlights generational conflict within two Jewish families. It is largely a coming of age novel. Similarly, *The House on Mango Street*, focuses on a young Latina's struggle to adulthood on the rough streets of inner-city Chicago.

Farther afield, *Nectar in A Sieve* by Kamala Markandaya is the life story of the child bride of a peasant farmer in rural India. *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe is an African novel that takes place among the Ibo people of Niger during the late nineteenth century. *Kaffir Boy* follows a young black South African who grows up under the shadow of Apartheid. *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* portrays the daily life of a hapless Russian prisoner in a Stalin-era Siberian labor camp. It is largely autobiographical and reflects the author, Soviet dissident

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Alamance County Public Libraries

May Memorial Library

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

North Park Library

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

Graham Public Library

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

South Annex Library

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

Mebane Public Library

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

On the Web

www.alamancelibraries.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, September 1, 10:45 a.m.

Car Seat Safety Check
Graham Public Library

Sunday & Monday, September 3 – 4

Labor Day Holiday
LIBRARIES CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5, 4:00 p.m.

Library Orientation
May Memorial Library

Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 p.m.

Internet Scams & Identity Theft
May Memorial Library

Wednesday, September 6,

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
South Annex Library Open

**Friday, September 8–Sunday,
September 17**

21st Annual Book Sale
May Memorial Library
Call 229-3588 for times.

Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.

Evening Book Club
Mebane Public Library

Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

Poetry Spoken Here – Open Mic Night
May Memorial Library

Monday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.

Let's Talk About It – Faith Differences,
Different Faiths
Graham Public Library

Tuesday, September 19, 12:00 p.m.

Books Over Coffee
Graham Public Library

Tuesday, September 19, 4:00 p.m.

Library Orientation
May Memorial Library

Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.

Independent Film Theater presents
Day Break
May Memorial Library

Friday, September 22, 4:00 p.m.

Free Movie Friday presents *Hoot!*
Graham Public Library

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m.

Let's Knit & Read
Mebane Public Library

Monday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.

Let's Talk About It – Faith Differences,
Different Faiths
Graham Public Library

Tuesday, October 3, 4:00 p.m.

Library Orientation
May Memorial Library

Wednesday, October 4, 11:30 a.m.

Lunch 'n' Learn - Alzheimer's Disease
May Memorial Library

Wednesday, October 4,

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
South Annex Library Open

Thursday, October 5, 4:00 p.m.

Knit Happens (Knitting Club)
Graham Public Library

Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Evening Book Club
Mebane Public Library

Tuesday, October 10, 6:15 p.m.

Independent Film Theater presents
A Peck On The Cheek
May Memorial Library

Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Poetry Spoken Here
May Memorial Library

Friday, October 13, 4:00 p.m.

Free Movie Friday presents
Freaky Friday
Graham Public Library

Monday, October 16, 12:00 p.m.

Lunch Bunch Book Club
May Memorial Library

Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.

Let's Talk About It – Faith Differences,
Different Faiths
Graham Public Library

Tuesday, October 17, 12:00 p.m.

Books Over Coffee
Graham Public Library

Tuesday, October 17, 4:00 p.m.

Library Orientation
May Memorial Library

Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

Knit-In (for knitters of all levels)
May Memorial Library

Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

Let's Knit & Read
Mebane Public Library

Friday, October 27, 4:00 p.m.

Free Movie Friday presents *Sky High*
Graham Public Library

Monday, October 30, 6:30 p.m.

Let's Talk About It – Faith Differences,
Different Faiths
Graham Public Library

Wednesday, November 1,

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
South Annex Library Open

Thursday, November 2, 4:00 p.m.

Knit Happens (Knitting Club)
Graham Public Library

Tuesday, November 7, 4:00 p.m.

Library Orientation
May Memorial Library

Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.

Poetry Spoken Here
May Memorial Library

Friday, November 10

Veteran's Day
LIBRARIES CLOSED

Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Let's Talk About It – Faith Differences,
Different Faiths
Graham Public Library

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.

Evening Book Club
Mebane Public Library

Thursday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.

Knit-In (for knitters of all levels)
May Memorial Library

Tuesday, November 21, 12:00 p.m.

Books Over Coffee
Graham Public Library

Tuesday, November 21, 4:00 p.m.

Library Orientation
May Memorial Library

Thursday & Friday, November 23-24

Thanksgiving Holiday
LIBRARIES CLOSED

Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.

