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PUBLIC LIBRARY

# BeyondBooks

Highlights of programs & events at your public library. Take a look inside and visit us at our web site at [www.union.lib.nc.us](http://www.union.lib.nc.us)



UCPL - Union County Public Library

## Adults

### Edwards Memorial

#### Open Knit (for knitters and those that wish to learn)

We are still welcoming adults who would like to learn to knit. All knitters are invited and encouraged to come and share both talent and talk around the knitting table. Open to knitters of all ages. For those who are just beginning, call Shelley Fearn for a list of needed supplies (704-624-2828).

2/1 from 3-5 PM

### Monroe

#### Let's Talk About It - Divergent Cultures: the Middle East in Literature

This book discussion series brings scholars and community members together to explore how selected books illuminate a particular theme. The program includes reading and discussing five books over the course of nine weeks. In this

series, readers will explore ancient and modern conflicts to build understanding about the varied and richly textured peoples, conflicts, histories, and geographies of the Middle East. The series is made possible by the North Carolina Humanities Council. Refreshments and additional support are provided by the Friends of the Union County Public Libraries. A limited number of books are available for loan upon registration. To register, please call 704-283-8184, ext. 241. Here is the schedule:

March 2 - *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi

March 16 - *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

March 30 - *A Perfect Peace* by Amos Oz

April 13 - *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson

April 27 - *Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women* by Geraldine Brooks



## Black History Month

### Monroe

#### Economic Empowerment—Black Entrepreneurship

Join Brian P. Willis, president elect of the 100 Black Men of Charlotte and author of *Help! I'm Drowning in Debt* as he discusses Black Entrepreneurship and economic empowerment. There will also be a roundtable discussion with local African American entrepreneurs. This program will appeal to current and aspiring entrepreneurs.

2/6 at 2 PM

#### The Music Doctor's Gospel Extravaganza featuring No Compromise

Join Keith Sullivan and "No Compromise" as they present their soulful brand of praise. The history of the progression of Negro Spirituals to Gospel music will also be discussed.

2/13 at 6 PM

#### Gone But Not Forgotten: How to Read a Cemetery and Why

Join UCPL Local History & Genealogy librarian, Patricia Poland, as she discusses the importance of documenting cemeteries. A special emphasis will be placed on traditionally African American cemeteries.

2/27 at 2 PM

#### Quiz Bowl

UCPL will host the 2nd Annual Black History Quiz Bowl. Come expand your mind while having fun with other children in this game-show based activity.

Learn about African Americans in sports, literature, entertainment, science, and more. Open to ages 9-16. Each child will compete according to their age group. Parents must be present in order for children to participate. Registration is required: call 704-283-8184, ext. 232. Champion will receive an awesome grand prize.

2/28 from 4-6 PM



#### Artist's Reception with Stacey Hope-Lindsay of Stills by Stacey

Come enjoy the photography and meet the artist behind Stills by Stacey.

TBA: Call 704-283-8184, ext. 232.

#### Meet the Artists

Stacey Hope-Lindsay of Stills by Stacey and Alvondo Vinson of AV Photography will have artwork on display in the Alcove Gallery and the Griffin Room of the Monroe Library.

### Union West

**Tanure Ojaide & African Music**  
Professor Tanure Ojaide teaches a class at UNCC on African literature, Music and Art. He will present a discussion on African Music. Call for more details: 704-821-7475, ext. 3. Open to teens and adults.  
2/23 at 4 PM

*See children's section for more Black History Month events*

# Teens

Teen programs are for ages 13-18.

## Edwards Memorial

### Bath Fizzies

Make a valentine treat for someone special. We will be making home-made, scented bath "fizzies." They will add scent to the bath water as they bubble, turning the tub into a relaxing retreat. Class size is limited, registration is required. Call 704-624-2828, ext. 2 to register. **2/4 from 5-7 PM**

### Creative Stamping Valentine Cards

We will continue with the Valentine fun when we make creative stamping Valentine's Cards. Kim Vague, assistant principal at East Union, will be on hand to give us some pointers on stamping. Class size is limited, registration is required. Call 704-624-2828, ext. 2 to register. **2/11 from 5-7 PM**

## Waxhaw

### WAC

Drawing, Anime, Manga, Japanese culture! We've got it all at the Waxhaw Anime Club. Permission slip required before attending. For ages 13-18. **2/18 from 4:30-5:30 PM**

## Monroe

### Teen Advisory Board

- ◆ Are you interested in earning *community service hours*?
- ◆ Do you want to *give your opinion* about what's going on at the library?
- ◆ Does your *college application* need a boost?

Call Jill Peth at 704-283-8184, ext. 241 if you are interested in joining.

# Children

## Monroe

### Happy Birthday, Laura

Let's celebrate Laura Ingalls Wilder's birthday with Little House stories and crafts. Ages 6 and up. **2/1 at 4:30 PM**

### Homework Help

For kids grades 1-8. No registration necessary; just drop in.

