

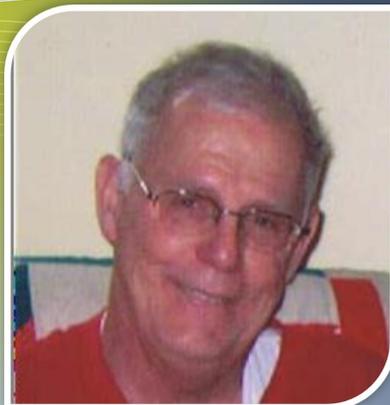
LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN NEARS COMPLETION

Over the summer, library staff worked diligently to put the finishing touches on a draft of OCPL's strategic plan for 2013-2016. This version of the draft plan, which incorporates feedback from elected officials, is scheduled to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the September 12 work session.

Check the library's website for strategic plan updates at www.orangecountync.gov/library/deeroots.asp

FOCPL FALL 2013 BOOK SALE DATES

Friday, October 4th to
Sunday, October 6th. Also,
there will be an invitation-
only sneak peek held on
Thursday, October 3rd.



Above: Kevin Delaney, Library Assistant of the Circulation Department, retires after 18 years of service at the Orange County Public Library.

Kevin Delaney retires from OCPL

by Steve Lorenz, Circulation Supervisor

Kevin Delaney, 18-year veteran of OCPL, retired at the end of August. Always ready with a hearty laugh or a good children's book recommendation, he will be sorely missed by staff and OCPL customers alike.

In one of our last Wednesday nights working together on the Circulation Desk, we had this brief chat. In between his reminiscences, he entertained a couple of

patrons with a few bars of a Hoagy Carmichael favorite.

Steve Lorenz (SL): Tell us some of the tasks you have done in your tenure at OCPL. What was your favorite of all the things you did?

Kevin Delaney (KD): When I first came to the library I came as a temp and I worked in periodicals. I worked in mail delivery. And of course, I worked on the circulation desk. It was very eclectic. I got a sense of all the different jobs.

Then I applied for the bookmobile position and I got it. It was a fairly old bus, probably 15 years old. That was a lot of fun. I had a specific project that dovetailed really well into what I did when I was a visiting

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New employees at the Library

Library Assistant Elizabeth Allen started in April. Elizabeth was previously a non-permanent employee and worked at UNC. She works with Jess Arnold on programs for adults and teens.

Library Assistant Nancy Crews began work in January. Nancy was previously with Alamance County Libraries. She serves as Assistant Supervisor in Circulation.

Library Assistant Helen Jones joined the full-time staff in March. Helen was previously a non-permanent employee for two years. She works in circulation and manages the lost and found.

Librarian Erin Sapienza began work in June. Erin was previously with Alamance County Libraries and has worked in public,

academic, and special libraries. She lives in Hillsborough and serves as the Head of the Carrboro Branches.

Communications Specialist Erin Hills Shepherd started in February. Erin is a long-time library supporter with the Friends and now works to market and communicate the library's purpose, services and overall brand.

Librarian Debbie Shreve joined us in April. Debbie comes to us from Wake County Public Libraries. She is Head of Youth Services and incoming Youth Services Section chair with the North Carolina Library Association.

Librarian Maureen Socha began work in May. Maureen comes to us from Lee County Public Library and works primarily with Adult Fiction and Large Print collection development.

Library Assistant Sam Thorne started in January. Sam oversees the Cybrary on a day-to-day basis and also works at the Carrboro Branch. She serves as back-up to the branch manager.

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NEW MAIN LIBRARY HOURS

- ⇒ Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.;
- ⇒ Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and
- ⇒ Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

NEW DVD CHECKOUT POLICY

- ⇒ Checkout up to 5 DVDs.
- ⇒ Borrow up to 7 days

KEVIN DELANEY RETIRES

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artist. I served a lot of different age groups and a wide range of patrons. In a sense I was in charge of a small branch. Then the bookmobile was discontinued because they thought most everyone had transportation to get to the library.

Then I drove a little van called the Treasure Chest and I focused on daycares. We had established treasure boxes or theme boxes for daycares. Instead of them coming to us, we would go out to them. That was a lot of fun. The daycare patron group is very satisfying to work with. They're very appreciative. I also made about 10 different treasure boxes myself: Sun and Stars, Healthy Eating, and some others. This gave me a chance to look at a lot of different children's literature. I also had a chance to read to the kids and play music. That was very, very satisfying. I got to know children's books better and I still enjoy that immensely. We had this little van and it said Treasure Chest on the side. Budgetary reasons

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-Kevin Delaney

were behind phasing out the service.

