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At the Library: A successful summer reading kick-off

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The sounds of music and children's laughter echoed from the Orange County Public Library parking lot on West Margaret Lane.

A button-making machine clicked as kids made their own pin-on creations. Plastic chips clacked as they descended down a colorful Plinko board. Kids fashioned miniature catapults from Popsicle sticks and then squealed with delight as they launched marshmallows into buckets.

These activities, and more, were part of the library's first-ever summer reading kick-off celebration held Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More than 350 attendees visited the white tents set up outside the library to take part in craft activities, have their faces painted, be entertained by the Orange Community Players, hear the Starlite String Band and Judy Woodall perform, purchase books from the Friends of the Orange County Public Library—and of course sign up for the summer reading program.

Inside the library, magician Amazing Steve put on an enthralling show for a capacity crowd of 150. Others simply enjoyed the air conditioning and checked out books, movies, audiobooks and more.

Summer reading runs through July 31 and features events, activities and prizes for kids, teens and adults. Summer reading events are held at both the Main Library and Carrboro Branch locations.

Complete information on summer reading is available at www.orangecountync.gov/library/summerreading2014.asp or by calling the Main Library at 919-245-2525 or the Carrboro Branch at 919-969-3006.

And see photos from the celebration at www.facebook.com/ocnclibrary.

Congratulations to Susan Baker and Shayla Glynn. They are the first winners of the adult and teen summer reading weekly prize giveaways.

To be entered into the weekly drawings, just visit the main library and complete a quick entry form for each book you've read. A variety of prize books are available.

Library card and kindle fees reduced

The library has eliminated or reduced of three library customer fees. The new fees take effect July 1.

Out-of-county library card fee: Residents of Alamance, Chatham and Durham counties can now get an Orange County Public Library card for free. Previously, residents of these counties paid an annual \$25 fee for a card. Library cards are, and continue to be, free to Orange, Caswell and Person county residents.

Kindle Fees: Kindle e-reader fees have also changed. The daily Kindle overdue fine is now just \$1 a day, down from \$5 daily. The Kindle replacement fee has been reduced from \$390 to \$150.

The Main Library is at 137 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough. Free parking is available in the Eno River Parking Deck. The Carrboro Branch is located inside McDougle Middle School at 900 Old Fayetteville Road.