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CCL to Celebrate 5th Birthday on Oct 10



Chatham Community Library will celebrate its fifth birthday on Saturday, October 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the courtyard facing CCCC. There will be singing, dancing, food, crafts and lots of fun!

Music will be provided by Pittsboro's own Tommy Edwards and The Bluegrass Experience, as well as our staff member Wes Collins, who was one of six winners this year at the Kerrville New Folk Music Songwriters Competition.

The Scrap Exchange will provide crafting fun for the kids, and there will be a bouncy house and face painting. The awesome Deli-icious Food Truck will also be here to offer some wonderful options for dinner, plus other vendors (to be announced).

ALA Reports That Virtually All Libraries Offer Their Patrons Digital Inclusion

The Digital Inclusion Survey of the American Library Association (ALA) found that nearly all public libraries (97.5%) offer free wireless Internet access.

Technology training is offered in nearly all public libraries (98.0%) and nearly all offer education and learning programs (99.5%) and summer reading programs (98.4%).

Almost 80% of libraries offer programs that aid patrons with job applications, interview skills and résumé development. Three-fourths of libraries offer community, civic engagement or e-government programs. Nearly all libraries offer patrons assistance in completing online government forms.

The Chatham Community Library offers computer classes free and open to the public throughout the year. A full list of upcoming events can be found on the library's events calendar (see Website address on page 6). Patrons may also sign up to receive automatic email notifications when a new class is added.

Unless otherwise noted, registration is required, and class size is limited. To register, call 919-545-8086, register online, sign up in the library or send an email to reference@chathamlibraries.org.



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FotCCL to Hold Fall Book Sale Sept 17-19



The Fall Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Chatham Community Library (FotCCL) will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 17, 18 and 19, at the library on the campus of Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro, NC.

Hours of the sale are Thursday, September 17, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, September 18, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, September 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free, and purchases may be made by cash or check, but no credit cards are accepted.

More than 15,000 hardbound and softbound books, plus DVDs, CDs, audio books and other materials, will be available for purchase.

Each sale offers a completely new assortment of titles, and the materials are in very good to excellent condition, all organized by subject or format in specific categories to make shopping that much easier.

On Thursday, the first day of the sale, most hardcover books are \$3; trade paperbacks are \$2; and small paperbacks are 50¢. Sales of \$200 or more are also entitled to a 20% discount. On Friday, all books and materials are half price, and on Saturday customers may fill grocery bags with books and materials they choose for \$5 each, with no limit to the number of bags.

At the sale, bags are available free, compliments of the local Harris Teeter and Lowes food stores.

Members of the Friends of the Chatham Community Library earn an additional discount of \$3. This includes all those who join the Friends at the book sale.

A popular feature of the Friends book sale is Claudia's Corner (formerly called the Collector's Corner), which offers rare, noteworthy or special books starting at \$10. These books are in a special room and priced at no more than a quarter to a third of their lowest values online. A listing of these books may be found on the FotCCL Website at www.friendsccl.org/booksale.htm.

Book lovers from all over North Carolina (and nearby states) travel to Pittsboro for the FotCCL book sales

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A Brief History of Libraries Worldwide

On a general level, library history probably started about 5,000 years ago with collections of clay tablets.

In Egypt, the Great Library of Alexandria was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Its collections were said to have included 750,000 scrolls. Fire destroyed some of them, and some were taken to Rome as authorized by Cleopatra. While there were private libraries in Rome, Roman citizens could read in dry areas of the public baths.

Early libraries also existed in North Africa and the Middle East. Some of these early libraries were available to the public; some were even lending libraries.

During the dark ages, printed material was mostly sustained in the monasteries until Gutenberg's invention of the printing press in the 1400s (photo). Early library development in France goes back to the 1300s and in Great Britain to the 1400s. Usage of materials in most early European libraries was restricted to scholars.



In the late 1600s and 1700s, library development began in the United States. Benjamin Franklin founded the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731, known as a "subscription library". Many claims exist to being the first U.S. public library. That distinction depends on how the "first public library" is defined, whether by founding date alone, by the founding entity or by level of service offered.

More than 2,000 public libraries were financed in part by the Scotsman Andrew Carnegie, who donated considerable funds to contribute to building them. His first library was built in Scotland in 1883; the first in America, in 1889.

Today, there are more than 9,000 public libraries in the United States in more than 16,000 buildings.

Many school libraries today are called media centers, and librarians are often required to have a second degree in education or a certificate in school media.

Not all schools have libraries. Historically, schools were often located near the public library so that students could take advantage of the public library's materials. As demographics changed, schools were located closer to population centers. When distance to the public library became an issue, libraries began to appear within schools. Now, there are more than **93,000 school libraries**.

