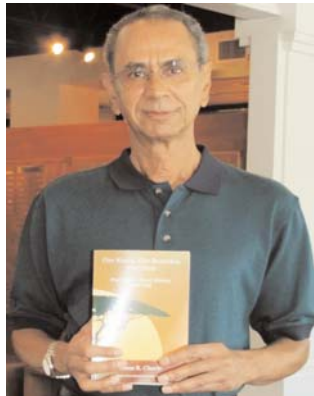


New Book Details African American History in High Point

The High Point Historical Society recently published a new book, "Our Roots, Our Branches, Our Fruit – High Point's Black History 1859 – 1960" by local author and historian, Glenn Chavis. It is available for purchase at the High Point Museum.

Chavis earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte. He worked as a sales representative with Abbott Laboratories, Inc. from 1969 to 2000.

After retiring Chavis began working on his family genealogy and that developed into a passion. He discovered very little written about and documenting African American experiences in High Point so he set out to change that. This book is the first in a series of five that Chavis plans to write and publish on the subject.



This book traces the African American history in High Point from the city's founding in 1859 to 1960.

"My mission is to find, document and make known the history and contributions of High Point's African American community that has long been overlooked," Chavis said. "In order for my people to be recognized for their role in High Point's history, we must record and make known our existence by creating records that chronicle facts and debunk lies, exaggerations and myths."

The book is available at the High Point Museum for \$24.95 plus tax each or through the Museum's website shipping, handling and tax will be added.

This book was funded through the support of the Hayden-Harman Foundation, Robert Brown and Ken and Jane McAllister.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting Scheduled



The annual meeting of the Friends of the Library is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3

at 6:30 pm. This year the Friends will gather for dinner tentatively at Pennybyrn at Maryfield beginning . The featured speaker will be own Larry Cates, a research librarian in the Heritage Research Center.

The title of Cates' program is "Bone Rattling and Tree Shaking: An Introduction to the Resources and Services of the Heritage Research Center." The program's content: "An exploration of the family history and

local history resources housed in the High Public Library's Heritage Research Center, spiced by a lively assortment of tales from our research logs."

Cates joined our team in 2007. He was born in Pinehurst and grew up in Carthage in Moore County, NC. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he studied secondary education as an undergraduate and history as a graduate student. He obtained his Masters degree in library and information studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. His volunteer experiences include the Randolph Room of the Randolph County Public Library, the Mecklenburg County Law Library and the Library at the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts.

After his first year in college, Cates spent that summer getting acquainted

with genealogical research at the Randolph County Library. He later became involved with the Randolph County Genealogical Society. In 1997, he became editor of the Randolph County Genealogical Journal. He has served as editor of the NCGS News, as Piedmont Director of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, as Genealogist of the Clan MacRae Society of North America, and as editor of the Guilford Genealogist. He has performed work as a contract genealogical researcher and occasionally writes articles for genealogical publications and gives lectures on genealogical topics to local societies. At the Library, he heads a team responsible for developing and implementing the Personal Librarian program and has been developing a new, on-line book club centering on the intersection between regional history and genealogy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 6 Library and Museum Closed in Observance of Labor Day**
- 8 Introduction to Revolutionary War Resources for Family & Local History Researchers** 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
First floor, Children's Story Room, Library
 Registration is required. Contact Jackie Hedstrom at 883-3637 or jackie.hedstrom@highpointnc.gov.
- 9 Mingle with the Historical Society and DAR** 6 pm to 8 pm **Free for Historical Society & DAR Members; \$10 nonmembers**
 The High Point Historical Society & the DAR as will be presenting Travis Bowman, author of "Hercules of the Revolution," to discuss his book and answer questions about his ancestor. To register contact Teresa Loflin at 883-3022 or teresa.loflin@highpointnc.gov.
- 11 Corn Husk Doll Making in the Historical Park** 10 am to 4 pm **\$1 per doll. Free for members**
- 12 Corn Husk Doll Making in the Historical Park** 1 pm to 4 pm **\$1 per doll. Free for members**
 Discover how Native Americans and early Quaker settlers used things from the natural environment to make toys. Make your own corn shuck doll to take home. Our costumed interpreters will show you how. All ages welcome.
- 16 Open Mic and Spoken word Night** 6 pm to 8 pm **First floor, Children's Story Room, Library**
 Contact Maxine Days 883-3652 for more information.
- 18 "Like a Bear with His Stern in a Corner"** 3 pm to 4:30 pm **First floor, Children's Story Room, Library**
 Authors Steward Dunaway and Jeff Bright will provide a PowerPoint presentation about their Revolutionary War research book, "Like a Bear with His Stern in a Corner." For more information, contact Stephan Rantz at 883-3637 or stephan.rantz@highpointnc.gov.
- 18 Day in the Park** 11 am to 5 pm **City Lake Park**
 Our historical park will be CLOSED this day so that our interpreters may participate in the folk-life demonstrations at City Lake Park.
- 22 Introduction to Wills and Estate Records** 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm **First floor, Children's Story Room, Library**
 Wills and estate records are very important sources of genealogical information for family and local history researchers. Registration is required. Contact Larry Cates at 883-3637 or larry.cates@highpointnc.gov.
- 25 6th Annual Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day** 10 am to 4 pm **FREE**
 Join us for a day of learning about local history and family fun including a scavenger hunt and historic games.

