

Library Lines

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National Library Week Celebrating its 50th Anniversary

by Anne H. Coleman and Jean Sexton

This year, 2008, marks the 50th anniversary of National Library Week. In 1957, a joint committee, comprised of the National Book Committee and the American Library Association, recommended the creation of a national library week. Subsequently, the first National Library Week was observed May 16-22, 1958. The theme for the first commemoration was "Wake Up and Read." One reason for establishing this initiative, it is said, was to counteract the emerging pervasiveness of television viewing during evening hours. This practice was threatening the dominance of reading as a favorite family activity following the dinner hour. The celebration of National Library Week has continued in libraries around the country since 1958. The American Library Association (ALA) became the sole sponsor of the event in 1974. ALA continues in 2008 as the sponsor of National Library Week.

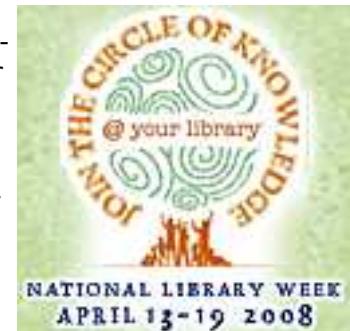
The idea of devoting a week to celebrating libraries had been around for some time. States like Hawaii and California have celebrated National Library Week since 1940. These early supporters decided to select a central theme each year for the celebration. In Hawaii, the 1940 theme was "The Nation's Pacific Outpost Salutes the Nation's Libraries and Honors Our Own Library of Hawaii." Metered mail at this time served as a marvelous venue for advertising National Library Week. The annual slogans were printed on meter stamps and advertised through mail distribution.

Over the years, the slogans have been thought provoking, motivating, and highly supportive of reading. "Wake Up and Read" was used in 1958 and 1959. In 1961, the slogan was "For a Richer, Fuller Life, Read." Other slogans include 1963's "Read – the Fifth Freedom, Enjoy It" and 1983's "Go for It! Use Your Library."

The UNCP Library has joined in the national celebration of National Library Week for many years. Some library staff members can remember various activities from past celebrations. **Jean Sexton**, Coordinator of Cataloging Services, can remember a raffle being held during the week. Each time a student checked out a book, his/her name was entered in the raffle. At the end of the week, the names were drawn and prizes were awarded to the chosen students. **Lillian Brewing-ton**, Special Collections Librarian, can remember library staff bringing in pot-luck dishes and celebrating and feasting together. Of course they all had to discuss the latest books during the feasting. Campus authors have been honored during National Library Week for over two decades.

The first issue of *Library Lines*, published in 1992, reported on the very first annual banquet held during National Library Week at UNCP. A hot dog sale was also used as a fundraiser. One of the more memorable events was held in 1998. That year, catalog cards were sent to authors for signatures, and those that were returned were auctioned off to raise money for the Friends of the Library.

Dr. Elinor Foster, who first joined the library staff as Director in 1989, says that National Library Week has been celebrated each year during her administration. Dr. Foster says, "Libraries are vitally important because every day libraries in big cities and small towns, in colleges and universities, in schools, and in businesses, help sustain and invigorate their communities. At the Mary Livermore Library, people of all backgrounds come together for meetings, lectures, and programs; to do research with the assistance of trained professionals; or to get help with class assignments and other needs. All of these activities make the Library a place with a presence that is valued like no other on the UNCP campus."





Dr. Elinor Folger Foster
Dean of Library Services
Photo by Bobby Ayers

Message from the Dean of Library Services

As we near the end of academic year 2007-08, I continue to be impressed with the amount and quality of faculty publications that has come to my attention. The Friends of the Library and the University Bookstore have partnered to present authors of new books and their books in three faculty author showcase programs this academic year. One for the fall of 2008 is already in the planning stages. **Keats Ellis**, Assistant Manager of the University Bookstore, has done an excellent job of obtaining the new books and making them available at our showcase programs, as well as in the University Bookstore.