After that, I went into Circulation. Once again, I got acquainted with a wide variety of people. But I also got to work as part of a team, which has been a lot of fun. As was checking in, checking out, and shelving, because I got to see the great richness of our collection.

I was very fortunate to be able to do something like that, for like 14 or 15 years. Every year that I stayed here, I got to appreciate more what the public library does.

And I take an immense pride and satisfaction in being part of that.

SL: What is your fondest memory of working at the Orange County Public Library?

KD: One of my very favorite things was the chance to work with such a professional, rich and diverse, and fun-loving staff. It was a great honor.

SL: Can you tell us how you'll be spending your retirement?

KD: Oh, I'm not even sure about that. I'm exploring possibilities of volunteering, exercise, traveling, maybe taking some courses. Sort of a combination of those.

A look at what's happening at the library

by **Erin Hils Shepherd,**
Communications Specialist

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Greetings from Orange County Public Library.

OCPL has been a part of the Orange County community since 1910, when citizens organized a library association in Hillsborough. In the ensuing century, OCPL has operated under various names and resided in several different buildings. But, in that time, the spirit of the library's mission has remained unchanged: OCPL exists to meet the reading enjoyment and educational information needs of Orange County residents through books and other materials.

We are excited to begin this new column in the News of Orange. Every other week, At the Library will feature:

- Library news and goings-on;
- Upcoming programs for children, teens

and adults;

- Highlights of the many services available at OCPL;
- Book and movie recommendations;
- Free resources;
- A "How to Use the Library If You Are..." series;
- And more.

We encourage you to visit one (or more) of the three OCPL locations in Orange County:

- OCPL Main Library, 137 W. Margaret Lane in downtown Hillsborough; all spaces in the parking deck behind the library are free;
- OCPL Carrboro Branch Library, 900 Old Fayetteville Road in Chapel Hill, which is located inside McDougle Middle School; and
- OCPL Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. in Carrboro, which is located inside the Carrboro Century Center.

Be sure to also visit OCPL online at www.orangecountync.gov/library.

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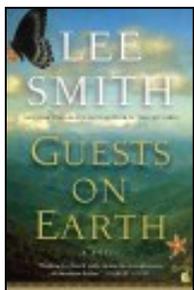
Coming up this fall in Adult and Teen Services...

by Jess Arnold, Teen & Adult Programming Coordinator

Here's a peek at what's coming up at the library as we look forward to fall!

For Adults:

On Friday, October 25th at 5:30pm the Main Library will host award-winning author and Hillsborough local, Lee Smith. Lee's new book,



Guests on Earth will be published in October by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. FOCPL is helping

to make this event possible by cosponsoring the evening, and our neighborhood bookstore, Purple Crow Books, will be

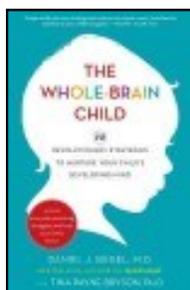
on hand with copies available for purchase.

Are you a writer intrigued by eBooks and considering self-publishing? Drop in to local author James Maxey's eBook Self-Publishing for Writers class on Saturday, September 21st at 10:30am to learn more about the process, the perils and the promise of publishing your work electronically.

For Parents:

Aimee Vandemark will lead a series of discussion groups for parents based on *The Whole-Brain Child* by Dr. Daniel J. Siegel. Aimee is a licensed clinical social worker, and hopes that this discussion group can become the foundation of a parenting community in our area. The first session will

take place on Wednesday, September 18th. Check the



library's events calendar for future dates and times. To find out more about Aimee, visit <http://www.aimeevandemarklcsw.com>. You can find information about *The Whole-Brain Child* by searching the library's catalog.

For Teens:

October 13-19th is Teen Read Week 2013, and the Library is partnering with the Orange County Historical Museum to present a two-day afterschool workshop (October 16th and 17th) to introduce teens and tweens to the art of creating handmade books. Participants will make a book to take home, and Brandie Fields, Museum Director, will also share a

historical perspective on journals – the blogs of yesteryear!

