



Andy Irwin Brings Stories to RPL

For storyteller Andy Offutt Irwin, telling stories is a way of life, and we don't mean "the dog ate my homework" sort of stories.

We mean the kind that will keep you on the edge of your seat, waiting to hear what will happen, or what sort of character will appear next, from the person standing in front of you. You may forget there is just one person because there will be so many different voices and noises coming out of his mouth.

In Rowan Public Library's Stanback Auditorium on Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m., you can see all this and more. With his stories for kids of all ages (and their parents too), Irwin has been a featured teller



Storyteller Andy Irwin visits RPL in September.

at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN and is an award-winning recording artist with five titles. He can also be heard each Saturday on Georgia Public Radio as the host and storyteller of *Evening Star*.

Friday morning, Irwin will be the featured teller and join 24 other storytellers as part of the ninth annual Stories by the Millstream Festival for all second grade students in Rowan County. The event is sponsored by the Friends of RPL, Rowan-Salisbury Schools, and Rowan County Parks and Recreation.

Please join us Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. for a free, fun night of stories.

RPL Experiences Impressive Growth

"The library has shown significant increases in usage over previous years," says Rowan Public Library Director Jeff Hall.

Recent statistical reports reveal that total circulation for fiscal year July 2007-June 2008 was over 801,000, while that total for previous fiscal year July 2006-June 2007 was 718,000—an increase of around 12%.

This includes items checked out through the Headquarters, East, and South Regional library branches, as well as Outreach, Stories-to-Go, and Home-based Child Care services.

Over the same period, reference transactions increased from nearly

107,000 to nearly 126,000 for an increase of 18%. That's a lot of questions asked and answered each day!

Door count figures, which show how many people came into each facility, went from 365,000 to 395,000, an increase of nearly 10%.

The summer reading program for children experienced a 5% increase in participation over last year.

"It is significant that we've handled such impressive growth with no increase in our staff," Hall adds.

So if the staffer helping you at the library looks tired but happy, this could be the reason!

RPL Hosts “JackieFest” Storytelling Celebration in Granite Quarry in October



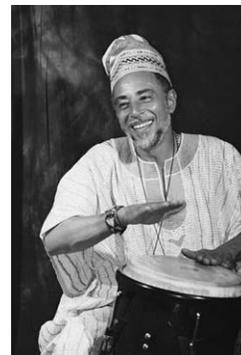
Jackie Torrence

RPL’s second annual Jackie Torrence Storytelling Festival (JackieFest) is Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Granite Lake Park, Granite Quarry. The beloved “Story Lady” herself

was from Granite Quarry, so this year’s venue is especially appropriate.

Storytellers are traveling from near and far to be a part of this very special day. Some of our entertainers include (in alphabetical order): Obakunle Akinlana, Nigerian Folk Tales and Music; Wright Clarkson, StoryGuy; Mary Gillespie, Folk Singer; Ron Gullede, Jack Tales; Ron Jones, Ghost Tales and Classic Children's Stories; Barbara Lott, African Stories; Patricia Trueblood, “Grandma Honey” Original Folk Tales; and more.

Refreshments will be provided by the Granite Quarry Civitans.



Obakunle Akinlana

Later that day there will be musical programs by East Rowan High School and Erwin Middle School, so plan a full day of cultural festivities!

Metamorphosis Program Ends With A Blast

Summer 2008 ended with a blast — from the hard rock that blasted through South Rowan Regional Library, to the burst of water balloons on the lawn.

The Metamorphosis teen program capped the summer with the Monarch Cookout attended by 130 jubilant teens and their families. Three lucky teens won



Angelika Simon, one of three teens who won a VISA gift card at the Monarch Cookout held at South Rowan Regional Library.

\$100 VISA gift cards and others won numerous gift cards and prizes donated by area businesses. Sending no one away hungry, library staff prepared delicious hotdogs with all the trimmings.

Super-talented teen band **One Letter Less**, with Adam Corriher on lead guitar and vocals, rocked our library world with covers from Nirvana and Fall Out Boy, and even original songs.

Most of our sponsors were listed in the August newsletter. The library is proud to add the following to the list: Avon representative Morgan Schneider; Queens Gifts and Fashions; and Mary Kay



*Adam Corriher and the band **One Letter Less** rocked the Metamorphosis teen program celebration.*

representative Lori Szymanski and her daughter Ashley.

Leading Ladies Focus of September Film Series

September movies at RPL showcase the leading ladies of Hollywood! Join us each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Stanback Auditorium at RPL's Salisbury branch. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade!

- Tuesday, September 2

The 2002 film, "**The Hours**," takes place during the course of one day and tells the interrelated stories of three women from different time periods.

In 1923 a troubled Virginia Woolf (Nicole Kidman) begins writing her novel "Mrs. Dalloway," while Julianne Moore as a pregnant Los Angeles housewife in 1951 reads the novel as she contemplates a birthday and her ability to be a mother.

In 2001, book editor Meryl Streep plans a party reflecting the main character in Woolf's "Mrs. Dalloway."

"**The Hours**" earned nine Academy Award nominations, and Kidman won the Oscar for Best Actress.

- Tuesday, September 9

"**Julia**," starring Jane Fonda, Vanessa Redgrave and Jason Robards, is the 1977 film drama based on Lillian Hellman's book "Pentimento."

