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**FALL NEWSLETTER**  
**SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2020**  
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# Message from Our Library Director

Virginia Sharp March



**Do you know what is empowering?**

**Having a library card to check out library material and access digital resources. All of that power in just a simple card.**

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when Onslow County Public Library joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning. This year, DC's Wonder Woman is embarking on a mission to champion the power of a library card as Library Card Sign-up Month Honorary Chair. In her new role, Wonder Woman will promote the value of libraries and encourage everyone to get their very own library card.

There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to books, technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

Throughout the fall, watch our social media for activities and informational videos that highlight the services and programs that OCPL offers. Including how we are responding to Covid and behind the scenes tours! Be sure to play a round of Library Trivia, try out our virtual Escape Room, and more – follow us so you do not miss anything.

To make the services at Onslow County Public Library more powerful, we will be joining the NC Cardinal Library Consortium later this year. Why NC Cardinal? NC Cardinal is a statewide consortium of 41 library systems from 51 counties throughout the State of North Carolina. Currently, OCPL offers 130,000 items in its collection. NC Cardinal has 7.2 million in its catalog to share!

Wow! Going from 130,000 items to 7.2 million items – that is empowering.

When OCPL migrates to NC Cardinal later this year, patrons will gain access to those 7.2 million items. With their library card, patrons will be able to look up a title, place it on hold then wait for it to arrive at their local library. **This is at no additional cost to the library patron.**

Last year during Library Card Sign-Up Month, patrons started receiving new library cards in preparation for this move. If you have not received a new card, stop by one of the four locations – Jacksonville, Richlands, Sneads Ferry, or Swansboro, to get your free library card today.

Onslow County Public Library, along with libraries everywhere, continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community. To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library's resources and programs, please visit [www.onslowcountync.gov/library](http://www.onslowcountync.gov/library), or stop by!

**Use your power – use your library card!**



## Did you know? OCPL TECH SERVICES

**Our Technical Services staff are the “behind the scenes” heroes of OCPL.** Meet our fearless tech services team: Deborah, Ofie, Eric, and Shirley!

They undertake a wide variety of activities to keep all four branches of the Onslow County Public Library running. Working hard to ensure the public has the resources which they have come to expect from OCPL.

The tech service team receives, labels, and catalogs all library materials. Each and every item that comes into the library must be barcoded and processed into our library system before patrons can access them. This is an on-going task and over the last year Tech Services cataloged almost 4,000 different titles and processed over 10,200 items for the OCPL system.

Tech Services also maintains and repairs books, computers, and the print & copy kiosks. They install and update all technology throughout the library system. Additionally, the Tech Services staff is often called to help at the front desk when one of the branches or main library Youth and Public Service departments are short-handed or a patron has a specific technological issue.

**THANK YOU TECH SERVICES!**



**Deborah, Technical Services Librarian**

“I enjoy assisting staff and patrons in the use of library technology and digital resources. Knowing what resources we have and how to use them can open a world of opportunity!”



**Eric, Technology Support Specialist**

“The parts of my job I enjoy the most are anything IT related. I really enjoy the opportunity to help solve the patrons computer and technological problems.”



**Ofie, Technology Support Specialist**

“I love the people I work with, the attention to detail required by my job, and the opportunity to provide resources to patrons. Also, the chocolate!”



**Shirley, Library Assistant**

“I really enjoy cataloging and processing because I get to review new and different materials. I always find something new I want to read!”

# ONslow COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sept - Oct - Nov 2020

## NATIONAL READ A BOOK DAY!

### READ A BOOK IN YOUR NOOK

It's National Read a Book Day! Set a reminder to jump online and explore with us!  
**Virtual:** Sep 6; 4pm

## STORYTIMES

Introduce books, reading, and language through stories, songs, rhymes, and movement. Come learn fun ways to help build the early literacy skills children need to become successful readers! **Storytimes will be held outdoors to allow appropriate social distancing; program is weather permitting. Be sure to bring a towel to sit on and come read, sing and dance with us.**

### FAMILY STORYTIMES (OUTDOORS)

**Jacksonville:** Every Fri; 10:30am  
**Richlands:** Every Thu; 10:30am  
**Sneads Ferry:** Every Tue; 10:30am  
**Swansboro:** Every Wed; 10:30am

### VIRTUAL STORYTIME

Your favorite OCPL Staff is creating fun virtual storytimes accessible from the comfort of your own home. Join us each week on Facebook!  
**Virtual:** Every Monday; 10:30am



Sign up for upcoming OCPL events & programs here:  
[bit.ly/OCPLSignUps](https://bit.ly/OCPLSignUps)



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## TEENS

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Help us plan teen programs; discuss books, music, movies and more while having fun and receiving service hours. Teens interested in participating can email for an invitation link.  
Nancy\_sealy@onslowcountync.gov  
**Virtual:** Sep 9, Oct 7, Nov 4; 4:30pm

### TEEN VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION (13+)

Our teen volunteers are a valuable resource in our library system. Earn SAT and Junior Honor Society hours, learn new skills, and give back to your community. Call your branch to schedule 1:1 orientation.

