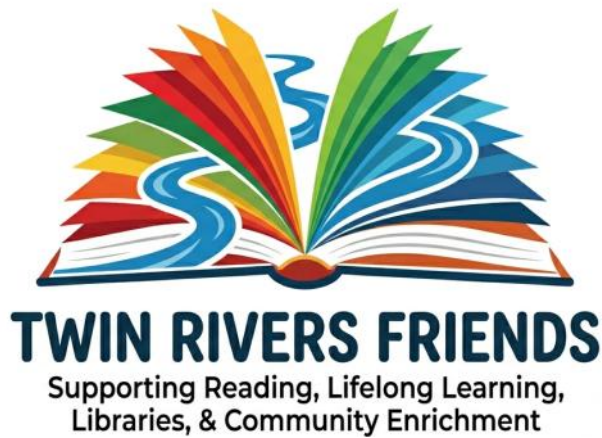




Shelf Life

September 2026

A Message from the TRF President

Dear Friends,

As we head into the fall, activities are picking up for local nonprofits, including the Twin Rivers Friends. This means lots of opportunity to volunteer and lots of fund-raisers to support. We hope you will both volunteer and support our events, including the book sale coming up the end of October. The flyer is in this newsletter.

Senior Activities

The word is getting out, and we are scheduling more senior outreach activities every day. We have a lot of members, so if each would just do a little something to help support these activities, no one would be burdened. Even if you work, you could still prepare a dessert or snack, contribute prizes, or design an art activity. Please consider volunteering! Read more about these opportunities in this edition of the newsletter.

Activities for kids

It's not just adults that we are being asked to serve. New Bern Parks & Recreation Department is requesting our help with a number of activities for children. Watch for these opportunities as well. These will be on Saturdays, so even if you work Mon-Fri you could help.

Kids Books

We continue to remind everyone that we need lots of books for our sale, but we also need children's books to fill our seven Little Free Libraries around town. They go like hot cakes! We never seem to have enough. Please donate and help us get the word out!

StoryWalks

TRF Director **Cindy Shipley** has been re-

searching new titles to enlarge our inventory. We also applied for a grant to replace the degraded panels for three of our oldest StoryWalks. November 8-14 is National StoryWalk week and we hope to roll out one or more new titles then.

Banned Books Week

And speaking of special celebrations, Banned Books week is October 4 to 10. **Brewery99** is partnering with us for a silent banned book reading drop-by event on **Tuesday October 6th 3 to 9 PM**. Join us in celebrating New Bern's Freedom to Read! Bring your own banned book (BYOBB) or we'll have a few for you to peruse. We ask attendees to bring books to donate. We will have a drawing for a blind date with a book every half hour. Help us get the word out. Hope to see you there!

Facebook postings

The week of August 24th, WITN, WCTI, and Public Radio East's FB pages had an article, mostly taken from the home page of the New Bern library, about the change in our relationship with them. We issued and posted a statement telling our side of that story. [Click here to read it.](#)

In closing...

I continue to be amazed at how much work is being done by members of our TRF Board! They fill all the slots when members don't. This is good, but also bad in that burnout is a constant concern. **Please volunteer!**

Yours in Friendship,

Judy Hills, President TRF

How Does TRF Support the New Bern-Craven County Public Library?

Both our members and those outside of our organization continue to ask, **"Is the Twin Rivers Friends still supporting the library?" The short answer is YES!!!**

Let's recap where we're at now, starting with a few definitions.

Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library—our nonprofit's name from its inception in 1968.

Twin Rivers Friends (TRF)—the assumed business name under which we now operate.

Craven-Pamlico Regional Library (CPRL)—a publicly funded and managed system of libraries in Craven and Pamlico counties.

New Bern-Craven County Public Library—the library we have supported since 1968. One of five libraries in the CPRL system. Each of the five libraries has its own advisory Board of Trustees. These boards inform and advise the CPRL board.

Craven-Pamlico Regional Library (CPRL) Board of Trustees—a unit of local government (like a county or municipality) that makes policies, provides oversight, and governs the five libraries, four in Craven County and one in Pamlico County. These are primarily funded by the two concerned counties. CPRL has a Board of Trustees that includes commissioners from both counties.

Endowment—An endowment is a permanent fund that distributes the income it generates through prudent, long-term investment strategy, steered by outside professional asset managers.

