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At the Library: Discover the branches of the Orange library

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While this column often covers the news and events at the Orange County Public Library Main Library, OCPL also serves southern Orange County with two branches: the OCPL Carrboro Branch Library and the OCPL Cybrary. Let's learn a little more about these branches and what they offer.

The OCPL Carrboro Branch Library is located inside McDougle Middle School, 900 Old Fayetteville Road in Chapel Hill. Its broad collection for adults and children includes books, audiobooks, DVDs, newspapers and magazines. In addition, the Carrboro Branch offers computers and printing access, ample quiet study space and a book club as well as a children's story time on Saturday mornings.

The Carrboro Branch also has a rich history of supporting art and showing the works of local artists. Through a dedicated volunteer art program group and with support from the Friends of the Carrboro Branch Library and the Orange County Arts Commission, the branch curates four gallery shows each year. Since 1995, the library has displayed the works of 1,650 local artists.

Its hours are:

- 3:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; and
- 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Got questions? Call the Carrboro Branch Library at 919-969-3006.

The OCPL Cybrary is located in The Century Center in downtown Carrboro at 100 N. Greensboro St. The Cybrary primarily provides computer and printer access along with a small but current collection of materials for adults including books, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers. As an added convenience to customers, items from the OCPL Main Library can be requested from, picked up and returned to the Cybrary.

The Cybrary also hosts free, introductory-level computer classes many Saturday mornings on topics like Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, using the internet and email, resume writing, and online job searching. For more information on these classes, go to www.lib.unc.edu/cws.

Its hours are:

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; and
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Got questions? Phone the Cybrary at 919-918-7387.

OCPL and elected officials are currently exploring options for the creation of a Southern Branch Library. This library would replace the Carrboro Branch and Cybrary and offer convenient hours, excellent materials and programs, public computers and wireless internet.

Information on both branches is available online at www.orangecountync.gov/library.

Family fabric art workshop at OCPL Carrboro Branch

Professional textile artist Ali Givens will lead a Family Fabric Art Workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. Participants will cut and paste fabric onto canvas to create an original image in this free workshop open to families and individuals ages 7 and older.

Participation is limited to 20 people, so please call the OCPL Carrboro Branch Library at 919-969-3006 to register in advance. All supplies will be provided.

Friends of the Library fall book sale and paver fundraiser

The Friends of the Library are busy this month. In addition to offering brick pavers through Nov. 1, the Friends are hosting their popular fall book sale this week.

Looking for a great deal? This is the place to find it! Hardback books and DVDs are just \$1, while paperbacks and children's books are 50 cents each Friday through Sunday. Book sale hours are:

- 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4; these hours are for Friends only, but memberships are available at the door;
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5; and
- 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6; fill a bag of books for just \$4.

Friends of the Library memberships are available at the door throughout the sale.

While at the sale, consider supporting OCPL by purchasing a personalized paver. Pavers are a lasting way to honor a loved one, remember a pet, celebrate a life event, or represent your business, church or other community organization.

The pavers will be installed in the front walkway of the OCPL Main Library, and funds raised will enhance library services, programs and collections. Go to www.orangecountync.gov/library/pavers.asp for more information or to place an online order.

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