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**One World,
Many Stories**



The 2011 Summer Reading Program

by Terry Rollins

The children of Washington and Beaufort County will travel the world this summer without leaving eastern North Carolina. They will explore faraway lands, meet colorful characters and broaden their horizons, yet never board a plane or ocean liner. The Brown Library will be their vehicle, as we present the 2011 Summer Reading Program.

This year's statewide collaborative theme is, "One World, Many Stories". Children, ages 3-12, are invited to sign up and participate in the six-week program, which begins June 24th and runs through August 5th. As in years past, participants will be rewarded with prizes for good reading, based upon the number of books or number of pages they read.

We are fortunate to have a slate of top-notch performers with us this year. From professional storytellers and musicians to environmental educators and a magician, children are in for some exciting summer shows. We'll even have an old scallywag pirate with us for Craft Day! Arr! In addition to live entertainment and reading, we will show children's movies one day a week based upon the summer's multicultural theme. See our schedule of events listed in this newsletter.

Sign-up begins June 1st at the library. Brochures are available, which detail the guidelines and schedule for the Summer Reading Program. I hope that your children, grandchildren and neighborhood kids will come out and enjoy the fun, as we celebrate, "One World, Many Stories"!

Mr. Terry Rollins is the children's librarian at Brown Library

Summer Reading Program
Sign Up starts June 1
Program runs June 24 - August 5

Reading for Prizes
at Brown Library



We are excited that you are choosing to make reading a part of your summer activities. There are a few rules and a time schedule to follow. Our Summer Reading Program is a read-to-me or a read-to-yourself program. All children ages 3 to 9 are encouraged to check out books from the Juvenile Easy section. Selections should be based upon your reading level. You will receive a prize when 10 books are read and recorded in your reading log.

Reading for Prizes must be completed by August 5, 2011.

Our 10 to 12 year old readers will continue to sharpen their skills by checking out Juvenile Fiction (chapter books) and Juvenile Nonfiction books, including Juvenile Biographies. Please note that no prizes will be awarded for Juvenile Easy books if you are in the 10 to 12 year old age group. A point system will be used. In order for you to receive your prizes for each 10 points received, you are asked to complete 450 pages.

Prizes for each 10 books/points are as follows:

- 10 Books/Points** plastic book bag, bookmark, pencil
- 20 Books/Points** paint sheet, stickers, activity sheet
- 30 Books/Points** tattoo, color sheet, activity sheet
- 40 Books/Points** color-your-own hot air balloon fan, mini-stickers
- 50 Books/Points** plastic cup, activity sheet
- 60 Books/Points** boomerang, mini card game, recycled prizes

Special recognition and prizes will be presented to one girl and one boy who read the most books, and one boy and one girl who read the most pages!

Your reading log must be brought to the library more than once during the six-week period. We encourage weekly visits to the library to check out books and present your reading log. Incentive prizes cannot be given to children if they wait until the last week to bring in reading logs.

Please note: Books must be checked out from Brown Library and read at home to count toward your prize levels. If at all possible, children should come to the library Monday through Friday to receive prizes.

Children's Summer Movies
Upstairs at Brown Library

Wednesday, July 6, 2:00 p.m.
"Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"

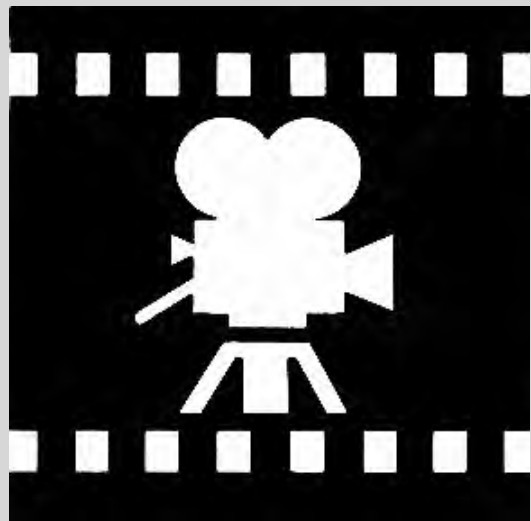
Wednesday, July 13, 2:00 p.m.
"Ratatouille"

Wednesday, July 20, 2:00 p.m.
"Jungle Book"

Wednesday, July 27, 2:00 p.m.
"Madagascar"

Wednesday, August 3, 2:00 p.m.
"Surf's Up"

Movies will be shown upstairs in the meeting room.
Seating is limited to 40 people.

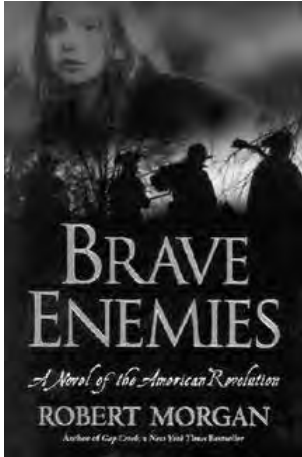


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Brave Enemies

by Robert Morgan (Algonquin Books, 2003)

A review by Carol Walker



An inspired shaper of place and historical context, Robert Morgan, in *Brave Enemies*, brings to life the people of the remote areas of the Blue Ridge Mountains during the turbulence of the American Revolution. Josie Summers, after disguising herself as a man, leaves home to escape an abusive step father and unsupportive mother. Josie/Joseph connects with a circuit-riding preacher, John Trethman. John, unaware that Joseph is a woman, takes her under his wing as his assistant in his ministry. Later he discovers that Joseph, who has been living in the loft

of his cabin, is a woman. He falls in love with her and determines that God has sent her to him. John fears the anger of his followers should they discover Joseph's true identity. In the role of minister and groom, he conducts a secret marriage. John and Joseph continue their work among the congregations in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