In December 2025, the CPRL Trustees sent a letter stating that all Friends groups would be required to sign a legally binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in order to continue to be associated with libraries in the CPRL system. Normally, an MOU is just a simple agreement, not a legally binding contract. After an in-depth analysis of the MOU, we determined that signing it would put our 501(c)(3) status at risk and that, as an incorporated NC nonprofit, the document violated our rights under NC General Statutes 55A.

Because we would not sign, CPRL sent us a letter severing the relationship. They also told us to remove any reference to the New Bern-Craven County Public Library and CPRL. Hence, our assumed business name.

Because it has been our mission and continues to be our mission to support libraries, our board voted to establish a \$25,000 endowment with the North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF), a reputable organization that handles endowments for many libraries. The yearly disbursement from this investment would go directly to the New Bern-Craven County Public Library. NCCF required that CPRL agree to this in writing. CPRL had the paperwork for months without taking any action until we finally gave their Board a deadline of August 20th to sign. Not only did they not sign, but they never even bothered to notify us one way or the other. The offer died a natural death.

At the TRF Board meeting on August 20th we discussed the situation. We voted unanimously to establish the endowment with the NC Community Foundation for \$25,000 with the proceeds from the investment going to support the library we have served for so long. The CPRL attorney has made it clear to NCCF that CPRL does not want the TRF "fundraising for the library." To be clear, TRF fundraises to support our mission. Our mission includes "...support the development of library resources and services..." We have chosen to continue to support the New Bern library through the endowment we have established. It provides a mechanism for professional management and dispersal of TRF funds donated to the New Bern Library, in accordance with our mission, in perpetuity. Any interpretation of that action to mean that we "fundraise for the library" would be a misrepresentation.

So, if anyone asks if we support the New Bern-Craven County Public Library, you can tell them about the endowment.

Smart Start Network Reacts to the Passing of Dolly Parton

This is from their Facebook Page:

The Smart Start Network is deeply saddened by the passing of Dolly Parton. Her belief that every child deserves access to books and the opportunity to develop a love of reading transformed the lives of countless children and families.

Through [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#), the Smart Start Network is honored to help bring free books and the joy of reading to children across North Carolina—helping families build connections, spark curiosity, and nurture

a lifelong love of learning.

We will continue carrying forward her vision and remain committed to helping children build strong foundations for lifelong success. Her legacy will live on every time a child opens a book and discovers the joy of reading.

If you wish to commemorate Dolly and honor her legacy, please contribute to [The Dollywood Foundation](#). Or you can donate through Craven Smart Start (CSS). [Click here](#). The TRF donated \$100 to CSS in honor of Dolly.

Remembering

Dolly

August 25, 2026

Dolly Parton's
IMAGINATION
LIBRARY

24,872,704
books mailed to
children in NC
since the expansion of
DPIL in 2017

Dolly Parton
I Am a
RAINBOW

smart start
Each Child. Every Community.

NOAH Game Day

The residents of New Bern Older Adult Housing were our guinea pigs for this first attempt at game day for seniors. While 16 had signed up, only 9 attended. But judging by the raucous laughter and competitive spirit, those that did attend had lots of fun. With the tickets they earned by their scores playing Scrambled, Yahtzee, and Phase 10, residents could "purchase" prizes. Prizes "cost" 5 tickets, 3 tickets, or 1 ticket. We had a lot of items for them to choose from so they all found something that they needed or wanted. The residents were all smiles as they took their winnings to their apartments.

Volunteers who helped included: Joanne Straight, Ellie Toombs, Joy Hepler, Amy de Court, Janey Powell, and Judy Hills. Marcia Sproul also helped by fixing a dessert. We could not have done this without this great team!

The Activities Director Lisa Carroll was more than pleased to have us back again. She says she plans to schedule one of our "virtual trips" in early 2027.



NOAH Game Day Pictures



NOAH Game Day Pictures by Amy de Court



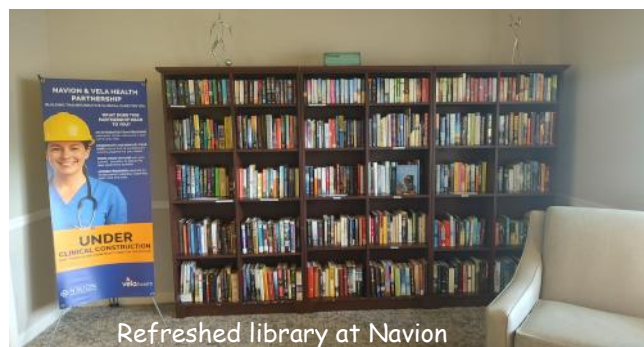
Refreshing the Library at NOAH

This library had a ratty set of 50 year old encyclopedias occupying a whole shelf. We tossed those. There was also a whole shelf of Guideposts dating from 1991. Those went as well. We exchanged about 75% of the remaining books and then backfilled the shelves with newer titles and authors. We made it look more attractive in the way we displayed a few books. Shown is Lisa Carroll, the Activities Director. She liked the new look. We encouraged her to keep up displaying different books.



