



“Books to Grow” Program Promotes Reading Together at Home

Books-To-Grow (BTG) is a literacy program offered by Rowan Public Library with funding from Smart Start Rowan. Beginning in February, children in *More At Four* classes through the Rowan — Salisbury School System will be given the opportunity to participate in this new and exciting activity.

BTG is a take-home book bag program that promotes daily “read aloud” sessions between parents and their children. It encourages families to establish a regular reading routine at home in a manner that excites both parents and children. Children benefit from healthy brain development, family bonding, and increased early literacy skills.

How does this work? A green BTG book bag with three

developmentally appropriate children’s books and a journal will be loaned to participating families on a weekly rotation. Each week the bag is returned and a new set of books is loaned to the family.

Suzanne Roakes, the BTG Coordinator, will implement these plans, conduct parent workshops, and visit the classrooms twice per month to lead book sharing times with the children.

Going forward we expect that the program will have the children begging their parents to read to them. We hope that the parents will share books at home with their children and will take them to the library more frequently. As a result, children will enter kindergarten loving books and eager to read.

Borrow A Laptop @ RPL

Computer access is an important service Rowan Public Library offers its patrons. Now, in addition to providing computer labs and wireless internet access, RPL has laptops available for patrons to borrow and use within the library. Four laptops are available at Headquarters, two at the South branch and one at East.

Patrons are able to borrow laptops for two hours at a time. This includes a mouse, power cord with adapter, and instruction sheet.

Since the laptops are equipped with wireless, they can be used anywhere within the library. To use this service you must have an RPL

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RPL Bookmark Contest Winners Honored

Puppies, birds, and bugs dominated this year's Bookmark Contest, an annual event at Rowan Public Library. Sponsored by The Friends of Rowan Public Library and area businesses, the contest draws widespread interest from children ages four to twelve. Nine winners were selected from 250 entries in three age categories. First place entries are professionally printed and distributed at each library branch.

Winners received gift certificates from the following businesses: Ann Crittenden Hallmark Store; Chick-Fil-A; Cold Stone Creamery; Critters Gifts; and The Literary Bookpost.

The three first place winners in each category were: Skyler Jahnke, 4-6 year old; Josiah Hochstetler, 7-9 year old; and Micah Helms, 10-12 year old.

Second place winners in each

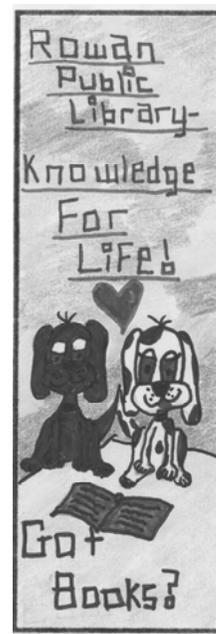


Left to right: Seth Lomax, Matthew Rowan, Skylar Jahnke, Josiah Hochstetler, Chania Tabor, and LaWanda Hochstetler.

category were: Nadiya Wilson, 4-6 year old; Chania Tabor, 7-9 year old; and Matthew Rowan, 10-12 year old.

Third place winners in each category were: Johanna Hochstetler, 4-6 year old; Seth Lomax, 7-9 year old; and LaWanda Hochstetler, 10-12 year old.

Winners and their families were recognized at a party on December 1, sponsored by The Friends of Rowan Public Library.



"Got Books?" - 10-12 winner, Micah Helms

Laptops Available @ RPL (Cont.)

library card in excellent standing, a valid drivers license, a credit or debit card, and must be 18 or over.

Laptop borrowers must also complete a user agreement each time, and leave their drivers license, credit or debit card, and user agreement with library staff while using the laptop.

In addition, laptops at HQ may be reserved up to three days in

advance by calling the computer lab at 704-216-8249.

"Being able to utilize the library's laptop was awesome. My system (at home) went down and I was still able to conduct my online business. More time was allowed and I had the ability to create my own space. Splendid!" said Deneice Lane-Edmonds, the first person to borrow a laptop at RPL's

Headquarters.

This project is supported by grant funds from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

January Movies Feature Tales From China

January's movies at RPL feature films from China. All movies are free and are shown on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Stanback auditorium at RPL Headquarters. Free popcorn and lemonade are served.

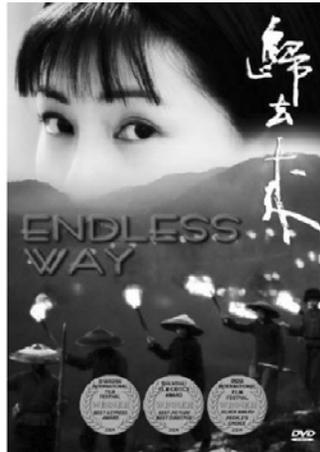


Tuesday, January 6

The Blue Kite traces the fate of a Beijing family and their neighbors as they experience the political and social upheavals in China in the 1950s and 60s. The movie is told from the perspective of the youngest son, Tietou. The blue kite, given to Tietou by his father, is a symbol of hope and freedom, which he later passes on to the next generation.