### TNT (Grades 6-12)

Teens and tweens are invited to enjoy fun games and activities for an explosive good time!  
**Virtual:** Every other Wed; 4pm

### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Join Brittany Privott from the Foundation Center to explore the possibility of paying for your post-secondary education with scholarships! This will be a live Zoom meeting with Q&A.  
**Virtual:** Nov 4; 6pm

### NaNoWriMo

Celebrate NaNoWriMo month with us! Join Mr. Matt online to explore a fun filled writing challenge. Can you write a 50,000-word novel in one month?  
**Virtual:** Nov 1; 3pm

## SCHOOL-AGE

### CAREER EXPLORATION

Kids will explore a variety of jobs in the workforce. As children begin dreaming about what they want to be when they grow up, let them explore careers and hear from experts in the fields they are interested in!  
**Virtual:** Oct 17; 10:30am

### BOOKS & BARKS (GRADES K-8)

Improve your reading skills and make a new friend by reading aloud to a READ (Reading Education Assistance Dog) trained dog from Love on a Leash. Registration is required.  
**Jacksonville:** Oct 3; 1-3pm  
**Swansboro:** Oct 24; 1-3pm

### PINTEREST JR.

Love Pinterest? Join us for a fun Pinterest inspired craft! Registration is required.  
**Virtual:** Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14; 10:30am

### ART & MORE

Join Ms. Krystal for some amazing art projects that you can do from your home! Kits are included and you can pick one up from any of our four branches while supplies last!  
**Virtual:** Sep 10, Oct 1 & Nov 5; 1pm

### FALL SEEDLINGS

What is the role of a community garden in your neighborhood? Join us to learn about fall plantings and more! Register now to receive a germination kit to help fill out the Main Library/Jacksonville community wellness garden.  
**Virtual:** Sep 18; 11am

### FULL STEAM AHEAD (GRADES K-5)

Charge Full STEAM Ahead with educational exploration and experimental hands-on fun incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.  
**Virtual:** Sep 10, Oct 1, Nov 5; 10:30am and Sep 17\*, Oct 15\* & Nov 19\*; 4pm  
\*Register to reserve an activity kit.

### BOOKANEERS JR. (EASY READERS)

Children will explore books and activities appropriate for their age group. They'll dive into easy readers and other short books to pique their interest! First five to register receive a free copy of the book!  
**Virtual:** Sep 8, Oct 6 & Nov 3; 5:30pm

### GIRL TALK (CHAPTER BOOKS)

Join other girls for a book discussion and craft. First five to register receive a free copy of the book! Registration is required. Sponsored by Jacksonville Friends of the Library.  
**Virtual:** Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17; 5:30pm

### GUY'S NIGHT IN (CHAPTER BOOKS)

Take a night for fun with this book club just for guys. First five to register receive a free copy of the book! Registration is required. Sponsored by Jacksonville Friends of the Library.  
**Virtual:** Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24; 5:30pm

# LEARN WITH THE LIBRARY

## Access Video Just for Kids!

The Just for Kids Streaming Video Collection has more than 5,600 videos, audio titles and interactive games, puzzles, and quizzes.

## ABC Mouse!

ABCmouse.com for Libraries encompasses reading and language arts, math, science, social studies, art, and music, to help children build a strong foundation for academic success. Free access available inside the library.

## Storytelling and Game Kits!

Bring the fun and creativity of storytime home! Storytelling kits come complete with everything you need to bring the joy and adventure of reading to young children. Our Game kits are bilingual kits that include everything needed to play!

## Tumble Book Library!

Visit Tumble Book Library for story books, read-along books, eBooks, puzzles and games, videos, and much more just for kids.

## NC Digital Library

Try Libby, a fresh and easy way to browse, borrow, and enjoy eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines from your library. Download the Libby app today from NC Digital Library!

## NC Kids Digital Library

A digital collection of eBooks, audiobooks, videos and read-alongs for children and families, Pre-K through 4th grade.

## NC Digital Library for Teens

Browse, checkout and download eBooks, audios and movies from the North Carolina Digital Library.

