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At the Library: Library offers services to supplement those at main branch

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The OCPL Carrboro Branch Library is located inside McDougle Middle School at 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, a book club and a children's storytime 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.

In fact, there was a reception for the current exhibit, "Our Identity," on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. The ceramics exhibit features the work of Chapel Hill High School seniors in two and three dimensions.

The OCPL Cybrary is located in The Century Center in downtown Carrboro, 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 <http://www.lib.unc.edu/cws>.

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.

Orange County Public Library serves the community from three locations. The Main Library at 137 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough is open seven days a week and can be reached at 919-245-2525. The Carrboro Branch Library inside McDougle Middle School, 900 Old Fayetteville Road in Chapel Hill, and the Cybrary inside The Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro St. in Carrboro, offer complementary hours to serve southern Orange County. Call the Carrboro Branch at 919-969-3006 and the Cybrary at 919-918-7387.