Two of our librarians, **Anne Coleman** and **Robert Wolf**, are now working with other UNCP personnel, including **Amber Rach** and **Dr. Maria Pereira**, to prepare a publication that highlights faculty and staff scholarship. Mrs. Coleman will also prepare a bibliography on this subject, to be available during National Library Week and at the reception on April 16 when faculty authors and winners of the Poetry/Short Prose Contest are honored.

Plans for the seventh annual benefit event are under way at this writing, and it promises to be an entertaining and exciting evening. Details are available elsewhere in this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the library staff and members of the Board of Directors who have worked so diligently to make our program and special events offered to the public so well planned and presented. Special thanks are extended to our dedicated and enthusiastic President of the Friends of the Library of UNC Pembroke, **Dr. Liliana E. Wendorff**. I appreciate everyone's contributions to our goal of helping to keep our students, faculty, staff, and community well educated and informed.

Message from the FOL President

We are very pleased with the reception of our Friends of the Library programs for the academic year 2007-08. In celebration of Black History Month, FOL cohosted the 19th National African American Read In: A Literacy Campaign. **Melton McLaurin**'s presentation about the Montford Point Marines was an absorbing addition to Black History Month.

The February 13th Spring Faculty Showcase featuring Drs. **Roger Guy**, **Peter Imoro** and **Robert Seesengood** discussing their new books was well attended and sparked much discussion. The fecundity of UNCP faculty required a second Spring Faculty Showcase in order to present more literary productions. It will take place on Wednesday, March 12th at 10:15 a.m. in the main reading room of the Mary Livermore Library. Professors **Scott Billingsley**, author of *It's a New Day: Race and Gender in the Modern Charismatic Movement*, **Edwin "Cliff" Mensah**, author of *Economics of Technology Adoption: A Simple Approach*, and **Jeff Frederick**, author of *Stand Up for Alabama: Governor George Wallace*, will present their incisive research.

We anticipate a large turnout for our Annual Benefit on Friday, April 11th; "A North Carolina Evening @ the Library" will feature **Bill Thompson**, author of *Sweet Tea, Fried Chicken and Lazy Dogs: Reflections on North Carolina Life*. Thompson's book, a collection of hilarious commentaries on subjects ranging from food and farming to family and neighbors, celebrates the essence of rural and small-town life in North Carolina. Once again, a plethora of items and events will be up for silent and live auctions. Our goal is to raise a substantial sum of funds to continue supporting various scholarships for our students. Tickets are still available at \$50 per person. Please contact Karen Orr Fritts at 910.775.4242.

We are proud that we have been able to maintain the momentum established early on in the year. Thank you for getting the ball rolling. We encourage your attendance to the remaining events. Your participation in this worthy organization is much appreciated. Visit us at: <http://www.uncp.edu/library/friends/> for more information.



Dr. Liliana Wendorff
President, Friends of the
Library of UNC Pembroke
Photo by Bobby Ayers

(National Library Week continued from cover)

June Power, Access Services/Reference Librarian, says, "People are hungry for information but are often overwhelmed with the amount of information they find." She further states, "Librarians are ideally suited to teach people how to find, analyze, and use information. In libraries, patrons have access to experts who can help them navigate the information overload. The expertise of librarians is a resource you can't buy anywhere else, and at the Library, it's available free of charge."

In 2008, National Library Week will be celebrated April 13-19, and the national theme is "Join the Circle of Knowledge @ Your Library." National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers nationwide. It is also a perfect time to consider how you can join the circle of knowledge at your local library.

The Mary Livermore Library, in 2008, as in years past, will be celebrating National Library Week by sponsoring a Poetry/Short Prose Contest and a book sale. The contest provides an opportunity for UNCP students, faculty, and staff; local high school students; and community members to share their original compositions. Winners receive monetary prizes, certificates, and the publication of their winning entries. The money for the prizes is provided by the UNCP Friends of the Library and Kiwanis of Robeson. The Kiwanis organization has co-sponsored the contest for several years, usually donating the prize money for the first place winner in the high school category. This year, however, Kiwanis of Robeson is donating \$450 to cover the prizes for all of the high school winners. The contest runs through the month of February and prizes are awarded to contest winners during National Library Week.

