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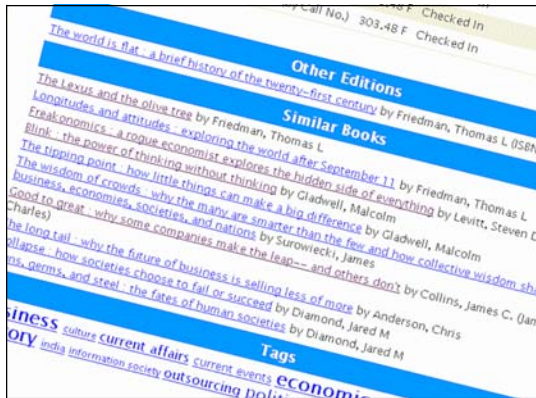
'LibraryThing' service revolutionizes library catalog

♣ Liked the book that you just finished, and want to read something similar?

Finding those books just got easier with the addition of LibraryThing for Libraries (LTFL), a service that vastly expands the usefulness of the library's catalog.

Now, when you view search results for most books you'll see a list of up to ten similar books owned by the library. You'll also see a "cloud" of words describing the book, each word linking to all the books in the library's collection fitting that description.

It's all thanks to LibraryThing (www.librarything.com), a social networking Web site that lets readers



share what they have read with others. Users describe and review books, and recommend similar titles.

Library Thing for Libraries takes the combined wisdom of Library Thing's 250,000-plus participants, who have shared some 17 million titles, and integrates it into the library catalog.

So when you search for Nicholas Sparks' *Nights in Rodanthe*, you'll also see similar titles available at the library, including three other novels by Sparks; *The Locket* and *The Last Promise* by Richard Paul Evans; *Sam's Letters to*

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Jones takes China trip

♣ Janet Jones will share images of the natural beauty of China in a travelogue at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 25 at the Asheboro library.



David and Janet Jones on the Great Wall.

The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.
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It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that... Swing!

♣ Swing On! — the unique, eight-piece outfit that recreates Big Band sounds of the 30s and 40s — will return to the Asheboro library at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 11.



The performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

In addition to keeping alive the music of Artie Shaw, Woody Hermann, Count Basie,
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Staff readies for NCLA conference

♣ **Randolph County public librarians will be jetting to the Metro Convention Center in Hickory for the biennial conference of the North Carolina Library Association on October 16-19.**



This year the theme is “Telling Our Story.” In an increasingly competitive marketplace, libraries are constantly searching for new and innovative ways to attract new patrons and give them efficient access to more information. Workshops on marketing libraries through technology, social networks such as MySpace, and interactive blogs, highlight the dizzying array of possibilities, alongside seminars on marketing with traditional mainstream media.

Should we choose a “bookstore model” library with iced cappuccinos, “customer driven” layout and perky signage? So many decisions, so little time! To say nothing of the changing technology! Just in time, experts on the subject will explore what’s on the horizon and how to effectively make the transition.

We’ll see fellow librarians from throughout the state as well as some marquee performers whom the Friends

of the Library have hosted right here at the library. Storyteller/songster Logie Meachum will be performing as will Carole B. Weatherford who read and signed copies of her book,

Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People To Freedom, at the Juneteenth Festival in Asheboro a year ago. David Holt, author Sharyn McCrumb, NC Poet Laureate Katherine S. Byer, “Road Warrior Poet” Glenis Redmond and many others will help “tell the story” of North Carolina public libraries.

Noted Rowan County author John Hart, author of *The King of Lies*, will be a luncheon speaker. The Denver Post describes his first book as “a marriage of carefully crafted prose alongside have-to-keep-reading suspense.” Watch for coming information about a John Hart appearance here at the library.

We’ll “take turns,” attending workshops closely aligned with our particular jobs or venturing into an unknown entity, possibly the metaverse known as “Second Life.” Service to teens, navigating NC LIVE, honing storytelling skills and many other vital workshops designed to improve library service will be attended in October by our staff.

Meanwhile, the library as you know it will not miss a beat!

Jones to highlight China journey

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Jones sets the scene for the North Carolina Zoological Society voyage: "Our trip set out to explore some of the culture and history of China and to visit some of the most beautiful natural areas. The highlight of the trip was to visit the Wolong Giant Panda Reserve where we saw adults and young pandas and even had the opportunity to go in with some of them.

"Our journey started in Beijing, with wonderful historic sites such as the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Summer Palace. We walked along the top of the Great Wall and then traveled on to Xian to see the Terra Cotta Warriors.

"Our journeys into the countryside included hiking up mountainsides, covered with flooded rice terraces from top to bottom, traveling by boat down the winding Li River with the famous Guilin domed hills towering over us, visiting small towns, markets and a school where most children wore traditional dress and danced traditional dances for relaxation.



"We also enjoyed two amazing open-air music and theatre productions. We visited several factories making items in a traditional manner from silk, brocade and cloisonné to giant fans and ink sticks. We hiked in the Yellow Mountain, supposed to be the most beautiful mountain in China, with its stunning views.

"For contrast we visited a modern furniture factory and finally arrived in the very modern Shanghai with its forest of skyscrapers for our journey home."

Library Thing revolutionizes catalog

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Jennifer by James Patterson; *All He Ever Wanted* by Anita Shreve and more.

You'll also be able to search by aspects of the book that you particularly liked, as described by individual terms:

romance, North Carolina, love, divorce, beach and more — even "chick lit."

About 71 percent of the library's books matched titles cataloged by LibraryThing users.

Search the library catalog at www.randolphlibrary.org.

Swing On! returns for library show

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Glenn Miller and Tommy & Jimmy Dorsey, *Swing On!* will add songs made famous by North Carolina bands, including Kay Kaiser, Les Brown and

Loonis McGlohon's beautiful ballad "Songbird." The band also will premier "The Harry Caine Theme," inspired by the fictional detective in drummer/mystery writer Dave Shaffer's books.

Coming up...

Four Readings and a Library Card continues: 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 19, Randolph County Senior Adults Center; Noon Saturday, September 22, Randolph Mall Center Court. **Teen Game Day**, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, September 20; **Jewelry Identification with Pat Holder**, Thursday, September 27, Asheboro Public Library.

Computer class

Asheboro library computer classes take place at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays and occasional Saturdays. The classes, which alternate among basic Internet, email, advanced Internet/NC LIVE, Word and PowerPoint, are free and open to the public. Classes in Spanish are 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 *Lisa See's Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 25; for October 30 it's *The Camel Bookmobile* by Masha Hamilton.

Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, September 29, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

Interested in an evening book club?

The library has received several inquiries about the possibility of hosting an evening book discussion group similar to Asheboro Reads, which meets in the afternoon.

If you are interested in participating in a once-a-month nighttime book club, contact Kari Baumann at 318-6808

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