Tuesday, January 13

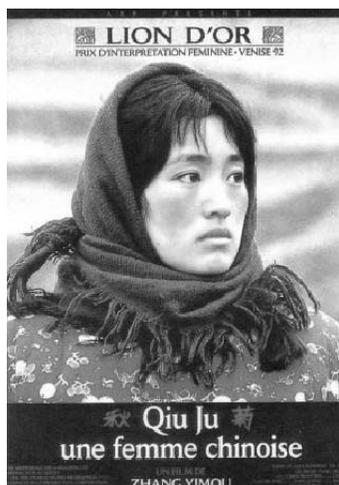
The movie **Endless Way** quietly tells the hardships of bringing precious drinking water to a Hunan mountain village. All the villagers — men and women — have to help, carrying the heavy water through a



narrow, rocky pass to this mountain village. The story is told through the eyes of a visitor involved in a difficult dam project to help the village.

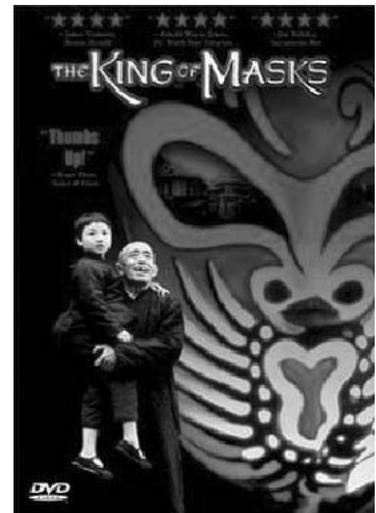
Tuesday, January 20

The Story of Qiu Ju is a Chinese comedy-drama directed by Zhang Yimou, starring Gong Li in the title role. The story of the film was adapted from Yuan Bin Chen's novella *The Wan Family's Lawsuit*. It tells of a woman, Qiu Ju, who lives in a rural area of China and



whose husband suffers a slight at the hands of the village head. She then travels to a big city but has to deal with its bureaucrats in order to find justice.

Tuesday, January 27



In 1930s northern China, an aging street performer and maker of masks has no apprentice. So he literally buys a small boy from a market and begins to teach him his craft — until he discovers that the boy is not all he seems. **The King of Masks** has a gripping story with many surprises, a fantastic performance from eight-year-old Zhou Renying, exquisite visuals and thought-provoking scenes about various aspects of Chinese culture.

Welcome to 2009 Board Members

Volunteers help Rowan Public Library grow and thrive. Special thanks go to members of the two boards that serve the library.

Thanks to Peggy Wilson, outgoing member of the **Friends of Rowan Public Library Board**.

And welcome to new Friends Board member Sammie Hinshaw.

Thanks go to outgoing **RPL Board of Trustees** members Dr. Robert Bloodworth, Sarah Kellogg, and Dr. Bill Thompson, and to Jim Sides, liaison from the Rowan

County Board of Commissioners.

Welcome to new trustees Betty Dan Spencer, Susan Waller, and ex-officio member Carolyn Glasgow, President of the Friends of RPL Board.

Staff Spotlight: Lynn Denison

Lynn Denison began work at Rowan Public in September 2002 as a part-time library assistant. She later became a full time employee, first at the circulation desk and then in the Stories-to-Go program. She currently is manager/supervisor of the Technical Services and Circulation Departments at Headquarters. Lynn also serves on the RPL management team along with director Jeff Hall and other department managers.

Before Lynn's children were born she was both an elementary school and a high school librarian. While her children were growing up she enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom. During that time she took courses to become a licensed real estate broker and also a licensed general contractor. However, the library has always been her first love, and she was thrilled when the opportunity arose to work at RPL. Lynn says, "There's not a day that I don't look forward to going to work. Not only do I truly love my



*RPL Technical Services and Circulation Departments Manager
Lynn Denison*

job, I also am privileged to work with the nicest group of people there could ever be!"

Lynn's favorite hobby is reading, of course, and she especially enjoys mysteries and thrillers. She gave up television viewing over seven years ago and doesn't miss it at all, since she'd much rather read a good book or listen to an audio book while working around her house. She has over 50 houseplants, some that are over 30 years old. She says, "Luckily they thrive on neglect!"

Her family consists of her daughter Angie and son-in-law Samuel Silva, and their four children; son Todd and wife Lindsey; twin brother, Lee Anderson; and her poodle, Watson. Every chance Lynn gets she heads for Philadelphia, where her grandchildren live. She wants to see them as much as possible before Samuel finishes his graduate degree and the family heads back to their home in Brazil. The grandchildren tell "Mimi" that she is going back to Brazil with them to live, but Mimi Lynn's plans are "to stay right here at RPL for as long as I can possibly remain a productive employee. After that – Brazil, maybe. . . ."

January 2009 Computer Classes

Headquarters: (704-216-8243)

Introduction to Publisher

Monday, January 5, 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Email

Thursday, January 8, 2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Introduction to Open Office

Monday, January 12, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Publisher

Thursday, January 15, 2:30 — 4:00 p.m.

Introduction to Email

Monday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Open Office

Thursday, January 29, 2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

South Rowan Regional Library:

(704-216-7727)

Email: Part Two

Tuesday, January 13, 11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Introduction to Online Genealogy

Tuesday, January 27, 11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

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

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Please contact me to help with Friends' programs and events.