For more information about the contest, visit the Library or check the Library's website at www.uncp.edu/library. A book sale will also be held in the Library April 14-18, 2008. The sale is open to UNCP faculty, staff, students, and Friends of the Library (FOL) members.

We invite you to "Join Us in the Circle of knowledge @ the Mary Livermore Library" any time.

Friends of the Library Announce Corporate Memberships

by Elinor Folger Foster

The Friends of the Library of UNC Pembroke are pleased to announce that Cargill, Inc. has become the library support group's first corporate lifetime member. This lofty status was attained in December 2007 when word came to Mary Livermore Library that the UNCP Friends group was the recipient of a \$5,000 Global Partnership Fund grant. The funds will be used to purchase additional resources for the Mary Livermore Library.

The grant came to UNCP through the Fayetteville division of Cargill, which has headquarters in Wayzata, Minnesota. According to its website, Cargill was founded in 1865 and is the world's second largest privately held corporation, in terms of revenue. Cargill's products include agricultural, health, and pharmaceutical commodities, and it engages in financial, risk management, and energy provision services.

The Friends of the Library of UNC Pembroke are also pleased to announce a new corporate member, the Weyerhaeuser Company of Federal Way, Washington, through its Lumberton center. A check for \$400 was presented to the Mary Livermore Library support group February 15, 2008. The Weyerhaeuser Company, founded in 1900, is one of the largest pulp and paper companies in the world, according to information provided by the company; products include building materials, environmentally friendly paper and packaging, and innovative uses of cellulose fibers.

Like Cargill, Inc., Weyerhaeuser espouses a commitment to community involvement and education. The Friends of the Library of UNC Pembroke are extremely pleased to share in the largess of these new corporate partners.



A North Carolina Evening @ the Library

by Susan F. Whitt

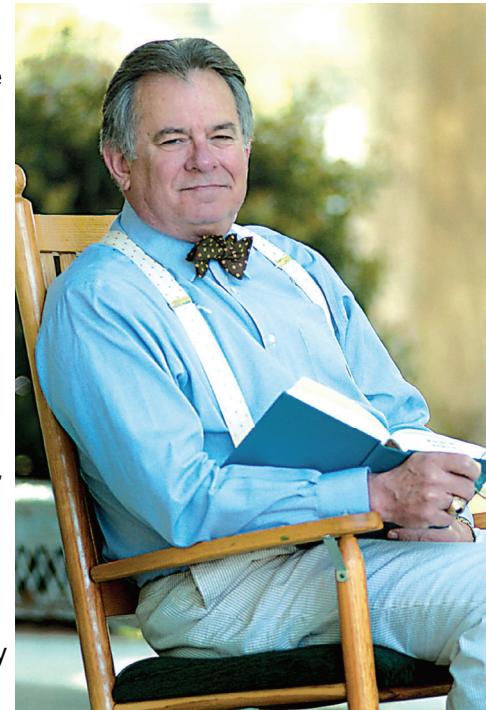
Come help us celebrate everything that reflects living in North Carolina as the Friends of the Library of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke host "A North Carolina Evening @ the Library." The event will be held on April 11, 2008, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Mary Livermore Library and will be the seventh annual benefit event supported by the Friends. **Bill Thompson**, author of *Sweet Tea, Fried Chicken, and Lazy Dogs: Reflections on North Carolina Life*, will be the featured speaker. Exciting silent and live auctions will again offer an array of items that can't be ignored. There will be a variety of food stations offering a truly delicious and tempting assortment of elegant Southern food.

The evening will begin with the silent auction and dinner. During this time, music education majors from the **UNCP Music Department** will provide entertainment for our guests. **James Paradis, Ramone Ruiz, and Joshua Tew** will perform on the guitar, violin, and tuba. James may even sing. **Raz Autry**, a veteran auctioneer and educator from Raeford, North Carolina, has agreed to return this year as auctioneer for our live auction. His persuasive and entertaining auctioneering skills should prove to be one of the highlights of the evening.

