

# Check it Out

News from  
Alamance County  
Public Libraries



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## Friends Celebrate Their 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday! *You're Invited!*

On Sunday, January 10, 2010, the Friends of the Library will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Mark your calendar to attend a birthday celebration at May Memorial Library from 2-4 PM. We're throwing a party for Friends and the public to remember and celebrate the contributions of Friends past and present to our fabulous library system in Alamance County. Families are invited!

## Friends Contribute to Breast Cancer Awareness

The Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries and Norville Breast Care Clinic at ARMC teamed up during October to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Friends' monetary donation enabled the Library to purchase up-to-date books and reference materials regarding breast cancer research for each of the branches. In addition, new pamphlets in both English and Spanish were available for patrons to pick up at Pink Ribbon displays at each branch. The Norville Breast Care Clinic will benefit from a supply of new pamphlets for their patrons as well. The staff at Norville presented the Friends of the Library with a copy of their breast health book for each branch, further providing the latest in medical research and care.



Pictured with current breast care literature are Sheena Lambert and Anne Shaver from Norville Breast Care Center, with Friends Susan Gant, John Stubblefield and Barbara Roberts.

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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](http://www.alamancelibraries.org)

# Full Shelves to Empty Shelves Equals More Than \$36,000!

by Barbara Roberts, Treasurer, The Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries

What does it take to have a record-breaking book sale in the midst of economic uncertainty? Begin with full shelves and extra boxes of books waiting in the wings! Add good sorting by a great group of volunteers, terrific media support and bargain prices. The sum is over \$36,000 for the Friends of the Libraries' 24<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Book Sale.

"I think our extended hours also added to the success of this sale," said co-chair, Miriam Pace. The sale opened at 1:00 instead of 4:00 on the first day and stayed open until 7:00 Monday through Friday. Volunteers continually restocked the shelves and straightened the stacks.

When the sale ended many books remained, but non-profit groups such as Christmas Cheer, Alamance Citizens for Education, and Ralph Scott Life Services picked out usable volumes. Teachers and home schoolers showed up to take science and nature sets. Dealers purchased all that was left, and rather quickly, the shelves were empty and waiting. **Donations for our March 19, 2010 sale are needed now!**



Eager Book Sale customers line up on the Davis Street sidewalk opening day.

Money raised during the fall book sale will be used to purchase books and AV materials for the 4 libraries in Alamance County. The Friends of the Library pay for the printing and mailing of this newsletter each quarter. We sponsor Holiday Magic, author programs, children's events and the movies that are shown at Graham, Mebane and May Memorial Libraries. We support organizations such as the Children's Museum and Alamance Partnership for Children. Funds are being set aside for the Elon Branch library. The list goes on and on! Without the successful book sale many enhancements to educational and literary projects would not be possible. Thanks for shopping with us!

## Friends Win Two Awards at State Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries reaped two honors at the Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries annual awards meeting in Salisbury on October 24.

Treasurer Barbara Roberts was an honorable mention winner for Volunteer of the Year, nominated for her unflinching efforts throughout the years in support of our Friends group and its fundraising efforts.

The 2009 Alamance Reads program *Blue* won honorable mention in the Frances B. Reid Outstanding Friends Group award. The judging panel was impressed with the variety of programs and wide age range of participants associated with the book.

## Library Employees Honored for Years of Service



Congratulations to library staff members receiving Service Awards from Alamance County in 2009! Seated, left to right: Tampa Enoch-Reese, 5 years; Jessica Land, 10 years; Beverly White, 5 years. Standing, left to right: Sherry Snodgrass, 25 years and Martha Way, 20 years.

# UPCOMING events

## DECEMBER



### TUESDAY, 12/1

6:45 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Classic Film Series: Jimmy Stewart. Tonight's film is *It's a Wonderful Life*.

7:00 p.m., *Graham*  
YA Book Club. This month's selection is Scott Westerfield's novel, *Peeps*.

7:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
Dolls of Christmas Past presented by Doll Collector Catherine Peterson. This program is intended for adults. No children under 12, please. Call 563-6431 for more information.

### SATURDAY, 12/5

11:00 a.m., *May Memorial*  
Christmas Movie Marathon.  
11:00 a.m. *The Santa Clause* (PG)  
1:00 p.m. *Elf* (PG)  
3:00 p.m. *A Christmas Story* (PG)

### TUESDAY, 12/8

6:45 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Christmas Movie: *White Christmas*

7:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
Evening Book Group. This month's selection is Chris Bohjalian's *Midwives*.

### TUESDAY, 12/15

12:00 p.m., *Graham*  
Books Over Coffee

5:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
iRead Teen Club

7:00 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Independent Film Theatre presents *The Window*.

### SATURDAY, 12/19

3:30 p.m., *Mebane*  
Animé Club

### THURSDAY, 12/24 – SUNDAY, 12/27

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
*Christmas Holidays – Libraries Closed*

## JANUARY



### FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
*New Year's Day – Libraries Closed*

### TUESDAY, 1/5

6:45 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Classic Film Series: Jimmy Stewart. Tonight's film is *Philadelphia Story* (TV-G).