## Homework Help

Check out our homework resources: <https://www.onslowcountync.gov/779/Homework-Help>

## DMV Practice Test

Free driving practice tests and over 300 questions! NC DMV handbooks and FAQ included. Available in English and en Español.



## Visit us!

Visit the library website for all of these awesome resources and more!

## LEAP Pass

Free access for Onslow County Public School Students to all electronic items and formats in the Onslow County Public Library digital media collections, databases, and online resources.

## Britannica Library

Conduct research, complete homework assignments, work on special projects, or explore unique interests. Choose from three different levels- Children, Young Adults, or the Reference Center. Also includes current magazines, thousands of up-to-date curated articles, images, videos, audio clips, primary sources, maps, research tools, and recommended websites.

## NC LIVE

NC LIVE provides free access to quality information through North Carolina libraries, including: eBooks and audiobooks, magazines, journals, newspapers, streaming video and more!

## Universal Class

Over 500 lifelong learning courses in over 30 subject areas. Many offer continuing education units (CEUs) and video-only survey/audit options. Free with your library card!

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### Jacksonville/Main Library

58 Doris Ave. E.  
Jacksonville, NC 28540  
910.455.7350  
Mon-Thu: 9am-9pm  
Fri-Sat: 9am-6pm  
Sun: 1-5pm

### Richlands Branch

299 S. Wilmington St.  
Richlands, NC 28574  
910.324.5321  
Mon-Wed, Fri: 9am-6pm  
Thu: 10am-7pm  
Sat: 9am-3pm

### Sneads Ferry Branch

1330 NC Highway 210  
Sneads Ferry, NC 28460  
910.327.6471  
Mon-Wed, Fri: 9am-6pm  
Thu: 10am-7pm  
Sat: 9am-3pm

### Swansboro Branch

1460 W. Corbett Ave.  
Swansboro, NC 28584  
910.326.4888  
Mon-Wed, Fri: 9am-6pm  
Thu: 10am-7pm  
Sat: 9am-3pm

[WWW.ONSLOWCOUNTYNC.GOV/LIBRARY](http://WWW.ONSLOWCOUNTYNC.GOV/LIBRARY)

# Get Involved

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Onslow County Public Library make a difference in their library and community by supporting all that makes the library great!

**Richlands:** Sep 24, Oct 22 & Nov 19; 6-7pm  
(Held outdoors weather permitting)  
**Swansboro:** Sep 18, Oct 16 & Nov 20; 10am

## FRIENDS USED BOOK SALES

Shop great deals on gently used books! All proceeds support library programs.

**Swansboro:** Sep 12, Oct 10 & Nov 14; 9am-1pm  
**Jacksonville:** Themed bag sales throughout the fall. Find them on Facebook for details.  
**Richlands:** Sep 12; 11-3pm (Held outdoors, Rain Date Sep 19; 11-3pm)

# Adult Book Clubs

Reading becomes an even richer experience when it is shared. Book clubs are a great way to meet new people, discover new genres or titles, have good conversations, and get to know your local library each month.

## Richlands: 5pm

Sep 24: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens  
Oct 22: *Mr. Dickens and His Carol*  
by Samantha Silva  
Nov 19: *Inheriting Edith* by Zoe Fishman

## Books at the Bistro - Swansboro: 11:30am

Mix and mingle at the White Oak River Bistro in Swansboro, socialize with book talks and food for thought.

### White Oak River Bistro 206 W Corbett Ave

Sep 8: *Educated* by Tara Westover  
Oct 13: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens  
Nov 10: *The Pioneers* by David McCullough

## Paging All Readers

### Join the conversation anywhere, anytime.

Find our Facebook group, read at your own pace, and discuss the book at your convenience. A live discussion with staff and other members is every fourth Sunday at 7pm.

## Find us on Facebook: OCPL Online Book Club

Sep: *So You Want to Talk About Race*  
by Ijeoma Oluo  
Oct: *Into the Jungle* by Erica Ferencik  
Online author visit: Oct 25; 7pm  
Nov: *Trail of Lightning* by Rebecca Roanhorse

# Adult Programs

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Not all heroes wear capes.** Come by the Jacksonville/Main Library to donate blood and become an everyday hero. Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred. Please visit the American Red Cross website or call the library for details.

**Jacksonville:** Sep 23; 2-6pm

## ONSLow COUNTY ANIMAL ADOPTION

Stop by and see the amazing animals that Onslow County Animal Services has to offer. This event is for education and/or adoptions.

