



# Friends of RPL Present One-Woman Play “On Agate Hill”

On Monday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. “On Agate Hill,” the one-woman play adapted from the new Lee Smith novel, will be presented by the Friends of Rowan Public Library at their annual meeting at Rowan Public Library, Salisbury. The program is free and open to the public.

Barbara Bates Smith, noted for her adaptation and Off-Broadway performance of “Ivy Rowe” from Lee Smith’s *Fair and Tender Ladies*, stars in “On Agate Hill.” Musical accompaniment is by Jeff Sebens.



Barbara Bates Smith stars in “On Agate Hill”, a one-woman play adapted from Lee Smith’s new novel.

Author Lee Smith calls Barbara’s performance “stunning” and “brilliant.” “The two Smiths seem made for each other,” cites the Asheville Citizen-Times. “Barbara is a marvel as she seamlessly slips from character to character. But mostly she is our heroine Molly, moving from a wrecked plantation to a range of sites in over a half-century’s time.

The talented vocal, banjo and hammer dulcimer score by Jeff Sebens aids in conveying the touching and poignant story.”

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## Hard Times? Your Library Can Help!

Create your own recovery plan using resources at RPL! The library welcomes new borrowers and offers interest-free loans of materials! Great free resources are available at the library. Many can also be accessed from home.

Traditionally, library usage increases during an economic downturn. RPL director Jeff Hall says the library experienced a ten percent increase in usage during the 2007-08 fiscal year and is still experiencing increases in circulation of materials, computer usage, and in other categories. Still, not everyone is aware of all the resources available to them at RPL. Save money and time

by turning to your library.

### **Are you looking for a job or returning to school ?**

RPL is a great place to start your job search, research new careers, or prepare to return to school. The library has many books available for checkout related to managing one’s finances, job searching, writing resumes, and more. Brush up on your algebra. Prepare resumes and cover letters. Look up info about prospective employers. Find directions to interviews. Read newspapers in print and online. Study other languages. Take online practice tests.

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## Friends Present One-Woman Show (Cont.)

*On Agate Hill's* heroine, Molly Petree, orphaned by the Civil War, is "a spitfire and a burden" who risks everything to hold on to her own nature and to true love. Like a ballad of the old South, Molly's tale resonates with passion, humor and drama.

Other literary adaptations in Barbara's touring repertoire are "B. Smith Does Lee Smith," a Lee Smith sampler; "Ellen Foster" from the Kaye Gibbons novel; and a Fred Chappell sampler. Winner of the

2003 Southeastern Theatre Conference Best Actress award, Barbara was in the world premiere of Horton Foote's "Talking Pictures" at Florida's Asolo Theatre, and has been featured in four Southeastern productions of Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Wit."

Prize-winning North Carolina novelist Lee Smith has written twelve novels, including the New York Times best-seller *The Last Girls*, the ever-popular *Fair and*

*Tender Ladies*, and *Oral History*; plus three collections of short stories. Literary awards for Lee Smith include the Lila Wallace/Readers' Digest Award, the Southern Book Critics Circle Award, and the Fiction Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Refreshments will be served following Barbara Smith's performance.

For more information, call 704-216-8230.

## Library Help for Hard Times (Cont.)

Library is one great resource RPL patrons have free access to. It provides interactive online practice tests and a tutorial course series designed to help patrons, students, and adult learners succeed on the academic or licensing tests they must pass. These include exams for real estate, civil service, the military, GED, college entrance, and many more.

### Do you need computer and Internet access?

All RPL branches have public computer labs for adults and children plus wireless access for those who bring their own laptops. Patrons may also borrow laptops to use within the library. Computer classes are given regularly at Headquarters and South. In addition, with your library card you can have free access to many online subscription databases through NC Live and can download e-books and PBS videos.



### Are you looking for free entertainment and family recreation?

RPL has a large collection of books in regular and large print, CD, and audiobook available for your enjoyment and education. DVDs and videotapes are also available for checkout.

The library also subscribes to many newspapers and magazines

that adults and children can enjoy within the library.

All branches have regular story times for children plus special programming throughout the year. Movie nights with refreshments take place every Tuesday night at the Headquarters branch in Salisbury. Author visits and literary events are also scheduled.

Another great way to save money is to come to the next library book sale April 4-6!

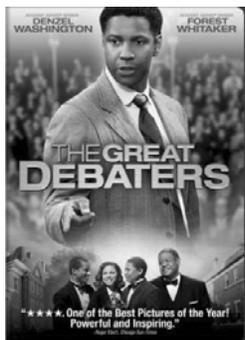
For more information, ask at your local library branch, or call 704-216-8243, Headquarters, Salisbury; 704-216-7733, Frank Tadlock South Rowan Regional, China Grove; or 704-216-7839, East Branch, Rockwell.

And take a look at RPL's website for library news and services, plus links to the library catalog and other local and online services. Visit [www.rowanpubliclibrary.org](http://www.rowanpubliclibrary.org).

# February Movies Celebrate Black History

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Celebrate Black History Month at the movies! RPL's February movies all feature predominantly African American casts. Join us in the Stanback Room at library Headquarters in Salisbury each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Free lemonade and popcorn will be available.



- **The Great Debaters**  
**February 3, 6:30 p.m.**

Starring Denzel Washington and Forest Whitaker, this movie is

inspired by true events about Melvin B. Tolson and his champion 1935 debate club from all African-American Wiley College in Texas. The film portrays the state of race relations in America at the height of the Great Depression.