7:00 p.m., *Graham*  
YA Book Club. This month's selection is Rafael Ábalos' *Grimpow: The Invisible Road*.

### MONDAY, 1/11

Lunch Bunch Book Club. This month's selection is Gabriel García Márquez's *100 Years of Solitude*.

### TUESDAY, 1/12

7:00 p.m., *Graham*  
Graham Book Club. Call 570-6730 for this month's selection.

7:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
Evening Book Group. This month's selection is Tana French's *In the Woods*.

### SATURDAY, 1/16

3:30 p.m., *Mebane*  
Animé Club

**MONDAY 1/18**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day –**  
**Libraries Closed**

**TUESDAY, 1/19**  
12:00 p.m., *Graham*  
Books Over Coffee

5:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
iRead Teen Club

7:00 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Independent Film Theatre presents  
*The Drummer*.

**SATURDAY, 1/23**  
3:30 p.m., *Mebane*  
TATL! (Teens at the Library!)  
Call 563-6431 for details.

**MONDAY, 1/25**  
2:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
Family History Interest Group

**TUESDAY, 1/26**  
7:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
Mebane Knitters Club

7:00 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Mystery Book Club. This month's selection is Stieg Larsson's *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*.

## FEBRUARY



**TUESDAY, 2/2**  
6:45 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Classic Film Series: Jimmy Stewart. Tonight's film is *Rear Window* (PG).

7:00 p.m., *Graham*  
YA Book Club. This month's selection is Marcus Zusak's *The Book Thief*.

**MONDAY, 2/8**  
12:00 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Lunch Bunch Book Club. This month's selection is Garth Stein's *The Art of Racing in the Rain*.

**TUESDAY, 2/9**  
7:00 p.m., *Graham*  
Graham Book Club. Call 570-6730 for this month's selection.

7:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
Evening Book Group. This month's selection is Timothy Tyson's *Blood Done Sign My Name*.

7:00 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Celebrate Black History Month. Join us for Dr. Kenneth Janken's presentation: *The Civil Rights Movement from Brown to Bakke*.

**TUESDAY, 2/16**  
12:00 p.m., *Graham*  
Books Over Coffee  
  
5:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
iRead Teen Club  
  
7:00 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Independent Film Theatre presents *Somers Town*.

**WEDNESDAY, 2/17**  
7:00 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Spring Horticulture Series: Soil Preparation and Planning

**SATURDAY, 2/20**  
2:00 p.m., *Graham*  
Scrabble Tournament. Call 570-6730 to sign up.

3:30 p.m., *Mebane*  
Animé Club

**SUNDAY, 2/21**  
3:00 p.m., *May Memorial & Mebane*  
Celebrate Black History Month. Join us for the annual African-American Read-In.

**MONDAY, 2/22**  
2:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
Family History Interest Group

**TUESDAY, 2/23**  
7:00 p.m., *May Memorial*  
Mystery Book Club. This month's selection is Louise Penny's *A Rule Against Murder*.

7:00 p.m., *Mebane*  
Mebane Knitters Club

**SATURDAY, 2/27**  
3:30 p.m., *Mebane*  
TATL! (Teens at the Library!)  
Call 563-6431 for details.



# Just for Kids



## Programs Just for Babies & Toddlers

**Walkers Storytime** (11-23 months)  
*May Memorial, Tuesdays at 11:00*

**Lapsit Storytime** (birth-10 months)  
*May Memorial, Tuesdays at 11:30*

**Time for Twos**  
*May Memorial, Wednesdays at 10:00*

**Toddler Time** (walking toddlers-age 3)  
*Mebane, Thursdays at 10:30*

**Toddler Time** (ages 0-36 months)  
*Graham, Fridays at 10:30*

## Preschool Storytime

Storytime for children ages 3-5 featuring stories, songs, rhymes, flannelboards and more. A different theme is presented each week. For a list of upcoming themes, call your library.

**Mebane Public Library (563-6431)**  
**Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

**May Memorial Library (229-3588)**  
**Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

**Graham Public Library (570-6730)**  
**Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

## Drop-In Storytime

A perfect way to wind down the day with the whole family.

**Mebane Public Library**  
**Monday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.**

## Movies for the Whole Family

### Free Movie Friday

*Graham, Friday Afternoons at 4:00*

December 11 **Star Trek** (PG-13)

December 21 **Santa Buddies** (G)

January 8 **G-Force** (PG)

January 22 **Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince** (PG)

February 12 Title TBA

February 26 Title TBA



### Kids' After School Movies

*Mebane, Friday Afternoons at 4:00*

December 4 **Santa Buddies** (G)

January 8 **Shorts** (PG)

February 5 **Ponyo** (G)

Admission is free.

Movies are sponsored by the Friends of Alamance County Public Libraries.

## Family Storytime

Bring the whole family and join us for great snowy stories, silly songs and more.

