

OF LOCAL INTEREST

BC LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Books on relationships and personal development available at BC library

The display case at the Bessemer City library contains a stuffed animal collection of bears and other woodland creatures, sometimes used in our library story times.

The library's

nonfiction feature for October remains 'Mountain Trips' with informational books on travel in the North Carolina mountains. Our fiction feature continues to be 'Colorful Stories,' novels set in the Northern coastal states of New England.

Many of our most recent books deal with relationships and personal change. Fiction titles include 'Harvest' by Catherine Landis, the author of 'Some Days There's Pie.' A Southern family farm faces trials and triumphs from the 1930s until present times. In 'Sudden Moves' by Charlotte Vale Allen, a shy woman learns more about herself

through the people around her. Maeve Binchy's latest novel, 'Nights of Rain and Stars,' tells of visitors and residents of a small Greek village who are drawn together by unexpected tragedy.

Some of our new nonfiction books focus on the same topic of families and personal development. One such book is 'Cooking with My Sisters: One Hundred Years of Family Recipes, From Bari to Big Stone Gap' by Adriana Trigiani. Adriana, the author of the popular 'Big Stone Gap' trilogy, celebrates the family traditions of her Italian-Southern American family in this new cookbook.

Motivational author and speaker Harvey Mackay shares the inspiring stories and tips of people who learned and achieved more after being fired from their jobs in his book, 'We Got Fired and It's The Best Thing That Ever Happened To Us.'

Spiritual development is addressed in the book, 'Come Thirsty: No Heart Too Dry For His Touch' by inspirational author Max Lucado.

The rest of the new books

at the Bessemer City library have a suspense theme.

Jonathan and Faye Kellerman have combined their talents to write 'Double Homicide,' two crime tales in one book, one set in Santa Fe and one taking place in Boston. Roland's quest for the Dark Tower concludes in Stephen King's latest book, 'The Dark Tower VII: The Dark Tower.' Questions are answered, including who will survive and who will not, in this culmination to Gunslinger Roland's long journey. In 'California Girl' by T. Jefferson Parker, three brothers in Florida of 1968 try to find the killer of a girl from a family with whom they have long feuded.

Several of our newest nonfiction books center on crimes. For over 20 years, the Green River killer murdered and concealed the bodies of at least 48 women, if not more. The first known victim was discovered in 1982 with the last murder possibly taking place in 2001. The case was not solved until a new DNA process was used in 2001 on a sample preserved since 1987. Some of the bodies were found within a mile or so of the

home of crime-writer Ann Rule and her daughters. Now Ann has written the definitive book on this case based on two decades of research in her book, 'Green River, Running Red: The Real Story of the Green River Killer - America's Deadliest Serial Murderer.'

Jeff Benedict has written 'Out of Bounds: Inside the NBA's Culture of Rape, Violence and Crime.' According to the author, the off-the-court conduct of some of the NBA players and the NBA's response is tainting the reputation of the entire basketball league, plus leading the players to think they cannot be touched by the law.

There has been a change in the cost of computer printouts in the library system. The charge has gone up from five cents to ten cents per page as of October 12. In addition, cash only, no checks, can be accepted for computer printouts, fax services and copies from the copier. See you soon at the Bessemer City library.

Sarah Boyd is supervisor of the Gaston County Public Library in Bessemer City.

Tour of homes scheduled in BC

The Bessemer City History and Arts Society will sponsor its annual Christmas tour of homes on Saturday, December 4 from 3 - 8 p.m.

Stops on the tour include the home of Max and Mary Lou Baxter located at 500 Costner School Rd., the home of David and Vickie Absher located at 410 Costner School Rd., the home of Ken and Glenda Lamar located at 223 W. Alabama Ave. and the home of Craig and Jada Lowrance located at 121 Twin Oaks Dr. off of Puett's Chapel Rd.

Additional stops include Grace Lutheran Church located at the corner of N. 14th St. and Maryland Ave. and the Bessemer City History and Arts Museum located at 209 W. Washington Ave.

A raffle will be held in conjunction with the tour of homes. A white, handmade afghan in a pineapple pattern will be given away at the end of the tour at 8:15 p.m. at the museum. Raffle tickets cost \$2.

For more information, call Sara Cash at (704) 629-2163.

Participants hold relay party

Participants in the 2004 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held a wrap-up party on Thursday, October 7 at First Baptist Church in Bessemer City.

Organizers announced that the fourth annual relay raised over \$50,000 to be used by the American Cancer Society for cancer programs, education and research.

The relay now in its fourth year in Bessemer City was held on September 10-11 at Bessemer City High School with city council member and cancer survivor Marilyn Best serving as honorary relay chairperson with some 20 teams representing businesses, families, churches and civic group participating in the all-night

walk-a-thon.

Highlights of the event included a victory lap for cancer survivors, a luminary service to honor and remember those people affected by cancer and a full slate of entertaining activities. A group of teenage girls from Bessemer City High School cut their hair during the relay and donated it to the Locks of Love program, which makes wigs and hairpieces for cancer patients.

Co-chairpersons of this year's relay planning committee were Gerri Davis and Jim Hodge.

Event a success for women's club

Members of the Bessemer City Women's Club held the second annual Parade of Tables event on Saturday, October 2 at First Baptist Church in Bessemer City.

Over 200 people attended the program that featured tables decorated with various themes. A time to view the decorated tables was held at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m.

Ken Lemmons, reporter for WSOC-TV Channel 9, was the guest speaker and talked about his top 10 crime stories he has covered as a television news reporter. Entertainment included music by soloist Andrea Beam.

Door prizes were given out and proceeds from the event benefit the BC Women's Club scholarship fund.

BC society plans veterans program

The Bessemer City History and Arts Society will sponsor a Veterans' Day program on Saturday, November 13, 2004 from 2 - 4 p.m.

The event will be held at the Bessemer City History and Arts Museum located in the former woman's club building on W. Washington Ave. and feature a guest speaker.

The public is invited. For information, call Nancy Capps at (704) 629-2056.

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