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## NEWS



**The Remus Lupins (Alex Carpenter, top), and The Whomping Willows (Matt Maggiacomo, above) will perform Harry Potter-based rock 'n' roll at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 12, at the Asheboro library. A discussion of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows follows. The events are free and the public is invited.**

## Wizard Rock!

### ***Bands to celebrate Harry Potter in music***

♣ **Can one really fight evil through the power of reading?**

Alex Carpenter of The Remus Lupins believes you can. So does Matt Maggiacomo of The Whomping Willows. Both sing songs based on the stories and themes found in the Harry Potter books, including teenage (or, in the case of The Whomping Willows, plant) angst, friendship, and love.

They play in teen centers, bookstores and libraries all across the country, and will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 12, at the Asheboro Public Library. The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

After the concert, the library will celebrate the power of reading with a discussion of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, the final volume in the Harry Potter series.

The Remus Lupins and the Whomping Willows are part of the Wizard Rock movement, a segment of Harry Potter fandom. The bands are nationally-known; Los Angeles-based Carpenter recently appeared on an MTV panel to debate Harry Potter's fate at the end of the new book.

Carpenter, whose motto is "Fight Evil: Read Books," has released two CDs as The Remus Lupins: *Spells from a Broken Wand* and most recently, *I Was a Teenage Werewolf*. He's mainly a one-man band, but appears with backup players in concert.

Maggiacomo, of Providence, Rhode Island, is The Whomping Willows. His newest CD is *Welcome to the House of Awesome*.

Tour dates surrounding the concert here will take the two bands along the east coast with stops at public libraries in Philadelphia, Orlando, New Orleans and Houston, among many others. "If we can make the library a cool place to hang out for the summer, I think we're doing something right," Carpenter told the *Washington Post*.

On August 2, they will appear at Prophecy, a Wizard Rock festival in Toronto, along with Harry and the Potters, who recently packed 700 fans into the North Regional branch of the Wake County Public Libraries.

For more about The Remus Lupins and to hear some of Carpenter's songs, go to [www.fightevilreadbooks.com](http://www.fightevilreadbooks.com); for the Whomping Willows, go to [www.myspace.com/thewhompingwillows](http://www.myspace.com/thewhompingwillows).

## 'Teen Corner' project wins national award

The library's "Teen Corner" project has been named one of the top 25 teen-oriented library programs in the country. See page three for the scoop.



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## Librarians spread the word in D.C.

♣ **News Flash: Washington, D.C. overrun with volunteers seeking to promote knowledge and the public welfare! Relax, it's just librarians attending the annual American Library Association (ALA) conference.**

The conference, which ran from June 21-27, attracted not only librarians, but educators, writers, publishers, friends of libraries and trustees. Record-breaking attendance was more than 28,000 men and women who participated in more than 2,000 meetings, discussion groups, tours, special events and awards ceremonies (the Newberry and Caldecott medals for outstanding children's books are presented then, as well as the Excellence in Library Service to Young Adults award with which our Teen Corner project was recognized). According to the Washington, D.C. Tourism Bureau, the event raked in more than \$15.6 million for the local economy.

The ALA, founded in 1876, is the oldest and largest library association in the world with 65,000 members. Mission: to promote the highest quality library and information services to all people.

Some of the workshops presented this year included podcasting, blogs and web design, fundraising, accommodations for disabled patrons,

social networking, providing library service to immigrants and many others. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr, Julie Andrews, Ken Burns and Khaled Hosseini were but a few of the featured speakers.

This year, librarians not only attended workshops but volunteered their services throughout the city working in schools, libraries, parks, and food banks trying to make a difference in those institutions and, at the same time, challenging the notion that libraries are no longer viable with all the internet resources now available.

Librarians such as Michael Dowling considered the conference an opportunity to reach out to the public and spread the word that libraries are lifelong learning centers and more necessary than ever.

