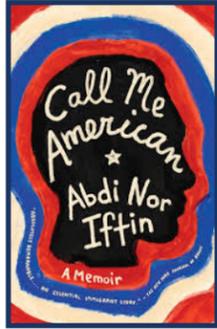


One Book, One Community!



Coastal Carolina Community College and Onslow County Public Library are excited to come together to host a One Book, One Community year long program of events centered around a common book and theme.

The book selected for 2019-2020 is *Call Me American: A Memoir* by Abdi Nor Iftin. The author tells his incredible story living as a refugee in war-torn Somalia and his extraordinary journey to come to America to live in peace, work hard, and most importantly, become an American citizen.

We hope that each community member who connects with Abdi's story will be inspired to embrace their own personal journey.

Library Events

CITIZENSHIP 101 WITH US CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Learn about the naturalization process and filling out your application, interview tips, eligibility requirements, case processing times and much more at this citizenship and immigration information session.
Jacksonville: Dec 12; 6:30pm



Paul Kyubwa.

THE REFUGEE EXPERIENCE

Paul Kyubwa will be sharing his amazing personal journey as a refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and how he came to settle locally in North Carolina.
Jacksonville: Jan 30; 6:30pm

OBOC MOVIE CLUB

Movies transport us to new worlds! Abdi Nor Iftin escaped war torn Somalia - first by movies and years later with a green card. Join us as we view and discuss movies related to the book "Call Me American."

Jacksonville: Feb 6, 13, and 27; 6:30pm

CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Stop by the Jacksonville/Main Branch Library on Mondays to make connections and practice conversational English. Conversation circles are a great way to learn about different cultures, meet new people and have fun.

Jacksonville: January - March, Mondays, 10:30am & 6:30pm

FOOD FEST

Celebrate the friendships made in Conversation Circle with foods from around the world! Bring a dish to share and an appetite for adventure!

Jacksonville: March 30; 10:30am & 6:30pm

Author Visit & Book Signing

Join us as Abdi Nor Iftin will be discussing his journey, his book, and his life! Discussions will take place at both the Bodenhamer Auditorium and Northside High School Auditorium on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

Bodenhamer Auditorium
Coastal Carolina Community College

2pm - Presentation
3pm - Book Signing

Northside High School Auditorium

7pm - Presentation
8pm - Book Signing



Special Needs Family Storytime

Onslow County Public Library is happy to offer a special storytime for families with special needs children! We are aware of the growing need for an environment that meets the needs of our special needs youth patrons. Traditional storytimes can be overwhelming for many young children and our special needs storytime works to overcome that concern.

Our sensory friendly storytime is inclusive not exclusive, siblings are encouraged to join in on the fun! This storytime differs from the regular storytime by focusing on the senses and the layout of the room; using a picture schedule to assist with transitioning; and encouraging interaction.

These special storytimes are held monthly at both the Jacksonville/Main Library and the Richlands Branch Library. Interested participants are encouraged to reach out to the library for more information or to sign up today! Registration is requested.

Jacksonville: Dec 15, Jan 19 & Feb 16; 2pm
Richlands: Dec 13, Jan 10 & Feb 14; 10:30am



Kathy McMillian, Youth Services Program Assistant.

All OCPL branches will be closed:

Dec 24, 25 & 26 (Christmas)

Jan 1 (New Year's Day)

Jan 20 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Feb 17 (President's Day)

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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910.324.5321
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Sat: 9am-3pm

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

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FAMILY PROGRAMS

WINTER WONDERLAND

It's the most wonderful time of the year. Enjoy carnival-style games, winter treats, and more!
Jacksonville: Dec 6; 7-8:30pm

POLAR EXPRESS

Enjoy stories, crafts, and snacks as we take a ride on the Polar Express. Fun for all ages and a visit from Santa! Registration is required.
Swansboro: Dec 13; 6-8pm

NOON YEAR'S EVE DANCE PARTY

Everybody cut loose! Put on your dancing shoes and join us for music and movement as we sing, shake, and be-bop until the countdown to noon for the new year!
All Branches: Dec 31; 11:30am

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Enjoy stories, crafts, and snacks as we celebrate the Year of the Rat.
Jacksonville: Jan 25; 10:30am

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER & REUNION BREAKFAST

Bring your favorite stuffed buddy to the library for a sleepover! Join us the following morning for breakfast and a slideshow of your buddy's overnight adventures.