Refreshing Libraries

The one thing we have learned in refreshing these facility libraries is that no one curates or even straightens the books. Staff is too busy and residents seem to think that is someone else's job. The result is a jumbled mess to the point where sometimes one can't even see the book titles for everything stacked in front of them. In some facilities, the bookshelves also become the dumping ground of odd, unwanted or unneeded items (e.g., shampoo). The shelves and items collect dust. Our job becomes that of an organizer. We pull off all the junk, remove the books, wipe off the shelves. We assess each book, just like we do in the sorting unit. Some are obvious discards (e.g., torn books, magazines over 6 months old—we found one from 2014!). Some books we leave, some we trade with ones we brought from the storage unit. We don't really try to organize the books, except we do put religious and spiritual books together and in one case, we put a shelf of Clive Cussler books together for a resident who reads them often. At the end we try to create an attractive display using what we have to work with. Below is a picture of Cindy Shipley showing off the final product of our



Refreshed library at Navion

refresh at Riverpoint Crest. Residents can actually find more books they might read because they can now see the titles. It is a case of less is more!

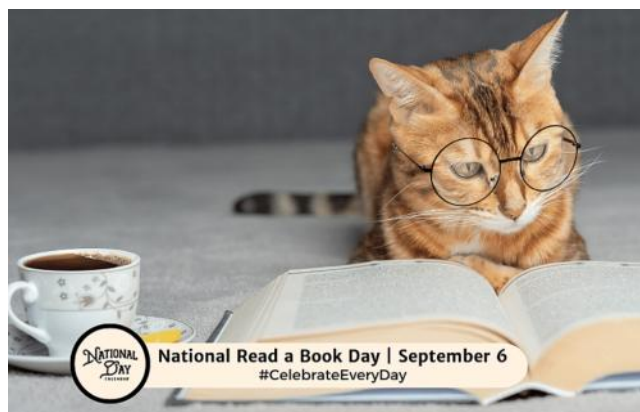
Sometimes we get to meet one of the readers. At Riverpoint Crest we met Robert with whom we had an interesting discussion about science fiction writer Isaac Asimov who wrote over 500 books. We went back that day and brought him a few sci fi books from the storage unit.

On 8/12, Ellie Toombs and Judy Hills refreshed the library at PruittHealth Neuse. On 8/13 Cindy Shipley and Judy Hills refreshed the library at Riverpoint Crest and Judy Hills refreshed the library at Navion on 8/17.

We are looking for a team of two people to do this task. Working as a team will take less time. We'll train you. Grab one of your running buddies and take on this fun project! Contact [Judy Hills](#), if interested.



Cindy at Riverpoint Crest



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering offers profound personal, professional, and health benefits, including reduced stress, increased happiness, enhanced skill sets, and deeper community connections. Surely there is something here of interest to you. If you have ideas for programs or projects that you want to pursue that fit with our organization's purpose, [email President Judy Hills](#).

StoryWalk Coordinator

We have a job description. Entails promoting StoryWalks and filing in when team is unavailable, Contact Judy Hills jahnbnc@gmail.com or 262.670.1913

Storage Unit team member

[Click here](#) to sign up to work the storage unit on Signup Genius. Prefer two persons per shift, but one can work alone. You will need an orientation and to work with a buddy for a while. Needed for 1st Saturday of the month and every Tuesday. Hours only 10 to 12. Contact Cindy Shipley cindyshipley@yahoo.com

Book Sale Team Member

We need lots of help with the fall book sale the week of October 26th to October 31st. [Click here](#) to sign up on SignUp Genius. Questions? [Joanne Straight](#) 252.259.3078

Library Refresh Coordinator

We have a job description. Entails reviewing condition, straightening, restocking books at assisted living facilities, Suggest a team of two. Contact Judy Hills jahnbnc@gmail.com or 262.670.1913

Below are the events still needing help. Click on the event to sign up on Signup Genius. Children's events have an asterisk.