Academic libraries serve colleges and universities, their students, staff and faculty. In the United States, the oldest academic library is at Harvard University. In 1638, the new college received the bequest of 400 books upon the death of a young minister, John Harvard. He also left half of his land as the university's first benefactor. The school was named in his honor, and the first academic library was established.

The **3,500 academic libraries** today serve both four-year universities as well as junior and community colleges.

The **9,000 special libraries** have evolved from the recognition by corporations, businesses, institutions and organizations that they have a need for a central repository of knowledge relevant to their missions and focuses. If involved in any research, it is vital for them to have the knowledge of what is available, what other research has been done and what findings have resulted.

[Source: www.ilovelibraries.org]

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The New York Public Library Wars

by Scott Sherman, *The Nation* [excerpt]

The Central Library Plan was a quixotic scheme, born in 2007, to sell three libraries in central Manhattan and consolidate services in the main branch at 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue. That building would undergo a radical transformation by the British architect Norman Foster.

Foster's renovation called for the creation of new rooms for children and teenagers, more computer work stations and the demolition of seven levels of historic book stacks — containing 98,000 adjustable shelves and built by Carrère & Hastings in the first decade of the 20th century.

The three million books in the stacks were to be sent to an off-site storage facility near Princeton, NJ. Library officials insisted that the plan would cost \$300-million and was essential to the institution's fiscal health.

Uncertainty hangs over the New York Public Library, and discussion about its fate [will] continue. But one thing is clear: A quartet of historians, allied with grass-roots activists, played a very significant role in halting a \$500-million construction project in the heart of Manhattan, saving the Mid-Manhattan Library, used by 1.5 million people a year, and preserving the architectural integrity of what is perhaps New York City's finest building.

[See <http://chronicle.com/article/The-New-York-Public-Library/231127/>]

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... Chatham Community Library News ...

Chatham Library Names New Technical Services Manager

In April, Vickie Currin was promoted to Technical Services Manager. She began with Chatham County Public Libraries in 2007.

For the last six years, Vickie has worked in technical services as a cataloger. In 2013, she received her certification in cataloging from Central Carolina Community College.



“Vickie is a dedicated employee and a great asset to the department,” said Linda Clarke, Chatham County Library Director.

As Technical Services Manager, Vickie is responsible for cataloging and processing all library materials, repairing materials, rebinding books and maintaining accounts with vendors, subscription services and continuation services.

She is also the administrator for Polaris, the library’s Integrated Library System (ILS).

Vickie sees technical services as a central point for the library system. Currently, the department processes approximately 1,200-1,500 items per month. These items are then distributed to the Chatham Community Library, as well as to the Goldston and Wren Memorial libraries.

Vickie’s desire is to make sure that all patrons have the materials they love, and that they can look forward to reading in a timely fashion.

Children’s Librarian Thanks the FotCCL

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I thank you, the children of Chatham County thank you and their relieved parents thank you.

The Chatham County 2015 Summer Reading program was a huge success, due in large part to a kind donation from the Friends of the Chatham Community Library.

The Friends’ support provided the supplies for all of our crafts. Every week, the children of Chatham County made crafts for all the heroes in their lives; this summer’s programming theme was “Every Hero has a Story”. Moms, dads, grandparents, teachers and of course superheroes were all lucky enough to receive handmade crafts.

The Friends’ donation also provided educational and entertaining programming. An old favorite, Flow Circus, was a huge hit, garnering record attendance.

This summer, we were able to provide a juggling workshop from this favorite performer. Snakes Alive! was also a huge success. It allowed many brave children, parents and librarians to prove their heroism by handling real, live, large snakes.

The Friends really proved themselves to be heroes this summer, so thank you all for adding your heroism to our library story!

Beth Kalb, Youth Services Librarian

Chatham Library Offers Free Access to Numerous Popular Magazines

You may know that the library offers access to free ebooks, but did you know that you can also download free digital magazines?

Zinio provides access to over 70 popular titles that you can read on computers, smartphones and tablets.

Digital magazines offer full-color, page-for-page copies of issues with simple navigation, keyword searching and even some interactive audio and video.

Best of all, you can keep titles as long as you like, and there is no limit to the number of magazines you can download!

To start using Zinio, visit the library’s Website (at www.chathamlibraries.org) and click on the Online Resources link in the navigation menu. Then, look for the Zinio link under the eBooks, eAudiobooks & Magazines heading.