Jacksonville:

Sleepover Drop-off: Jan 31; 5pm
Reunion Breakfast: Feb 1; 10am

Swansboro:

Sleepover Drop-off Feb 14; 5pm
Reunion Breakfast: Feb 15, 10am

FANCY NANCY TEA PARTY!

Come dressed in your best tea attire and enjoy light refreshments and crafts!
Registration is required.

Richlands: Feb 1; 11-12pm & 1-2pm

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!

Please be aware that storytimes will take a short break Dec 22- Jan 4, 2020.

LAPTIME (Birth - 1 year old)

Jacksonville: Thu; 10:30am
Richlands: Wed; 9:30am
Sneads Ferry: Tue; 9:30am
Swansboro: Wed; 9:30am

SMALL WONDERS (1 year old)

Jacksonville: Tues, Wed & Thu; 9:30am
Sneads Ferry: Tue; 10:30am
Swansboro: Tue; 9:30am

TODDLER TIME (1 & 2 years old)

Richlands: Wed & Thu; 10:30am

TIME FOR TWOS (2 years old)

Jacksonville: Tue & Wed; 10:30am
Sneads Ferry: Thu; 10:30am
Swansboro: Wed & Thu; 10:30am

BOOKS, BROWNIES, AND BINGO!

Families are invited for a fun evening of bingo! Enjoy traditional bingo games with books for all ages as prizes. Brownies and milk will be served.
Sneads Ferry: Feb 7; 6:30-8:00pm

HARRY POTTER NIGHT

Calling all Harry Potter fans! You are invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry. Please leave your broomsticks at the door and keep your wands at the ready. Dress code: Wizarding robes or Muggle attire.
Jacksonville: Feb 14; 7-8:30pm
Richlands: Feb 7; 6-8pm

LOWES WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

Join the Cape Carteret Lowes for a wood working workshop for kids. Sign up for hands-on fun with your little one.
Swansboro: Feb 29; 11am

FAMILY FUN DAY

Bring the whole family to the library and enjoy some wholesome family fun!
Richlands: Dec 7 (Cocoa and Crafts); 11-1pm
Jan 11 (Chinese New Year); 11-1pm
Feb 8 (Valentines Galore!); 11-1pm

LEGO MY LIBRARY

Express your creativity and show off your Lego building techniques! From simple to advanced we want to see it all!
Jacksonville: Dec 13, Jan 10 & Feb 14; 4pm
Richlands: Friday; drop-in 9-5pm
Swansboro: Dec 20, Jan 17 & Feb 21; 4pm

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Curl up with a good book this holiday season and earn prizes and rewards for your efforts!

Our winter reading challenge will kick off on the New Year and end February 29, 2020.

Prizes and gift cards will be available for adults, children, and teen participants!

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BIRTH TO FIVE YEARS

STORYTIME WITH SANTA

Toddlers and Preschoolers are invited to a special storytime event, featuring milk & cookies, games, crafts and activities with a holiday theme. A well-known holiday guest will be available for wish list discussions and photo opportunities. All storytime groups will meet together.
Sneads Ferry: Dec 12; 10:30am

S.P.L.A.T.

Learn about the world of Science, Play, Language, Art and Technology with fun experiments, arts and craft activities, and more as we discover awesome books!
Jacksonville: Feb 7; 10:30am

HOW DO I LOVE THEE?

Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to a special storytime for Valentine's Day! Enjoy stories, games and special treats all focused on celebrating the love we have for one another. Hugs and kisses are sure to abound. All storytime groups will meet together.
Sneads Ferry: Feb 13; 10:30am

DANCE PARTY! (Birth - 5 years)

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for music and movement as we sing, shake and be-bop the morning away!
Jacksonville (0-2): Dec 13, Jan 10 & Feb 14; 9:30am
Jacksonville (3-5): Dec 13, Jan 10 & Feb 14; 10:30am
Richlands (0-5): Dec 6 & Feb 7; 10:30am
Swansboro (0-5): Dec 6 & Feb 7; 10am

GROW LEARN DISCOVER PLAYDAY

Play is the "work" of early childhood, and there is nothing your baby or toddler would rather do than play with you. Come explore, play, and learn with your little one, and discover how simple learning through play can be!
Jacksonville: Dec 20, Jan 17 & Feb 28; 10:30am

WIGGLE, GIGGLE TIME

Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us to meet friends and have FUN!
Sneads Ferry: Jan 17 (Playday)
Feb 28 (Dance Party); 10:30am



Pumpkin Painting, Richlands Fall 2019

NEW SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY STORYTIME!

