

Libraries, public are on same page

Children's programs, public Internet access, an automated card catalog and more than 100,000 books, videos and cassettes are among features you'll find at Brunswick County libraries.

New additions to the library system include a collection of small business materials at all four branches donated by Brunswick Community College Small Business

Center, a collection of descriptive videos for the visually impaired donated by Southport Lions Club, and all North Carolina census records from 1795 to 1900 on microfilm obtained by the Southport branch.

Upcoming children's activities include a summer reading program, storytime hour for children ages two through five and arts and crafts programs.

"Our summer reading program is designed to encourage and foster a love of books and an enjoyment of reading among young children," said library youth services coordinator Irma Bryant.

Visitors to the area are invited to use all services offered by county libraries, such as the Internet, CD-ROMs and newspapers from the around the state and nation. However, there are some restrictions on what non-county residents can take from libraries.

Temporary library cards may be purchased for \$25 by out-of-county residents. The cards are valid for one year and entitle the cardholder to borrow either an unlimited number of paperbacks, three cataloged books, or one audio tape or one videotape.

County residents may obtain a library card by showing a North Carolina driver's license with a Brunswick County address, or proof of property ownership or employment in the county.

Children age six and older may obtain a library card, but youngsters under 16 must have a parent's signature on the card.

County libraries are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday, 2 to 6 p.m. The Southport branch is located on West Moore Street; the G. V. Barbee Sr. branch is on Yaupon Drive in Yaupon Beach.

'Trees' booklet available

The National Arbor Day Foundation has published a "Conservation Trees" booklet which is available to the public free of charge.

The "Conservation Trees" booklet uses colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for conservation trees.

The contents of the guide include:

- How to use shade trees and windbreaks to save energy in your home.
- How to attract songbirds to your yard.
- How to save trees during construction.
- The right way to plant trees.
- The right way to prune trees.

For a free booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

SOUND FACTS

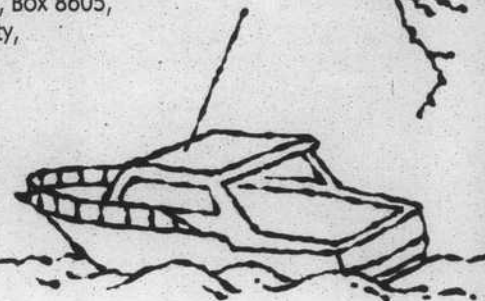
A Bolt from the Blue

Most thunderstorms happen during the summer boating season, and they can catch boaters unaware. Bolts of lightning hotter than the surface of the sun can cause considerable injury, damage and death.

Boats and boaters are especially vulnerable to lightning strikes because they are often the highest point in the area and become targets for lightning seeking a path to the ground. The best safeguard a boater has is to get off the water fast.

But there are other precautions that can protect a boat from lightning. North Carolina Sea Grant offers boaters a pamphlet describing a method that directs lightning strikes safely through the boat with less chance of damage or injury. For a copy of "Lightning and Boats," write North Carolina Sea Grant, Box 8605, N.C. State University, Raleigh, NC 27695

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Tucked between historic Southport and Oak Island, Shade Tree Art Gallery combines themes of low country and coastal imagery expressed in unique and dramatic mediums. The gallery features original wildlife and landscape works, as well as limited edition prints of seacoast and estuarine subjects. Other exhibits include pottery, contemporary glassware, decoy and whimsical wood design. The gallery also has an on-premises custom framing studio with museum quality mounting and an array of traditional inlay and carved mouldings.



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