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## Voters asked to OK library upgrades

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In less than a month, Forsyth County voters will approve or reject a \$40 million bond referendum that could bring vast improvements to the library system.

The bond would fund renovations, total renovations in some cases, at the Central Library, the Clemmons and Kernersville branches. It would also fund a number of repairs at other branches, including a new elevator, ceiling and windows at the Malloy Jordan East Winston Heritage Center and a new heating system at the Carver School Road branch.



Photos by Todd Luck  
**Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin and Mary McAfee**

worth \$150,000.

Library Director Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin and Assistant Director Mary McAfee couldn't comment on the bond itself because county employees cannot endorse bonds, but they said that county libraries are facing record demand at a time when space is becoming insufficient and buildings are aging.

The library still provides many traditional services, said McAfee. Teenagers still come to branches after school to do homework and adults often visit to conduct genealogy research. The library's meeting rooms are also constantly used by local groups.

But local libraries are also providing an array of new services — such as free access to computers and portable high tech devices.

McAfee said the free computer classes at local libraries are in high demand. "One of the things that has been very significant is the number of people who needed to retool their lives as our traditional economy has moved from manufacturing to more technological, people have to find someplace to train themselves and discover what they want to do next," said McAfee.

Sprinkle-Hamlin said that despite greater demand, the Central Library can't expand its offerings.

"We have more and more requests for computer use, and one of the things about this building is we just can't add any more computers because of the wiring issues," she said.

The Central Library was built in 1952 and expanded in 1980. Sprinkle Hamlin said that

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## Fighting the 'Big C' and Living to Tell About It

Local women unite to spread awareness about gynecological cancers

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE



Dr. Skinner

At the beginning of the year, Linda McRae was feeling good about her life.

Having earned her second master's degree, the Statesboro, Ga. native had just landed a job as a clinical care coordinator at TASC (Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities). But the challenge of a new job would greatly pale in comparison to the challenge which abruptly faced McRae.

After discovering a lump in her lower abdomen, McRae visited her gynecologist and was greeted with the news no woman wants to hear — she had ovarian cancer.

The next few months were a blur for McRae, her husband.

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Linda McRae is an ovarian cancer survivor.

Photo by Layla Farmer



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**Tia Norfleet poses with her father, Bobby Norfleet, at the Winston Cup Museum.**

## FAST GIRL

Tia Norfleet looking to make name for herself in NASCAR

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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At first glance, Tia Norfleet is petite and unassuming, but the shy 24-year-old is moving mountains in the world of NASCAR.

Norfleet's promoters say she made history earlier in her career, when she became the first African American female ever to obtain a license to compete in NASCAR races. Norfleet is the daughter of NASCAR Bobby Norfleet, one of the few African American drivers to break into the sport over the course of its 61-year history.

"We're having a lot of fun," said Bobby Norfleet, who has put his own career on hold to help launch his daughter's. "I've been at it a long time; I've been through the trials and tribulations, but it's been worth it."

The father-daughter duo visited Winston-Salem Saturday to drum up sup-



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port for the Tia Norfleet Motorsports team in anticipation of the 2011 race season. The season begins with the famous Daytona 500 in February, where Norfleet will compete against the biggest names in stock car racing.

Garland Burton Jr., director of Business and Diversity Programs at Wake Forest University and a member of the Goler Community Development Corporation Board of Directors, organized the event, billed as a meet and greet and networking opportunity for local business people and a chance for the local community to get to know the up and coming driver.

"This is just an opportunity to make the community aware of a new and exciting moment in history," commented Evon Smith, executive director of the CDC. "I hope that there will begin to be a momentum of support building up for this young lady. I'm praying that she will be a positive role model for youth."

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## Panel attacks proposed Wake County Schools plan

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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State NAACP President Rev. Dr. William Barber II says that life as Black America knows it is under attack.

Contrary to the violence and the burning crosses of the 1960's, today's enemies of civil rights shroud themselves in the name of conservatism, Barber said.

Barber, who has led the nonpartisan state organization of more than 20,000 chapter

members since 2004, was among the panelists on hand at Green Street Church Monday evening, for a community discussion surrounding the Wake County Public School System, which some say is facing massive resegregation under a new school board.

Dr. Timothy Tyson, an activist, scholar and author of the famed book "Blood Done Sign My Name," and Dr. Chuck Dulaney, a retired assistant superintendent for Growth and Planning in the Wake County system, joined Barber in the impassioned discussion hosted by the Institute for Dismantling Racism and the local NAACP.

Barber says that since their election earlier this year, the conservative majority on the school board has worked to vacate the system's existing assignment plan — which was designed to create economic and racial diversity throughout the system — in favor of creating smaller, "neighborhood" school districts. In a



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**The Rev. Dr. William Barber II speaks.**

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