**Mondays through Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 PM**

### Obakunle Akinlana: African American Storyteller

Obakunle will play drums, shekeres, and other musical instruments to bring exciting African folktales to life. Special thanks to our sponsor The Friends of the Library. **2/9 from 4-5 PM**

## Union West

### 28 Days/28 Poems

Come and take part in this celebration of African American poets. Bring your own poems or just be a volunteer to read a verse or two from select poems. You can be a

poet too! Also bring your gaming skills and enjoy a game of Mancala with others. Ages 5 and up. **2/9 at 5 PM**

### Obakunle Akinlana: African American Storyteller

Obakunle will play drums, shekeres, and other musical instruments to bring exciting African folktales to life. Special thanks to our sponsor Union West Rotary Club. **2/16 at 5 PM**

### Cartooning Club

For ages 8 and up. **2/18 at 5:30 PM**

## Edwards Memorial

### Kids' Library Club

Club members enjoy games, activities and special benefits. Children grades 4th-6th. **2/1 and 2/15 at 5 PM**

## Oh, Lovely FROGS!

Rriibbiting facts about frogs, Valentine's craft, music and fun! For kids ages 5-8. **2/2 at 5 PM**

## PAW-sitive Reading

Sign-up to read 15 minutes with our trained Therapy Dogs. **2/6 at 1 PM and 2/20 at 2 PM**

## Why the Library is Our Someplace Special Release Party

Did you or someone you know enter the "Why is the Library Special to You?" picture and essay contest? Join us at our release party where you can hear our contest winners announced, get your very own copy of Why the Library is Our Special Place with your submission included, win door prizes, sign your autograph, and listen to stories about the library! Special thanks to our sponsor The Friends of the Library.

**Monroe—2/22 at 5:30 PM**  
**Union West—2/22 at 5 PM**  
**Waxhaw—2/22 at 3:30 PM**  
**Edwards Memorial—2/22 at 5 PM**

## Get Carded @ Your Public Library

Teens receive a free REDESIGNED library card!

Got Library Fines? No worries...If you're age 13-18, your fines will be forgiven when you receive your redesigned card.

Offer valid between February 15 - June 15, 2010.

Pick the design of your choice.



## Book Club Highlights

### Monroe

#### Evening Book Club

Discussion of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer. **2/9 at 5:30 PM**

#### Lunch Bunch

Discussion of *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. **2/23 at noon**

### Waxhaw

#### Waxhaw Book Club

Discussion of *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. **2/4 at 5:45 PM**

### Union West

#### Morning Book Club

Discussion of *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. **2/5 at 10 AM**

### Union West

Discussion of *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. **2/16 at 5:30 PM**

### Edwards Memorial

Discussion of *We Two: Victoria & Albert: Rulers, Partners, Rivals* by Gillian Gill. **2/16 at noon**



## storytimes

### Monroe

#### Toddler Time

Twenty minutes of stories, songs and activities for ages 12-36 months and a caregiver. **Tuesdays at 10 AM**

#### Preschool Storytime

Thirty to forty minutes of stories, songs and activities for ages 3, 4 & 5. **Tuesdays at 10:30 AM**

#### Baby Time

This fun and interactive program is full of stories, rhymes and songs! It is for babies and their caregivers. **Wednesdays at 11 AM**