**Graham Public Library**  
**Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

## Thursday Family Gatherings

Join us for stories, songs, games and a simple craft.

**May Memorial Library, 7:00 p.m.**  
**December 17: *A Flapjack Christmas!***  
**January 14: *Everything Snowflake!***  
**February 11: *Be My Valentine!***

Just in time for Santa –  
Christmas Family Storytime!  
Get ready for the holidays! Bring the whole family and join us at the library for jolly stories, festive fun and holiday songs.

### Mebane Public Library

Monday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

### Graham Public Library

Tuesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.

### May Memorial Library

Thursday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.



## Holiday Tea Party

Join us for a spot of tea and crumpets. We'll entertain you with holiday stories and songs.



### Mebane Public Library

**3:00 p.m., Monday, December 21**

## Holiday Crafts

Drop by after school to create simple holiday crafts. Fun for parents & kids ages 5+.

**Graham Public Library, 3:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Crafts - December 18**

**Valentine Crafts - February 9**

## School's Out! Activities

*School's out, so join us for fun at the library!*

### Mebane Public Library

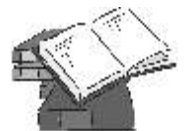
**Thursday, January 21, 3:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 22, 4:00 p.m.**

## Book Clubs Just for Kids

**May Kids' Book Club** (ages 7+)

*May Memorial, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.*



**PAWS for Reading** (ages 6-12)

Practice your reading skills with licensed therapy dogs. Monday evenings. Call Graham Public Library, 570-6730 to sign up.

# Searching for the Perfect Gift? Adopt-A-Book for the Holidays!

by Lisa Kobrin, Head of Reference, May Memorial Library

Are you out of ideas for holiday gifts or debating what to get for the reader who has everything? The library's Adopt-A-Book Program may be the answer to your dilemma. For a donation of \$25 or more for an adult book or \$18 for a children's book, the library staff will purchase an appropriate title for the library collection and notify the individual of your choice that an item has been placed in the library collection in his or her honor. Your gift includes the placement of an attractive bookplate in the material and a special tribute card will be sent to the honoree acknowledging your generous gift.

This is a great way to show your thoughtfulness during the holidays by designating a subject that reflects the honoree's interests—for example gardening, sports, cooking, history, poetry or contemporary fiction.

Through your adoption of a book, you will be providing a lasting gift to the entire county for the lifespan of the book. According to Technical Services Librarian Martha Sink, one library patron has been donating a book each Christmas for the past 15 years in lieu of mailing out Christmas greeting cards.

Other occasions that may be the perfect opportunity for a book donation include: Birthday, Housewarming, Sympathy, Wedding or Engagement, New Baby, Promotion, Retirement, Mother's Day, Get Well, Congratulations, Graduation, Anniversary or commemoration of any significant event within your family or workplace.

Please feel free to contact the library staff at any Alamance County Public Library location to receive additional details on how you can recognize a special occasion with a monetary donation to purchase a book during this "season of giving".

## News from the Mebane Knitters

by Karin Clark, Mebane Public Library



The Mebane Library knitters have been very busy since spring. The project for spring 2009 was to knit face cloths for Family Abuse Services of Alamance County. These were presented to Family Abuse services in May. The club immediately started knitting hats for the oncology department for Alamance Regional Medical Center when we were made aware there was an immediate need. We are continuing with knitting hats and also knitting items to donate to Christmas Cheer.

Our knit club members enjoy working on the projects together and the meetings are a lot of fun. If you would like to join us for knitting, we meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Mebane

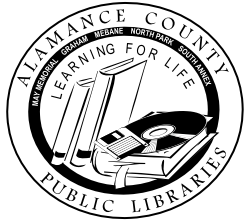


Public Library. We don't teach knitting, but can offer limited assistance with stitches and patterns. The library has a wonderful collection of knitting books for beginners and expert knitters. For more information, please call the Mebane Public library, 919-563-6431 and ask for Karin.

## Book Donations Needed

Bring your "gently used" and new books to any branch of Alamance County Public Libraries for the upcoming Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale.

**Hardbacks, Paperbacks, Audiobooks, Movies – All Donations Appreciated!**



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Burlington, NC 27215

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## Holiday Fun Fest

A Christmas Event Especially For Families

**Friday, December 4**  
**6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.**  
**May Memorial Library**

Free Children's Activities Include:

- ✦ *Make a Christmas Ornament*
- ✦ *Write a Letter to Santa*
- ✦ *Get a holiday "tattoo"*
- ✦ *Play Games*
- ✦ *Bring your camera for a photo with Mrs. Claus*
- ✦ *Enjoy Refreshments*



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Held in conjunction with  
downtown Burlington's Holiday Magic

**If you can volunteer to help with children's activities,  
please contact Julie Walker at 229-3588.**

Join us for the 21st National  
African-American Read-In  
**Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**May Memorial Library &  
Mebane Public Library**



Don't Miss the Friends'  
**Spring Book Sale**

**Friday, March 19 –  
Sunday, March 28**



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