

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY USHERS IN 2014 WITH HOST OF PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (January 3, 2014)—Ring in the new year by visiting the Orange County Public Library (OCPL) in the month of January and attending one of several programs, events and activities for all ages.

The following activities are all taking place at the OCPL Main Library located at 137 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough, unless otherwise noted.

Come explore, enjoy and engage at OCPL in 2014!

#### **Art at the Library**

OCPL is committed to supporting the arts in Orange County through the display of regular exhibitions of local artwork. Two exhibits debut this month in Hillsborough and Carrboro.

#### **“Life Is a Beautiful Thing – A Tribute to Sophie Steiner and Her Peers”**

Chapel Hill teen Sophie Steiner lost her courageous battle with cancer in September 2013. Various artists celebrate her life in this new exhibit that runs January 16 - March 31, at the OCPL Carrboro Branch (located in McDougle Middle School at 900 Old Fayetteville Road in Chapel Hill.) A reception will also be held on Saturday, January 26, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### **“Mike’s Art Truck” – A Folk Art Exhibit**

Folk art from various artists, as curated by Greg and Karen Mack of Mike’s Art Truck, will grace the walls at the OCPL Main Library from January 24 - March 24. The artwork will be available for sale.

#### **For Kids and Teens**

##### **Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 6:00 p.m.**

The Orange County Public Library’s Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is made up of teen volunteers (ages 13 - 18) who are interested in being a part of the library’s programs and services aimed at a middle- and high-school aged audience.

To learn more about TAB, please visit [www.orangecountync.gov/library/TAB.asp](http://www.orangecountync.gov/library/TAB.asp)

##### **Game Day: Wednesday, January 15, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Get your game on! Bring your friends and come meet new ones as participants play on the Wii, Xbox Kinect and laptops. Try out a board game or card game, too! All ages are welcome; kids younger than 10-year-old need an adult present.

**Family Movie: Tuesday, January 21, 1:00 p.m.**

With Orange County Schools closed for the day, come to the library to spend a winter's afternoon watching a movie together! We'll show *Khumba*, an animated movie about a zebra who teams up with a sassy wildebeest and a flamboyant ostrich and sets out on a daring mission across the Karoo desert to find the legendary waterhole where the first zebras got their stripes.

**Teens Make: Wednesday, January 22, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

Make, build, or create something new every month. For ages 13-18. This month's project: DIY Shrinky-Dink gear!

**Teens Talk Books: Wed., Jan. 22, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

This is not your grandma's book club. We won't tell you what to read - but we do want to know what YOU want to read! Come share what you've read and liked, or didn't like, and hear about the good, the bad and the ugly that other teens are reading. This month's theme: Unreliable Narrators. Find books that fit the theme at [www.ocplteens.blogspot.com](http://www.ocplteens.blogspot.com).

**Storytimes at OCPL Main Library**

- **\*NEW\* Baby Lapsit Storytime** – Mondays at 10 a.m. – 20 minute program with books, rhymes, music and movement for babies and their caregivers
- **Tiny Tots Storytime** – Tuesdays at 10 a.m. – 25 minute program for walkers to age 3 and their caregivers
- **Preschool Storytime** – Wednesdays at 10 a.m. – 30 minute program for children ages 3 - 5 and their caregivers
- **Kids Explore** – Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. – 45 minute program for children ages 5 -8 that promotes discovery of LEGOs, art, science, and literature.
- **Tweens Discover** – Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. – 45 minute program for tweens ages 9 - 12. (*Parents and younger siblings are encouraged to spend the Kids Explore and Tweens Discover programs outside of the programming room, enjoying the library*).
- **\*NEW\* "Stay and Play"** sessions after the Tuesday and Wednesday storytimes. To expand our commitment to *Every Child Ready to Read*, these free-play sessions are being offered with fun and educational toys, puppets and games to engage your child's early literacy learning and build social skills.

Saturday storytimes at the OCPL Carrboro Branch also return on January 11, at 10:30 a.m.

**Storytime at the OCPL Carrboro Branch: Sat., Jan. 11, 18 and 25, 10:30 a.m.**

Join our librarians for engaging stories and fun crafts on Saturday mornings. The OCPL Carrboro Branch is located inside McDougle Middle School at 900 Fayetteville Rd. in Chapel Hill.

**For Adults****Drop-In Resume Review: Sunday, January 5 and 19, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

A strong resume makes any job application better. Free drop-in resume review services are held every other Sunday with volunteers available to help you improve format, spelling, grammar, and effectiveness. Don't have a resume yet? We'll help you get started! Sessions are held in the Group Study Room on the second floor. All sessions are first-come first-served.

**Book Launch Party: Sunday, January 5, 4:00 p.m.**

Come celebrate the release of Barbara Claypole White's second novel, [The In-Between Hour](#). Books will be available for purchase (and signing!) at this event sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be served in the style of an English afternoon tea. [Find out more online](#).

**OCPL Main Library Computer Classes: Monday, January 6, 13 and 27, 6:00 p.m.**

Computer classes are free and open to everyone – no registration required. We'll meet in the large study room on the second floor. The library has six computers available for class participants on a first come-first served basis.

*January Schedule: 1/6 - Tablets and Apps; 1/13 - PowerPoint Basics; 1/27 - Open Lab & Questions*

**Darn Good Yarn: Wednesday, January 8, 6:00 p.m.**

Who doesn't like a darn good yarn? Come to knit, crochet a while and enjoy the company of fellow yarn enthusiasts of all ages.

**OCPL Cybrary Computer Classes: Saturday, January 11, 18 and 25, 10:00 a.m.**

Introductory computer classes presented in partnership with the UNC University Libraries. All classes are free and open to the public, but space is limited; please pre-register in person at the Cybrary (located inside The Century Center at 100 N. Greensboro Street in Carrboro) or by calling 919.918.7387. *January Schedule: 1/11 – Computer Basics; 1/18 – File Organization; 1/25 – Internet Basics.*

**Evening Book Club: Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.**

Join the club! The Evening Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month and meetings are open to all. This month's book is [The Way Through the Woods](#) by Colin Dexter.

**Make It Stick! An Evening with Wellness Coach Marit Weikel: Wednesday, January 29, 6:30 p.m.**

Barely holding on to your New Year's Resolution? Don't let 2014 be the year that happened to you. Make it the year that you made happen! Join health and wellness coach, Marit Weikel, for a lively presentation that will give you information and tools to understand what makes change difficult and how to navigate the obstacles in your way.

To view all events offered at OCPL, please visit [www.orangecountync.gov/library](http://www.orangecountync.gov/library)

For more information, please call Jessica Arnold for adult and teen events at 919.245.2537; Debbie Shreve for youth programs at 919.245.2531 or Erin Sapienza for Carrboro Branch activities at 919.969.3006.

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