



From left: Mike Fox, member of N.C. Board of Transportation, John Hardin, executive director of the N.C. Department of Commerce Office of Science and Technology, and Skip Kurz, CEO of Praxis Technologies, cutting the ribbon at the electric vehicle charging station at the Alamance County Rest Area.

Station

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which totaled \$247,000, has enabled Praxis to place 20 electric vehicle charging stations in key markets around North Carolina over the past eight months.

The Alamance and Johnston County rest areas were strategically chosen as installation sites. They are high traffic locations that welcome a combined 1 million visitors annually; and additionally, are located

along commuter routes near major metropolitan areas. This may allow motorists the option of charging their vehicle for a short period of time in order to gain enough charge to travel to another charging station location.

NCDOT continues to work with its private partners to investigate the possibility of installing more charging stations at rest areas in the future, including "Level 3," stations which are able to fully charge a vehicle in as little as 30 minutes.

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Trade." Ferguson will lead the book reading and discussion, "Landscape, Religion and Race in Moravian Wachovia."

Other sessions include:

- "New Stories from Old Objects: Finding the African American Story at MESDA," by MESDA Associate Curator Daniel Ackermann;
- "Stealing a Little Freedom: Slave Runaways in North Carolina, 1775-1840," by Freddie L. Parker, profes-



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sor of History at North Carolina Central University; and

"Exploring African American Archives," by Tekla Agbala Ali Johnson, assistant professor of history at Salem College. Wake Forest University Professor of History Anthony Parent will serve as the seminar's moderator.

Registration is \$65 and includes all sessions, seminar materials, and lunch. For more information, or to register, call 336-721-7360 or email MESDAPrograms@dsalem.org.

First "Chat with the Chief" session to take place today at Northside

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem residents will be able to hold private, one-on-one conversations with Police Chief Scott Cunningham as part of a new monthly initiative that will start this month.

The first "Chat with the Chief" event will be held today (Thursday, Jan. 19) from 9 a.m. to noon at Northside Shopping Center, 3499 N. Patterson Ave.

"If people have a question, a comment, a concern, they can come and talk to me personally about it," Cunningham said. "Our goal is to enhance communication between the community and the Police Department."

Ideally, citizens each will have 10 to 15 minutes, if needed, to meet the chief.

"We want to make sure everyone who comes gets a chance to talk," Cunningham said.

The mobile police station, a converted bus, will be set up at the shopping center to provide a place for Cunningham to meet with citizens in private. A new location will be selected every month and announced in advance.

Information about crime prevention and Police Department careers will also be available. For more information, call the Crime Prevention Unit at 773-7835.



Police Chief Scott Cunningham will begin a new series today.

Authors

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winner. They find themselves dreaming of hobnobbing with Michelle Obama and hosting the Grammy's.

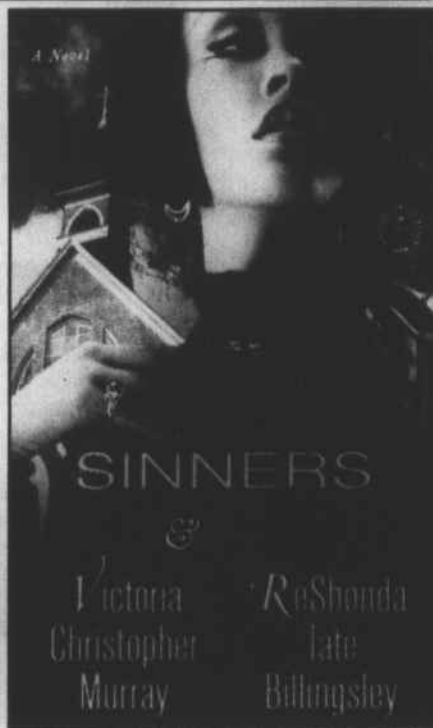
Hosea Bush and Lester Adams, the godly husbands, respect each other and believe the winner will be God's choice. Their wives are trying to help God's hand. Dirty tricks, plots, secrets and someone who's more scandalous than the two of them all surface in the book.

So, how did Murray and Billingsley come up with the idea for Sinners & Saints? Well, it wasn't an overnight thing.

"My publisher at Pocket Books, Louise Burke, told me that it would be a great idea for Victoria and I to write a book together," Billingsley said. "She didn't come up with the idea of our characters meeting but she just thought that since we write so similarly that it would be great for us to write a book together. And naturally, we just thought it would be a great idea to have Rachel beat down Jasmine."

"And it just didn't work out that way," Murray interjected with a bubbly laugh. "This was in 2006, 2007, that's how long it took to get the whole thing together. A lot of times, people think you can jump in and write books and get deals."

