

June 2009



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 ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Rowan Public Library and Friends Receive Preservation Honors

Recently the Historic Salisbury Foundation hosted the 25th Annual Historic Preservation Awards. At a luncheon hosted at the Salisbury Depot, awards were given for revitalization and preservation for both commercial and residential projects. The Friends of Rowan Public Library and the Rowan Public Library jointly received the award for “Preservation Education and Publication” for their DVD documentary series *A Ramble Through Rowan’s History*.



RPL Director Jeff Hall and board chair Dr. Gary Freeze were on hand to receive the award.

Additionally, library board member Betty Dan Spencer received the “Long Time Preservation Leader” award for her many years of work to preserve and promote the heritage of Rowan County.

## Children and Teen Summer Programs Kick Off at RPL in June

Come help the Rowan Public Library celebrate the start of summer reading by attending our *Be Creative* kickoff event! We will have crafts, games, and lots of fun planned for all. Children can register for summer reading during the kickoff. Events take place:

- 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 11, South Rowan Regional, China Grove.
- 1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 12, East Branch, Rockwell.
- 10:00 a.m. — 12 noon, Saturday, June 13, RPL Headquarters, Salisbury.

RPL’s programs for teens also kick off in June. **Teen program event schedule:**

- **Skill Toys Workshop:** June 15, 16, 17 (Because class size is limited, **registration is required for this week only.** Please call the location nearest you to register.)
- **Create Your Own Avatar:** June 22, 23, 24
- **Food Faces:** June 29, 30, July 1
- **Puppet Mania:** July 6, 7, 8
- **Music Workshop:** July 13, 14, 15
- **The Amazing Hunt:** July 20, 21, 22
- **Café Express & Show:** July 30 — End of summer celebration @ South Rowan Regional

Sponsored by the Friends of Rowan Public Library

# A Month of Anime at RPL in June

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Join us for RPL's Tuesday Night at the Movies at 6:30 p.m. in the Stanback Auditorium at RPL's Headquarters in Salisbury. June's movies are anime features selected by the Rowan County Anime Group. *Anime*, short for *animē-shiyon*, refers to a style of animation originating in Japan in 1917.

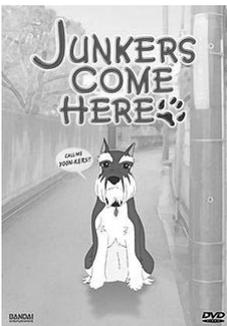
Artistically, *anime* are known for their colorful graphics, textured and detailed backgrounds and foregrounds, and complex camera points of view, which approximate those of acted films. Sympathetic characters are often depicted with enormous eyes, oddly colored hair, and childlike features. Often *anime* feature complex stories, many characters and subplots, and fantastic or futuristic themes.

Anime began to attain wide international popularity with the *Pokémon* TV series and films such as Miyazaki's *Spirited Away*.

Movies are free and open to the public. Popcorn and lemonade are served.

## June 2: Junkers Come Here

Hiromi is an eleven year-old girl whose parents work long hours and are planning to divorce. Not knowing how to cope with the divorce, Hiromi seeks help from Junkers, a talking dog who can grant wishes. This is a film the whole family can enjoy.



## June 9: The Place Promised in Our Early Days

The story takes place in an alternate history world in a period after World War II where Japan is divided. Hokkaido, renamed Ezo, is ruled by the "Union" while Honshu and other southern islands are under US authority. Ezo is dominated by the Union Tower, a seemingly topleless needle. Three middle school students — Hiroki, Takuya and Sayuri — dream of visiting the Tower, and start building an airplane. As the characters move into high school, Sayuri falls into a coma. Hiroki and Takuya learn that her dreams are linked to the Tower and to experiments in contacting parallel universes.

## June 16: A Tree of Palme

A dark Pinocchio tale with a science/fantasy robotic twist! Palme, a puppet, is created to care for the dying wife of his master. After her death, a mysterious woman asks Palme for help in delivering a precious package. Palme, at first believing she is his dead mistress, agrees to help. This is Palme's first step in his long and incredible journey to becoming a real boy.

## June 23: Sakura Wars: The Movie

This *Sakura Wars* feature length film finds the Imperial Flower Combat Troupe falling on hard times. Though Tokyo is once again under siege, the Douglas-Stewart Company has produced a new breed of fighting machine that is



purported to make the Flower Division obsolete. Placed on indefinite standby status, the girls quickly become frustrated. However, when members of their team begin to disappear, they realize that there is more to these new fighters than meets the eye.

## June 30: Howl's Moving Castle

Brimming with a blend of imagination, humor, action, and romance, "Howl's Moving Castle" has become one of the biggest blockbusters of all time in Japan.

Sophie, a teenage girl working in a hat shop, finds her life thrown into turmoil when she is swept off her feet by a handsome but mysterious wizard named Howl, and is subsequently turned into a 90-year old woman by the Wicked Witch of the Waste. Embarking on an incredible odyssey to lift the curse, she finds refuge in Howl's magical moving castle.



# June 2009 Computer Classes

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

**Absolute Beginner's Computer Class**

Monday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Absolute Beginner's Internet Searching**

Monday, June 8, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

**Absolute Beginner's PowerPoint**

Monday, June 15, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

**Yahoo Email: Beyond the Basics**

Thursday, June 18, 2:30 — 4:00 p.m.

**PowerPoint: Beyond the Basics**

Monday, June 22, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

**Open Office Up Close: Writer**

Thursday, June 25, 2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

**South Rowan Regional Library:**

(704-216-7737)

**Basic Word**

Monday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

**Intermediate Word**

Thursday, June 11, 11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

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

## Gifts That Keep On Giving @ RPL

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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 Honor of** Rowan Public Library Children's Services Staff given by the Rowan-Salisbury Homeschoolers Association

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## Did You Know?

**The oil paintings on the second floor at RPL's Headquarters location in Salisbury are by NC artist Philip Moose. They were presented to RPL in 1959 by the Travelers' Club as a tribute to its charter members.**

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The Friends of RPL are beginning to gather materials for the annual "Literary Gift Basket" sale. These themed baskets are expected to go on sale in November and make excellent and affordable gifts for the season.

Materials such as nice baskets, soaps, candies, small gift items, coffee mugs, coffees, teas, candles, and small toys are needed. Items will be accepted at any RPL location.

In 2008 the Friends raised over \$3,500 from sales of these baskets. That money was used to support a number of Friends' projects, including Stories by the Millstream storytelling festival, the JackieFest storytelling festival in October, the 2009 Children and Teen Summer Reading programs, and the RPL Children's Bookmark contest.

The Friends also need your help to put together these attractive baskets. If you are interested in helping, or have any other questions, please contact Susan Waller at [srwaller70 @yahoo.com](mailto:srwaller70@yahoo.com) or call the library location nearest you.