

Read-In will be held at library Feb. 22

Please join us on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. for our African-American Read In. Participants are invited to read from their favorite works by and about African-Americans. Selections can be fiction, non-fiction, funny or inspirational and intended for children or adults. All ages are welcome, so plan to read with us or come to listen.

John Grisham's fans no doubt already know that he has just published a new book. You may also know that *A Painted House* is not a legal thriller, but is a story about a boy growing up on a farm in Arkansas. In television interviews he says that the book is not strictly a memoir, but contains ele-

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ments of his early life. He did grow up in Arkansas, but his father was a construction worker, his mother a homemaker. Grisham's early ambition was to be a professional baseball player, thus the baseball interest in the story. He ultimately went to law school at the University of Mississippi, then practiced law and served in the Mississippi legislature. An actual

court case was the inspiration for his first novel, *A Time to Kill*, which was rejected by every major publisher.

Big Chief Elizabeth by Giles Milton gets a big thumbs up from our friend Steve at Manteo Booksellers. The author used the actual journals kept by members of early expeditions to North America to reconstruct events that led to the establishment of the Roanoke and Jamestown colonies. This factual account is replete with illustrations and maps, and the text brings the historical characters of Raleigh, Elizabeth, and others into the reach of the reader.

Gobs Grief in Chris Adrian's title is for a twin brother, a twelve-year-old bugler killed in the early days of the Civil War. The adult Gob develops an obsession that manifests itself in the building of a time machine that will bring back all the 620,000 war dead. Walt Whitman and Victoria Woodhull are among the real people with parts in this inventive novel written by a Virginia med student.

In A Darkness More Than Night by Michael Connelly, FBI agent Terry McCaleb and Detective Harry Bosch are back and one of them is a murder suspect. This book gets a highly recommended review from Publishers Weekly.

Murder with Puffins by Donna Andrews takes place on a tiny island off the coast of Maine where Meg and Michael plan to take a romantic vacation. But when they arrive at their cottage,

they find Meg's parents awaiting them with the news that her father has been charged with murder.

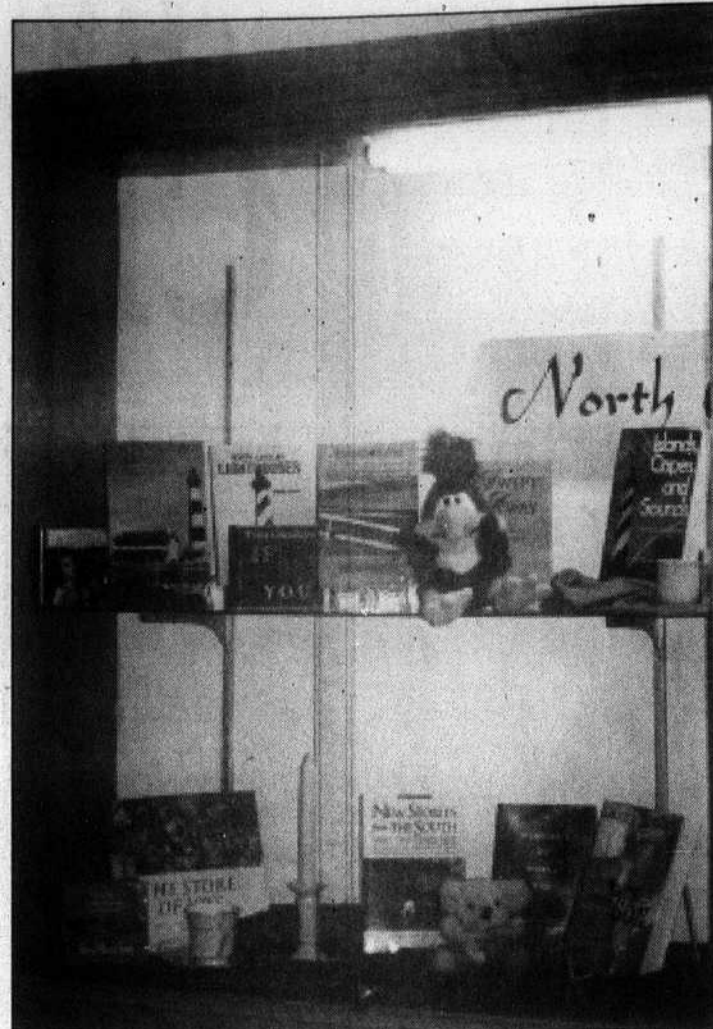
Molly is a children's book author who falls in love with a handsome pro football quarterback in *This Heart of Mine* by Susan Elizabeth Phillips. There is a lot of negative yardage before the two cross the finish line. It looks like a good contemporary romance.