October

- 6 Southeastern Genealogists' Book Shelf / PastTimes Book Club meeting** 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
First floor, Children's Story Room, High Point Public Library
 Wrap-up discussion of "Breaking Loose Together" and "Rise to Rebellion" for more information contact 883-3637.
- 16 Those Were the Days: A 1900 Visit with Grandma Payne** 3 pm to 4:30 pm **First floor, Children's Story Room, Library**
 Ruby Allred, as her own Grandma Payne, a local farm wife from circa 1900, describes her daily life and displays many of the objects.
- 16 Fire Starting in the Historical Park** 10 am to 4 pm **FREE**
- 17 Fire Starting in the Historical Park** 1 pm to 4 pm **FREE**
 Matches weren't invented until the mid-1800s. Come find out how our early settlers started fires with flint and steel. All ages welcome.
- 21 Open Mic and Spoken word Night** 6 pm to 8 pm **First floor, Children's Story Room, Library**
 Contact Maxine Days 883-3652 for more information.
- 27 High Point Museum Guild Meeting** 10 am **Museum**
- 27 Introduction to Civil War Resources, Pt. 1** 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm **First floor, Children's Story Room, Library**
 Jackie Hedstrom will be conducting this Part 1 of 2 labs on Civil War Resources for historical and genealogical researchers. Registration is required. Contact Hedstrom at 883-3637 or jackie.hedstrom@highpointnc.gov.
- 30 Preserving the Harvest in the Historical Park** 10 am to 4 pm **FREE**
- 31 Preserving the Harvest in the Historical Park** 1 pm to 4 pm **FREE**
 The early Quaker settlers to this area relied on techniques like drying and pickling to preserve their summer and fall harvest for the winter. Come help our costumed interpreters with this seasonal chore. All ages welcome. Drop-in.

November

- 3 Introduction to Civil War Resources, Pt. 2** 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm **First floor, Children's Story Room, Library**
 Jackie Hedstrom will be conducting this Part 2 of 2 labs on Civil War Resources for historical and genealogical researchers. Registration is required. Contact Hedstrom at 883-3637 or jackie.hedstrom@highpointnc.gov.
- 12 Friends of the Library Book Sale** 7 pm to 9 pm **Library**
- 13 Friends of the Library Book Sale** 9 am to 3 pm **Library**
- 13 Lurid High Point: Tales of Murder, Mystery, and Mayhem** 3 pm to 4 pm **First floor, Children's Story Room, Library**
 "Unsolved Mysteries" type stories and other stories of some early events in High Point's history. Free and open to the public.
- 17 High Point Museum Guild Meeting** 10 am **Museum**
- 18 Open Mic and Spoken word Night** 6 pm to 8 pm **First floor, Children's Story Room, Library**
 Contact Maxine Days 883-3652 for more information.
- 20 Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration in the Historical Park** 10 am to 4 pm **FREE**
 Come watch our costumed interpreters cook a traditional fall harvest meal over an open hearth in the Hoggatt House. All ages welcome.
- 23 Library Closing at Noon for Holiday Parade**
- 24 Library Closing at 5 pm**
- 25 & 26 Library and Museum Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving**

For more events and details visit www.highpointmuseum.org and www.highpointpubliclibrary.com

Director's Digest - Kem Ellis

"May you live in interesting times," so the ancient Chinese proverb goes. I know this proverb is considered a curse by many, but we choose to view it as a challenge and an opportunity. Our "interesting times" are caused by more use of the Library than ever before while at the same time we are cutting staffing and reducing hours of service.