Domi Long, a librarian at the prestigious Lowell School in Washington, noted, "We need to teach kids how to evaluate information, and we need to help them navigate it." Jill Hurst-Wahl, a digitization consultant, said the biggest challenge facing libraries is adapting to the ways people want to access information. Whereas the younger generation is technologically savvy but more reluctant to physically go to the library, the senior population feels more comfortable going to the library for assistance. Libraries must "adequately serve all the different generations."

We weren't in Washington but we're keeping an eye on those librarians.

# Summer Reading continues in July



## Magical Storyteller MARK DANIEL

**Asheboro:** 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25. **Archdale:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. **Franklinville:** 2 p.m. Thursday, July 26. **Liberty:** 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 10. **Ramseur:** 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 26. **Randleman:** 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 19. **Seagrove:** 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 10.

**ONGOING AT ASHEBORO:** *Film Time*, 10 a.m. Tuesdays; *All-ages storytime*, 3 p.m. Tuesdays; *Family Storytime*, 7 p.m. Tuesdays; *Toddler Storytime*, 10:10, and *Preschool Storytime*, 10:30 Thursdays. **CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FOR MORE EVENTS.**

**TEENS:** *Unlocking the Past*, 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, Ramseur; *A Mystery Unfolding*, 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, Ramseur; *Scavenger Hunt & Wrap-Up Party*, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, Asheboro; *Slices & Sleuths Teen Pizza Party*, 6 p.m. Friday, July 27, Seagrove.

**ADULTS:** *Report on your reading!* Earn "Library Bucks" for the Book Sale; chance for prizes.

Full details at [www.randolphlibrary.org/summerreading.html](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/summerreading.html)

## 'Teen Corner' gains national honor

♣ The Randolph County Public Library's "Teen Corner" project has received one of 25 national Excellence in Library Service to Young Adults awards.

The awards are presented by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, and recognize exemplary teen programs and services in libraries throughout the United States.

Five top award winners each will receive \$1,000 cash prizes, while 20 "Best of the Rest" winners each will receive \$250 cash prizes. All honorees will be included in *Excellence in Library Service to Young Adults, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed.* to be published in summer 2008.

The "Teen Corner" project was among the 20 "Best of the Rest" winners.

The Teen Corner is the area of the Asheboro Public Library that houses

the library's collection of books, magazines and other material for teens. Over the past year, the library embarked on a multifaceted strategy to draw more teens into libraries countywide, and to make teens aware of all the services and opportunities the library has to offer them.

The project included a makeover of the Teen Corner itself, a marketing plan that included creation of a teen library card branded with a logo designed by a comic book artist and other graphic items; programming for teens; and creation of a Teen Advisory Board.

The strategies worked: statistics show a 71 percent increase in the number of library cards issues to teens countywide and a 121 percent increase at the Asheboro library. In addition, 433 teen who already had library cards traded their cards for the new Teen card during the same period.

For full details and a list of winners, go to [www.randolphlibrary.org/ExcellenceWinners.pdf](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/ExcellenceWinners.pdf).

## Reading lists

Students with summer reading assignments can check availability of reading list books at [www.randolphlibrary.org/schoolsummerreading.html](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/schoolsummerreading.html).

The list is arranged by school; click on a title to link to the library catalog.

## Computer class

Asheboro library computer classes take place at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays and occasional Saturdays.

The classes, which alternate among basic Internet, email, advanced Internet/NC LIVE and Microsoft Word, are free and open to the public. A PowerPoint class is available on request.

Space in each class is limited; to sign up, call 318-6800 menu option 4.

## Asheboro Reads

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini, Tuesday, June 26; and for August 28, it's Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

## Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

## New officers take helm of Asheboro Library Foundation

Joyce Spoon has been elected president of the Asheboro Public Library Foundation Inc., succeeding Susan Milner. Janet Jones was elected vice president,

Alice Hammond, secretary, and Laurie West, treasurer. Mary Alexander and Kathryn Reese were elected at-large members of the Foundation's board of directors.

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