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At the Library: Library welcomes all for holiday open house

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The OCPL Main Library invites the public to a holiday open house at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

The library will be decked out for the season through the creative efforts of the Hillsborough Garden Club along with artwork from Orange High School students and photos from Orange County Animal Services Home for the Holidays photo exhibit.

Wrap presents away from prying eye at the free wrapping station and enjoy holiday treats, too.

At 6 p.m., musical guest and library celebrity Mr. Kevin Delaney will present a selection of songs for the season.

Immediately following the live music at 6:30 p.m. is “The Storyteller’s Gift,” featuring five local authors. Anne Clinard Barnhill, Natania Barron, Barbara Davis, James Maxey and Barbara Claypole White will each present an original work and join in a discussion of the importance of books and stories as gifts throughout the year.

We invite you to come explore your library throughout this holiday season: find décor and recipe inspiration in our selection of magazines, take home a holiday movie or album, and find the right tale for a winter’s evening for any age. As always, the library offers these special events, services and materials to the Orange County community free of charge.

Pavers: a unique holiday present

This holiday season, consider giving the meaningful and special gift of a personalized paver. Not only is a brick paver a unique present, it’s a lasting way to honor a loved one, remember a pet, celebrate a life event, represent your business/church/community organization, and more!

The Friends of the Library’s paver sale runs through Friday, Dec. 20. Please help the Friends reach their goal of selling 100 brick pavers to support OCPL’s services, programs and collections.

The pavers will be installed in the front walkway of the OCPL Main Library in Spring 2014. For more information or to place an order, please visit www.orangecountync.gov/library/pavers.asp. Order forms are also available at the library.

Resume review service for job seekers

An impressive resume makes a job application more appealing. The OCPL Main Library now offers free resume review services every other Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. to enhance your odds of landing an interview.

Volunteers help with tips for improving format, spelling, grammar, and effective language. Don’t have a resume yet? We’ll even help you get started.

The next session will be Dec. 22. All sessions are first-come, first-served and held in the Group Study Room on the library's second floor.

In addition to this service, the library continues to offer free public computer and wi-fi access, low-cost black and white printing services, and free weekly computer classes. Future resume review dates will be posted on the library's event calendar at: <http://applibrary.orangecountync.gov/iii/calendar/month>.

Share your opinion

The library recently launched two new customer input initiatives: a feedback form and a monthly 10-second survey.

What do you think we are we doing well at OCPL? What can be improved? Please share your feedback with us online at www.orangecountync.gov/library/feedbackform.asp. Feedback forms are also available at each of the three OCPL locations.

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- Main Library, 137 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough;
- Carrboro Branch Library, 900 Old Fayetteville Rd. in Chapel Hill (inside McDougle Middle School);
- Cybrary, 100 N. Greensboro St. in Carrboro (inside The Century Center); and
- www.orangecountync.gov/library.

The monthly 10-second surveys cover a different topic each month and help staff evaluate library programs and services. Please weigh in on December's survey about computer classes at www.orangecountync.gov/library/10secondsurvey.asp.