The movie traces the struggles of Hellman (Fonda) as a writer with companion Dashiell Hammett



(Robards), and her life-long friendship with Julia (Redgrave), culminating with their involvement in the anti-Nazi movement prior to WWII. "**Julia**" won three Academy Awards after receiving eight nominations. Meryl Streep makes her feature film debut in this film.

- Tuesday, September 16

Ernest Hemingway's short story "**The Snows of Kilimanjaro**" was adapted to the silver screen in this 1952 movie starring Ava Gardner, Susan Hayward and Gregory Peck.



The story centers on the memoirs of a writer (Peck) on safari in Africa, as he reflects back on his life while suffering from a deadly infection. Hayward plays the writer's traveling companion, and Gardner stars as his lost love and late wife.

- Tuesday, September 23

"**Suddenly, Last Summer**"

Elizabeth Taylor, Katharine Hepburn and Montgomery Clift star in the 1959 film adaption of the Tennessee Williams' play.

Catherine (Taylor) is a young woman seemingly insane after witnessing her cousin Sebastian's mysterious death in Europe. Sebastian's mother Violet (Hepburn), seeks to persuade



psycho-surgeon (Clift) to lobotomize Catherine in exchange for funding for his fledgling hospital.

Controversial at the time, "**Suddenly, Last Summer**" garnered Taylor and Hepburn numerous awards, including two Oscar nominations, for their roles in this deeply disturbing, yet entertaining drama.



- Tuesday, September 30

"**Stardust**" is the 2007 film based on Neil Gaiman's fantasy novel. A young man named Tristan (Charlie Cox) tries to win the heart of Victoria (Sienna Miller), but must enter an imaginary land beyond the walls of his village to retrieve a star (Claire Danes).

Also seeking the star is an evil witch (Michelle Pfeiffer). Along the journey Captain Shakespeare the pirate (Robert DeNiro) and a shady trader (Ricky Gervais) aid the young Tristan in his quest to win the heart of the star and find the meaning of true love.

What to do with those old High School annuals?

Rowan Public Library's Edith M. Clark History Room maintains a collection of annuals from Rowan County high schools. However, as our collection has come from donations, we do not have a complete collection of any of the high schools annuals. Please consider giving your annuals to the library. Listed below are the high schools that are or have been located in Rowan County and the year of their first graduating class. Spencer High School's last graduating class was 1958; thereafter North Rowan served this area. Boyden and Price merged to form Salisbury High in 1970.

J.C. Price	1922-1969
Boyden/Salisbury	1926
Spencer High	1926-1958
Dunbar	1950-1969
East Rowan	1959
North Rowan	1959
West Rowan	1960
South Rowan	1961

We are missing the following issues and would be glad to have copies:

- Boyden/Salisbury— 1941, 1944-45; 1983-86; 1992, 2000-2008
- Dunbar — 1950, 52-53, 57, 59-65
- East Rowan — 1959, 60, 61, 2000-2008
- North Rowan — 1964, 66-68,

83-85, 2002-2008

- J.C. Price — 1922-1942, 44-48, 50, 51, 53, 55, 56, 61-64, 68-69
- South Rowan — 1961-69, 72, 78, 84, 85, 88, 89, 92, 93, 96, 1999-2008
- Spencer High — 1926-47, 52-55
- West Rowan — 1960, 61, 64-72, 76-88, 90, 91, 93, 96, 1999-2008

Additionally, we do have some middle school, junior high, elementary school and college annuals and would be grateful for any additions to this collection as well.

Please note, we cannot accept annuals from outside Rowan County.

Help Assemble Friends Baskets

Help the Friends of RPL raise funds to help support the library's programs. In recent years, Friends have created and sold holiday gift baskets each fall.

All are welcome to join in the fun of assembling these gift baskets. Work will take place each Monday from September 8 to October 6 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All supplies will be provided.

It's not too late for your donations of gently used baskets, books, and small gift items, that would go well in these themed book baskets. These items can be left at the circulation desks at each branch, marked for "Friends."

Contact Susan Waller at 704-633-5592 or srwaller70@yahoo.com for further information.



Seventeen Friends of RPL visited the Columbia Icefield and Athabasca Glacier in Jasper National Park of Canada during their "Canadian Rockies by Rail" trip in May. The trip was the first RPL offered in conjunction with Collette Vacations.

RPL is planning another trip with Colette in 2009. Watch for more details and plan to join us!

September 2008 Computer Classes

Headquarters:

(704-216-8243)

Introduction to Internet Safety

Monday, September 8
7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Searching The World Wide Web

Thursday, September 11
2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Creating Spreadsheets With Excel

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

Headquarters

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Introduction to Windows

Thursday, September 18
2:30 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Creating Presentations With PowerPoint

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

Creating Web Pages Part 2

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

South Rowan Regional Library: (704-216-7733)

Basic Windows

Tuesday, September 9
11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Digital Photography: Part One

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

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

COMING SOON!

RPL will offer computer classes at the East
Branch in Rockwell starting later this fall!
Watch for more details in upcoming issues of *news*, etc.

Look for information at each library location about the
Friends of RPL Literary Road Trip to Charleston, SC, October
17-19.



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.

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and mail it with this application to:*

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East Branch (Rockwell) South Regional (China Grove)

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