Josie's and John's story runs parallel to a central event in the American Revolution, the Battle of Cowpens, SC (1781). Both the beginning and ending of *Brave Enemies* is set in the context of the Cowpens conflict. Early in the story, John is suspected of being a Colonist sympathizer. Although he maintains that he is simply a preacher, John is eventually captured and is forced to serve as a chaplain and medic for the King's army. Josie, having escaped capture, is devastated and left to fend for herself in dangerous circumstances. Once again, she disguises herself as a man and sets out in search of her beloved not knowing whether he is still alive. Eventually, Josie/Joseph is captured by and forced to enlist in the North Carolina Militia. Josie/Joseph and John are each forced to join *opposing* sides in the conflict, hence the title of novel. Morgan creates two very believable main characters, providing fascinating details about how Josie, a tall and extremely strong mountain woman, manages to pull off her identity as a man and how that eventually unravels. Also important to the plot is how John reconciles himself to his secret marriage and his service to the British.

Morgan interweaves two main themes in *Brave Enemies*. Starkly contrasted are enduring love and the violence of a war in which both sides are presented as equally bad. While this book is identified as historic fiction, readers will find it full of interesting and well researched details that did not make it into our history books. Because of the attention to details, *Brave Enemies* has much to offer a wide range of audiences. Morgan also has a real talent for ambiguous endings in his novels, and this one is no exception. Readers are left to conclude the outcome for themselves.

Library Statistics for April

New items: 311

Number of Patrons: 5,359

New Registrations:

City: 197, County: 165

Computer use (Juvenile): 218

Book Stock: 65,915

Total Circulation: 7,872

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Summer Reading Program Events



Kick-off Program:

Friday, June 24, 11:00 a.m.
Storyteller Priscilla Best

**First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall, 304 W. Second St.**

We kick-off our 2011 Summer Reading Program with a visit from storyteller Priscilla Best of Goldsboro. Priscilla is a retired school teacher and librarian who now travels the land sharing stories from the heart. She is a member of the North Carolina Storytelling Guild and a regional representative to that organization's board of directors. In 2004, she traveled to South Africa, sharing stories, as part of the USA delegation from the National Storytelling Network.

Wednesday, June 29, 11:00 a.m.

**Pirate Terry shares stories
and craft-making**

**Washington Civic Center
110 N. Gladden Street**

Yo ho ho! Brown Library's own children's librarian, Terry Rollins, will don his pirate garb to become a swashbuckling cutthroat as we set sail for high seas adventure in the Civic Center. Terry will share some of his favorite pirate legends, including Blackbeard, and provide children with lots of piratical information and trivia. Children will learn their own special pirate name, and create their own pirate flag. This event will serve as our big craft program for the summer, so don't miss it! Arr!

Friday, July 8, 11:00 a.m.

**Outdoor Activity with Park Rangers
from Goose Creek State Park**

**Front Lawn
Brown Library**

Our good friends from Goose Creek State Park return again this year for an outdoor program. Children will be divided into age appropriate groups (3-7 year olds and 8-12 year olds) for this event. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for your comfort, and be advised that in the event of heavy rain this event will be cancelled.



Friday, July 15, 11:00 a.m.
Storyteller and musician
Ron Jones

**First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall, 304 W. Second St.**

We are happy to welcome back Ron Jones, of Durham, for a fun program of stories and songs. Ron grew up on a dairy farm in central North Carolina, and worked for many years as a library administrator and consultant. Ron organized the Wake County Storytelling Festival, one of the oldest such events in our state. From traditional folktales to personal stories to funny songs on the guitar, Ron will take us on a high energy ride that is sure to delight listeners of all ages. This performance will provide the opportunity to enjoy English/Spanish bilingual stories!



Friday July 22, 11:00 a.m.
Magic Show with Rob Westcott

**First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall, 304 W. Second St.**

Rob Westcott is an award-winning comedy magician and family entertainer from Virginia Beach. He is happy to join us this summer to inspire children to read more books through this special program of magic tricks, puppetry, storytelling and audience participation. Rob will be dressed in full magical regalia, including tuxedo, top hat and cape. Each child is a star in Rob's show and everyone will go home with a special prize!



Friday, July 29, 11:00 a.m.
Appalachian Storyteller
Dianne Hackworth

**First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall, 304 W. Second St.**

Dianne Hackworth will come down from the mountains of Tennessee to share some of her favorite stories with us in Washington. Dianne came by storytelling naturally, having grown up in a family of storytellers. But she didn't stop there. She went on to receive a Master's degree in storytelling from East Tennessee State University. She is a co-founder and past president of the North Carolina Storytelling Guild, a member of the National Storytelling Network, and the creator of numerous storytelling events in both Tennessee and North Carolina. Dianne will bring to life traditional Appalachian folktales, ballads and stories from around the world.

Friday, August 5, 11:00 a.m.

Grand Finale: Estuary Program

**First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall, 304 W. Second St.**

Folks from the North Carolina Aquarium at Roanoke Island will be on hand for our final program of the Summer Reading Program. They will present, "Estuary Essentials", an outreach program which focuses on the physical characteristics and animals found in the estuary waters of the Pamlico and Albemarle sounds regions. Be prepared for audience participation, live animals and more!



**Start signing up for the
Summer Reading Program**

June 1

**Opening Event:
Friday, June 24**

**Program runs:
June 24 – August 5**

**Grand Finale:
August 5**

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