Our Community:

The Central Orange Senior Center will host library staff in September and October as they introduce our senior community to library services and online resources like Ancestry.com. Now that the Main Library and the Senior Center are on Hillsborough's Circulator Bus route, we hope to encourage seniors to take advantage of all that the library has to offer – for free!

To find more events and programs coming up at the library for Adults, Teens and Youth, visit the library's website at www.orangecountync.gov/library!

Youth Services gearing up for fall programming

by Debbie, Mary, and Kim, Youth Services

It was a busy summer at the library!

We are happy to announce that more than 800 children registered for the "2013 Dig into Reading" Summer Program. Thanks to the Friends' generous donations, children who participated were able to choose from a variety of reading incentive prizes. More than 100 children opted out of prizes and choose to donate a book as part of our "Read to Give" program. These books were donated to the Ronald McDonald House and OCIM

(Orange Congregations in Mission).

In addition to reading incentives, we offered 26 programs to more than 1,650 attendees. Some highlights included theater and music performances, magic shows, live owls and snakes, LEGOs and a brand new program for tweens on app design.

Fall programming begins September 10 and we have made a few adjustments to our schedule based on community feedback.

Please visit the library or the Youth Services webpage (<http://www.orangecountync.gov/library/youthservices.asp>) for the full programming schedule.

Beginning this fall, we are excited to enhance story times by using principles from the national Every Child Ready to Read reading initiative. ECRR uses simple practices such as talking, reading, writing and playing to enable parents to assist in the development of early literacy skills in young children between the ages of birth and five. Library staff will share information

about ECRR with parents and model the practices in story times.

We are also excited about attending the North Carolina Library Association conference in October where several library staff members will be presenting on various topics. Kim and Mary from Youth Services will present on Common Core Standards, while Debbie (Youth Services) and Anne (Adult and Teen Services) will be part of a panel discussion sharing insight from last year's NCLA Leadership Institute.

We look forward to seeing you at the library this fall!

We have a winner!



Above: Eligah Ferguson won one of the two Kindle Fires donated by FOCPL to the library's summer reading program. The other Kindle Fire eReader went to Julie Stickel, the winner of the Adult Summer Reading Grand Prize. Both of them participated in the summer reading program, submitting reviews of books they read. This gained them entry into the drawings for the prizes. Congratulations!



Main Library
Friday, Sep 20, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

All ages and whole families welcome.
Come play with us!
Xbox 360 - Kinect - Wii - Board Games - Cards

Back to school resources available through the library

by **Kim Sholar, Reference Librarian, Adult & Teen Services**

Are you a student who needs help with assignments? Are you a life-long learner, needing help with your continuing education? Do you need help with employment? If so, let the library help with our online services designed to give you the tools you need to succeed in school or life. Links to the following online services can be found on the library's Online Resources Page at <http://orangecountync.gov/library/onlineresources.asp>

Tutor.com provides library card holders online access to professional tutors and vetted academic resources.

Live tutors are available from 2 p.m.

until midnight. K-12 students can receive one-on-one tutoring with their homework in subject areas such as algebra, chemistry, and standardized test prep just to name a few. College students and adult learners can receive one-on-one help with GED prep, going back to school, citizenship tests, as well as help with résumés and cover letters.

Tutor.com also gives you 24/7 access to thousands of resources, including study guides, worksheets, videos, and more. You can get math resources from Brightstorm.com and Khan Academy. You will also find résumé tips and guidelines from Career Solvers.

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move? Connect to **Tutor.com To Go™**, a free mobile companion for **Tutor.com** to use on your iPad, iPhone & iPod Touch. Use your mobile device for live one-on-one help, review past sessions, or store documents or photos in your Tutor.com Locker.

Are you interested in how people live in other parts of the world, or do you need help with a school assignment about world culture? Use your library card to log in to **CultureGrams**, an online resource that provides concise, reliable and up-to-date cultural information on more than 200 countries, in addition to the United States and all 13 Canadian provinces and territories. This service goes beyond mere facts and figures to deliver an insider's

perspective on daily life and culture, including the history, customs, and lifestyles of the world's people. Exclusive online features include video clips and slideshows, a worldwide photo gallery, interviews with adults and children, and a unique recipe collection with five local recipes for each country. You can also create data tables and charts enabling you to put dozens of facts into perspective.

