



August 2023

A word from our Director

Greetings from the library!

As we pass the midpoint of 2023, we have been reflecting on the progress we've made so far this year toward the goals outlined in our 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. Strategic planning is the process by which organizations plot their future and identify key focus areas for growth and advancement over the coming years. Our plan was developed under unforeseen circumstances during the Covid closures of 2020. However, we still went to great

lengths to develop a plan that reflected the feedback we received from library staff, partner agencies, and the public. Learn more and view our plan [here](#).



Outreach is a major focus of our plan, and to that end we have traveled widely across the county to engage with the community and deliver our services. Our partner agencies throughout the county have been especially invaluable in helping us fulfill this mission. Over recent months, we held a Juneteenth celebration at the library in collaboration with the Office of Equity and Inclusion, led an intergenerational storytime for children and seniors at the Passmore Center in partnership with the Department on Aging, and participated in two public resource fairs hosted by the Department of Social Services. Toward the southern end of the county, we co-hosted a Pride-themed event at the Carrboro Farmers' Market with the Chapel Hill Public Library in June.

Our plan also calls for us to invest in our staff. With this in mind, staff representatives from every division of the library have come together to form a Culture Club, which focuses on camaraderie and workplace wellbeing. Additionally, we have redoubled our efforts to support training and professional development, and so far this year staff members have attended large conferences in Asheville and Chicago. In March, we resumed quarterly staff development days. We thank you for your patience and understanding during these half-day closures, as these training opportunities allow us to focus on topics we view as vital to our role as public servants. In our two staff days so far this year, we received training from the Orange County Rape Crisis Center on spotting the warning signs of child abuse, and we became the first organization in Orange County to be certified as "Dementia Friendly" under the Department on Aging's new training rubric.

Looking ahead to the fall, we have some exciting new initiatives in the works. Very soon, we will be announcing plans for a collaborative effort with Orange County Transportation Services to begin a library delivery service for seniors, the homebound, and their caregivers. This has been a request from our community for some time now, and we are so excited to be making it a reality at last. We are also in the early stages of developing a sensory-friendly browsing program, which will welcome young people with sensory sensitivities to browse the library collections in the hour before we open to the public. We also hope this will provide a space for families to connect and share resources.

Finally, construction of the 203 S. Greensboro Project is well underway. The Town of Carrboro is publishing regular updates, which you can follow [here](#). This large, multi-use facility will house the Southern Branch Library. If construction remains on target, we're about a year away from our grand opening. In the meantime, don't forget that we already have our Cybrary branch location in downtown Carrboro, which might be small, but surely punches above its weight in providing services and resources to town residents.

Wishing you and your family a happy day to this summer season,

Erin Sapienza
Library Director



Creativity at the Library

August brings lots of fun opportunities this summer for stretching your creative muscles. First, rising middle and high schoolers are invited to give the summer a proper send-off and preserve favorite summer memories in this scrapbooking workshop! Bring your loose papers, old tickets, and photo printouts - we'll provide the rest. You can make a full-sized page (or several) to add to an existing scrapbook, or make a self-contained mini-booklet. Register online, in person at the Cybrary, or by calling 919.918.7387.

[Register for Summer Scrapbooking](#)



Sewing Together Again

Bring your sewing machine and your current project. Or use our space for cutting patterns or to enjoy the company of other sewists while you catch up on some stitching. We'll also have instructions for a simple



Getting Crafty

Join craft-minded people ages 16+ for this casual crafting time. Bring a project and hang out with fellow crafters while we all craft in one space. Create something new or

project. While it's not a class, this is an opportunity to work together and learn from each other. 1-4 p.m.
 .August 13

[Register for Sew Together](#)

bring a project you've already started. Limited supplies will be available for crafting use. 5:30-6:45 p.m. August 17

[Register for Crafty Hour](#)

YARN ART

- Coasters
- Friendship Bracelets
- Knitting
- Yarn Fonts & Hoops

3rd -5th Graders
Tuesdays in August
4:00-4:45

ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC
Library
 Register Online
 or
 Call 919-245-2532

Yarn Art for Kids

Children in 3rd -5th grades are invited to join us to learn Yarn Arts. The first week, children will learn to knit a bookmark or a scarf using a circular loom that they will make. In subsequent weeks, we'll learn to weave a coaster, make yarn and wire word art, and finally how to make friendship bracelets. Come to one week or all four! Tuesdays from 4-4:45 p.m.

[Register for Yarn Art](#)

Fun for K-2

KIDS EXPLORE
 FOR GRADES K-2

THURSDAYS 4-4:45PM, IN LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

- 8/3 | Notecard Tower Challenge
 - Explore building and working in teams
- 8/10 | Our Solar System
 - Explore the planets in our solar system
- 8/24 | Backpack Charms
 - Celebrate the new school year by sculpting clay backpack charms
- 8/31 | NO PROGRAM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Visit online Library Calendar or ask at Youth Services desk to sign up!