9/8 [Get Crafty at Riverpoint Crest](#) (create and execute a fall craft project that the facility can use for decorations) 2 to 4 PM. Snacks are needed.

9/16 [Senior Center Puzzle Competition](#) 9 to 11 Prizes & snacks

9/22 [New Bern Towers Game Day](#) 1 to 3 Prizes and snacks

9/24 [Get Crafty at PruittHealth](#) Neuse 11 to noon. Snacks.

10/2 [Oktoberfest at Riverpoint Crest](#) 2 to 4 Prizes, games, and snacks

10/6 [Banned Book/Freedom to Read Event](#) at Brewery99 3 to 9 PM (2 hour shifts)

10/8 [Senior Center Oktoberfest](#) 9 to 11 Prizes, games, and snacks

10/16 [Cards at Riverpoint Crest](#) 10 to 12. Snacks and prizes

10/26-31 [Big Book Sale](#) at Knights of Columbus Hall

*11/7 [Touch a Truck Event](#) at West New Bern Rec Center 10 AM to 2 PM

11/17 State Fair event at Navion 2 to 4 PM.

*12/5 Play date for 2 to 5 year olds at West New Bern Rec Center 10 to noon. Will read a book and have an activity.

We thank those who have already signed up!



A Visit to the Havelock Anime-Fest

by Margot DeLapp & Marzanne Draves

Margot & Marzanne are mother & daughter, residing in New Bern, NC. Marzanne was raised in Falls Church, Virginia, where her mother took her to Anime Conventions just about every year from 6th grade until her high school graduation in 2015.

We spent the morning checking out the Havelock Anime-Fest, hosted on Saturday, August 29th, 2026, at the Havelock Tourist & Event Center. Overall, this was a larger variety of products, artists, and cosplay than we would've expected for Eastern North Carolina! The space allowed for a good flow of attendees, and while it was well attended between 10am - noon when we were there, it never felt overwhelmingly crowded. We were happy to receive complementary tickets covering the \$20 per person admission so as it allowed us to more freely support the artists and vendors, and to provide this report to our Friends members.

It is hard to not compare this event to the larger conventions that we attended for years (namely Anime USA, Katsucon), but we were still impressed with the turnout and support given the size of the area. One of the coolest things about the Havelock Anime-Fest was the number of local ENC representation: artists, makers, vendors, and entertainers from Havelock, Jacksonville, New Bern, Mount Olive, and other neighbors! We love supporting locally owned companies and artists. The booths featured vendors selling a huge variety of original artwork, figurines, cards, stickers, pins, stuffed animals, tote bags, 3D printed works, props like swords/knives, jewelry, computer accessories, and other collectibles. There was truly something available for every budget, from free offerings (with or without purchase) to \$2k+ rare and limited edition graded Pokémon cards. In addition to Pokémon (which Marzanne is thrilled to see a resurgence in popularity), lots of

the "traditional" fandoms, characters, and companies were represented: including, but not limited to, Sanrio, Naruto, Yu-Gi-Oh, One Piece, Bleach, Mario, Magic the Gathering, Hazbin Hotel, The Amazing Digital Circus, K-Pop Demon Hunters, Labubu, and NeeDoh.

Growing up in the costume design & cosplay communities, Marzanne pays a lot of attention to attendees who dress up, whether it is a full costume and face paint or just a few themed pieces. There were so many different characters and people with fun accessories at the show! In an age where Facebook and vendor events are full of AI-generated imagery and "artwork", it was refreshing to not only see so many aspiring cosplayers and creatives, but to see so many handmade portraits, clay figurines, build-your-own keychains, and collectibles.

We met up with one friend and her family and asked her what they thought about the show. She provided us with the following quote:

"I really enjoyed the atmosphere of the Havelock Anime Fest. There was plenty to see and take in, from the variety of unique and interesting cosplays, to the vendors with handmade and curated products, and I loved the diversity of the crowd — we saw a mixture of older and younger fans, couples, families, solo attendees, but you could tell everyone there was united in the same love for fandom and anime. It was a great first con for me and my family!"

It was Marzanne's first time at the Havelock Tourist & Event Center, and the Anime-Fest took place in just one, albeit large, room. It seemed like the focus was on vendors, but there were also voice actor meet & greets, and cosplay and lip sync contests held later in the day (which we missed). We're used to seeing separate spaces for commercial vendors and a dedicated Artist's Alley for small/local businesses and independent artists, whereas here

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A Visit to the Havelock Anime-Fest (Continued)

by Margot DeLapp & Marzanne Draves

small/local businesses and independent artists, whereas here they were all together in the space. We didn't notice any significant signage for the actual event (in the convention hall or otherwise), nor did we receive/notice any registration packages or a printed schedule for workshops, contests or other offerings. We found out a few of the details mentioned by looking over the website & social media after the event!

