



Letter from the Director

As you are probably aware, we had another busy winter. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Staff for their outstanding work this winter. We had lots of great programs and all the computer classes were filled to capacity. Lucy Buffett honored us with an author signing on February 29; over 450 people showed up to get autographed copies of *Crazy Sista Cooking*. If you missed her, or need more cookbooks for presents, Lucy will be back on July 25!

Local favorite author, Andy Andrews gave Pleasure Island residents first dibs on his new book *Mastering the Seven Decisions*. Over 50 people attended the pre-release book talk and signing at the library on Thursday, March 20, 2008. "Andy Andrews took us on the journey of a lifetime in his groundbreaking, New York Times bestseller, *The Traveler's Gift*. Now, Andy amplifies that journey with *Mastering the Seven Decisions*. Andy's latest work includes profiles of many hugely successful people and page after page of probing exercises to help you put these life-changing principles (The Seven Decisions) immediately to work in your own life."

Bonnie Lee

	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
Library Visitors	5,305	15,000	16,143
New Library Cards	66	234	163
Items Checked Out	6,824	13,801	14,768
New Items Added	542	930	799
Computer Users	2,772 + Wireless	4,871 + Wireless	5,670 + Wireless

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Orange Beach Public Library

Mission Statement

The mission of the Orange Beach Public Library is to provide our community free and open access to the information, materials and services they need for life-long learning, civic engagement and the exchange of ideas. To that end, the Orange Beach Public Library will hire and cultivate staff members with unparalleled levels of skill, integrity, and professional commitment.



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Accessing Your Library Account Online

1. Go to the library website at www.orangebeachlibrary.org
2. Click **My Account** on the menu bar.
3. Click on the web link **My Account**.
4. On the Baldwin County Libraries Catalog enter your 14 digit library card number. i.e. **21067000000123**
5. Your PIN number is the last four digits of your library card number including the number that stands alone. See underlined number in step 4, i.e. **0123**
6. Click submit. This will take you to your account.

On this page you are able to renew books (if there are no holds on items and you have not reached your checkout limit). Also, you are able to see any holds on books that you have requested.

Readers Advisory Sherry Brandler, Circulation Supervisor



Placing a Hold Online

1. On the internet, go to the library website at www.orangebeachlibrary.org
2. On the Menu Bar, click **Catalog then Library Catalog** on the drop down menu.
3. Type in the name of the book you want to place on hold.
4. Once you have found the book, click on the book title and select the button next to the copy you would like and select **“Place Hold Request”**
5. The catalog will ask you to sign in using the information on your card (see Accessing Your Library Account Online).
6. Fill in your library card number and pin and click submit.
7. You will get onscreen confirmation that your hold request has been approved.



With the Orange Beach Public Library Online Language Learning Center patrons can choose to learn seven different languages. Each language offers approximately 90 hours of basic instruction contained in a carefully constructed sequence of 33 lessons. The first time you visit the site you will be required to create a user name and password for accessing Rosetta Stone. You will then be asked for your Orange Beach Library barcode number. The Rosetta Stone Language Learning Center can be accessed via any online computer. This program is free to Orange Beach Library card holders.

Did you know?

The Orange Beach Public Library accepts donations of used working cell phones for the Lighthouse. Just drop them off in the donation box.



READ-ALIKES

All the books by your favorite authors checked out? Try a read-alike! Here are some examples:

- James Patterson-Michael Connelly, Jeffery Deaver
- David Baldacci-Sidney Sheldon, Stuart Woods
- Sue Grafton-Susan Dunlap, Janet Evanovich
- Stuart Woods-Jeffery Archer, Robert Parker
- Janet Evanovich-Sarah Stromeier, Linda Howard

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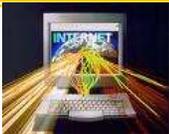
How to Download from CamelliaNet

1. On the Internet, go to the library website at www.orangebeachlibrary.org
2. Click on the **Catalog** and then **Downloadable Audio**.
3. Click on the **Overdrive Media Console** button that is located on the lower right hand of the page.
4. On the Overdrive website select “**Click to download Overdrive Media Console Version 2.1**” to download the driver.
5. Follow the instructions for downloading the driver (see the Overdrive website <http://camellia.lib.overdrive.com> for these instructions
6. To download a book, return to the CamelliaNet website and select the book you wish to download.
7. Click “**Add to cart**”. (If you see “**Place a Hold**” it means that the book is already checked out and you will be placed on hold for that book. You will have to select another book to download at this time or close the program.)
8. Select download location (Overdrive Media Console) and confirm by clicking next.
9. The Overdrive Media Console will automatically open and allow you to see all books you have downloaded.
10. From the Overdrive Media Console you will be able to play the audio book on your computer, transfer it to an MP3 player or burn it to a CD (note: not all books are burnable, it will indicate when this option is available when the book is checked out.)