Kids Explore

Kids Explore activities this month will include a Notecard Tower Building Challenge, a look at the solar system, and sculpting clay backpack charms. Thursdays at 4 p.m. Registration required.

[Register for Kids Explore](#)

BUILDING BUDDIES
 Book + Building Club
 for K-2nd Grade

Love LEGOs?
 Love stories?

Become a Building Buddy!
 We will listen to stories, build with LEGOs from a surprise challenge, and talk about our creations with friends!

8/17 4-4:45pm, at Main Library

Register online or call, 919-245-2532

Building Buddies

Kids in Grades K-2 will listen to stories, build with LEGOs from a surprise challenge, and talk about our creations with friends. Thursday August 17 at 4 p.m. Registration required.

[Register for Building Buddies](#)

Stories for all

Join Natalia Torres del Valle, art therapist of Little House: Expressive Arts Therapy and Studio, for a Social-Emotional Storytime. We'll practice breathing, read a book, and create

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL STORYTIME!

Join **Natalia Torres**, art therapist, for Social-Emotional Storytime! We'll practice breathing, read a book, and create art together.

Saturday, August 19 10:30am
(Preschool-aged children)
Registration is required.
Register online or call 919.245.2532.
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Library Main Library Meeting Room
137 W. Margaret Ln, Hillsborough



art together! This program is designed for preschool-aged children. Siblings are welcome. August 19 at 10:30.

Register Social-Emotional Storytime

And don't miss our regular storytimes:

- **Baby Lapsit** for ages 0 to walking. Mondays at 11 a.m.
- **Storytime at the Library** for ages walking to age 5. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- **Cybrary Storytime** for ages 0-4. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- **¡Hora de Cuentos en el Cybrary!** (en español) for ages 0-4. 10:30 a.m. Aug. 19.



TAKE THE STATE'S FIRST DIGITAL EQUITY SURVEY

Help the state make plans to address accessibility and affordability of digital devices and the internet as well as digital skills for all North Carolinians



Scan the QR code or go to:
[GO.NCSU.EDU/DESURVEY](https://go.ncsu.edu/desurvey)



Help plan the future

Help the state make plans to address accessibility and affordability of digital devices and the internet as well as digital skills for all North Carolinians. Please take the state's first Digital Equity Survey to share feedback that will help inform the N.C. Digital Equity Plan and how federal funds will be used for digital equity programs.

Start the 10-minute survey

Art for You and Me



Artember PREP

July 24 - August 20

Join the Tiny Art Show
Pick up an art kit, paint something, & bring it back

Join the Teen Drawing Contest
Draw something on 8.5x11" paper and bring it back

Teens, Tweens & Adults

Your Art

Pick up an art kit from the Main Library in Hillsborough and paint an art piece for our Tiny Art Show in September. Or, participate in the Teen Drawing Contest to be judged by the Teen Advisory Board at the end of August.

Art in the Library

Staff Art Exhibition



Staff Art

During the month of August, stop by the Main Library to view artwork created by our library staff! Pieces include painting, photography, knitting, ceramics, sculpting, glass art, drawing, fabric pieces, poetry, and more.

ENO RIVER POETRY FESTIVAL

at Orange County Public Library in Hillsborough



Saturday
August 5
1 - 8pm

Diverse, Local Poets
Readings, Workshops, & Panels
Food, Neighbors, & Good Cheer
Free & Open to All Ages
For more information, visit the
library's event calendar.


Orange County Public Library
137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, NC
orangecountylibrary.org | 919-245-2525



Eno River Poetry Festival

Whether you are a seasoned lover of poetry or need an introduction to the wonders of poetics, please join us for the first Eno River Poetry Festival, hosted by Hillsborough poet Morrow Dowdle. Emerging and established poets and spoken word artists from around the Triangle will perform original work from 1-3:15 p.m. and 5:45-8 p.m. with a community open mic in between. Dinner will be available at the evening reading. This event is in-person only. No registration is required, and admission is FREE.



Summer Learning Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the Summer Learning Grand Prize Baskets!

Pre-K Winners

Case B.
Cosima P.
Iris W.

K-5 Winners

Alyson S.
Ella K.
Paul S.

Teen Winners

Noah
Camille



Mark your calendars:

Our youth programs will take a break August 28-September 15 to get ready for Fall 2023.

Also this month:

8/02 [Hillsborough Technology Class](#)

8/04 [Medicare 101](#)

8/06 [A Discussion with Gene Nichol](#)

8/10 [Not a Book Club](#)

8/12 [Indie RPGs: The Deep Forest](#)

8/18 [Page Turners Book Club](#)

8/22 [4th Tuesday Carrboro Book Club](#)

9/01 [Book Giving Tree Donation Project](#)

[Visit our calendar](#)

Orange County Public Library

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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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