Let's Knit & Read
Mebane Public Library

Kids' Corner

Friends of the Library Deliver Summer Reading

by Julie Walker, Head of Youth Services

Does Santa come to town when the heat index is 105+ ? No, he sends his elves on that special delivery for the Friends of Alamance County Public Libraries.

This summer Julie Walker and Frances Soule, ESL teacher for Alamance Burlington Schools, delivered new bilingual books and Summer Reading materials to children and young adults in Alamance County.

The first stop was the Migrant Summer School programs held at Broadview Middle and Grove Park Elementary Schools serving eighty five students. Along with stories and an information program about the Public Library the students chose a book, a gift from the Friends.

The second stop was on the hottest day of the year, at the Terrace Apartments. Looking like the Pied Piper of Hamelin, Frances went door to door leading the children to the table for them to select their very own book! Twenty five students from ages 4 and up received brand new books that day. The biggest dilemma for three young adult girls was to choose between *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul* and *Harry Potter*.

A back to school fair is planned for the ESL students in conjunction with the Public Library to continue the book distribution and promote the library. As one child put it "This is wonderful!"

High School Reading

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Alexander Solzhenitsyn's, own prison camp experience. The diverse locations of these far-flung novels seem to reflect a common thread of the universality of human suffering.

Come check out these "contemporary classics" on the shelves at the Alamance County Public Libraries. You may enjoy them so much you won't count the pages as the teens do.



Dial-A-Story 

229-3595

Dial-A-Story is a 24 hour a day free service of Alamance County Public Libraries. The stories are approximately 4 minutes long and are changed daily.

Kids' Calendar

May Memorial Library

Baby Fun Time
Tuesdays at 11:00

Time for 2s
Wednesdays at 10:00

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays at 10:30

May Kids' Book Club
Monday, September 18 at 4:30

Graham Public Library

Preschool Storytime
Wednesdays at 10:30

Toddler Time
1st and 3rd Fridays at 10:30

Car Seat Safety Check
Friday, September 1 at 10:45

Monday Afternoon Movie –
Cheaper By the Dozen starring Steve Martin
Monday, October 9, 4:00 p.m.

Spooktacular Saturday
(ages 6 and up)
Saturday, October 28, 3:00 p.m.

Frightful Film
Nanny McPhee starring Emma Thompson
Monday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday Night Movie –
The Shaggy Dog starring Tim Allen
Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 p.m.

Mebane Public Library

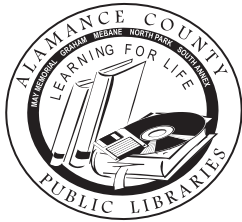
Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:30

Toddler Time
Thursdays at 10:30

Bilingual Storytime
Tiempo de Cuentos Bilingue
Saturdays at 3:00
Todos los Sabados a las 3:00

North Park Library

Afterschool Book Bunch
Tuesdays at 4:00



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Do You Have Plans for Lunch?

by Becky Peterson, Reference Librarian, May Memorial Library

May Memorial Library is excited to announce the start of its new book club, the Lunch Bunch Book Club. Our first book club meeting will be Monday, October 16th at 12:00 pm. We'll be reading *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards to discuss during our first meeting. Please bring a bag lunch, and the library will provide the beverages. For more information about the book club, the book, or to sign up for the first meeting, please call 229-3588.

Friends of the Library Sponsor Free Movies at Graham Library

by Heather Holley-Hall, Head of Branch Libraries

The Friends of Alamance County Public Libraries are sponsoring an exciting new program at Graham Public Library. They've purchased a licensing agreement that allows the library to show current feature films for free. With the new sound system, also provided by the Friends, viewers will think they're at the theater!

Graham Public Library has a great line-up of films planned for September, October and November. Check the *Upcoming Events* and *Kids' Calendar* in this newsletter for dates and titles, or call 570-6730 for more information.

COMING SOON...

Alamance Reads 06-07

by Susan Holland, Co-Chair 2006-2007 Alamance Reads

Our first Community Read was a huge success. Over 3,500 people read *The Bridge* by Doug Marlette. With its strong local ties and engaging multifaceted author, this book, along with 125 volunteers and 35 sponsors, helped establish a One Book, One Community program in Alamance County. Numerous organizations partnered with Alamance County Public Libraries to provide a wide array of events including workshops, book discussions, films, a poetry reading, panel discussions, tours, a cooking contest, art exhibits and lectures.

The next Alamance Reads is just around the corner. We've chosen a wonderful book, and have exciting programs planned. The Friends of Alamance County Public Libraries look forward to having even more of our community involved in Alamance Reads 2006-2007!

Don't Miss the Book Announcement!

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