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ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY INTRODUCES 'DIG INTO READING'

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (May 17, 2013)—The Orange County Public Library (OCPL) invites youth, teens and adults to participate in the “Dig Into Reading” summer reading program in Hillsborough and Carrboro. Registration begins on Saturday, June 1 and programs will continue through the end of July.

With a large selection of books and e-books, as well as performances, programs and prizes, the summer reading program offers something for everyone. The only requirement to participate is a current Orange County Public Library (OCPL) card, which is free to Orange County residents.

Summer reading is not complete without great prizes and OCPL is offering a variety of prizes this year. Children can earn bookmarks, stickers and small prizes. Teens and adults can enter drawings for books, gift certificates and the chance to win one of two Kindle Fire e-reader tablets, donated by the Friends of the Orange County Public Library.

Read more about OCPL’s summer reading program at <http://www.orangecountync.gov/library/summerreading2013.asp> or review the library’s complete calendar of events at <http://bit.ly/ocplevents>

For youth (ages 1 - 11):

The summer reading program kicks off at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, at the Main Library located at 137 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough. Local author and Piedmont Laureate John Claude Bemis will lead a conversation with four of the Triangle's most exciting children's book writers: Clay Carmichael, Frances O'Roark Dowell, Kelly Starling Lyons, and Cate Tiernan. The authors will share stories about why they became writers, what books have inspired them and they will share advice for writers.

“Dig Into Reading” youth participants are invited to attend age-appropriate programs and performances on a first-come, first-served basis. This includes story times, LEGO programs, live animal programs, magic shows, a puppet show, a theater performance, and a musical performance!

Children who join the summer reading club can keep a record of the books they read during the summer, and bring their reading record to the library each week to receive prizes. In lieu of receiving prizes, children can also submit “Book Bucks” and choose a book to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House or Orange Congregations in Mission Samaritan Relief program. All children who read to give a book will have their name and “Book Buck” posted on a special scroll in the Orange County Main Library.

For teens (ages 12 - 18):

From crafts, to gaming, to movies, there are lots of summer activities for teens to “dig into” at OCPL.

Among the planned programs, teens are invited to get their hands dirty at two *Crafts That Rock* events. Message stones will be made out of cement on June 19, at 3:00 p.m. and jewelry-making from found rocks will take place on July 24, at 3:00 p.m.

The ever-popular Teen Game Day returns July 19, at 3:00 p.m., with a Wii, Xbox, 360 Kinect, board games, cards, and more.

And the Teen Book Club will meet at 6:00 p.m. on June 12 and July 10.

For adults (ages 18 and older):

Ever heard of geocaching? It’s a real-world treasure hunt that uses GPS coordinates to uncover hidden containers. With 50 geocaches located within three miles of the Main Library, come try this fun activity on June 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to go from garbage to garden in the *Get Started with Composting* workshop on June 18, at 6:00 p.m., then join *Edible Books*, a potluck book talk on June 26, at 6:00 p.m. where people will share dishes inspired by books.

Finally, is history one of your interests? Dig into North Carolina history with a talk on July 29, at 6:00 p.m. about the experiences of women and civilians in North Carolina during the Civil War.

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