### Union West

#### Baby Time

**Mondays at 10:30 AM**

#### Cruiser Time

Ages 12-24 months  
**Thursdays at 10:30 AM**

#### Toddler Time

**Mondays at 11:15 AM**  
**Tuesdays at 10 AM**  
**Wednesdays at 10:30 and 11 AM**

#### Preschool Storytime

**Tuesdays at 10:45 AM**  
**Wednesdays at 11:30 AM**

### Edwards Memorial

#### Baby Time

**Tuesdays at 10 AM**

#### Toddler Time

**Wednesdays at 9:30 AM**

#### Preschool Storytime

**Wednesdays at 10 AM**

### Waxhaw

#### Baby Time

**Mondays at 11:30 AM**

#### Toddler Time

**Tuesdays at 10 and 11 AM**

#### Preschool Storytime

**Wednesdays at 10 AM and 11 AM**



# Computer Classes

**Monroe**  
**Word I**  
2/1 at 10 AM  
2/17 at 5:30 PM

**PowerPoint**  
**Essentials I**  
2/2 at 2 PM

**Word II**  
2/2 at 5 PM

**Excel I**  
2/4 at 3:30 PM  
2/22 at 2 PM

**Basic Internet**  
2/10 at 10:30 AM  
2/22 at 10 AM  
2/27 at 1:30 PM

**Excel II**  
2/10 at 3 PM

**Basic**  
**Computer Skills**  
2/16 at 10 AM  
2/20 at 1:30 PM  
2/24 at 10 AM

**Basic E-Mail**  
2/17 at 11 AM

**Publisher I**  
2/18 at 10 AM

**Excel IV-Create,**  
**Sort and Filter an**  
**Excel List**  
2/24 at 3 PM

**Edwards Memorial**  
**Excel I**  
2/3 at 5:30 PM

**Word II**  
2/6 at 1:30 PM

**Basic Internet**  
2/9 at 10 AM

**Waxhaw**  
**Excel I**  
2/11 at 3 PM

**Word II**  
2/18 at 10 AM

**Union West**  
**Basic**  
**Computer Skills**  
2/4 at 10 AM  
2/25 at 3:30 PM

**Basic Email**  
2/8 at 3 PM

**Excel I**  
2/9 at 5:30 PM  
2/23 at 3 PM

**Basic Internet**  
2/11 at 10 AM

**Publisher**  
2/13 at 1:30 PM

**Word I**  
2/15 at 3 PM

**Word II**  
2/15 at 5 PM

**PowerPoint**  
**Essentials I**  
2/16 at 2 PM

**Excel II**  
2/23 at 5 PM

# SERVICIOS HISPANOS

**Monroe**  
**Computadora Básica/**  
**Word I**  
2 de febrero a las 10 AM  
8 de febrero a las 6:30 PM

**Word II**  
3 de febrero a las 10 AM  
9 de febrero a las 6:30 PM

**Excel I**  
4 de febrero a las 10 AM  
15 de febrero a las  
6:30 PM

**Excel II**  
5 de febrero  
a las 10 AM

**Internet**  
11 de febrero a las  
10 AM  
22 de febrero a las  
6:30 PM

**Email**  
12 de febrero a las 10 AM  
23 de febrero a las 6:30 PM

**Monroe**  
**¿Tienes tarea?**  
**¡Podemos ayudar!**  
Ayuda **gratis** para estuدياتes  
en grados 1 al 8. Lunes,  
Martes, Miércoles, Jueves de  
4:30 a 6:30 PM



## Family Literacy Portraits presents The Melton Family

Timeshia Melton is a busy mom to two-year-old, Amari, and one-year-old, Tamuria. She completed the workshop in November 2009 at Winchester Head Start. A month later we chatted to see how things were going.

*Why did you participate in the family literacy program?*

“I’m a young mom, and I try to find ways to teach my children. Reading is important to me but when I tried reading with my son, he was not interested at all. When I heard about the program, I wanted to attend because I wanted to learn what I could do to help my children *want* to read and I wanted to learn things that would help me teach them.”

*Do you do anything differently in regards to reading since attending the program?*

“We spend more time actually reading. Before we would just turn the pages, but now we read and also I let them talk about what they see while we are reading. I

make it more fun, and I’m enjoying it a lot now too!”

Their favorite book, The Pout-Pout Fish, is one of the free books they received by participating in the four-session program. They read it often as part of their routine before going to bed.

*Of the things you learned in the workshop what one thing do you incorporate the most?*

“I pick out books that *they* are interested in or let them choose their own. It helps make it enjoyable for everyone.”

*Do you have recommendations for parents about reading with their children?*

“I recommend that they get in the habit of reading with the children. Kids can learn a lot and they enjoy it more than you think. Take the time to teach them. There is a lot they can learn *before* they go to school. Get involved. They learn in the process and it’s enjoyable for the parent as well.”

**If you would like to participate in the Smart Start Family Literacy workshop, like Timeshia, and have a child between the ages of 0-5 (not in Kindergarten), please call 704.283.8184 ext. 250.**



*Timeshia and her children enjoying a book at the library.*

# YOUR LIBRARIES



**Monroe  
Main Library**  
316 East Windsor Street  
Monroe, NC 28112  
(704) 283-8184  
(704) 225-8554 TDD  
(for the DEAF)  
Monday &  
Tuesday  
9:30 AM - 8 PM  
Wednesday &  
Thursday  
9:30 AM - 7 PM  
Friday 9:30 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday 1 PM - 5 PM  
Sunday 2 PM - 5 PM

**Edwards  
Memorial**  
414 Hasty Street  
Marshville, NC 28103  
(704) 624-2828  
Monday-Thursday  
9:30 AM - 7 PM  
Friday 9:30 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday 1 PM - 5 PM  
Sunday 2 PM - 5 PM

**Union West**  
123 Unionville-Indian  
Trail Road  
Indian Trail, NC 28079  
(704) 821-7475  
Monday-Thursday  
9:30 AM - 7 PM  
Friday 9:30 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday 1 PM - 5 PM  
Sunday 2 PM - 5 PM

**Waxhaw**  
509 South Providence  
Street  
Waxhaw, NC 28173  
(704) 843-3131  
Monday & Thursday  
9:30 AM - 7 PM  
Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday  
9:30 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday 1 PM - 5 PM

If you would like to receive *Beyond Books* by email each month, email [jpeth@union.lib.nc.us](mailto:jpeth@union.lib.nc.us). Do you have suggestions for programs? You can email that too!

## Tax Information

January starts our new tax season. The state of North Carolina is no longer providing bulk shipments of tax forms for public libraries, military bases and post offices. We are still receiving federal tax forms. The Monroe library is working with the Family Financial Literacy Coalition (FFLC) in Charlotte to provide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. These sessions will be by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. The library will be providing space for this assistance from late January to mid-April on Monday and Tuesday nights and Saturday afternoons. FFLC will provide volunteers and computers to help people who qualify for the service. Call 704-283-8184, ext. 232 for more information.