But the wait was worth it, they say.



"This was the most fun I've ever had writing a book," said Billingsley. "Everyone always says that Victoria and I write alike and our styles are similar and our books are similar, but it wasn't until writing this book that I was like, OK, this girl is my writing twin. She would write a chapter and we fed off each other. Not once did I have to go into the other person's chapter and change anything. What she wrote

about Rachel was true to form and she never had to say Jasmine wouldn't do that. We just were able to keep it going by knowing each other's characters and being in sync with each other."

That harmony shows in the smooth reading of the book.

"If I could write every book from now on with ReShonda, I would," Murray said. "We're on the second book now and it's a different process. With the first, we just agreed that we had a certain story going. We didn't know the end, we knew that we wanted them at this convention and we had to get them there. We had the same feeling that by page 50, we wanted to take out a gun and shoot the other one. It is amazing to me, especially in the second book, that there isn't a chapter where I say this isn't going to work. It's like she's writing for me."

So who wins?

The reader, of course.

Murray and Tate will appear at the Carver School Road Branch Library, 4915 Lansing Drive, on Wednesday, Jan. 25, starting with a 5:30 p.m. when they will talk to teens about their Young Adult titles. At 7 p.m., the authors will read from "Sinners & Saints" and sign copies of the book. The authors will also appear at in Durham at Barnes & Noble, 5400 New Hope Commons Road, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Jan. 26.

LIBRARY PAGE

Updated listing of all Library News & Events: www.forsythlibrary.org

What Do You Think a New Central Library Should Look Like?

In November of 2010, voters passed a bond referendum to build a new Central Library and to replace branch libraries in Clemmons and Kernersville. First up is Central Library. To build a library that meets the needs of the community, we need your help. Join us at one of our three remaining community meetings where you'll have the chance to give input for what you would like to see in a new Central Library.

Thursday, January 19th
Milton Rhodes Arts Center • 3 pm & 6 pm

Tuesday, March 6th
New WS/FC Schools Career Center • 6 pm

If you're unable to attend one of these meetings you can share your comments with us at www.forsythlibrary.org.

Here's a sampling of comments others are saying about a new Central Library:

- "I would like to see a performing arts type stage with stadium seating."
- "We need small meeting rooms, wired for the latest technology including video conferencing."
- "A new library should include an outside amphitheatre for summer concerts, movies and lectures."
- "Build the new library as environmentally friendly as possible."

African American Women in History

Septima Clark and the Founding of Citizenship Schools

In the 1950's and '60's thousands of African Americans were denied the right to vote for failure to pass literacy tests. Enter Septima Clark, who started Citizenship Schools to help African Americans to read and write to pass these tests. Join Katherine Mellen Charron, Ph.D. as she discusses Ms. Clark's work and how it helped form the roots of organized efforts to fight discrimination laws during the civil rights movement. (Sponsored by the NC Humanities Roads Scholars program of the NC Humanities Council.)

February 2nd • Southside Branch Library at 3:30 pm



Septima Clark

The Story of Elaine Riddick

As a 14 year old in 1968, Elaine Riddick was forcibly sterilized by the state of North Carolina who labeled her as "feeble-minded" and "promiscuous." Hear her incredible story as a victim of the Eugenics program that was accepted as social policy in North Carolina at the time.

Central Library Auditorium • February 3rd at 12 pm



Elaine Riddick

First in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County

Join us as we celebrate local African American women who have achieved firsts in their fields.

- Mutter Evans: First African American woman to own and operate a radio station in the U.S.
- Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin: First African American woman to serve as Director of the Forsyth County Public Library.
- Denise Franklin: First African American woman to anchor the WXII newscast.

Central Library Auditorium • February 24th at 10 am

Bestselling authors coming to Carver School Road Branch

Victoria Christopher Murray and ReShonda Tate Billingsley will read from their new novel, Sinners & Saints. Prior to the reading the authors invite teen girls to join them as they discuss their young adult series of books. Carver School Rd. Branch, January 25th @ 7 pm (Sinners & Saints reading.) 5 pm (Young adult series discussion.)

Locations:

- Central Library 703-2665
- Adult Outreach 703-2903
- Children's Outreach 703-2950
- Spanish-speaking Services 703-2907
- Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center 703-2950
- YOUTH MINI LIBRARIES: Best Choice Center, Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club
- Carver School Road: 703-2910
- Clemmons: 703-2920
- Kernersville: 703-2930
- Lewisville: 703-2940
- Reynolds: 703-2960
- Rural Hall: 703-2970
- Southside: 703-2980
- Walkertown: 703-2990

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