



January 2023

A word from our Director

Greetings from the Orange County Public Library!

As I write this message just a couple of days before the solstice, headlines are warning of an arctic blast and debilitating cold and snow for much of the country. Winter is off to a bitter start. But although we can still observe the parade of the seasons in the natural world, the Earth's tilt away from the Sun does not inspire the same fears of scarcity and hardship as it did for our ancestors.



Nevertheless, winter does bring with it the sense of an ending, and many of us feel a compulsion to slacken our pace, rejuvenate, and express our gratitude with gifts and recognitions of achievement.

It is in that spirit that I would like to acknowledge and celebrate our library team who work so hard to support our community. Whether they are designing and hosting programs, providing reference assistance or book recommendations, maintaining collections, or collaborating with other county departments, they continue to do so with dedication and heart. Please join me in thanking them for their unwavering commitment to public service.

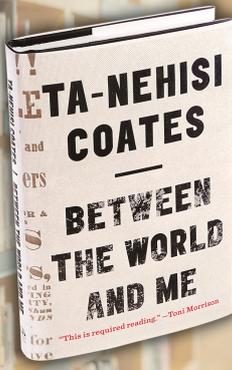
Our staff doesn't slow down despite the season, and we invite you to take advantage of a variety of library programs over the coming months. Check out our [events calendar](#) for more information. Of note, our hardy Main Library children's librarians, who have braved extreme temperatures for more than a year now while offering outdoor storytimes at the Eno River Farmers' Market Pavilion, will resume indoor storytimes at the library. Also stay tuned for February, when we will offer a series of programs celebrating Black History Month in partnership with the county's newly created [Office of Equity & Inclusion](#). If you don't like venturing out in the cold, we have programs and resources for you to take advantage of from home, including [virtual author events](#), [digital lending](#), and [research databases](#).

All of the work that we perform for the foreseeable future will be in pursuit of the goals outlined in our [2022-2027 Strategic Plan](#). Our plan was developed after an intensive, 10-month series of staff meetings, public engagement sessions, and stakeholder interviews. We believe that this plan captures our commitment to fostering community connections and creating a more equitable and inclusive culture, and we look forward to sharing our annual progress report with you in the coming months.

Finally, as I am fairly new in my role, I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself. I assumed the role of director in July after more than nine years with OCPL, during which time I have also worked as a branch manager, community librarian, and assistant director. Altogether, I have more than 14 years' worth of experience in libraries, including earlier stints at a local community college and in both children's and adult services at Alamance County Public Libraries. As an Orange County resident myself, I feel a personal connection to the growth and progress of our community, and I look forward to serving for many years to come.

Wishing you and yours a very Happy New Year,

Erin Sapienza



READ IT & REAP

Join our facilitator as we delve into a book discussion of a powerful story of a father's past and a son's future, *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

Light lunch served. Free and open to the public!
No registration required!

Tuesday, February 7 • 12-1:30pm
Orange County Public Library, 137 W. Margaret Ln., Hillsborough, NC




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Read it & Reap

The library is joining the Orange County Office of Equity & Inclusion to host a book discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*. Join us Tuesday, Feb. 7th from 12 to 1:30 pm. A light lunch will be served and the event is free and open to the public. No registration required.

Copies of the book, including large print and audio, may be checked out from the library. Online ebooks and audiobooks may be borrowed via the [Libby](#) app.



Storytime returns!

After a holiday break, weekly storytimes resume at the Main Library. Beginning January 9, we will have two weekly offerings:

Mondays at 11 a.m. - Babies and their caregivers are invited to participate in a 20-minute lapsit program that incorporates age-appropriate books, rhymes, music, and movement. A 30-minute Stay and Play follows storytime. Best for ages birth to walking!

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. - Children from walkers to age 5 and their caregivers are invited to participate in a 25-minute interactive program that incorporates age-appropriate books, rhymes, music, and movement. A 30-minute Stay and Play follows storytime.