CultureGrams features an easy point-and-click interface that allows users to browse the world via an interactive map. You can select a region or browse an alphabetical listing to access country information.

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HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY

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COMING UP

Orange County Public Library is pleased to announce new service improvements beginning July 1.

The OCPL Main Library will offer expanded hours starting Monday, July 1. The library will open one hour earlier on Fridays and

express checkout stations for customers to use? You can do it yourself at the library when it comes to checking out your materials. Two express checkout stations are located on the first floor, and a third is located on the second floor.

More than 60 percent of all checkouts are being completed through express checkout, and library customers report very high satisfaction rates

Support the Library: Pavers Sale Now Underway!

When the OCPL Main Library opened on West Margaret Lane in 2010, FOCPL held two popular brick paver sales. The sales served a dual purpose: to raise money to enhance the library's services and programs, and to provide a distinctive design element to the library's entrance walkway.

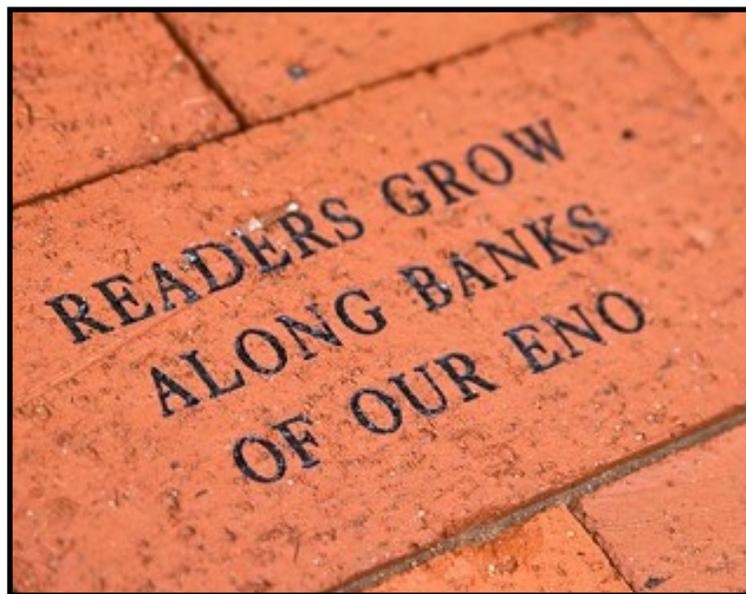
Want to help 'pave the way' for the OCPL Main Library's continued success? Pavers are now available again thanks to the continued interest from the community.

Individuals, businesses, religious organizations, and civic/community groups can

purchase 4" x 8" personalized brick pavers which match the color and composition of the bricks on the building's exterior. Each paver can accommodate up to three lines with 14 characters and spaces on each line.

Pavers are \$100 each and are tax deductible as allowed by law. Orders must be placed by Friday, November 1, 2013. The pavers will be installed in the first quarter of 2014 as weather permits.

Please visit www.orangecountync.gov/library/pavers.asp for more information and to place your order. Order forms are also available at the Main Library.



Above: An example of the pavers FOCPL place along the front door entrance.

More than 60 percent of all checkouts are being completed through express checkout.

Saturdays and add two hours of service on Sunday. The new operating hours are:

- Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.;
- Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and
- Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

The library DVD collection is very popular, and new titles are being added regularly. Starting July 1, DVDs can be borrowed for seven days. Customers will also be able to checkout up to five DVDs at a time.

EXPRESS LANE

Did you know the main library now has three

with this new service.

LIBRARY USAGE UP

Orange County Public Library customers are using the library now more than ever. With free books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, e-books and more, there is something for everyone at OCPL.

In the past year, customers borrowed library materials more than 400,000 times—a record figure. This represents a 100 percent increase in library borrowing in just the last four years.

If you haven't been by lately, come by and visit your Orange County Public Library.

Erin Hills Shepherd is the communications specialist for the Orange County Public Library.

Books needed for Ongoing Book Sale

Everyone knows about our twice-yearly book sale but did you know we also sell books year-round to help support our library? When you enter the library, turn right and go to the far section of shelves. There you'll find a nice selection of

mostly current books. These are not worn out paperbacks, but recent popular selection that can be purchased for a fraction of what they would cost new. This ongoing book sale is one of the four* ways we raise funds, and

right now, books are needed to keep it going. If you have books to donate that were published in the last five years and are in good condition, please bring them to the Library Circulation Desk. Both adult fiction and non-fiction are appreciated. Thanks for

supporting this Friends activity that provides inexpensive current reading materials for our community.