**Swansboro:** Oct 3; 10-3pm

## FOUNDATION CENTER: INTRO TO PROPOSAL WRITING

Are you new to proposal writing or want a quick refresher? This virtual class will provide you with an overview of how to write a standard project proposal to a foundation. This includes the basic elements of a proposal, the "do's" and "don'ts" of writing and submitting a proposal, and how to follow up! Registration is required.

**Virtual:** Oct 20; 2pm

## GENEALOGY MEETINGS

Valuable info, ideas, and tips to successfully research your roots! Meetings held via Zoom.

### Virtual:

Open Forum: Sep 14; 10am-12pm  
Past Tense Book Club: Oct 12; 10am-12pm  
Caring for Your Textiles: Nov 9; 10am-12pm

## PAST TENSE GENEALOGY BOOK CLUB

Join us at our Genealogy Book Club meeting to discuss *A New Voyage to Carolina* by John Lawson. Follow Lawson on his 59-day trek through colonial Carolina beginning in Charleston, SC and ending in coastal North Carolina. This meeting will be held via Zoom.

**Virtual:** Oct 12; 10am-12pm

## PINTEREST PARTY

Calling all Pinterest Fans! Project and supplies are provided you bring the creativity! Registration is required.

**Jacksonville (Virtual):** Sep 26 (Puzzle Art Craft) & Nov 28 (Book Wreath)

**Richlands (Take Home Kits Only):** Sep 5 (Book Page Flowers) & Nov 7 (Saltshaker Snowman)

**Sneads Ferry (In-Person):** Sep 19 (Sunflower Wreath) & Nov 14 (Bedtime Santa); 10am

**Swansboro (Virtual):** Sep 11 (Flag Clothespin Wreath) & Nov 13 (Paint Chip Christmas Card)

## VIRTUAL ART SHOW

From doodlers to bona-fide artists, making art at home is a great way to express yourself! The library wants to show off all of your creations with the Onslow County Public Library's Virtual Art Exhibit!

**Theme: What's keeping you inspired? How are you coping while staying safe at home?**

Entries will be accepted through Oct 1- 31.

### Exhibit Guidelines

- Artists of all ages are welcome.
- One submission per person.
- Art styles accepted:
  - Digital media (still imagery only)
  - Pictures of fine art (acrylics, drawings, oil paints, prints, sculptures, watercolors, etc.)
  - Photography

• Minimum image size: 1080px X 1080px (Instagram size), larger is encouraged.

• For questions, please contact Senatra at [senatra\\_spearmon@onslowcountync.gov](mailto:senatra_spearmon@onslowcountync.gov)

• Submit artwork here:

<http://bit.ly/2020OCPLArtShow>

## GROW WITH GOOGLE

Bringing free digital skills workshops to Onslow County. Grow with Google has partnered with ALA and PLA to create funding opportunities for the library with the *Libraries Lead with Digital Skills* program. We provide training and tools to assist job seekers in preparing for and finding work, and to empower small businesses to grow online. We will have workshops for job seekers and small businesses in September, October and November.

**Virtual:** (Register on Eventbrite)

Sep 22; 12pm: "Mid-Day Refresher"

Oct 27; 12pm: "Resume Review - An Interactive Session"

Nov 17; 12pm: "Small Business - Thrive with Primer"

## COMMUNITY WELLNESS GARDEN

OCPL Main Branch will cultivate a new community garden! The garden will give you the opportunity to tend and grow fruits, vegetables, and herbs for the community and offer other programs that promote nutrition and physical, mental, social, and environmental wellness.

### Jacksonville:

Sep 3; 2pm (Virtual): Fall Gardening with the NC Cooperative Extension

Sep 12; 2pm: Volunteer Kickoff

Sep 18; 11am (Virtual): STEAM Planting (Youth)

Oct 4; 12pm: Fall Seedling Planting

Nov 5; 2pm: Herb Garden Up-cycling

Nov 19; 6:30pm: DIY Macramé making with Tish Yvette of Ezra & Arlo

## LEGAL AID OF NC DIY CLINICS

Free Self-Help Clinics online -webinars to learn how to handle certain basic legal issues without hiring an attorney. You will receive all the guidance and paperwork necessary to take to the courthouse. These clinics will provide you with general legal information and guidance only. No specific advice is given on individual cases and no lawyers will be physically present. Dates and times vary, please visit [legalaidnc.org/clinics](http://legalaidnc.org/clinics) to view and register.

# SignUp Genius



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Sign up for upcoming OCPL events & programs here: [bit.ly/OCPLSignUps](http://bit.ly/OCPLSignUps)

# Resource Highlight

Ferguson's Career Guidance Center covers 140 different industries and career fields and thousands of professions.

Review expert advice on writing resumés and cover letters, interviewing, applying for apprenticeships, and other workplace skills.