A new Storytime for families of children with special needs. Stories, finger rhymes, singing, music, sharing, and sensory play. Registration is required.
Jacksonville: Dec 15, Jan 19 & Feb 16; 2pm
Richlands: Dec 13, Jan 10 & Feb 14; 10:30am

PJ STORYTIME (Birth to 5 years)

Children are encouraged to wear jammies to storytimes this week!
All Branches: Week of Dec 16

SCHOOL-AGE

K2SMART

Kids in Kindergarten to second grade are welcome to explore SMART concepts in Science, Music, Art, Reading and Technology.
Sneads Ferry: Jan 2; 5:30pm

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: Jan 18; 1-3pm
Swansboro: Dec 7; 1-3pm

CAREER EXPLORATION

Are your children dreaming about what they want to be when they grow up? Come by the library and let them explore careers and hear from experts in many potential job fields!
Jacksonville: Feb 8; 10:30am

TUTOR TIME (GRADES 1-5)

Tutor Time is a free program designed to give students extra help and practice with math, reading, writing, and more. Registration is required.
Jacksonville: Dec 2 & 16, Jan 6 & 27
Feb 3 & 24; 4:30pm

FULL STEAM (GRADES K-5)

Charge Full STEAM ahead with educational exploration and experimental hands-on fun incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Registration is required.
Jacksonville: Dec 20, Jan 17 & Feb 28; 4pm
Richlands: Dec 19, Jan 16 & Feb 20; 2pm

SPARK! A HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM (GRADES 1-5)

A fun-filled program for homeschool students in grades 1-5. Theme and activities change each month. Registration is required.
Richlands: Dec 5 & Feb 6; 2pm

TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Help us plan teen programs; discuss books, music, movies and more while having fun and receiving service hours.
Jacksonville: (Age 13+) Dec 4, Jan 8
Feb 5; 4:30pm

Sponsored by Gum Branch Pizza Hut

Richlands: (Grades 6+) Dec 4, & Feb 5; 4pm

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.
Jacksonville: Dec 9, Jan 13 & Feb 10; 5:30pm
Richlands: Dec 4 & Feb 5; 5pm
Sneads Ferry: Dec 9, Jan 13 & Feb 10; 4:30pm
Swansboro: Dec 4, Jan 8 & Feb 5; 4pm

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ART & MORE (GRADES K-5)

Create your own masterpiece with a variety of materials and methods. Dress for a messy time! Registration is required.
Jacksonville: Dec 5, Jan 9 & Feb 6; 5pm
Richlands: Dec 12, Jan 9 & Feb 13; 2 & 4pm

PINTEREST JR.

Do you love Pinterest? Come craft with us! We pick a craft, you make and take it home! Registration is required.
Jacksonville: Dec 21, Jan 18 & Feb 15; 10:30am
Sneads Ferry: Dec 7 (Jolly, Jolly Santa) Feb 8 (Fabric Heart Tree Wall Art); 10am

EXPLORE ART WITH CHELSIE

Come explore art with Chelsie Edmondson. Chelsie is a local artist who enjoys working with children in her local community. Different mediums will be explored each session. Registration is required.
Swansboro: Jan 18 & Feb 15; 11am

BEGINNING READERS (GUIDED READERS)

This child-parent book club is designed to help young readers gain confidence as they build reading and comprehension skills! Children will enjoy interactive activities and games. Registration required.
Jacksonville: Dec 3, Jan 7 & Feb 4; 5 pm



Richlands Teen DIY. Fall 2019

OCPL TEEN LOGO CONTEST (GRADE 6-12)

OCPL is looking for local teens to design a creative logo to represent Teen Volunteer and Teen Advisory Board. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card. Contest starts Dec 1 and all submissions are due by Jan 6, 2020.