The silent and live auctions will provide an opportunity for ticket holders to take home some unique and interesting items. Among the items offered are a five-day cruise onboard one of Carnival Cruise Lines spectacular ships; a queen-size handmade quilt in a bargello design featuring the UNCP school colors of black and gold stitched by Mary Sheahan whose daughter is a UNCP graduate; a collage by Dr. Matt Thompson; Madame Alexander dolls; pieces of art including some by UNCP faculty; North Carolina pottery; gift baskets; food packages; golf packages; jewelry; hand-crafted items such as needlework treasures; an autographed Richard Petty cap; and many other exciting items. A current list of auction items is available from the Library's website at www.uncp.edu/library. The list is updated as new donations for the benefit are received.

Many of you will recognize our featured speaker, Bill Thompson. Mr. Thompson is known for his monthly column, "Front Porch Stories" in *Our State Magazine*. His newspaper columns are carried in several newspapers across North and South Carolina. Among the books he has authored is his latest work *Sweet Tea, Fried Chicken, and Lazy Dogs*. Mr. Thompson, who is a native of Columbus County, grew up in the small town of Hallsboro. He graduated from Campbell University in 1965 with a degree in English. He was President of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, Inc., until his retirement in November 2007. Additionally, he has traveled extensively throughout North Carolina and the southeastern United States. His participation and experience in serving as an emcee for every conceivable festival and celebration has given him a unique perspective. His experience of leaving and then returning to a rural area has allowed him to appreciate the various aspects of living in small, rural towns that many of us take for granted or haven't noticed. A sense of humor, a touch of nostalgia, and an occasional bit of pathos permeate his speech and writing.

"A North Carolina Evening @ the Library" will be an excellent way to celebrate the arrival of spring. Money raised at this benefit will support the Friends of the Library initiatives such as four scholarships established to assist students at UNCP, funding the McNaughton leasing program for popular reading materials and movies on DVD, and sponsorship of author appearances and reading programs. Last year's benefit "Southern Accent @ the Library" raised over \$16,000 and was our best-attended, most profitable benefit ever. We hope to have even more attendees and raise more money this year. Come out, enjoy, and participate in a lively, entertaining, and worthwhile benefit to help UNCP students and the Mary Livermore Library. To learn more about the Friends of the Library, how to apply for their scholarships, or to join our Friends of the Library, please call the Mary Livermore Library at 910.521.6212 or go to the Library's webpage at www.uncp.edu/library. Library staff members **Karen Fritts** (910.775.4242) or **Sherry Locklear** (910.775.4170) may be contacted for tickets and more information. Tickets are \$50 each. We look forward to seeing you there!



Bill Thompson

Photo provided by the author

Faculty Books Discussed at Spring Showcases

by Anthony Holderied

The Friends of the Library of UNC Pembroke presented six campus authors and their works during two "Spring Faculty Showcase" events this semester. On Wednesday, February 13, **Dr. Robert Seesengood**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion, spoke in the main reading room of the Library about his most recent work *Competing Identities: The Athlete and the Gladiator in Early Christianity*. *Competing Identities* places gladiators and athletes from ancient times into a Judeo-Christian context. Seesengood discussed with the audience how ancient Christians derived certain elements of their identity from popular culture exhibited in Roman gladiator matches. He noted that it was the apostle Paul who introduced these concepts into early Biblical writings through the use of athletic metaphors.

Dr. Roger Guy, Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, shared with the audience his thoughts about conducting research for his work *From Diversity to Unity: Southern and Appalachian Migrants in Uptown Chicago, 1950-1970*. Dr. Guy explained the research process from the standpoint of a sociologist, describing how one has to become enmeshed in the personal lives of others. His research interests stem from his own experiences as a migrant from the South who relocated to a large metropolitan area. The book presents a combination of oral histories and resources gathered by Guy to document the migration of Southerners to the Windy City after World War II. The migrants faced challenging new racial climates where stereotypes and hostilities helped shape their experiences.