For troubleshooting installation or downloading issues visit

<http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/download.asp>

Or <http://camellia.lib.overdrive.com> and select digital book help.



Orange Beach Library Online Databases

Got a paper to write for a class? Do the research in your jammies! The Orange Beach Library provides patrons with remote access to online literary criticism on novels, poetry and short stories through Gale Virtual Reference Library. These online databases contain easily accessible and context-rich discussions of the literary and historical significance of works from various cultures and time periods, including concise synopses of plot, characters and themes; a brief author biography; a discussion of the story's cultural and historical significance; and excerpted criticism.

Alabama Virtual Library and Homework Alabama are also available. These resources are great sources of information for students.

To use the databases click on Research on the library's web page and you're on your way to getting the information you need to write high school and college papers. Log in from home with your library bar code and pin number. Or visit the library and use the databases from one of the library's twenty-five patron use computers.

CATCH THE READING BUG

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**FAMILY PROGRAMS THURSDAYS
2:00 P.M.**

JUNE 5-Didgeridoo Down Under

An Australia-themed, family friendly show that combines music, art, storytelling, dancing, puppetry, comedy, environmental education and audience participation with empowering messages about reading and respect for all cultures and creatures. They use books, boomerangs, bull-roarers, maps, animal puppets, artwork and musical instruments as part of their shows.

JUNE 12- The Joys of Noise

Charlie Williams, "The Noise Guy."

JUNE 19- "Be-At Your Best" with Mark Seymour

Lifting children through drums and music.

JUNE 26- McWane Science Center

Traveling Bug Show.

JULY 3- Independence Day Celebration

Popcorn, lemonade, "firework" surprise and holiday craft.

JULY 10- Show me the bugs

Hadley Pest Control will talk about using rescue dogs as termite detectors.

JULY 17- Family Film Festival

Three short films complete with popcorn.

JULY 24-Summer Reading

Program Wrap Up

Certificates and prizes!



**A Leap Year Ditty
to Remember It By**

Thirty days hath September,
April, June and November;
All the rest have thirty-one
Save February, she alone
Hath eight days and a score
Til leap year gives her one day
more

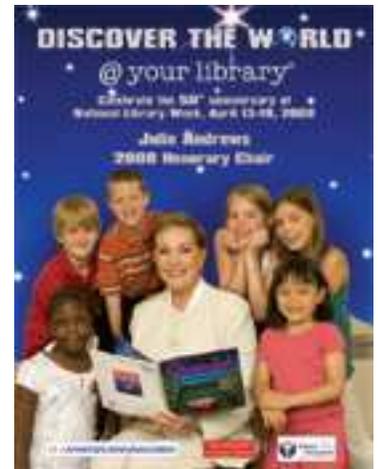


LAPTOP USERS GROUP (LUG)

The Orange Beach Public Library Laptop Users Group (LUG) meets on Mondays at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room. This group is designed for the new to intermediate user looking to learn computer skills. Attention is given to learning computer skills such as blogging, downloading audio books, burning CDs, and using RSS readers.

Web searches and general computer laptop care are also covered. All skill levels are encouraged to attend with their wireless accessible laptop computer. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information call Angela at 251-981-8179 or email her at arand@cityoforangebeach.com



DID YOU KNOW....

Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" was the first novel to be written on a typewriter?

Did you know...

The library collects your old eyeglasses for the Lions Club of Orange Beach?

Just bring them in and we will pass them on!

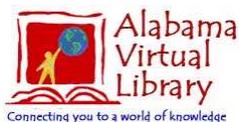


The Alabama Virtual Library provides all students, teachers, and citizens of the State of Alabama with online access to essential library and information resources. It is primarily a group of online databases that have magazine, journal, and newspaper articles for research. Through the AVL, an equitable core of information sources are available to every student and citizen in Alabama, raising the level of excellence in schools and communities across Alabama.

You must be a resident of Alabama to get an AVL card. An example of one of the many resources is the Auto Repair Reference Center. Users may search by year, make and model of vehicle to find information on topics such as repair procedures, service bulletins and recalls,

and maintenance intervals.

To receive your AVL card visit the Orange Beach Public Library. For more information on AVL visit the Orange Beach Public Library's website at www.orangebeachlibrary.org and click on Research.



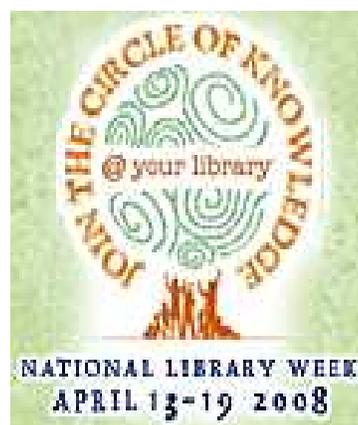
Annual Report 2007

The Orange Beach Public Library has 11,206 library cardholders. Our collection holds over 50,000 items.