TNT (GRADES 6-12)

Teens and tweens are invited to enjoy fun games and activities for an explosive good time! A different theme each month. Registration is required. *Sponsored by Pizza Hut of Richlands.*
Richlands: Dec 11, Jan 8 & Feb 12; 4pm

TEEN SCENE (13+)

Grab a friend and join us for fun, games, music, movies, and food at the library!
Jacksonville: Dec 18, Jan 22 & Feb 19; 4:30pm
Swansboro: Every Thu; 5:30pm
Sponsored by Swansboro Pizza Hut

BOOKANEERS JR. (EASY READERS)

Children will explore books and activities appropriate for their age group. They will dive into easy readers and other short books to pique their interest!
Jacksonville: Dec 11, Jan 15 & Feb 12; 5:30pm

BOOKANEERS (3RD-5TH GRADES)

We give you the genre and you pick the book! Meet new friends, explore new books, discuss and enjoy fun activities!
Sneads Ferry: Dec 12, Jan 9 & Feb 13; 5:30pm

GIRL TALK (CHAPTER BOOKS)

Join other girls for a book discussion, craft and snacks. First five to register on SignUp Genius will receive a free copy of the book! Registration required.
Sponsored by Jacksonville Friends of the Library
Jacksonville: Jan 21, Feb 18; 5:30pm

GUY'S NIGHT OUT (CHAPTER BOOKS)

Take a night out for snacks & fun with this book club just for guys. First five to register on SignUp Genius get a free copy of the book! Registration required.
Sponsored by Jacksonville Friends of the Library.
Jacksonville: Jan 28, Feb 25; 5:30pm

TEEN DIY

Join us as we discuss and explore everyday "life skills" and "how to" situations. Teens will explore basic food prep, balancing a checkbook, college or job applications, basic first aid, etc. Topics will change by the month.
Jacksonville: Jan 29 & Feb 26 ; 4:30pm
Richlands: (Grades 6+) Dec 18, Jan 15
Feb 19; 4pm

COLLEGE FOUNDATION OF NC

Teens and parents come by the library to learn how to complete the FAFSA form at this free financial aid workshop. Bring your own laptop or use one of ours. Come prepared with your most recent IRS tax form. Registration is required.
Jacksonville: Jan 29; 5:30pm
Sneads Ferry: Jan 14; 5:30pm

Message from Our Library Director

Virginia Sharp March



“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.” - Winston Churchill

Onslow County Public Library has applied to become a member of NC Cardinal. This is a statewide consortium of 37 participating library systems in 43 North Carolina counties. With a combined 6.5 million items in the shared catalog, numerous materials that are currently out of reach will become available to OCPL. Patrons will be able to request items and have them sent to their preferred OCPL branch for check-out – free of charge.

In order to join NC Cardinal, OCPL must make many changes including the way we barcode library cards and materials. Have you noticed some of the changes at OCPL recently? There are new 14 digit library cards, our Reference and Youth Services rooms have swapped at the Main Library, and behind the scenes our staff is busy barcoding all materials with a 14 digit barcode. These changes are designed to better serve our patrons. OCPL leadership is working hard to ensure changes do not negatively impact our valued patrons.

Have you received your new card? There are three fun designs from which to select. The switch to NC Cardinal will occur sometime during fiscal year 2020-2021. Financial assistance for this switch was provided by a Library Services and Technology Act Grant through the State Library of North Carolina. This leap may be a bit bumpy but it will greatly improve resources and service to all patrons.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience while these changes are underway.

**Change can be difficult and sometimes comes with fear and uncertainty.
Be confident that this change is for a better Onslow County Public Library.**



Did you know? Meeting Rooms

Did you know that the library has meeting rooms? Main Library, Sneads Ferry Branch Library, and Swansboro Branch Library all have meeting rooms available for your use!

There is a \$25 fee to rent the room; however, if your group is a government or nonprofit agency, this fee is waived. But wait! There's more! If you have a library card in good standing, Main Library has a Study Room available to be reserved for up to 2 hours per week.