As you are aware by now, our hours of operation here at the High Point Public Library were reduced from 70 hours per week to 58 hours per week at the beginning of July due to staff reductions at the Library and also at the High Point Museum. Fortunately, the staff reductions at the Museum have not resulted in reduced operating hours at the Museum. However this has created a challenge for the full time staff to keep the Museum and Historical Park open, staffed, while moving ahead with behind the scenes work and projects.

At the same time use is up, and especially at the Library where visits

increased by more than 30% to just over 459,000 visits last year! So, staffing is down, and visits are way up. This presents a challenge, but also an opportunity. This is where you come in.

At the Library and Museum we are working on an action plan to recruit, train, and deploy volunteers at both facilities. Our goal over the next two years is to have volunteers working in the Library and the Museum a total of 20,000 hours. This will replace most, but not all of the staff hours we have lost at both locations.

We are looking for people to help us with a variety of tasks that include opportunities to work directly with the

public as well as work behind the scenes. Jo Williamson at the Library and Sarah DeYoung at the Museum will work together to coordinate our expanded volunteer program. Please learn more about opportunities to volunteer at the Library or Museum by calling Jo at 883-3521 or Sarah at 883-3023.



I look forward to working with you at the Library and at the Museum in these interesting times.



Tom Valego has been a volunteer at the High Point Public Library for ten years.

"When I retired I had a lot of time on my hands so I looked for a place to volunteer," he said. "I enjoy using the Library and because I benefit from using it, I'm willing to contribute as a volunteer."

Message from Museum Director - Edith Brady

This summer the High Point Historical Society published an important book.

Glenn Chavis' "Our Roots, Our Branches, Our Fruit - High Point's Black History, 1859-1960" is the most comprehensive



history of High Point's black community to date. The Historical Society is committed to telling the story of all High Pointers, and we are very excited to make Glenn's research available to the public in this way. We are particularly appreciative of the editorial talents of Kathy Carter and financial support provided by the Hayden Harman Foundation, Bob Brown and Ken and Jane McAllister, which made this publication possible.

This book required years of dedicated and tedious research. Along the way Glenn has generously shared his findings with the Museum, consulting on several projects and providing significant input for our African American gallery guide a few years ago. He is already at work on his next book and we look forward to making it available to you in the not too distant future.

Glenn's specialty is African American history, but many of our Historical Society members have their own areas of expertise. In the coming year we'll be drawing on the skills and talents of other members to offer new learning opportunities for our members and other High Point citizens. There are so many dimensions of our community's history to explore! Be sure to plan a visit to the High Point Museum this fall to learn more.



Museum Director Edith Brady and High Point Historical Society Board Chair Terry Aiken accept the Slane Child Advocate of the Year from United Way presented to the High Point Museum and the Junior League of High Point for their partnership in opening the "Children's Learning Center." The CLC is a literacy enhancement program and is High Point's newest resource for literacy education for pre-school aged children. Its goal is to help prepare High Point area pre-schoolers and their parents for elementary school. The CLC is located in the historic Little Red Schoolhouse adjacent to the High Point Museum and has been renovated in the past year by the JLHP to prepare it to host school groups.

To view the Museum's Strategic Map visit our website under the About Us History Section.

Friends To Host Annual Meeting of State-wide Organization

On Saturday, November 6, the High Point Library Friends will host the annual meeting and awards luncheon of the Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries. Library Friends from across North Carolina will gather in our beautifully renovated Library to celebrate another successful year of service to our state's public libraries. Highlights of the event will include presentation of the Frances B. Reid award for the outstanding Friends group in North Carolina, and recognition of the Volunteer of the Year.

State Librarian Mary Boone will be the featured speaker. Our Library last hosted the NC Friends for their annual meeting in 1992. The annual meeting begins with morning refreshments at 9:30 am followed by the program and awards luncheon from 10 am to 2 pm. The meeting is free, but registration is required. Box lunches will be served. For more information visit www.foncpl.org.