From the Zinio site, you can browse the library’s collection, which includes:

- *Cook’s Illustrated*
- *Country Living*
- *Dwell*
- *The Economist*
- *Martha Stewart Living*
- *Mental Floss*
- *Mother Earth News*
- *National Geographic*
- *O, The Oprah Magazine*
- *Rolling Stone*



To create a personal Zinio account, you’ll need to use your library card. Simply click the Create New Account link in the upper right corner of the screen and follow the prompts.

Once you sign into your account, select a magazine title, then click the Checkout button for the issue you’d like to download. You can then begin reading immediately in your computer’s browser.

To read on a mobile device, download the Zinio app. Apps are available for the iPhone, iPad, Kindle Fire and Android devices.

(Please note that you’ll need to register for an account on your computer or in a browser on your mobile device, not from within the app.)

If you need help getting started with Zinio, just call the library’s reference desk at 919-545-8086.

Attention Friends Members!

Check the date above your name.

If past due, please renew.

We miss you — and your support.

The library reference desk is completed; new carpet was installed in Holmes Meeting Room; and ebook and subscription costs have risen. So, your membership is greatly appreciated!

Playwright August Wilson Was the Only Person to Earn a Degree From a Library

August Wilson (1945–2005) was an American playwright whose work included a series of ten plays, *The Pittsburgh Cycle*, for which he received two Pulitzer Prizes for Drama. Each play is set in a different decade, depicting the comic and tragic aspects of the African-American experience in the 20th century.

Wilson was born Frederick August Kittel, Jr., in the Hill District of Pittsburgh, PA, the fourth of six children. Wilson's mother, Daisy

Wilson, an African-American cleaning woman, raised the children alone until he was five in a two-room apartment above a grocery store. His father was mostly absent from his childhood.

The economically depressed neighborhood in which he was raised was mostly black Americans with Jewish and Italian immigrants. In the 1950s, the family moved to the white working-class neighborhood of Hazelwood, where they encountered racial hostility: Bricks were thrown through a window of their new home; soon after, they were forced out of this house and on to another.

In 1959, Wilson was the only African-American student at the Central Catholic High School, where again he was driven away by abuse and threats. He then attended Connelley Vocational High School, but found the curriculum unchallenging. In 1960, he dropped out of Gladstone High School in the 10th grade after his teacher accused him of plagiarizing a 20-page paper he had written on Napoleon I of France. So, Wilson dropped out of school completely, but hid his decision from his mother because he didn't want to disappoint her.

Wilson then made such extensive use of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh to educate himself that it later awarded him a degree — the only one it has ever bestowed!

Wilson, who had learned to read at the age of four, began reading black writers at the library at 12, and spent the remainder of his teen years educating himself through the books of Ralph Ellison, Richard Wright, Langston Hughes, Arna Bontemps and many others.

Years later at a library celebration, he said “when I was 5 years old, I got my first library card from the Hill District branch on Wylie Avenue. Labor historians don't speak well of Andrew Carnegie... [but he] will forever be for me that man who made it all possible for me to be standing here today... I wore out my library card and cried when I lost it.”

In 1968, Wilson co-founded the Black Horizon Theater in the Hill District of Pittsburgh, along with his friend Rob Penny. Wilson's first play, “Recycling,” was performed for audiences in small theaters, schools and



Reference Desk Gets Its Extension at Last

After several delays, a six-foot extension has been added to the library's reference desk.

The extension will now allow the library to staff two librarians at the reference desk during its busiest hours. It also provides additional workspace for patrons and staff when reference materials are being opened and reviewed, or assistance is being provided with mobile devices.

Jim Kirkpatrick with Kirkpatrick Woodworks of Chapel Hill completed the project.

Reference librarian, Dana Haven said the desk “provides much-needed additional storage, allows for a more comfortable space for reference staff to collaborate, and enables us to better serve our patrons.”

Funding for this project was provided by the Friends of the Chatham Community Library. The library thanks the Friends for not only this particular project but also its continued support.



New expanded reference desk at the library

public housing community centers for 50 cents a ticket. Among these early efforts was “Jitney,” which he revised more than two decades later as part of his 10-play cycle on 20th-century Pittsburgh.

Back then, he had no directing experience, and recalled: “Someone had looked around and said, ‘Who’s going to be the director?’ I said, ‘I will.’ I said that because I knew my way around the library. So I went to look for a book on how to direct a play. I found one called *The Fundamentals of Play Directing* and checked it out.”

Wilson moved to St. Paul, MN, in 1978, where he got a job writing educational scripts, but also continued to write plays. He moved to Seattle, WA, in 1990 after getting divorced.