Dr. Peter Imoro, Lecturer in the Department of English, Theatre, and Languages, shared some insights into his new book *Cultura e Ideología en Cuatro Novelas de Manuel Puig*, which translates as Culture and Ideology in Four Novels by Manuel Puig. A native of Ghana, Imoro analyzes four novels of Argentinian author Manuel Puig in his book. In particular, Imoro writes about references to popular culture that can be found throughout the characterization in Puig's novels.

At the time of publication for this issue of *Library Lines*, three more faculty authors were due to speak about their new works in a March 12 showcase. **Dr. Scott Billingsley**, Assistant Professor and Graduate Social Studies Education Coordinator in the Department of History, was to discuss his work *It's a New Day: Race and Gender in the Modern Charismatic Movement*. **Dr. Jeff Frederick**, Assistant Professor in the Department of History, was to share thoughts on his work *Stand Up for Alabama: Governor George Wallace*. And **Dr. Edwin "Cliff" Mensah**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, Finance, and Decision Sciences, was to discuss his book *Economics of Technology Adoption: A Simple Approach*.



Dr. Robert Seesengood, Dr. Peter Imoro, and Dr. Roger Guy present their books.

Black History Month Programs

by Anne H. Coleman

The Mary Livermore Library celebrated Black History Month in 2008 with several exciting events.

The celebration began February 4 with a series of activities commemorating the 19th National African American Read-In. The Read-In is cosponsored nationally by The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and the Black Caucus of NCTE. The overall goal of the Read-In is to make the celebration of African American literacy a traditional part of Black History Month activities. Locally, Read-In activities at UNC Pembroke were cosponsored by the Friends of the Library, the Office of Multicultural and Minority Affairs (OMMA), and the Center for Leadership and Service's First Book Program.

During the February 4th day of celebration, three events were held on the UNCP campus. The day began with a Children's Hour where African American stories were read to 26 three- and four-year-old youngsters from the Shining Stars Preschool and Daycare. **Hannah Simpson**, Vice President, UNCP SGA; **Karen Fritts**, Government Documents/Development Librarian, Mary Livermore Library; and **Lucille Locklear**, Branch Manager, New Century Bank, read to the children. **Gwendolyn Locklear**, Executive Assistant, Mary Livermore Library, sang to the group. Each of the children was given an African American children's book that had been donated by UNCP's First Book Program.

In the afternoon, a panel discussion of the book *Come On People: On the Path from Victims to Victors* by Drs. Bill Cosby and Alvin Poussaint was held in the University's student center. Faculty, staff, and students shared their insights on the book. They discussed at great length the broad implications of the book and the need for each individual to commit to helping someone else, especially the children and young people of our nation.

In the evening, an oral readings program was held in the Library. A diverse group of people, including **Jessica Jacobs**, Miss North Carolina 2007; **Jamee Hunt**, Miss UNCP 2008; and **Trin-A-Thoughtz**, North Carolina NAACP House Poet, gathered to deliver spirited and inspiring readings of African American literature.

On the evening of February 11, the Library hosted a presentation by **Dr. Barbara Trepagnier**, a sociology professor from Texas State University and author of *Silent Racism: How Well-Meaning White People Perpetuate the Racial Divide*. Dr. Trepagnier also discussed her book at an afternoon presentation in the student center. Dr. Trepagnier's appearance at UNCP was cosponsored by the Mary Livermore Library and OMMA.

On February 19, the Library hosted a program featuring **Dr. Melton McLaurin**, author of *The Marines of Montford Point: America's First Black Marines*. Dr. McLaurin discussed his research and book on this historic North Carolina military installation. His book and documentary film tell the story of the African American Marines who integrated the last all-white branch of the U.S. military in 1942.