The Havelock Anim-Fest appears to be a newer (and growing) organization and we are excited to see what the future holds for this and related events. It was fun to see so many different people enjoying themselves and the time with their families and friends! After our time at the Fest, we had lunch at nearby Shimoda Sushi & Ramen, where we saw a few other groups of Anime-Fest attendees enjoying Japanese cuisine!



A Visit to the Havelock Anime-Fest (Continued)

by Margot DeLapp & Marzanne Draves



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES UPDATE

Coordinator **Christine Bryon** reported that in early August ALL the books were taken from the LFLs at Union Point Park. This is the first time we have experienced this. We believe it was caused by vandals. We will keep an eye on the situation and hope that it is a one-off.

Well, we did have an additional incidence of vandalism at Union Point Park. Between 7 PM on Tuesday 8/11 and noon on Wednesday 8/12, someone tore the door off the adult LFL box. **Joanne Straight's** sister noticed it and let her know. We reported this to the New Bern Parks & Recreation Department. They reported it to the police and are reviewing security camera footage to see if they can spot the vandal(s). Thanks to **Randy Straight** for repairing it!

We have been talking about doing this for years, and it finally came to fruition this month. Every LFL that we manage, now has a sign to that effect. There is a QR Code linking to our email to make it easy for the public to contact us. See below. If there is a sign on the box with contact info, we hope that anyone who notices vandalism will let us know.



Damaged door—Plexiglass is gone



Alan Hills affixing new plaques



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STOCK & MAINTAIN
THIS LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

READ IT/LOVE IT/SHARE IT
BOOK DONATIONS APPRECIATED!



Your TRF Membership—Renew Before the Next Big Book Sale

When anyone joins the TRF, whether joining online using a credit card or using a hard copy form, your membership renewal date is the date your information is entered into the online membership database. Even though the system sends renewal messages, we know that those are sometimes missed. **Please go online and check your member data. [Click here and log-in at top right](#).** If you are unable to do this or need help, [click here](#) to email us. This is especially critical right before each sale. We do check your membership expiration date when you come to the members' only evening sale. Most everyone that attends this sale is eager to get to the books. If your membership is current, you'll sail right through, but if not, you'll have to complete a form and pay.

We highly recommend that you check your expiration date and renew your membership PRIOR TO THE SALE!

The MemberPlanet System will want your email/username and your password. If you have not yet created an account, there is a link to do so.



STORYWALK

Come explore our outdoor stories this month!

2026 STORYWALK SCHEDULE FOR PARKS

BEGIN	END	TITLE	LOCATION
Saturday July 11, 2016	Friday, September 11, 2026	Leo the Late Bloomer	Martin Marietta
		Rainbow Fish	Creekside
Saturday, September 12, 2026	Friday, November 13, 2026	Big Pumpkin	Martin Marietta
		A Fall Ball for All	Creekside
Saturday, November 14, 2026	Friday, January 8, 2026	Walter the Farting Dog	Martin Marietta
		Bear Stays Up for Christmas	Creekside

Creekside Park Steward: Ellie Toombs

Martin Marietta Park Stewards: Bruce & Krystal Simel



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DONATE BOOKS & MEDIA

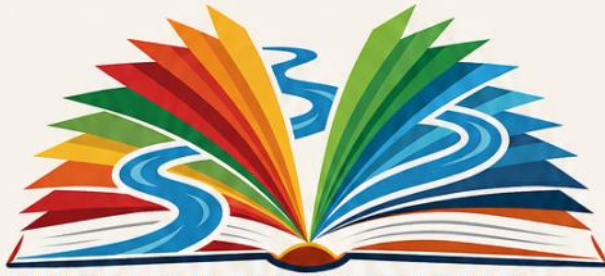
Donations are gratefully accepted at our storage unit. How to donate:

- **Use the small book drop** in the rear of the building for small donations (plastic shopping bag size) so those can be dropped off any-time.
- **Drop off when unit is staffed.** We have volunteers there to accept donations on Tuesdays 10 AM to 12 PM and 10 AM to 12 PM on the following Saturdays 8/1, 9/12, and 10/4. Use rear entrance-look for the sign.
- **By special arrangements.** Should you have a large number of books and those days/times do not work, please use the QR code below to email us and we will make arrangements.