Now that storytimes have moved back inside, we are asking everyone to **register** if they plan to attend. You may register online or by calling the library. Only one registration is needed per family or group.

[Register for Storytimes at Main](#)

Hora De Cuentos en el Cybrary Storytime in Spanish!

En el
Century Center

100 N. Greensboro St
Carrboro, NC

Para edades 0-4
ages 0-4

Sábado 21 de enero
Saturday, January 21
a las 10:30 AM



Spanish Storytime at the Cybrary

Sábado, 21 Enero. ¡Únase en Carrboro para escuchar cuentos, cantar, y jugar! Esta actividad está en el Century Center, en cuarto 2-3, desde las 10:30 hasta las 11 de mañana. Para familias con niños de 0-4 años.

Join Ms. Alexandra in Carrboro on Saturday, January 21, to listen to stories, sing, and play in Spanish! This event is in the Century Center, room 2-3, from 10:30 - 11am. For families with children ages 0-4.

[More information on our Library Calendar](#)



Seed Share

Share health, hope, and joy throughout our communities by planting pollinator-friendly wildflowers that are native or naturalized to our area. Seed packs with information and instructions will be available at the Main Library each month through May. This month's plant seeds are Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*), "Floristan White." While supply lasts.



It's a new year!

Teens and tweens are invited to drop in between 4 and 6 p.m. January 25 to work on a New Year's Inspiration Journal. Kick the new year off with purpose, inspiration, and vision; put your hopes and goals down on paper along with art, quotes, poems, and other things that inspire you to stay motivated all year. All the supplies will be provided, plus snacks! Parents are welcome to attend as well. No registration required.

Book Club News

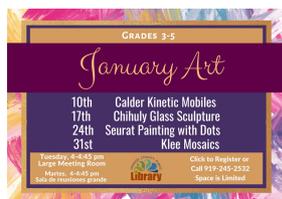
Mystery Lovers' Book Club

This new club meets the 3rd Friday of the month from 10-11a.m. at the Seymour Center in Chapel Hill. The book club is free and open to the public, no registration required. Call Maureen at 919.245.2535 or email msocha@orangecountync.gov if you have any questions. For our January 20 meeting, we will discuss [The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler](#).

4th Tuesday Book Club

This club meets on Zoom or in person at the Carrboro Cybrary in the Century Center to discuss a book selected by our Carrboro librarians. We'll be discussing [The Idiot by Elif Batuman](#) at our next meeting January 24 at 6:30 p.m., and copies are available at the Cybrary. Register [online](#) or call 919.918.7387. You will receive the Zoom link a few days before the discussion.

Learn more about OCPL book clubs.



Art in January

Nourish your budding artist with this series of art programs for 3rd-5th graders. Each Tuesday in January we'll explore a different artist and art form and try our hand at creating our own. Space is limited, so registration is required.

Register for January Art



Shinrin-yoku: The Japanese Art of Forest Bathing

Join ANFT Certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide Aimee Vandemark for a guided, experiential program that will deepen your relationship with and help you tune into the healing power of nature. Aimee will introduce you to the longstanding practice of Shinrin-yoku, literally translated to "Forest Bathing." Choose to join us Sunday 1/22 or for a special family program Wednesday 1/25.

Register for Shinrin-yoku



Mark your calendars:

- Jan. 11 [Cook the Book](#)
- Jan. 12 [Building Buddies](#)
- Jan. 12 [Not a Book Club](#)
- Jan. 18 [Medicare 101](#)
- Jan. 21 [Dig Deeper](#)
- Jan. 26 [Kids Explore](#)
- Jan. 28 [Cybrary Board Game & Puzzle Night](#)
- Jan. 29 [Online Poetry Workshop](#)

Visit our calendar

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Library Locations and Hours

Hillsborough, Main Library
137 W. Margaret Lane
Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sundays, Noon-6 p.m.

Carrboro, Cybrary
100 N. Greensboro Street
Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Closed Sundays

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