Robert Canida, Anne Coleman, Jamee Hunt, Jessica Jacobs, Vivian Oxendine, Dr. Jane Haladay, Dr. Elinor Foster, Trin-A-Thoughtz, Tho Vo, Pia Jessup, Sherwin Rice, and Jamal Porter were participants in an evening program in the Mary Livermore Library on February 4. Photo provided by Robert Canida.

On February 21, the Library and OMMA cohosted a second Children's Hour. Volunteers read African American stories to a group of three- and four-year-old children from the Greengrove Headstart Program in Fairmont. Readers for this event were **Jamee Hunt**, Miss UNCP 2008; **Jamie Goins**, YIELD Project Director, Hawkeye Indian Cultural Center; **Hannah Simpson**, Vice President, UNCP SGA; **Derving Rios**, UNCP student; and **Robert Canida**, Director of OMMA. The youngsters particularly enjoyed having Mr. Rios read them a story in Spanish about a rainbow-colored world and translating the Spanish words for them. **Preston Siler**, also a UNCP student, led the students in some of their favorite songs like "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." Mr. Canida and **Dr. Elinor Foster**, Dean of Library Services, welcomed the youngsters and their teachers to the UNCP campus.

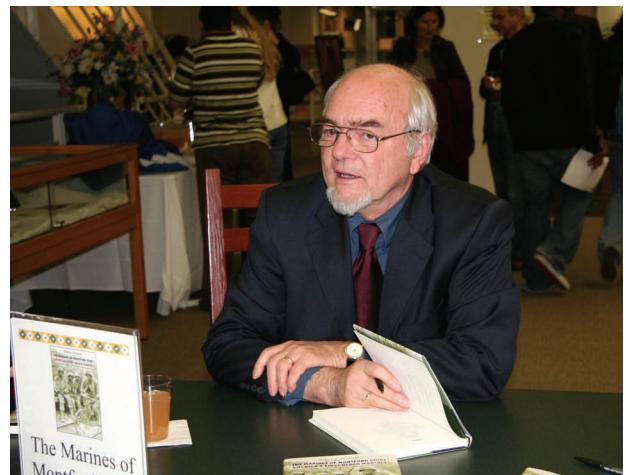
The programs celebrating Black History Month were well-attended and audience participation was spirited and thought-provoking. Everyone involved, presenters and attendees, expressed their appreciation of the activities and are looking forward to next year's programs. Plans are already underway to repeat some of the events, like the National African American Read-In, and to line up equally exciting presenters for Black History Month in 2009.



The children from the Shining Stars Pre-

school show off their books.

Photo provided by Robert Canida.



Dr. Melton McLaurin autographs his book after his discussion on the Montford Point Marines.



Book discussion panel participants were from left to right: Dr. Elinor Foster, Jamal Porter, Robyn Deemer, Sailaja (Sally) Vallabha, Dr. Scott Hicks. Photo provided by Robert Canida.

It's That Time of Year Again! The Library's Annual Book Sale

As part of the celebration for National Library Week we will, once again, be holding our annual book sale. The sale will be held April 14-18, 2008 on the second floor in the Library. The hours for the sale will be as follows: April 14-15 (Monday and Tuesday) 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and April 16-18 (Wednesday – Friday) 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pricing will be \$1.00 for hardbacks and non-print items, \$0.50 for paperbacks, and \$0.25 for magazines. In addition, some select items will have special pricing. We encourage everyone to come early to get the best selection. Please keep in mind that we reserve the first day of the sale for FOL members.

Kudos and Happenings

by Michael Alewine and David W. Young

Library Faculty News

Employees of the Mary Livermore Library have continued a tradition of active engagement in scholarly pursuits by attending professional conferences, contributing articles to peer-reviewed journals, and making presentations on a variety of library or technology-related topics.

Dr. Elinor Foster, Dean of Library Services, attended the 2008 American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 10-14. As a conference participant, she worked closely with the Effective Practices Committee, a component of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) division of the ALA.