River Mills Professional Storage Center
2723 Neuse Blvd.
Please DO NOT leave books at the door!!!



friendsnewbern@gmail.com



TWIN RIVERS FRIENDS

Supporting Reading, Lifelong Learning,
Libraries, & Community Enrichment



CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOM TO READ

★ *during* ★

BANNED BOOKS WEEK



**TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2026**



3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

BREWERY

99



1030 POLLOCK ST. • NEW BERN, NC



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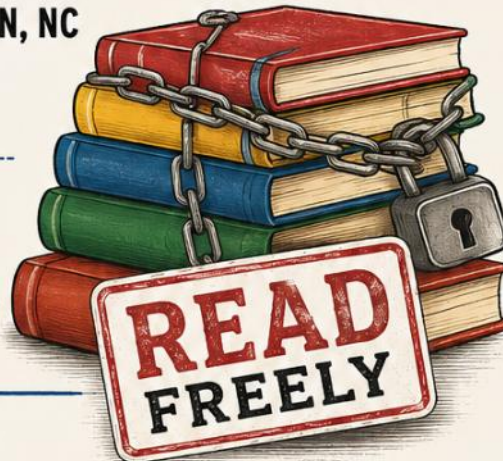


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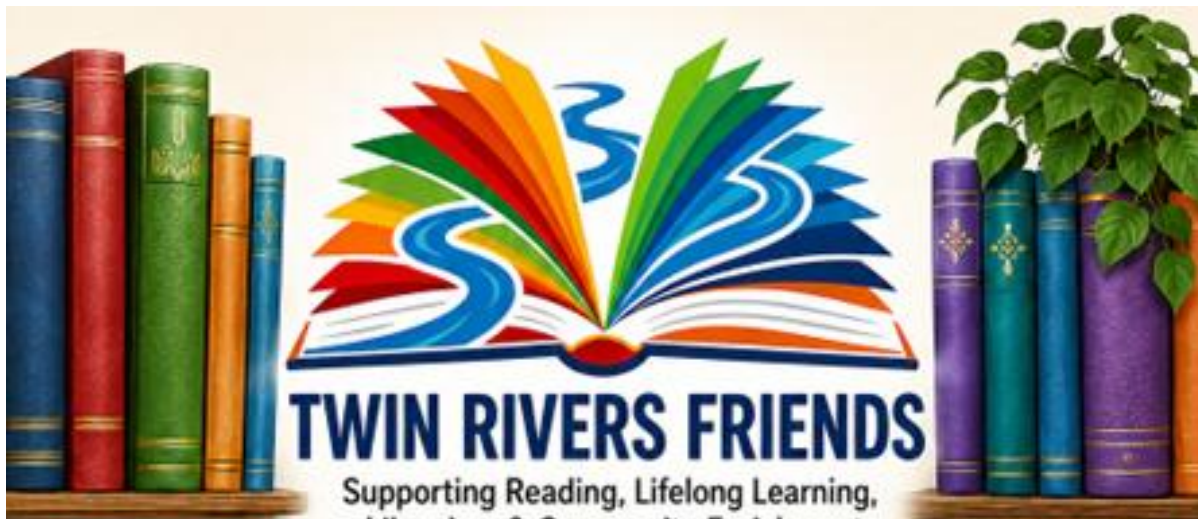


**DRAWING EVERY HALF HOUR
for your choice of a**

Blind Date with a Book! ⇐



READ FREELY ★ THINK FREELY ★ BE FREELY YOU



BOOK SALE



**MEMBERS
ONLY**

**Wednesday
October 28, 2026
4 to 6:30 PM**



**PUBLIC
SALE**

**Thursday, October 29th
and Friday, October 30th
9 AM to 6 PM**



**\$5 BAG
SALE**

**Saturday,
October 31st
9 AM to 4 PM**

★ You may join or renew memberships at the sale. ★



**Knights of
Columbus Hall**

1125 Pinetree Dr.
New Bern, NC 28560



SCAN ME!

