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BARGAINS FOR BOOKS



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Six-year-old Eva Rose, right, sits among shelves of children's books with her mom, Rachel, at the 24th Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries sale last Friday afternoon. The library is hosting the sale until Sept. 20.

Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries offers local residents and students great deals on books

Anna Johnson
Senior Reporter

Students who enjoy reading a good book and saving a dime are in luck.

The Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries is hosting the 24th biannual Friends of the Library Book Sale. The sale began last Friday and will continue until Sunday, Sept. 20.

Textbooks, literature classics, nonfiction, sports, history, children's books and more fill the shelves of May Memorial Library, located at 342 S. Spring Street.

And today, as a special one-time deal, all books being sold are half-off, making paperback books only \$0.75 and hardback books \$1.50. The book sale is open from noon to 7 p.m.

On Thursday, book prices go back to normal, \$1.50 for a paperback book and \$3.00 for a hardback book.

"It is a great bargain," said Susan Gant, president of

The Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries. "You get a lot of books for your money, whether it is for school or for pleasure."

When doors opened for Friends of the Library members last Friday, more than 270 people bought books. By the time the doors closed on the first day, more than \$12,000 had been raised.

"We've had people wait in the rain with umbrellas before," said Judy Cobbs, director of the Alamance County Public Libraries. "People come from all over ... it is a real social event, and we get a lot of book dealers as well."

Kerri Foreny has been coming to the book sale for more than nine years and now brings her 5-year-old son, Jason.

Barbara Roberts, co-president of the book sale committee, has been helping with the Friends of the

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Elon resident arrested for indecent exposure in Belk Library

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Morlai Lawson was arrested at 4:43 p.m. on Sept. 9 in Belk Library on charges of indecent exposure. The 17-year-old is a resident of Elon, N.C., but is not a student at Elon University.

According to Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police, the victim of the exposure called and gave a description of the suspect. Lawson was found by officers and arrested immediately.

Lawson went before the magistrate and was required to post a bond of \$1,500. Elon Campus Safety and Police can no longer track the case, as it is an issue for the county now.

The library staff was not in any way involved with the incident.

"[Campus Safety and Police] told us simply what they were doing and they left," said Kate Hickey, dean of the library.

Belk Library is a public library and is open to the entire community during certain hours.

"We don't mind providing that service, unless they're bad people," Hickey said. "But it's really hard to identify the bad people walking in the door. We welcome any possible ideas to help curb these incidents."

Hickey said she does not anticipate any policy changes as a result of this incident.

According to Town of Elon Police Captain Craig Andrews, Lawson's age does not affect his charges. North Carolina charges everyone older than 16 as an adult.

This is the second incident of indecent behavior inside of Belk Library performed by non-Elon students this year. On Feb. 7, Scott Dewante Moore, a 19-year-old from Burlington, was arrested and charged with an alleged sex offense.

According to Elon's Campus Safety and Police, Moore allegedly performed two counts of statutory rape/sex offense and indecent liberties with a child. The incident happened near the bathroom on the first floor, and was first reported to the Burlington Police Department before being handed to Elon's Campus Safety and Police.

There have also been several accounts of indecent exposures around campus in recent years.

"There were some incidents last year and a couple this year, but it's not an everyday or every week thing," Andrews said.

According to Andrews, events like these are more common on campus than in the city.

Elon community gathers, remembers 9/11 on eighth anniversary

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Last Friday marked the eighth anniversary of a day hardly anyone will forget. On Sept. 11, 2001, more than 2,000 people lost their lives as the result of a tragic act of terror against the United States. On Sept. 11, 2009, about 75 Elon University students, faculty and staff gathered at Fonville Fountain to remember it.

Chaplaincy Intern Chet Denlinger led the remembrance ceremony.

"We are gathered together as a community to remember," he said. "Today, as we remember, I invite you to focus on us as a human race in the

context of this event at its particular time and place in history. Today, as we remember, I invite you to focus on how this event can motivate us toward a more peaceful planet."

The ceremony was comprised of two poems of remembrance and a moment of silence.

"Remembering gives power to the present and helps us shape the future," Denlinger said. "How we respond to the struggle is what defines us."

On Sept. 10, N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue announced North Carolina AmeriCorps and the North Carolina National Guard joined together for a service project to honor military families for the United We Serve's National Day of Service and

Remembrance, which takes place on Sept. 11.

For the project, members collected and delivered packages such as stamps, stationery, notebooks, cards, blank tapes, CDs, DVDs, disposable cameras, writing utensils, ink-stamps and other items to help children create a message for deployed parents or family members.

Perdue also signed a Sept. 11 proclamation to thank military men and women and support the state's community service efforts during the campaign.

"Through this United We Serve project, North Carolina's AmeriCorps members and National Guard have shown that it only takes a small effort to give

something back to their communities," Perdue said. "By serving, we honor those who lost their lives on 9/11, and we build strong families and strong communities all over North Carolina."

Service events in Burlington included:

AmeriCorps and Children Together, a program that partners with local agencies for the drive, which ran from Aug. 24 until Sept. 11. ACT will donate items to the National Guard Armories in Alamance, Rockingham and Rowan counties.

N.C. Literacy Corps members met at the Burlington YMCA at 10 a.m. Sept. 11 to organize and package their donated items.