Cynthia E. Saylor, Assistant Dean for Research Services and Systems, has attended numerous conferences and workshops in recent months. She went to the 2008 EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative (ELI) Conference in San Antonio, Texas, January 28-30. Cindy also attended the Institute for Emerging Issues' 2008 Emerging Issues Forum which was held in Raleigh, North Carolina, February 11-12. Cindy continued her scholarship endeavors by working with **Dr. Robert Orr**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Resources and Chief Information Officer at UNCP, on a presentation entitled, "A Collaborative Approach to Faculty Technology Support at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke" which was delivered at the 2008 UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, March 12-14.

Michael Alewine, Outreach/Distance Education Librarian, presented a paper "Quality Assurance of Library Services for Distance Education Students: A Transaction-Level Study" at the 13th Sloan-C International Conference on Online Learning on November 8, 2007 in Orlando, Florida. Michael collaborated with Cindy Saylor presenting "Simple Media Creation for Librarians" at the UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference on March 12 in Raleigh.

Jean Sexton, Coordinator of Cataloging Services, contributed an article "Input Guide: Capitalization: The Rules" to *Captain's Log #36* (January 2008). Jean also has been involved in an on-going web project for Amarillo Design Bureau called "ADB, Inc. Style Sheet for Star Fleet Universe: Capitalization List" (www.starfleetgames.com/documents/Capitalization_List.pdf). Stephen V. Cole, publisher of *Captain's Log*, took the opportunity to commend Jean on her proofreading efforts by stating that *Captain's Log #36* "was, in many ways, the issue that Jean Sexton built, as she not only proofread, but encouraged, organized, prioritized, and standardized the work flow process." Jean also edited and proofread *Federation Commander: Briefing #1*.

June Power, Access Services/Reference Librarian, attended the 2008 International Iliad Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia, March 12-14.



The new faces at the library are, from left to right, Steven Byrd, Leah Hammonds, Marsha Davis, and Camron Rawls.

New Staff at the Mary Livermore Library

The Library filled three vacant positions and added one new position, bringing our staff to 35.

Steven Byrd, University Library Technician for Reference, joined the staff on January 15. Steven is a native of Lumberton and graduated from UNCP with a degree in English in 2001. He then went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts from North Carolina State University (Go Wolf Pack!) in 2007. Steven works at the reference desk assisting patrons with their research needs. Steven said "I've never worked in a library before now, but between school and my personal interests, I've certainly spent enough time in them. As a child, I would spend hours in the Robeson County Public Library, reading whatever caught my eye. I enjoy libraries, so working here is a great fit. Also, my education and background in composition will allow me to effectively assist students with their research assignments." Steven enjoys reading, going to movies, and listening to music. He is also a "pulp" magazine enthusiast.

Marsha Davis, University Library Technician for Cataloging Services, effective January 2, is new to this area. She moved here in 2007 from Delaware, where she worked in the Sussex County Department of Libraries for 15 years as a cataloger (Technical Services Specialist). In this newly created position at UNCP, Marsha assists with the cataloging and processing of books; her duties include security stripping, searching databases for records, copy cataloging, adding holdings to OCLC, labeling, "blurb"ing and stamping, deleting holdings, and assisting acquisitions and the media cataloger when needed. Marsha is married and has two children and a beautiful six-month-old granddaughter. She also has four Chihuahuas and four horses. She enjoys spending time with family and her animals and also likes to go camping. "I really like my new position here at UNCP, and the staff are very friendly and helpful," said Marsha.

Leah Hammonds, who became Administrative Support Associate on January 23, is no stranger to Mary Livermore Library. She has worked as a student assistant in government documents and special collections since 2005. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in biology at UNCP and will graduate this May. She lives in Red Springs with her two children; Courtney and Trenton. She recently filled the position in serials. Leah said, "I am enjoying my new position and looking forward to learning about more areas of the Library."

Camron Rawls, Administrative Support Associate, on January 2 accepted a recently vacated position in Access Services. Camron is originally from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, but attended high school in Charlotte, North Carolina. Camron graduated from UNCP with a bachelor's degree in mass communications in 2007. He has worked in the Library both as a student assistant and a contract worker at reference. His new position involves assisting patrons at the Circulation Desk and he is also in charge of gathering statistical data for monthly reports. Camron said he really enjoys being here. He knew that he liked libraries when he first took a course in library science while in high school. His leisure activities include playing basketball, lifting weights, watching movies, trying different foods at restaurants, and relaxing.



