

# Around The Sandhills



Sandhill Regional Library System

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*Programs, Events, Projects*

*Edited by Jesse Gibson*

Fifteen locations in five counties:

**ANSON**  
Hampton B. Allen Library  
Wadesboro  
(704) 694-5177

**HOKE**  
Hoke County Library  
Raeford  
(910) 875-2502

**MONTGOMERY**  
Montgomery County Library  
Troy  
(910) 572-1311  
Allen Library, Biscoe  
(910) 428-2551  
Currie Library, Candor  
(910) 974-4033  
Mt. Gilead Library  
(910) 439-6651  
Star Library  
(910) 428-2338

**MOORE**  
Moore County Library  
Carthage  
(910) 947-5335  
Page Memorial, Aberdeen  
(910) 944-1200  
Pinebluff Library  
(910) 281-3004  
Robbins Area Library  
(910) 948-4000  
Vass Area Library  
(910) 245-2200

**RICHMOND**  
Leath Memorial Library  
Rockingham  
(910) 895-6337  
Hamlet Library  
(910) 582-3477  
Kemp-Sugg Memorial, Ellerbe  
(910) 652-6130

**SANDHILL REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
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Rockingham, NC 28379  
[www.srls.info](http://www.srls.info)

## "ME-WOW" IS ON THE PROWL!



Sandhill Regional Library System's new ME- Web-On-Wheels Internet van, has begun to make its journey around our 5 county system. The Sandhill Regional Library System's Me-WOW (Web on Wheels) mobile computer lab van was funded through a grant from LSTA (The Library Services and Technology Act). SRLS applied to the State Library of North Carolina to receive the grant to purchase our newest addition to SRLS. The MeWOW Van is outfitted with a dozen laptops, wireless aircards for each computer, and a wireless printer.

Go to our website [www.srls.info](http://www.srls.info) to check when Me-WOW will be in your county.

## Richmond County Libraries



Santa Clause pays us a visit on December 14th, and on the 15th for story time. 130

kids sit on Santa's lap this year!

Marc Daniels returns to Leath for a Christmas Program on 12-22-09



Over 100 children came to watch during their Christmas break!

Amnesty Week (December 12-19) for area Food Bank. Drive



consisted of gloves, hats, socks, & scarves, in lieu of overdue fines/fees. County wide, 270 accounts were brought up to date.

# Happenings at SRLS Libraries

by **Bonita Collins,**  
**Director of Technical Services**

The Sandhill Regional Library System received a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to purchase public access computers for all 15 libraries within our system. A total of 66 Dell desktop computers were purchased and installed in all our libraries.



SRLS just purchased an Internet van through an LSTA grant from the State Library of NC. The van is called Me-WoW and travels to all 5 counties delivering mobile Internet access and hands-on training for all types of computer users. The classes are currently being scheduled at the main libraries in each of the five counties in the region – Anson, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore and Richmond. The Me-WoW van is equipped with 4 laptops to use inside the van. However, additional laptops are available if more is needed for a class. Each laptop is equipped with an air card to get onto the Internet. If you are interested in taking a class on the Me-WoW van, please contact the library director at the main library in your county.



## Moore County Libraries

### Santa Claus Comes to Town!

Santa Claus made stops at three of the libraries in Moore County - Carthage, Robbins and Vass. At each location, families had the chance to snack on cookies, punch and hot chocolate while the little ones told Santa all of their holiday wishes. Each child received a treat bag as a gift from Santa; thanks go to the Robbins Area Library Committee and the Vass Area Library Board for helping Santa purchase the treats for those bags. Record numbers of children attended the holiday open house at each location, and we hope to see all of them again next year!



*Santa Claus sits in front of a packed house at the Robbins Area Library.*

## Montgomery County Libraries

Montgomery County Public Library and First Bank partnered to host a visit from award winning, inspirational fiction author, Jacquelin Thomas.

