

# Currie to sign books at library July 11

The library will close for the Fourth of July so the staff can celebrate independently. Internet classes will be offered at the library on July 10 and 17 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Craig Swinson, our techno-volunteer extraordinaire, will introduce beginners to surfing and e-mail.

Blair Currie will be at the library on Wednesday, July 11 at 2 p.m. to sign copies of his book, *Edenton: A Celebration of Life*, at a reception sponsored by the Edenton Womans Club.

The finale of the Summer Reading Program series will be Tuesday, July 10 at 10:30 in the morning in the waterfront park. Bring your youngsters for storytelling and a picnic. Parents and grandparents please come by the library for stacks of summer reading books.

*Mississippi Portraiture*, a book donated for the North Carolina Collection by John Sykes, was given in honor of Elizabeth Moore. Three portraits in the book are of local interest. Thomas Brownrigg Bailey who was born in Elizabeth City, graduated from Carolina with the top honors in his

## Check It Out

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class, later moved to Mississippi and was on the faculty of (what is now) Mississippi State University. Two portraits by Gilbert Stuart are of Edentonians Edmund and Elizabeth Blount. They were first cousins who married in 1802 and were among the original settlers of West Port, Mississippi.

*The Book of Q* by Jonathan Rabb is the tale of a master plan for world domination based on a search for an ancient religious scroll. A young Catholic priest is convinced that splinter elements in the Church may use it to seize power.

Sizzling summer reading from Jackie Collins, *Hollywood Wives*, *The New Generation*, promises more of her signature formula. With the update of Hollywood wives, though, the women further

their own careers, not just their husbands.

Gerry Spence, celebrity lawyer, tries his hand at a legal thriller with *Half-Moon and Empty Stars*. The novel poses the question, can a small-town lawyer save a half-Arapahoe from a false murder charge?

When the President's daughter retreats into silence after seeing her nanny and Secret Service agents murdered, a psychiatrist specializing in catatonic trauma is called in to help. But the killings were only the beginning of an international plot that endangers them all in *Final Target* by Iris Johansen.

New books in the large print format include *Billy Graham Speaks: Insight from the World's Greatest Preacher*, Elmore Leonard's *Cuba Libre*, and *Thrill* by the prolific Jackie Collins.

*The Marines* published by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and donated to the library by Lee Welsh celebrates the history and traditions of the United States Marine Corps from 1775 to the present and that involves more than a few

good men! Did you know that in 1775 fifers and drummers drummed up enlistees for the Continental Marines? Or that John Philip Sousa was the director of the Marine Band from 1880 to 1892?

Travel books for summertime: *A Travel Guide to Black Historical Sites and Landmarks in North Carolina* is divided into regional chapters. In our area Somerset Place Plantation and St. John's Church are noted. *The Travel Detective* by the travel editor of the Today show is full of tips for getting the most with the least hassle.

*The Eternal Frontier: An Ecological History of North America and Its Peoples* begins sixty-five million years ago. Imagine mastodons in this continent's eastern forests a mere 13,000 year ago. Snapping turtles have been in North America for 70 million years. And then there's modern man to whom the author makes a poignant plea to protect freshwater reserves, the continent's most precious resource.



## Special gift received

During Boy Scout Troop 156's most recent Court of Honor, Assistant Scoutmaster Ginny Gillam presented a United States flag and certificate to Committee Chair Jerry Smyth. The flag holds a special significance for the troop as the Honorable Jesse Helms, United States Senator, had it flown over the United States Capitol in honor of Boy Scout Troop 156, which is sponsored by St. Anne Catholic Church in Edenton. (Submitted photo)

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## Using your NIE program

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Summer is officially here! You are visiting the library, checking books off the reading list, devouring Wednesday's Chowan Herald, and now you are wondering about other creative endeavors for your family's summer.

Structure is good; keep that daily Drop Everything and Read routine, but discover the true magic of summer with your children in the new and unexpected. Running out of magic? I have compiled a list of websites for parents to visit for fresh ideas for family time. From crafts to cooking to reading to birthday party ideas - I promise you will find something to love.

If you don't have a home computer with Internet access, visit your local library or school. Take turns asking questions on [ajkids.com](http://ajkids.com), a spin-off of the popular adult question/answer site, [askjeeves.com](http://askjeeves.com). Introduce your family to a new word a day, a free service at [yourdictionary.com](http://yourdictionary.com).

Other great sites are as follows: [makestuff.com](http://makestuff.com), [amazingmoms.com](http://amazingmoms.com), [crayola.com](http://crayola.com), [family.com](http://family.com), [earlychildhood.com](http://earlychildhood.com), [kidsource.com](http://kidsource.com) and little ones love the games and coloring pages of their favorite characters on [pbs.org](http://pbs.org).

These sites are virtually bursting with ideas and information for families, and they are regularly updated and changed, so there is always something new. Have fun!

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