To check availability and request reservations for these spaces, please visit www.onslowcountync.gov/589/Meeting-Rooms

If you have any questions, contact Marissa or Wanda at 910-937-1412.



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!

Jacksonville: Jan 22; 9:30am
Richlands: Dec 5, Jan 23 & Feb 27; 6pm
Sneads Ferry: Jan 16; 9:30am
Swansboro: Dec 9, Jan 13 & Feb 10; 4:30pm

FRIENDS USED BOOK SALES

Shop great deals on gently used books! All proceeds support library programs.
Jacksonville: Feb 20; 6-8pm (members only), Feb 21; 9am-6pm & Feb 22; 9am-12pm
Swansboro: Dec 14, Jan 11 & Feb 8; 9am-1pm

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.

Jacksonville: 1pm

Dec 17: *Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silva
Jan 28: *Call Me American: A Memoir* by Abdi Nor Iftin
Feb 25: *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

Richlands: 5pm

Dec 5: *Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler
Jan 23: *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance
Feb 27: *Call Me American: A Memoir* by Abdi Nor Iftin

Sneads Ferry: 1pm

Dec 13: *Educated* by Tara Westover
Jan 17: *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan
Feb 21: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

Books at the Bistro: Swansboro

Mix and mingle at the White Oak River Bistro in Swansboro, socialize with book talks and food for thought. 11:30am

White Oak River Bistro 206 W Corbett Ave

Swansboro

Dec 10: *Lost December* by Richard Paul Evans
Jan 14: *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris
Feb 11: *Queen Bee* by Dorothea Benton Frank

Online Book Club

Join the conversation anywhere, anytime.

Our online book club is a great way to experience the benefits of a traditional book club with the flexibility of being completely online and at your own pace.

Find Us on Facebook: OCPL Online Book Club

Dec: *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion
Jan: *The Last Child* by John Hart
Feb: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein



Adult Programs

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Join us as we commemorate Lewis Carroll's birthday with a Mad Hatter Tea Party. Guests will enjoy themed games, activities, crafts and refreshments. Wonderland attire is encouraged. Ages 15 and up. Registration is required.
Sneads Ferry: Jan 24: 6:30-8pm

YOGA WITH NICHOLE

Always wanted to try yoga but were afraid? Seasoned veteran looking for another workout? Join yoga instructor Nichole Aguon in our meeting room every Monday at 10. There will be no classes when the library is closed for holidays or training. Come once or every Monday, the choice is yours!
Registration is requested.
Swansboro: Mondays at 10am starting Dec 2nd

GENEALOGY MEETINGS

Valuable info, ideas, and tips to successfully research your roots!
Jacksonville:
Open Forum (Bring in your own questions or research journey to share with fellow genealogy enthusiasts): Dec 9; 10-12pm
Geographical Information Services (Cemeteries Mapping App): Jan 13; 10-12pm
African American History Month (Onslow County Museum collection and resources): Feb 10; 10-12pm

Cooking & Nutrition

COOK SMART, EAT SMART (\$30)

Join Peggie Garner, NC Cooperative Extension Director, as she presents a 4 Session class on the value of cooking and eating smart. Participants will learn to prepare simple, healthy, delicious meals; learn several basic cooking techniques and learn to stretch the food budget while eating healthy. This class is open to older teens and adults. Cost is \$30.00 which includes meals for all 4 sessions and a cookbook. Registration is required by calling the NC Cooperative Extension Office at 910-455-5873.
Sneads Ferry: Jan 10, 17, 24 and 31; 10am-1pm

SMORGASBOOK

Want to try a new cookbook, but not sure it's for you? Join us for our cookbook club. Register in person at the Swansboro Branch Library to pick a recipe! Recipes are limited to one person, one recipe. Bring your dish in on the meeting day where all participants can have a tasting. Prizes will be awarded! In person registration is required.
Swansboro: Thursdays; 5pm
Dec 19: *Taste of Home Best Loved Cookies & More*
Jan 23: *Hungry Girl To the Max!: The Ultimate Guilt-Free Cookbook*
Feb 27: *American Heart Association Healthy Fats, Low-Cholesterol Cookbook*