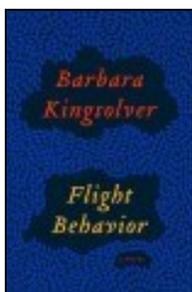
*Memberships, spring and fall book sales, and profits from co-sponsored programs are the other three ways we raise money for the library.

What the book club will be reading

by Sara Levinson, FOCPL Newsletter Chair

The Book Club of the Orange County Public Library meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the meeting room of the library. No registration is required, and everyone is welcome.

For the October 8th meeting, the club will be reading *Flight Behavior* by



Barbara Kingsolver. Her website says, "The novel is a heady exploration of climate change,

along with media exploitation and political opportunism that lie at the root of what may be our most urgent modern dilemma. Set in Appalachia ... its suspenseful narrative traces the unforeseen impact of global concerns on the ordinary citizens of a rural community". According to the member who recommended the book,

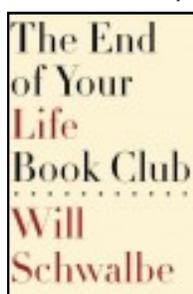
"That is a dry way of saying that this is a lovely story about all of the different needs and desires of a small rural community when the Monarch butterflies settle in the woods and disrupt everything."

On November 12 we will be reading *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe. Two of our readers recommended this book, one of them stating, "Contrary to expectation, this book is not at all depressing, on the contrary.

I haven't even gotten half through, but am hooked."

As Mia Lipman in Amazon Best Books

of the Month, October 2012 says: "Tissues at the ready, I braced myself for *The End of Your Life Book Club*, Will Schwalbe's memoir of his mother's death from pancreatic cancer. But Mary



Anne Schwalbe is such a fierce, unsentimental heroine--and her son such a frank and funny storyteller--that what could have been an emotional roller coaster turns out to be a beautifully paced ride. Mary Anne loves a good book as ardently as she loves her kids and her causes, chief among them a campaign to build a library in Afghanistan. When her health starts to fail, Will joins her for hospital appointments. They wait, they talk, and they read together--everything they've ever wanted to discuss. As much an homage to literature as to the mother who shared it with him, Will's chronicle of this heartrending time opens up his captivating family to the rest of us. We should all be so lucky as to read along with the Schwalbes."

(Book cover images come from the Orange County Public Library online catalog)

eBook
Publishing for
Writers with
James Maxey

Main Library
Saturday, Sep. 21,
10:30 am

With ebook self-publishing platforms like Kindle Direct Publishing, Nook Press, and Kobo Writing Life, making your book available to readers world wide has never been easier.

Writers today have greater creative freedom, more control over publishing schedules, and fairer royalties than ever before; unfortunately, the explosive growth of self publishing also means that great books can drown in the flood of new material.

Author James Maxey will discuss the pros and cons of ebook self-publishing, and give hands on demonstrations of the most helpful tools for ebook creation.

STUDENT RESOURCES

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Through the library, you have access to each of **CultureGrams** online editions:

- World Edition contains primary-source reports on 208 countries and territories, each focusing on 25 cultural categories, including language, personal appearance, greetings, visiting, family, life cycle, and more.
- States and Provinces Editions feature colorful, easy to-read reports oriented

towards young users. Each describes the diversity and history of every U.S. state, the District of Columbia, and all 13 provinces of Canada. Each report includes maps, flags, and symbols, as well as sections on history, economy, geography, population, Native Americans, and recipes.

- Kids Edition teaches upper-elementary- and middle school-age children more about the world around them. All the reports contain images, and historical timelines, along with sections on history,

population, "life as a kid," games and sports, education, and more.

Once you've studied different parts of the world, you can use **Transparent Languages** to help you speak the languages of the world. **Transparent Language** is a fun, effective, and engaging language learning program available for free to all library patrons at home or in the library. **Transparent Language** provides online access to interactive lessons in pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing, and vocabulary building for over 80 languages. You can even

take **Transparent Language** Online learning "on the go" with your Apple iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, or Android-powered device by downloading the free iOS or Android App, Byki Community Edition from the App Store or Android Market.

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