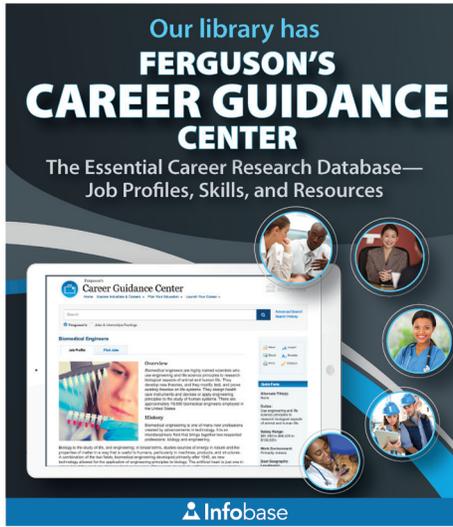
Search current job and internship postings.

Get career advice from our career experts, with an archive of more than 2,200 posts on topics such as job searching, workplace issues, interviewing, networking, resumés and cover letters, and salary and benefits.

And so much more...

Access this free resource within the library or from the comfort of your own home with your OCPL library card number.

<https://www.nclive.org/fergusons>



# One Book One Community!

If you missed out last year, here's your chance to read Abdi Nor Iftin's story about living as a refugee in war-torn Somalia and his extraordinary journey to come to America to live in peace and become an American citizen.

With the release of the Young Adult version of *Call Me American*, families and students have an opportunity to get involved. Like Abdi, this year's theme, Mapping Your Identity, will hopefully give readers the opportunity to reflect on how place has shaped one's identity or how identity has impacted one's sense of place. Connect with your Onslow County community by reading *Call Me American* and participating in the many events and activities planned throughout the year!

Find more details and a listing of fun events online at [www.bit.ly/OBOC2021](http://www.bit.ly/OBOC2021)



## SCHEDULE YOUR 1 ON 1 HELP TODAY!

**Need more time with a librarian than you can get over the phone or if you just walk in?**

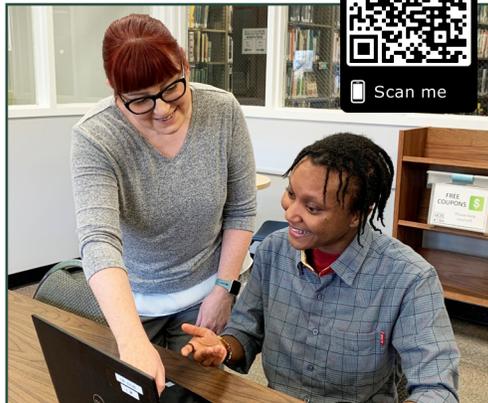
Appointments are available Tuesday - Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm at the Main/ Jacksonville Library.

Find more information about this program or schedule your appointment here:

[www.onslowcountync.gov/1673/Book-A-Librarian](http://www.onslowcountync.gov/1673/Book-A-Librarian)



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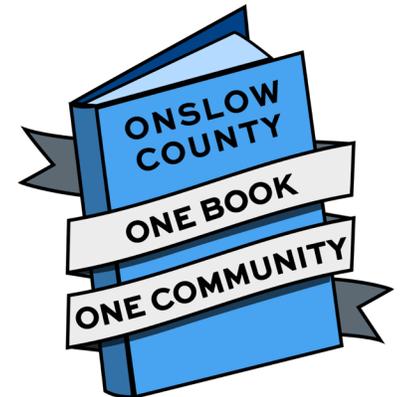
Book-A-Librarian sessions are tailored to meet the specific needs of each individual.

*We can help with:*

- Computer, internet and social media basics
- Using the library's online resources
- Learning to download eBooks and eAudiobooks from Libby and Overdrive
- Researching a topic
- Finding a good read for you, your children or your book group
- Job assistance: job searching, cover letter and resume writing, and even filling out job applications
- Small business and non profit grant assistance
- Genealogy research
- And more!

*Unfortunately we are unable to:*

- Offer specific advice (we can direct you towards reputable sources of information)
- Provide data entry
- Type or proofread documents
- Set up or install new software on personal devices



**All OCPL branches will be closed:**

**Sep 7 (Labor Day)**

**Nov 11 (Veterans Day)**

**Nov 25-27 (Thanksgiving)**

**Library items are never due on a holiday; there are no overdue fees charged for days OCPL is closed.**

All programs are free and open to the public. Groups of 10 or more, please call the library in advance.

Because we offer public services and events, we like to take photos to share them with our patrons and supporters.

**If you do not want your picture taken, please talk to a staff member.**

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