To register for an event, visit our online calendar or view our SignUpGenius Page.
www.onslowcountync.gov/164/News-Events

Hobbies & Crafts

BUTTERFLY GARDENS: HOW TO

Grants Creek Nursery will teach you how to plant and develop a butterfly garden. Discover best plants and practices to enjoy the magnificence and beauty of butterflies at your own home. Registration is required.
Swansboro: Jan 13; 1pm

SUCCULENTS AND AIR PLANTS: HOW TO

Ever wonder about succulent plants? What do they do? Are they easy to care for? Join Carolina Home & Garden and learn all about succulents and air plants. What if you don't have a green thumb? No worry, find out how you can develop one! Registration is required.
Swansboro: Feb 24; 1pm

ART WITH EMILY

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." – Pablo Picasso. Adults, come join local artist, Emily Jeffreys to discover your hidden artistic ability. Ages 18 and up. Registration is required.
Jacksonville: Dec 5 - Cards; Jan 16 - Chalk-Pastels, Feb 13 - Acrylic Paints; 1pm



Art With Emily. Fall 2019

COMMON THREADS:

A KNIT, CROCHET AND STITCH CLUB

Do you enjoy stitching, knitting or crocheting? Come meet new friends and share tips and ideas at Common Threads! Coffee, tea and cookies provided by the Friends of the Library.
Richlands: Dec 6, Jan 3 & Feb 7; 12-1pm

PINTEREST PARTY

We pick a project and provide the supplies, you make it and take it home to enjoy! Registration is required.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
Jacksonville: Jan 11 (Paint Chip Cards); 1pm
Richlands: Jan 4 (Reversible wood sign); 10am
Sneads Ferry: Jan 11 (Mini Memory Book); 10am
Swansboro: Jan 10 (Paper Roses); 10am



Pinterest Party. Oct 2019.



Pinterest Party. Nov 2019

Career, Education & Self Help

BUDGETING BUILDING BLOCKS: HOW TO GET WHAT YOU WANT

Local Government Federal Credit Union will be here to teach you how to develop a plan to pay your bills and forecast budgeting to get what you want. Registration is required.
Swansboro: Jan 8; 5-6pm

HURRICANE INSURANCE: ARE YOU COVERED ENOUGH?

John Stanley from North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance will be here to discuss hurricane insurance. He will answer questions about coverage limits, claim processes and more! Registration is required.
Swansboro: Jan 29; 5-6pm

ESTATE PLANNING

Representatives from Edward Jones will be here to discuss estate planning to ensure you are prepared to protect you and your family. Estate Attorney John Tandem will also be available for any legal questions you may have. Registration is required.
Swansboro: Feb 1; 1pm

LEGAL AID OF NC DIY CLINICS

Free Legal Aid Video Clinics. Participants receive paperwork and general legal information via a live webinar.
No specific advice is given on individual cases and no lawyers will be physically present.
Dates and times vary, please visit legallaidnc.org/clinics to view and register.

APPY HOUR

Drop by the Jacksonville library during "appy" hour for help with the digital book app Libby!
Jacksonville: Every Wednesday; 12-1pm

NC WORKS

NC WORKS Career Center is here to help library patrons connect to resources! Visit any OCPL location to consult with an experienced Employment Assistance representative to learn more about jobs, job fairs, education and training, and resources.
Jacksonville: Every Fri; 10-12pm
Richlands: Every Wed; 1-3pm
Sneads Ferry: Every Wed; 1-3pm
Swansboro: Every Tue; 1-3pm

VA REPRESENTATIVE

A representative from the Jacksonville Vet Center will be available to answer questions on services available and assist with referrals. The Vet Center provides free confidential counseling services to combat Veterans, active duty and families to help them make a satisfying transition from military to civilian life.
Jacksonville: Fourth Fri; 1-3pm
Richlands: First Wed; 1-3pm
Sneads Ferry: Third Wed; 1-3pm
Swansboro: Second Tue; 1-3pm

DIGITAL RESOURCE SHOWCASE

Explore the digital resources available from NCLIVE! Stop by the library anytime during the month and discover more about these educational resources.
Testing and Education Reference Center; Jan Entrepreneurship Database; Feb