Wilson reported that he was diagnosed with liver cancer in June 2005 and had been given three to five months to live. He died on October 2, 2005, at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, but is interred at Greenwood Cemetery in Pittsburgh. He was 60 years old.

[Sources: *Wikipedia* and *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* obituary, October 3, 2005.]

How to Donate Books and Other Items

The Friends of the Chatham Community Library welcomes donations of books and audio-video materials for our book sales. Our sales, held in the spring and fall, raise more than \$30,000 each year for the benefit of the library.

To assure the ongoing success and quality of our sales — and safety in the library — we request that donors follow these general guidelines as stated below.

Items we DO accept: Hardcover and soft cover fiction and non-fiction books; large print books, foreign-language books; CDs, DVDs and audio books on CD.

Items we DON'T accept: Magazines, except very old collectibles; encyclopedia sets; textbooks; *Reader's Digest* books; music or books on audio cassettes; VHS videos; puzzles and games; artwork; books more than five years old in the categories of computers, health, education and travel.

Please make sure books and other items are clean and in good condition. Volunteers must discard or recycle any books that are in poor condition, e.g. dirty, dusty, mildewed or water damaged.

For books that don't meet our standards, please note that the Chatham County Recycling Centers will accept books at their "Sharing Shacks" or for paper recycling.

Donations can be delivered to the Chatham Community Library circulation desk anytime that the library is open. The library staff is unable to help you bring in your donations, but volunteers are usually available on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to help.

Please don't leave donations outside the library when it is closed.

For large donations or special collections, please call Reece Jones (at 919-542-1598) or Richard Bird (at 919-545-9412) to arrange a pick-up or to have a volunteer meet you at the library to accept the donation and help you unload it.

Tax deductible. The Friends of the Chatham Community Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and your donation is tax-deductible. A receipt indicating the quantity of items donated will be provided upon request. Donors are responsible for determining the value of their donations prior to delivery.

Thanks for your continued support and cooperation!

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because they have earned a solid reputation for their outstanding selection and quality of books and audio-visual materials — all donated by Chatham County residents and other people and organizations.

Proceeds from the book sale are used to benefit the library for underwriting various programs; purchasing needed books, materials and equipment; and improving its technology and services.

The book sale is held in the Holmes Family Meeting Room of the library, which is located at 197 NC Highway 87 North in Pittsboro, about a half mile north of US Highway 64 Business (West Street). There is ample free parking at the library and adjacent college, plus volunteers to assist with carrying out and loading books.

More information about the book sale, including membership and volunteer opportunities, may be found on the FotCCL Website at www.friendscl.org.

Selection of Sale Books Keeps Expanding

On the main sales floor, you'll find thousands of treasures, like our regular offerings in history, art and cookbooks, plus numerous mysteries.

In addition to an outstanding selection in more than 25 categories, donations thus far for this sale have yielded especially good selections on several other topics:

This year, they include birds, doll making, baseball, ghosts, cars, airplanes, military history (with lots of Civil War and World War II), dance, plays, poetry and cats.

And you'll find books on major museums and unusual collections and exhibits, plus general works and biographies of many famous artists. We've also received a large donation of Heritage Press books.

So, check our Website for more as the sale approaches.

FRIENDS OF THE CHATHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Friends of the Chatham Community Library, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Membership dues help support special library events, programs, staff training, purchases for collection, facility enhancements, student and staff scholarships, and other needs.

We are an all-volunteer organization. Please check where you'd be willing to help:

Book sales, Membership, Refreshments, Promotion, Other (please explain):

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If you'd like to volunteer at the library, please ask at the main or children's circulation desk.

One-Year New Member and Member Renewal Form

If you're not sure about your renewal date, it's printed above your name on the mailing label to you.

Please print all legibly and mail form to FotCCL; P.O. Box 1108; Pittsboro, NC 27312.

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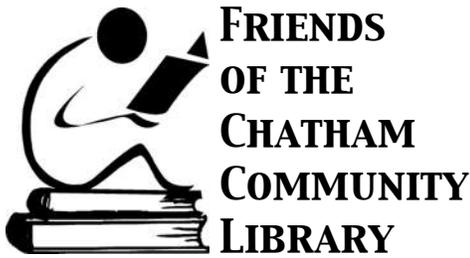
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Closed Sunday.

Facility & Services

Library was built in 2010 and offers more than 55,000 books; newspapers, magazines and journals; DVDs, CDs and audio books; children's programs, including storytime, seasonal special programs, summer reading program and outreach to schools; adult programs, including book clubs, author events and computer classes; genealogical section; 40 public computers, including six dedicated children's computers; wireless Internet access; independent study rooms; and large meeting room (available for organizations, clubs and other public events).

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