In 2007, the staff answered 13,163 reference questions, added 3,814 books and 627 audio/visual items to the collection, and checked out 80,463 items to patrons.

The library also provided opportunities to explore, connect and be inspired to 90,778 visitors to the library and 27,332 visits to the website.

5,340 patrons attended library programs and 36,131 patrons used our computers. More than 1,400 wireless users took advantage of the 24/7 wireless connection at the library.



Freedom of Information Day is celebrated nationally each year on March 16, the anniversary of the birth of James Madison, chief author of the Bill of Rights and fourth president of the United States. The purpose is to focus public attention on the importance of citizenry's right to government



information in a democratic society.

Book Group News

The Orange Beach Public Library hosts book groups on the 1st Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

For the latest news visit the book group blog http://orangebeachlibrary.org/reading_group/



New Book News



To find out the latest on up and coming titles visit the Orange Beach Public Library New Books link on the library's website. The blog is reached by clicking the Books link, then clicking Book Reviews. This blog will be updated regularly to let our patrons know what new books we have.

Friends of the Library 2007 Membership Application October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008

Date _____

_____ **Renewing** _____ **New Membership**

Yes, I would love to bake _____
(Winter Book and Bake Sale)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ **INDIVIDUAL \$12** _____ **FAMILY \$24**
_____ **PATRON \$60** _____ **BUSINESS \$60**
_____ **LIFETIME \$100**

Please make checks payable to:
Friends of the Orange Beach Public Library

Mail to:
Friends Membership
P.O. Box 158
Orange Beach, AL 36561



5 Simple Steps you can take to keep your computer healthy



Is your computer slowing down?

Are you worried about Viruses and cookies?

1. Run Windows critical updates when new updates become available (or set your system to download updates automatically).
2. Install antivirus and anti-spyware software. Download updates and run scans regularly. (This means weekly for frequent users.)
3. Run Disk Cleanup once a month. To do this, go to **Start**

"Program Files" "Accessories" "System Tools" "Disk Cleanup".

4. Run Disk Defragmenter once a month. To do this, go to **Start** "Program Files" "Accessories" "System Tools" "Disk Defragmenter".

5. Delete Temporary Files. To do this, go to Start, select "Run" then type **%temp%** then select "Edit" "Select All" "Delete".

The library recommends these FREE products:

AVG Antivirus - <http://free.grisoft.com/doc/1>

Ad Aware SE Personal - <http://www.lavasoft.de/software/adaware/>



Teen

Summer Programming

Thursdays at 4:00pm

June 5 – Mehndi

Change your outside with mehndi, the ancient Indian temporary body art.

June 12 – Self Defense

June 19 – Digital Photo Manipulation

June 26 – Volunteer Faire

The library will be hosting representatives from many local agencies that need volunteers.

July 3 – Altered Books

Cut, paste, paint, tear and tape your way through a book.

July 10 – Changing Your Space

Learn from a local interior designer some basic design principles that can help you change your own personal space.

July 17 – Bug Making

Learn the basics of fly tying and make your own. This event requires pre-registration to ensure that we have enough supplies for all attendees.

July 24 – Winners announced for the Photo Manipulation Art Show, prizes awarded, and pizza served.



The Rite of Spring

March 20, 2008, is a date that most of us recognize as symbolic of changing seasons. As we welcome spring, people south of the equator are actually gearing up for the cooler temperatures of autumn.

Far from being an arbitrary indicator of the changing seasons, March 20 (March 21 in some years) is significant for astronomical reasons. On March 20, 2008, at precisely 1:48 A.M. EDT (March 20, 05:48 Universal Time), the Sun will cross directly over the Earth's equator. This moment is known as the vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere. For the Southern Hemisphere, this is the moment of the autumnal equinox.

Modern astronomy aside, people have recognized the vernal equinox for thousands of years. There is no shortage of rituals and traditions surrounding the coming of spring. Many early peoples celebrated for the

basic reason that their food supplies would soon be restored. The date is significant in Christianity because Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. It is also probably no coincidence that early Egyptians built the Great Sphinx so that it points directly toward the rising Sun on the day of the vernal equinox.

Information taken from

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/riteofspring1.html>



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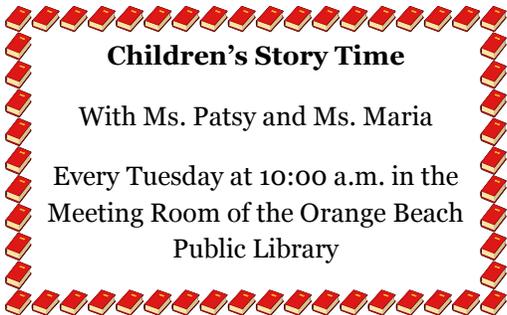


Library Hours

Monday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Tuesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m.- 8 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

The computer lab closes
15 minutes before the
library.

Wireless internet is avail-
able 24/7 in the parking
lot and on the patio.



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