



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (November 26, 2013)—Orange County Public Library (OCPL) is here to help its patrons prepare for and celebrate this holiday season with a wide variety of free activities, programs and services.

Throughout the month of December, visit the OCPL Main Library to **DO**, **GIVE** and **ENJOY**.

#### Things to Do

- Make a **custom photo holiday card** on Monday, Dec. 2, at 6:00 p.m.
- Celebrate Jewish heritage at the **Family Hanukkah Program** with stories, songs, dancing and games on Tues., Dec. 3, at 3:30 p.m.
- Meet local children's author **John Claude Bemis** at the **Friends of the Library Holiday Gathering** on Sat., Dec. 7, at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
- Listen to stories told by local authors at "**The Storyteller's Gift**" program: **Anne Clinard Barnhill, Natania Barron, Barbara Davis, James Maxey** and **Barbara Claypole White** will each present an original work and discuss the importance of books and stories as gifts on Thurs., Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wrap gifts away from prying eyes at the free **gift wrap station** starting Dec. 12.
- Take an imaginative, magical train ride on the **Arctic Express** as led by Conductor Steve. Families will learn about winter festivals around the world on Sat., Dec. 14, at 2:00 p.m.
- **Teens**: attend the "**Not-A-Holiday**" **Party** on Wed., Dec. 18, at 6:00 p.m. to fold origami, roll sushi and sing karaoke!

#### Things to Give

- Need a unique gift? Consider a personalized paver! The **Friends of the Library Paver Sale** runs through Friday, Dec. 20. The pavers will be installed in the front walkway of the OCPL Main Library and all monies raised support your library!  
[www.orangecountync.gov/library/pavers.asp](http://www.orangecountync.gov/library/pavers.asp)
- **Food and Toys for Fines**: Reduce or eliminate your library fines while making the season bright for fellow Orange County residents. Through Fri., Dec. 13, all OCPL locations are accepting non-perishable food item (including pet food) and toy donations in exchange for reduced library fines. Food items will be sent to **Orange Congregations in Mission** and toys will go to **Orange County Department of Social Services' Toy Chest**.
- Help OCPL build a video game collection this season **by donating new or gently used video games**. Bring your donations to the collection box by the Teen Room.
- Give back to the community by signing up to be a **2014 World Book Night book giver**. More info at [www.orangecountync.gov/library/wbn.asp](http://www.orangecountync.gov/library/wbn.asp).

## **Things to Enjoy**

- Attend the library's **Holiday Open House** on Thurs., Dec. 12, at 5:00 p.m. Library celebrity and recent retiree **Kevin Delaney** will present a selection of acoustic seasonal songs and holiday treats will be served. Youth Services will also host a holiday craft session from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the kids!
- Soak in the seasonal decorations adorning the library's walls. Thanks go to the creative efforts of the **Hillsborough Garden Club** and art students from **Orange High School**. And check out the stunning photographs from **Orange County Animal Services' Home for the Holidays** exhibit promoting adoption awareness.

Also in the month of December, the OCPL Main Library will host the following events:

**Darn Good Yarn Knitting and Crochet Group** - On Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m., come to knit, crochet a while, and enjoy the company of fellow yarn enthusiasts of **all ages**.

**Drop-In Resume Review** – A strong resume makes any job application better.

Volunteers are available to help you with tips for improving format, spelling, grammar and effectiveness. Don't have a resume yet? We'll help you get started! Sunday, Dec. 8 and 22, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Group Study Room on the second floor. All sessions are first-come, first-served.

**Computer Basics Classes** – Join us Mondays at 6:00 p.m. for these helpful computer classes in the Group Study Room. The library has 6 computers available for class participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Intro to Microsoft Excel on December 9** – Learn about the different parts of a spreadsheet and accompanying toolbars, how to insert and format columns and rows, sort data, perform math functions, create charts and graphs, and how to work with multiple sheets in the same Excel file.
- **Computing Basics on December 16** – This is an introduction to computers and the Internet. Learn how computers work, then head online to explore the World Wide Web. This class is for beginners – no previous computer experience is necessary.
- **Open Computer Lab on December 30** – Bring questions from earlier classes or your tech-related quandaries. Library staff will assist with troubled documents, confusing webmail, tangled spreadsheets, empty e-readers, and other puzzling technology.

**Evening Book Club** – All are welcome to participate in the monthly evening book club. This month, Fannie Flagg's *A Redbird Christmas* will be discussed and holiday treats will be served on Wednesday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m.

As always, OCPL offers all events, services and materials to the Orange County community free of charge.

More details about these events and other holiday happenings are available at [www.orangecountync.gov/library](http://www.orangecountync.gov/library). Visitors are always welcome!

The library is located at 137 W. Margaret Lane in downtown Hillsborough. Free parking is available in the Eno River Parking Deck behind the library.

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