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ORANGE COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY OFFERS COMMON CORE LITERACY BAGS

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (January 28, 2013)—The Orange County Main Library is now offering literacy bags that support the Common Core Standards.

Common Core State Standards, now used in all Orange County and Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools, set clear educational standards in English language arts and math for students in Kindergarten through high school.

These standards describe what students should know in each grade and are designed to prepare students with the knowledge and skills expected in college and the global workforce. Teachers and school administrators lead the implementation of the Common Core. These new standards ensure that all students get a consistent education, even if they move to a new school anywhere in the United States.

Each of the New Common Core Literacy Bags contains 10 carefully chosen books on a theme. These bags of books are designed to support informational text, enhance exposure to literary nonfiction and vocabulary, and make cross curriculum connections.

New Common Core Literacy Bag themes include, but are not limited to: Maps, Rocks and Minerals, Time and Money, Skeletal and Muscular System, Magnetism and Electricity, and Ecosystems.

The Library offers 90 literacy bags, including bilingual bags with books in English and Spanish.

A complete list of the Literacy Bag themes, along with a title list of the books each bag contains, is available at the Children's Services Desk.

For more information, please call 919.245.2532 or visit <http://www.orangecountync.gov/library/literacybags.asp>

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