New Faces in Collections

In 2010, the High Point Museum Collections Department welcomed many new faces to our core of dedicated volunteers. We have also continued to enjoy working with Bob Fogleman and Lucy Tyndall, who have been loyal volunteers since 2006. In fact, Bob and Lucy were the 2010 recipients of the Valette Jones Harris Walsh Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. Together, they have contributed over 600 hours of volunteer work to the Museum, working on a variety of projects, including the wall-to-wall inventory. Most recently, they have been rehousing some of the Museum's collections of photographs and negatives – so far, they have rehoused almost 10,000 negatives!



We have a number of students who are volunteering in order to gain work experience and a better understanding of museum practices. Larissa Shirley, a student at UNC-Greensboro, is interning this summer. During her internship, she learned how objects are taken into the Museum's collection and she helped catalog, clean, number, and store objects.

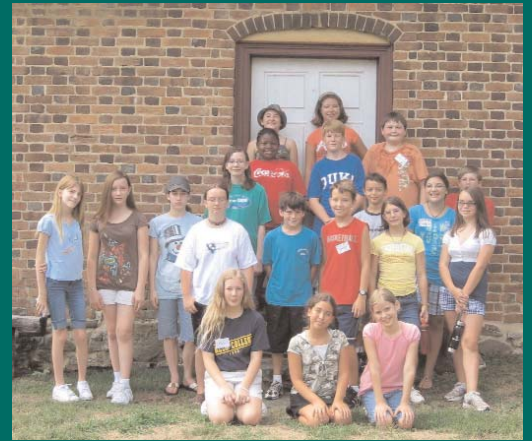
Stanley Williams, a graduate of UNC-Asheville, is volunteering while he pursues a Master's degree in archival management. He is organizing and cataloging some of our paper materials - including collections related to High Point High School, former state senator Rachel Gray, and local reporter Bobbi Martin.

Another student, Amber McClure, has been volunteering during her summer break from NC State. Amber has worked on rehousing the Shoaf Collection of photographs and negatives. Also helping with that project are Jessica Smith and Rebekah Sokol. Jessica is studying history and religion at High Point University, while Rebekah is planning to enter the graduate program in public history at UNC-Greensboro.

We are so glad to have all these wonderful volunteers sharing their talents with the Collections Department! We appreciate all they do and would never be able to complete so many projects without them.

Museum Trains New Interpreters

The last two weeks of July were a busy couple of weeks for education department! We welcomed and trained a new group of Junior Interpreters to our volunteer corps. The



selection of this group began in the spring with an application and interview process. The twenty applicants who were selected to participate all have a love of history, a great personality, will work well with the public, and want to volunteer in our historical park.

During the training, they studied many different aspects of the Carolina Backcountry during the late 1700s and early 1800s. Cooking, government, sewing, economics, architecture and games are just some of the things they learned through instruction and plenty of hands-on activities. Outside demonstrators shared their knowledge about natural dyeing, colonial dancing, weaving, blacksmithing, and hunting. We are excited to welcome this new group of interpreters, and welcome back the Junior Interpreters from our first class who are continuing their volunteer work with the Museum.

New interpreters: Jackson Aydelette, Alexis Blackwell, Molly Brown, Hannah Carter, Lindsay Caslin, Hunter Evans, Hunter Greene, Samantha Griffin, Nancy Halstead, Harrison Idol, Aaneva Johnson-Clark, Landon Kellum, Laura McBride, Haley Miller, Jackson Mishoe, Hannah Norris, Nate Parillo, Becca Smothers, Samantha Tanck, and Christina Verdi.

Returning: Adam Alt, Asher Alt, Aislinn Antrim, Casey Aydelette, Haley Aydelette, Lauren Howard, Travis Humphrey, Lauren Matlosz, David Sweatt, and Hannah Wade.

BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars for the next Friends of the Library book sale on Saturday, November 13 from 10 am to 3 pm. The preview sale 7pm to 9 pm Friday evening is limited to members only. Not yet renewed your membership or attended an in-house book sale? This fundraiser offers you an excellent opportunity to do so. Hardbacks are priced at \$2; paperbacks 5 for \$1. We also need volunteers for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. If you are able to contribute a few hours of your time, please contact Helen Godwin at hgodwin2@triad.rr.com or 336-883-9641.

