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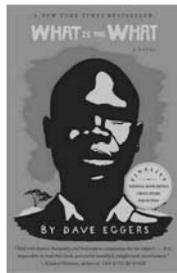
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Friends of RPL Help Sponsor Summer Reading Challenge

The Friends of RPL will once again be a sponsor of the *Summer Reading Challenge*, a community-wide reading initiative organized by the Libretto Book Club. This year, the club has chosen “Stories of Courage” for its theme.

For its fifth season, club members have picked four books—two fiction and two nonfiction—that show various aspects of courage. The novels are *What is the What* by Dave Eggers and *The Last Child* by Salisbury’s John Hart. The nonfiction includes *In the Hot Zone* by Kevin Sites and *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard.

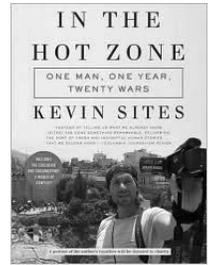


What is the What is based closely on true experiences of the Lost Boys of Sudan, who fled their war-ravaged country to come to the United States in the mid-1980s. The novel is heartbreaking and arresting, filled with adventure, suspense, tragedy, and, finally, triumph.

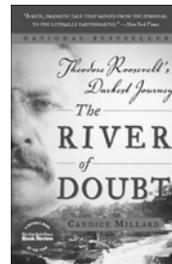
In *The Last Child*, thirteen year-old Johnny Merrimon is determined to find his missing twin sister Alyssa. When a second girl disappears from his rural North Carolina town, Johnny makes a discovery that sends shock waves through the community in this multi-layered tale of broken families and deadly secrets.



In the Hot Zone: One Man, One Year, Twenty Wars is a memoir by Kevin Sites, a war correspondent for Yahoo! News. He puts a human face on global conflict as he recounts his travels around the globe, visiting every armed conflict along the way, beginning with the genocidal civil war in Somalia and culminating in the war between Israel and Hezbollah in the summer of 2006. The book contains photos and a DVD.



The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey is a nonfiction thriller that chronicles Roosevelt’s 1914 expedition, along with his son Kermit and other explorers, into the unexplored heart of the Amazon basin to explore and map the region surrounding a tributary called the River of Doubt, detailing the perilous conditions they faced.



Rowan Public Library has copies of all four to check out.

Mark your calendar for the free public reception and panel discussion at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 13 at Waterworks Visual Arts Center.

For more information, contact Barbara Setzer at 704-633-5779 or email sgrayhouse@bellsouth.net.

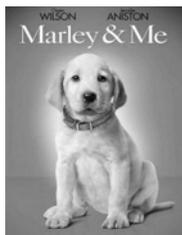
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July Movies: Man's Best Friend

Join us for a month of movies about "Man's Best Friend." Movies will be shown each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Stanback Auditorium at RPL's Headquarters in Salisbury. The movies are free and open to the public. Popcorn and lemonade are served.

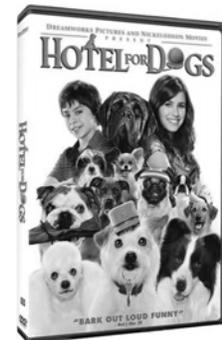
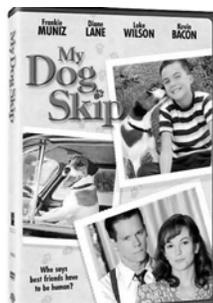
July 7: Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey. Three pets set out across a wilderness to find their family and the children they love and miss. Based on the book by Sheila Burnford, available at the library.

July 14: Marley & Me follows the growth of a married couple and the antics of their



lovable but mischievous dog. Based on the book by John Grogan, available at the library.

July 21: My Dog Skip is about the special friendship between a boy and the talented dog he received as a birthday gift. Based on the book by Willie Morris, available at the library.



July 28: Hotel for Dogs shows two orphans, living with foster parents who don't allow pets, who secretly keep caring for their dog. When they discover stray dogs in an abandoned hotel, they fix up the building and get help from their friends to run the new shelter.

Travel with the Friends — Near and Far!

Whether you want to take an overnight jaunt to the mountains of North Carolina or explore New England during the holiday season, the Friends of RPL have the trip for you.

The Friends concludes its tenth year of regional trips with a visit to Asheville, Hendersonville, and Flat Rock, NC, Friday-Saturday September 25-26. Highlights include an evening at the Flat Rock Playhouse (the State Theatre of North Carolina), and visits to the homes of Carl Sandburg, Thomas Wolfe, and Zebulon Vance. All the details are

available at the library (or, if you're a member of the Friends, in your home-delivered copy of this newsletter).

Our continuing partnership with Collette Vacations offers a real treat: "New England's Yuletide Treasures," December 7-12, will take you on a winter wonderland trip to Newport, Rhode Island and magnificent mansions. Lights and thousands of poinsettias welcome the visitor on tours of the Breakers, Marble House and Elms historic mansions. Experience dinner at the White Horse Tavern, America's

oldest, and feast on the lights of the Newport Harbor while enjoying a dramatic reading of *A Christmas Carol*. Travel back in town via a horse-drawn carriage ride through a Christmas tree farm in New Hampshire and a locally guided tour of historic Boston and Faneuil Hall marketplace.

Pick up brochures with all the details of both trips at any library location. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up soon.

Let the Friends of RPL expand your horizons with either (or both) of these memorable trips.

July 2009 Computer Classes



The Friends of RPL toured Virginia's Shenandoah Valley in June, including Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson's "occasional retreat."

Headquarters: (704-216-8243)

Creating a Free Website: Part One

Monday, July 6, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Absolute Beginner's Computer Class

Thursday, July 9, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Downloadable Audiobooks with NCDigital Library

Monday, July 13, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Yahoo Email

Thursday, July 16, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Creating a Free Website: Part Two

Monday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Resume Maker

Thursday, July 23, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

South Rowan Regional Library:

(704-216-7737)

No classes in July or August. Classes resume in September.

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

Gifts That Keep On Giving @ RPL



Rowan Public Library appreciates your gifts and will purchase materials for the library that can be enjoyed by our community for years to come.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Doris Ledbetter Hamm given by Paul And Gerald Ann Graham and Robert and Pat Morrison

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www.rowanpubliclibrary.org

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Rowan Public Library hours effective July 6, 2009:

Headquarters (Salisbury) and South Rowan Regional Library (China Grove) :

Monday—Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: Closed

East Branch (Rockwell) :

Monday—Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Thursday—Friday: 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Sundays: Closed

Holiday Closing: Closed July 3 and 4 all locations