Sherry Locklear and Karen Fritts show off auction items for the upcoming benefit.

Making A Difference

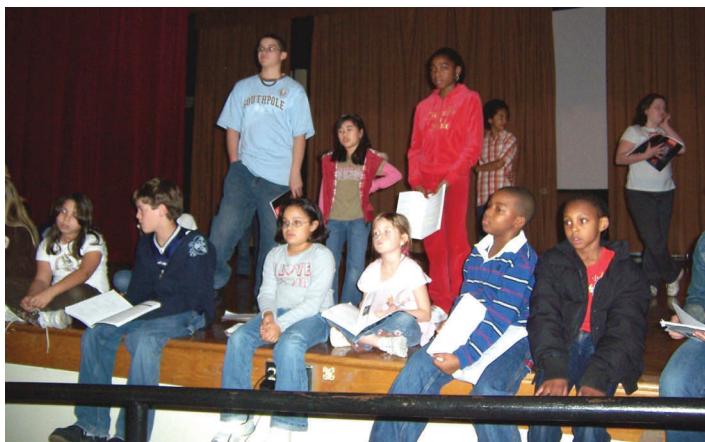
by Karen Orr Fritts

We know librarians and library staff are helpful, friendly creatures inside a library, but did you know they are just as helpful and friendly outside the library? The staff at the Mary Livermore Library helps a variety of causes when not at work, covering a wide range, from animals to children to saving the environment.

Recently a new club was started at UNC Pembroke. The Animal Savior Klub (A.S.K.) was started when **Alayna De-Falco**, Health/PE Lecturer & Color Guard Instructor, and her students found a litter of puppies just off the campus. The puppies were unfortunately too sick to survive. A.S.K. was founded to help save the stray animals in Robeson County. Several members of the library staff, **Robert Wolf**, **June Power**, and **Karen Orr Fritts**, are members. A.S.K. is currently trying to raise money to support the animals that they find, foster them, and find them forever homes.

June Power is also making a difference with the children of Lumberton. She is currently directing a play with 61 area children as the cast. *Once on This Island* is a one-act musical based on the novel *My Love, My Love* by Rosa Guy. The play is sponsored by the Public Schools of Robeson County's Children's Theatre Arts Program (CTAP) which sponsors two programs a year. June enjoys working with the theater and has extensive experience doing so. She also enjoys working with children and has a K-8 teaching certification. The performances are scheduled for April 4 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Lumberton Junior High School.

Noticing the number of plastic bottles and the amount of paper library staff members discard, **Nickie Blanton**, University Library Technician for Media Cataloging, organized a recycling program at the Library. Nickie asks the staff to put these items aside, not in the trash, and every few weeks she comes along and collects these recyclables and takes them to the recycling center in Lumberton. The center takes plastic containers, paper products, cardboard, and aluminum cans. This recycling program benefits the Public Schools of Robeson County. Nickie realizes that this may seem small in the overall picture, but at least it's a contribution toward a greener world.



Children involved in the musical *Once on This Island* wait for practice to begin.
Photo provided by June Powers.



Jessica Reisbeck, Anthony Holderied, and Nickie Blanton show off recyclables.

The Annual General Membership meeting of the Friends of the Library of UNC Pembroke will take place in the main reading room of the Mary Livermore Library, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2008. At this meeting, reports of activities sponsored by the Friends in 2007-08 will be provided and offices for 2008-09 will be elected. All members are invited to attend.

Current Friends Members

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 Graper, Sally Irving
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 Isenhour, Mr. & Mrs. William
 Oxendine, Dr. & Mrs. Joseph
 Oxendine, Dr. Linda E.
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 Wendorff, Dr. Liliana
 Whitt, Bill & Susan
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