Remember: More People = More Fun and More Success.



Nic Covington

LIVE! at your Library is an ongoing program series I've created for musicians to get exposure. The High Point Public Library will be a place where musicians and bands can play ambient music. As a musician myself, I know how hard it is to get your music out and heard by the masses. Now I bet you're wondering, "Why would I want to play at the Library?" Well, on a daily basis, the Library serves approximately 1,500 people. I think that's enough people for any musician to promote shows and things that are happening for them within the music world. A strong fan base is really important.

We have two spaces available where musicians and bands may play. The Library Lobby will be for ambient instruments, and our Teen Garage will be for bands targeting the teen audience. So now you're probably wondering, "Where do I sign up?" Right? Just come to the Library and pick up a **LIVE! at your Library** brochure. You also can find this brochure on the High Point Public Library's Facebook page. Inside you'll find the application that you need to fill out. Submit the application along with a demo CD to me for approval. If you have any questions or need more information about this program, please contact me at 883-8512.

HAVE YOU HEARD A GOOD BOOK LATELY?

Many people have taken advantage of the High Point Public Library's growing collection of books on CD. The Library has supplemented its Book on CD collection with several new formats that the public really seem to enjoy.

The first addition was the audio book on MP3 CD. The books available on these CDs can be played directly by many CD players included in newer cars or newer portable CD players. Also, the files on these CDs are compressed, so they can often fit on one CD, where the traditional Book on CD could fill up to 20 CDs. The MP3 CDs can be downloaded onto your personal computer and then installed on your own MP3 device. At this point, you have the files so you can listen to the book repeatedly, even after you've returned it to the Library.

The newest format for audiobooks that is growing steadily in popularity is the Playaway format. These are audiobooks pre-loaded on portable devices, very similar to MP3 players, into which you can plug your headphones and off you go. This format is especially popular with the teens, so we have recently added some titles that would be of particular interest to them.

You also can find from the High Point Public Library's website two sources for downloadable digital audio books that you can checkout with your library card. You can access the NC Digital Library's collection by visiting www.highpointpubliclibrary.com and clicking on the link at the bottom of the "Popular Destinations" section (bottom right). You also can access the brand new resource available through NC Live, MyLibrary, by logging into NC Live from the Library's homepage, and click on "Audio Books". For assistance in accessing these resources, please contact the Readers' Services Desk at 883-3638 or email julie.raynor@highpointnc.gov for a personal demonstration.

Book Clubs at High Point Public Library

Reading can be a great way to enjoy some "alone time." But sometimes, good books can bring up so many thoughts, ideas, and even memories that you can't wait to share them with friends, family, and anyone else who will listen. Book discussion groups are just the thing for those times and High Point Public Library has several book club options.

For a relaxed book group where members make and share goodies as well as good reads, there's the **Books and Brunch Book Club**. This group reads a variety of fiction, including bestsellers, mysteries, romance, and southern fiction. Everyone reads the chosen book and discusses it over a pleasant brunch in the Library's Book Lovers Room on the last Saturday of the month. Anyone age 19 and up can join. For more information, contact Chanda Jackson at 883-3695.

The Readers' Guild **Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club** is open to any adult with an interest in speculative fiction. Book club members help choose what to read for the next month, read the selected book, and meet in the Library's Book Lovers Room for discussion. Meetings occur on a weekday evening each month. Contact Sara Addison-Kristel at 883-3244 for information.

Sisters Connected is a long-running group that meets to discuss books that relate to the African-American experience. Book selections are chosen from a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction titles. In addition to book discussion meetings, this club also hosts book signings and talks with well-known authors. Meeting times and locations can vary, so contact Maxine Days at 883-3652 or Jo Williamson at 883-3521 for more information.