*Pictured, David R. Atkins, Library Director (standing) with author Jacquelin Thomas (seated).*



Montgomery County Public Library Friends of the Library to host visit from Greens-



boro author and licensed private investigator, David Shaffer. Shaffer is the author of the Harry Caine mystery series. The book talk and book signing will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Montgomery County Library. Membership in the Montgomery Friends Organization is required for admission. Membership levels are as follows: Individual, \$25; Patron/Spouse, \$100; Corporate/Civic, \$200; Sponsor, \$300; Benefactor/Life, \$500; Student, \$10. For more information on joining the Friends of the Library, call 1-910-572-1311 or visit us on the web at

[www.srls.info](http://www.srls.info). Also scheduled for book talks are Greensboro author Susan Kelly on May 2, 2010 and inspirational fiction author Ann Tatlock on June 13, 2010. All events will be held at 3:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Montgomery County Library. Membership in the Friends of the Library gives free admission to all three events.

## Hampton B. Allen Library – Anson



Hampton B. Allen Library staff enjoyed the Holiday season with secret pals, home baked goodies and a special luncheon at the Ford Place Restaurant in Mt. Gilead. All were excited to open their presents and share the excitement of being a kid again. Yes, our staff is truly young at heart. Above is Joyce Liles and Donnie Lewis admiring The Frog Light. If you kiss it, does it turn into your prince? By Phoebe Medlin



"The Christmas Bus" a children's book by Robert Inman inspired our staff to dress up our bookmobile for 2 night-time parades, one parade in Wadesboro and one in Lilesville. We had lights outside with poinsettias, garlands, wreaths and bows. The inside was a scene of Mrs. Santa Claus reading books to her elves and helpers. There were a lot of comments made about how pretty the bookmobile was at night!

## Hoke County Library

In April 2009, Hoke County Public Library was one of 4,000 libraries nationwide to be awarded the *We the People* Bookshelf, a collection of classic books for young readers. The *We the People* Bookshelf is a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) *We the People* program, conducted in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office. Each year, NEH identifies a theme important to the nation's heritage and selects books that embody that theme; the 2009-2010 theme was *Picturing America*.

HCPL hosted a *We the People-Picturing America* storytelling event on November 21, 2009, just one of the events offered to celebrate the award and highlight books from the collection. Library Supervisor Lynette Dial shared stories and read from selected Bookshelf titles, while Hoke County Commissioner Ellen McNeill spoke to the intergenerational audience about the importance of voting, what it's like to be a public servant, the difference between city, county and state government, and how citizens can contribute to their communities.

Library Supervisor Lynette Dial (left rear), Commissioner Ellen McNeill (center) and some of the participants.



## Staff Picks Capsule Book Reviews



SRLS Staff gathers monthly for projects, planning and book reviews. Just a few of the reviews you might find enjoyable:

**Sheila B. Evans, Director, Hoke County Library**

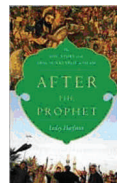
*Why my third husband will be a dog: the amazing adventures of an ordinary woman* by Lisa Scottoline



"Author Scottoline shares her views on life, men, New Year's resolutions, and everything in between..."

**Stephen Zibrat, Director, Moore County Public Libraries**

*After the Prophet: The Epic Story of the Shia-Sunni Split in Islam* by Lesley Hazleton



"By no means an in-depth theological exploration, this book nevertheless makes clear the broad differences between the two groups while grounding such discussion in historical context."

**David R. Atkins, Director, Montgomery County Public Library**

*all about "all about eve"* by Sam Staggs



"Staggs has written a lively and entertaining account of a film that mesmerizes new viewers and continues to fascinate its legion of fans."

**Carmella Johnson, Supervisor, Hamlet Public Library**

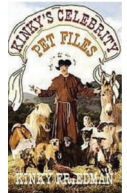
*It's Your Time* by Joel Osteen



"I would recommend this book to anyone who is on the verge of giving up. This book leaves you full of hope and wanting to dream again."