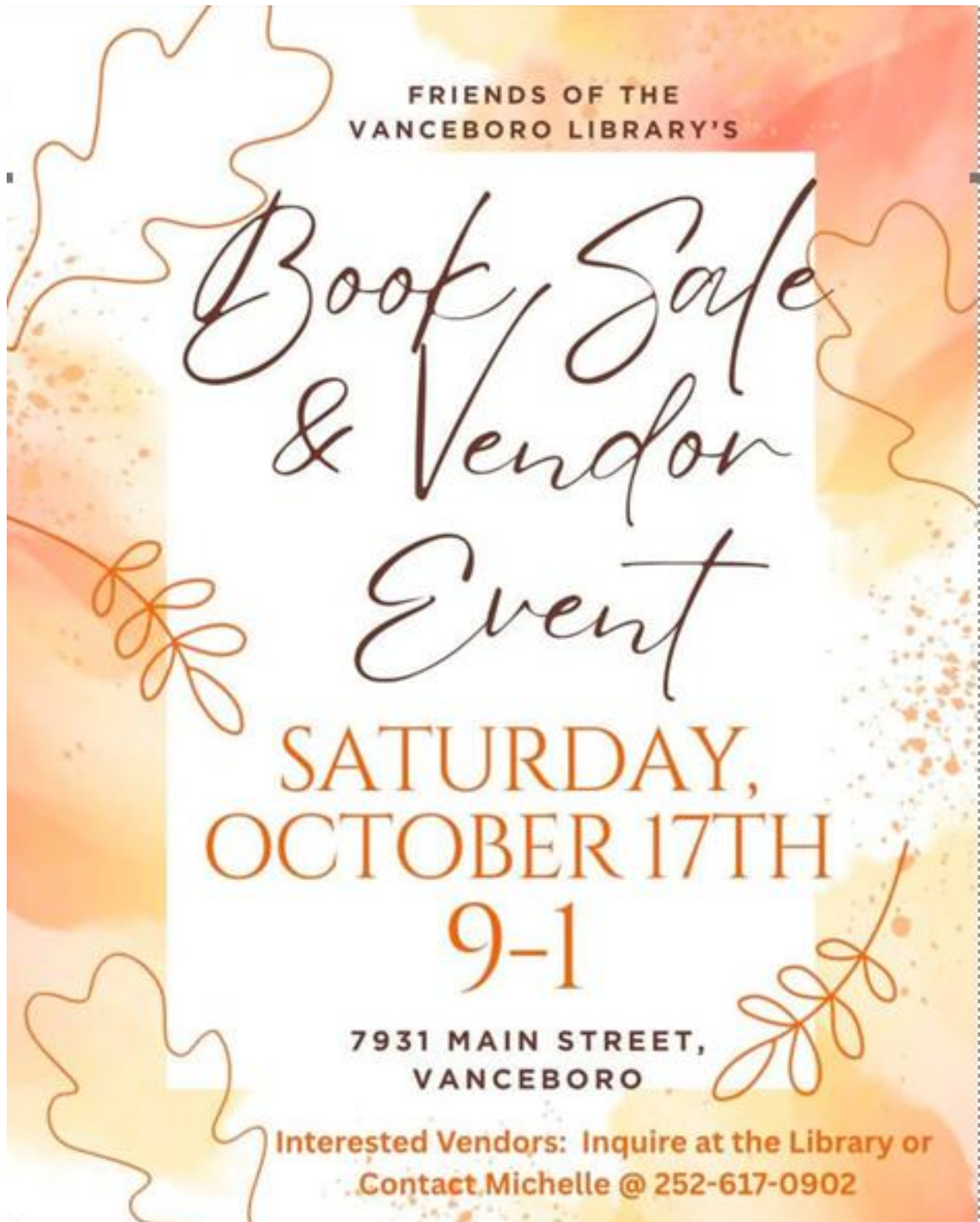


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Friends of the Vanceboro Library Having a Book Sale

We are helping these Friends to spread the word about their sale.



FRIENDS OF THE
VANCEBORO LIBRARY'S

*Book Sale
& Vendor
Event*

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 17TH
9-1

7931 MAIN STREET,
VANCEBORO

Interested Vendors: Inquire at the Library or
Contact Michelle @ 252-617-0902

New Bern Library Having a Book Sale

In our continued support of the New Bern Library and literacy and our desire to see all books find good homes, the TRF encourages our members and the public to buy books at the sale that the library plans to hold on Saturday, September 12th 9 to 5:30. Proceeds "will be used to...purchase more early literacy books in honor of Elinor D. Hawkins."