From Stewart ONan, *Everyday People* looks at a black neighborhood during one week in 1989 and the residents struggles with poverty and gang violence. From a focus on the Tolbert family to the broader community of Pittsburgh, ONan gives faces and stories to an urban landscape.

Christian fiction: *The Visitation* by Frank Peretti (Angel sightings and supernatural events bring big changes to a small town.) and *Distant Memory* by Alton L. Gansky (A woman with amnesia does not know whom to trust in this suspenseful story.)

New audiotapes are *Songs in Ordinary Times* by Mary McGarry Morris, *Net Force: Breaking Point* by Tom Clancey, *Blood and Smoke* by Stephen King and *Anything Considered* by Peter Mayle. The King book (written for audio alone and read by the author) consists of three suspense stories in which cigarette smoking is a key element.

New videotapes are *Carolina Preserves: A Celebration of North Carolina*; *The English Patient*; *Picture Perfect*; and *Five Easy Pieces*.



State publications

This month's display at the Shepard-Pruden Library, "North Carolina Presses," is presented courtesy of the Albemarle Literacy Center. Books published in the Tarheel State, primarily by UNC Press, John F. Blair, and Algonquin Press have been combined to create a varied and interesting exhibit. (Submitted photo)

Church of God hosts Conference meetings

The public is cordially invited to attend the Edenton District Conference being held nightly at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 26-March 2, at the Edenton Church of God in Christ on the corner of West Granville and Peterson streets.

The Edenton District Choir will sing nightly.

Featured speakers are scheduled to include: Dr. Fred N. Wiggins of Edenton.; Dr. T.C.

Leak of Fayetteville, NC; Bishop Leroy Jackson Woolard, the First Jurisdictional Bishop of Greater North Carolina; Missionary Harrizene Keyes of Greenville, NC; and host pastor, Superintendent Alexander Dixon.

Don't miss this great event. Come and be blessed of the Lord.

For directions or other information, call 482-3530.

Eure is re-elected to state soybean board

RALEIGH — Fenton Eure III, a prominent young Chowan County farmer from Edenton, was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association during its 34th annual meeting here in mid-January, after completing the term of Leonard Small of Edenton.

Eure represents soybean producers in Bertie, Chowan, Dare, Tyrrell and Washington counties. His responsibilities on the state board include participation in deci-

sions governing allocation of soybean checkoff funds in areas of research, market development, and producer communications. He has served on the association's Membership Development Committee.

In addition to soybeans, Eure and his father raise cotton, peanuts and fresh market butterbeans. They are also certified seed producers.

Eure is active in numerous local civic, church and agricultural organizations, including serving as director of the Albemarle Cotton Growers-Cooperative, chairman of the Chowan County Drainage District 1 and vice president of the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club. He was the recipient of the NC Soybean Producers Association Meritorius Service Award in 1998.

Fenton and his wife Lisa have a son and daughter and are members of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

'Women and investing' series continues at COA

College of the Albemarle's Small Business Center (SBC) continues their "Women and Investing" seminars on Thursday, Feb. 27, with Kathy Stallings of Salomon Smith Barney presenting "Choosing the Right Investments."

This lunch and learn session will be held at Pine Lakes Country Club in Elizabeth City from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Stallings will provide participants with helpful information on making investments.

"Her topics will also include retirement planning, choosing stocks, bonds and mutual funds and information on how to pick the right investment," said Ginger O'Neal, SBC Assistant. "You did not have to be present at part one of our investment series to attend this worthwhile seminar," she added. "However, seating is limited so please call in your reservation by 5 p.m. on February 23."

Call 335-0821, ext. 2231 to be a part of this seminar on smart investing.

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Dear Valued Friends,

Danny Lewis, a life-long resident of Chowan County, joined Creywood Oil Company in 1977. When we sold Creywood January 1, 1987 to Eastern Fuels, Danny remained with Eastern. He served as manager of Edenton's Eastern Fuels operation from 1993 to 2000. Twenty-three years of serving his customers and friends throughout this area has provided Danny with exceptional managerial and customer service experience.

We are pleased and proud to announce that Danny Lewis "came back home" last year! During the past four months he has undergone an extensive tire product and auto service-training program at Colony Tire. This product knowledge coupled with his customer service experience ideally prepares him for his new appointment as Manager of Colony's Tire and Auto Service Center in Edenton.

Danny invites all of his customers, friends, and neighbors to visit him at Colony Tire-Corporation, 1200 North Broad Street (Broad Street and Coke Avenue) or call 482-7011. Please join me in congratulating Danny on this well deserved promotion.

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Sincerely Yours,

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BUS DRIVER

CLASS TO BE HELD

A bus drivers training class will be held on March 6th, 7th, 8th at D.F. Walker School

Class begins at 8:30a.m. - 3:00p.m.

For Further information please contact Renee at 482-5306