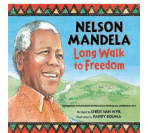
**Jesse Gibson, Director, Richmond County Libraries**

"Hilarious, oddball, heart-warming, and edgy all at once, *Kinky's Celebrity Pet Files* is a book for animal lovers, celebrity junkies, and anyone who just likes a good story. It's a little weird, it's completely charming, and it's 100 percent Kinky." *—from the publisher*



**Linda Lamp, Supervisor/Children's Coordinator, Montgomery County Public Libraries**

*Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom, the Official Picture Book of His Bestselling Biography* abridged by Chris Van Wyk



"Mandela continues his journey to build a South Africa where people of all colors live in peace."

**Carol G. Walters, Director, Sandhill Regional Library System**

*The Christmas Pearl* by Dorothea Benton Frank



"Great at Christmas and all year to remind us of traditions. A must holiday read."

**Phoebe Medlin, Director, Hampton B. Allen Library, Anson County**

*Ends of the Earth* by Tim Downs



Love to find a good old NC author!

# From the Director's Desk

**Carol G. Walters,  
Director of Libraries**

GREAT News for SRLS Libraries.



NCLA Awarded SRLS not one but 3 PR awards at the Fall Conference in Greenville. 1 for Funding brochure, 1 for Booklist by Hoke, and 1 for General Brochure. Stephen Zibrat, Sheila Evans, Phoebe Medlin and Carol Walters attended and accepted the awards with JOY for our Region.

SRLS Gates Grant meant that Bonita Collins, SRLS Technical Director had the opportunity to purchase new public access computers and supplies for ALL SRLS Libraries.



SRLS Outreach Grant made it possible to get our wonderful Me-WOW wireless computer van on the road to all our libraries for public & staff training.

SRLS staff participation for an LSTA Collections Development Grant meant that with matching from SRLS each county would get \$5,000 extra to further develop non fiction areas in their libraries.

Virginia Russell-Gee & Carol Walters were delighted to receive a good audit for SRLS again this year. Thanks especially to VR's meticulous record keeping for SRLS.

Jesse Gibson has hired & is mentoring our own Carmella Johnson as the new Hamlet Library Supervisor

Extensive staff training with Me-Wow van and online resources has been a focus to empower staff for even better service to our customers.

As a result of an LSTA Planning-Grant in Montgomery, teams are looking for grants to expand and move Montgomery Library downtown.

SRLS also received a Planning Grant for Moore County to assess the Carthage Library space needs. Consultant for the project should have report for Moore Spring 2010.

ALL SRLS staff is working on funding issues this spring and extensive "Telling the Library" story presentations for boards and funders so they can better understand the library role in their community during this extremely difficult financial times.

SRLS Libraries have survived with collaboration of all their directors, Regional Staff and Boards going after and receiving grants to fill just some of the funding challenges we have faced this year. We are thankful for Boards, Friends & Staff for support during this difficult time.



MAKE A SPLASH is the 2010 Summer Reading theme. Carol Walters, Phoebe Medlin, Peggy Wilkes and Debby Knight are serving on the State Library committee and each is presenting a workshop in Charlotte in March for close to 200 children's librarians in preparation for summer. SRLS has ordered banners & supplies preparing for summer .



## Library Trivia!

*Did you know that?*

*-The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with nearly 142 million items on approximately 650 miles of bookshelves. The collections include more than 32 million books and other print materials, 3 million recordings, 12.5 million photographs, 5.3 million maps, 5.6 million pieces of sheet music and 62 million manuscripts. <http://www.loc.gov/about/facts.html>*

*-Employed a permanent staff of 3,637 employees. Operated with a total fiscal 2008 appropriation of \$613,496,414, including authority to spend \$50,447,565 in receipts. <http://www.loc.gov/about/generalinfo.html>*

*-Also, in 2008 the LOC Registered 232,907 claims to copyright. Completed 871,287 research assignments for the Congress through the Congressional Research Service. Prepared 1,529 legal research reports for Congress and other federal agencies through the Law Library. <http://www.loc.gov/about/generalinfo.html>*