For those who don't know, Elinor D. Hawkins, widely known as "Miss Elinor," was a legendary children's television host, librarian, and literacy advocate in New Bern, NC. She hosted the children's program *Telestory Time* for nearly 70 years, reading stories to generations of eastern North Carolina children every Saturday morning. In honor of her service to our community, in 2013 she received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina's highest civilian honor and has her very own custom New Bern bear statue.

The bear wore Miss Elinor's iconic red glasses, holds an open storybook that reads "*Once upon a time...*", and is painted with colorful patterns reflecting her decades of storytelling. Unfortunately, the glasses were vandalized and her bear currently is without them. The bear was designed by Rose Williams and brought to life by Tryon Palace artist Lindsey Demonch. The Elinor D. Hawkins bear stands right outside the New Bern Library greeting children and visitors just as Elinor did for decades.

After Miss Elinor's retirement, for many years, she was the President of the Friends of New Bern-Craven County Public Library.

Miss Elinor passed away on February 15, 2023, at the age of 95, leaving a lasting impact on childhood literacy.



New Bern Book Sale!

Saturday, September 12

9:00 am - 5:30 pm

New Bern Library

Come find a new read at a great price - and support your local library! All funds will go towards promoting early literacy and purchasing more storybooks for our libraries, in memory of Elinor D. Hawkins.

New Bern Library September Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	9:30 am Preschool Storysteps 10:30 am Preschool Storysteps 12:00 pm Tech Tutor (Registration required) 1:00 pm STEAM Art: Sand Science (Grades K-5, Registration requested)	9:30 am Books & Babies Lapsit Storytime (Registration Required) 10:30 am Books & Babies Lapsit Storytime (Registration Required) 1:30 pm Books & Babies Lapsit Storytime (Registration Required) 2:30 pm Books & Babies Lapsit Storytime (Registration Required)	4:30 pm BOOK-A-TIVITIES (Grades 3-5, Registration Requested) 4:30 pm Kidz Story Stretchers (Grades K-2)	9:30 am Time Out for Toddlers 10:00 am Mind Over Mat(ter) Yoga Class 10:30 am Time Out for Toddlers	10:30 am Saturday Morning Movie: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (Registration Requested)
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TWIN RIVERS FRIENDS

Supporting Reading, Lifelong Learning,
Libraries, & Community Enrichment

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The purpose of this organization shall be to: maintain an association that advocates for the freedom to read; support the development of library resources and services; develop and support a community of readers and lifelong learners; and collaborate with other organizations to enrich our community and achieve these purposes.

Formed in 1968, the "Friends" is organized for charitable, educational, and literary purposes including making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Friends are also incorporated as a nonprofit in the state of North Carolina and have a current NC Charitable License Exemption.

The TRF supports the New Bern-Craven County Public Library through the donation of the yearly disbursement from the endowment we have established with the NC Community Foundation. We plan to grow this endowment and ask members to also contribute to it.

Calendar of Noteworthy Events

September

- 1 Carolina Senior Care 10:30 to 11:30 double bingo (played with cards)
- 2 Carolina Senior Care 1 to 2 Saran wrapped ball pass game
- 3 drop off book donations River Mills Storage 10 to 12 2723 Neuse Blvd
- 2 Carolina Senior Care 1 to 3 TV show challenge game
- 7 Labor Day
- 8 drop off book donations River Mills Storage 10 to 12 2723 Neuse Blvd
- 8 Get Crafty program at Riverpoint Crest 2 to 4. snacks
- 11 National Day of Service--special donation event 4 to 6 PM Stg. Unit
- 12 drop off book donations River Mills Storage 10 to 12 2723 Neuse Blvd
- 12 New Bern Library Book Sale 9 to 5:30
- 15 drop off book donations River Mills

- 16 Storage 10 to 12 2723 Neuse Blvd
- 16 Puzzle Competition at Senior Center 9 to 11
- 17 Board to attend Friends Coastal Coalition 4th Annual Summer Social in Swansboro
- 17 TRF Board Meeting at Trent Woods Town Hall 2 to 4
- 22 Gameday at New Bern Towers 1 to 3 PM
- 22 drop off book donations River Mills Storage 10 to 12 2723 Neuse Blvd
- 25 Deadline to submit material for the newsletter
- 29 drop off book donations River Mills Storage 10 to 12 2723 Neuse Blvd
- 29 National Night Out at UPP 5 to 8 pm

October

- 2 Oktoberfest at Riverpoint Crest 2 to 4 pm
- 4 to 10 Banned Books Week
- 6 Brewery99 3 to 9 Drop-by event Celebrate our Freedom to Read