- **Uptown Saturday Night**  
**February 10, 6:30 p.m.**

Sidney Poitier and Bill Cosby star as two small-time hustlers always looking for an angle. After being robbed at a nightclub they later find out that one of them had a "winning lottery ticket" in their wallet. The chase ensues as they scour the city trying to find their prize winning ticket.

- **Let's Do It Again**  
**February 17, 6:30 p.m.**

Sidney Poitier and Bill Cosby bring "Kid Dy-no-mite" in on their



get rich quick scheme. Jimmie "JJ" Walker portrays a boxer who is hypnotized by Poitier and Cosby to raise money for a worthy cause.

- **A Piece of the Action**  
**February 24, 6:30 p.m.**

This time Poitier and Cosby are two small time crooks who have most of the police force completely baffled. But there is one cop who is on to their scheming and he wants "A Piece of the Action."



## Colorado Rockies Trip Planned for July 2009

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The Friends of RPL and Collette Vacations present "Trains of the Colorado Rockies," a trip scheduled for July 11-19, 2009. Pick up a brochure at any library location for more information. We hope you will join us for this Southwest adventure!

Experience the majesty of the Colorado Rockies from four trains that celebrate the can-do spirit of the Old West. Scale Pike's Peak on the world's highest cog railway.



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Climb aboard an 1881 steam train for a journey through the San Juan Mountains. Travel the Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous highway in the U.S., reaching 12,183 feet. Discover the ancient culture of the Anasazi Indians at Mesa Verde National Park. Relish cowboy culture in an evening of authentic dining and entertainment.

Call 704-216-8230 for more information.

# Staff Spotlight: Erika and Dara, RPL's Children's Librarians

When Dara Cain began work as children's librarian at the Frank Tadlock South Rowan Regional Library in China Grove in December 2008, she discovered she had much in common with her new colleague, Erika Kosin, children's librarian for RPL's East Branch in Rockwell. Both are from Long Island, and both graduated from library school at Queens College, New York. Both followed family to North Carolina, and, of course, both love children and reading!



*Erika Kosin, acting children's supervisor at RPL.*

With the departure of RPL's previous children's supervisor and the current county hiring freeze, Erika will now be the acting children's supervisor at RPL, coordinating activities, programs, and materials for children and teens for all three RPL branches.

In December 2007 she became the first children's librarian at East. She will continue to work there each Thursday with Baby Time and the teen program there. On most other days, she will be at RPL's Headquarters branch in Salisbury, as well as joining Dara at South for their Tuesday teen programs.

Erika is excited to be coordinating the spring teen program at all three branches and looks forward to expanding it. Boxes are already stacked up near her desk labeled "Denim Locker Pockets Kit" and "Marble Magnets Kit." "I'm not a last minute person," she says. Plans are in place for the children's summer reading and teen programs as well.

Away from the library Erika spends lots of time with her four dogs, her husband, and her nieces and nephews. She also enjoys counted cross-stitch. And she has a great excuse for watching Disney Channel movies: "It's work!"

In her first month at RPL, Dara has visited and worked at each branch, meeting library staff and patrons. "All are so nice. That really stands out about everybody here."

Before moving to NC, she was a children's librarian at Shelter Rock



*Dara Cain, children's librarian at the Frank Tadlock South Rowan Regional Library in China Grove.*

Public Library in Albertson, New York for two years.

Earlier, Dara earned a degree in criminal justice. She worked as a paralegal and considered attending law school. However, her husband had earlier worked in a library. Hearing of his library experiences and putting that together with her longtime love of reading and love of children, "Something clicked!" she says. "If I'd never met him I'd never have become a librarian!"

She has no regrets about her career change. "I love it! I've found my place! I love to build rapport with kids."

On her own time, she loves to read and to exercise.

## New for Teens!



In March, libraries across the country will celebrate Teen Tech Week, and RPL will be offering special programs and activities for teens and young adults.

Look for more details in the March issue of *news*, etc.



# February 2009 Computer Classes

**Headquarters:** (704-216-8243)

**Absolute Beginners Computer Class**

Monday, February 2, 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

**Digital Photos 101 With Paint.net**

Thursday, February 5, 2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

**Introduction to Free Library Resources**

Monday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

**Introduction to Internet Searching**

Thursday, February 12, 2:30 — 4:00 p.m.

*Dates and times at all locations  
subject to change without notice.*

**Headquarters:** (704-216-8243)

**Digital Photos 101 With Paint.net**

Monday, February 16, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

**Introduction to Free Library Resources**

Thursday, February 19, 2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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**South Rowan Regional Library:**

(704-216-7737)

**Basic Excel**

Monday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

**Intermediate Excel**

Monday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

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## Gifts That Keep On Giving @ RPL



RPL Foundation Endowments support library programs and materials. Share your success with a permanent endowment of \$1000 or more. Call Pam Nance at 704-216-8231.

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## Did You Know?

Rowan Public Library patrons donated over 300 pounds of food and other items to Rowan Helping Ministries during the Christmas holiday season.

Student Janssen White gathered and took all donations to RHM.

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### EAST BRANCH

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## Rowan Public Library Book Sale

**Saturday, April 4,** 9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 5,** 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 6,** 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

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