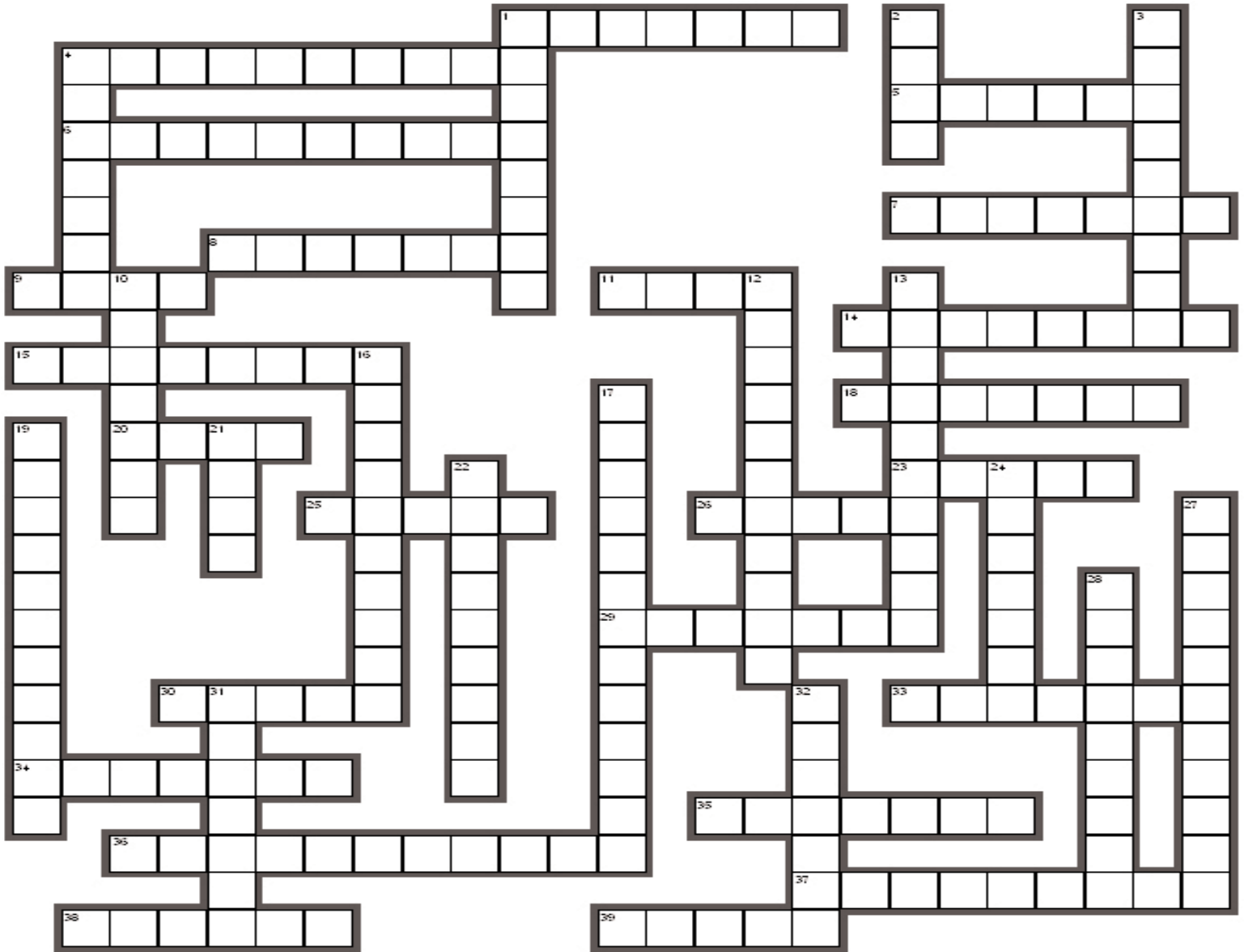
The **Twelve at Twelve Reading Club** is a group of ladies (mostly 50+) that meets once a month to share and talk about what they have been reading. They do not read the same book, so it's more of a casual exchange than a formal book discussion. The club meets in the Library's Book Lovers Room on the fourth Monday of the month from noon to 1 pm. Contact Geraldine McNamara at 883-3244 for information.

The Heritage Research Center and the High Point Museum announce a new book club, the **Southeastern Genealogists' Bookshelf**. Group members will gain context for their genealogical research by reading fiction and nonfiction titles relating to intriguing historical periods and events in the Southeast. This club will run primarily online but will have some in-person discussion events. For more information, contact the HRC at 883-3637 or ncroom@highpointnc.gov.



Information Systems specialist Tommy Booth wires PC's in the library's newly re-furnished computer lab.

The Classics - Test your knowledge of classic books and movies



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Across

1. My Man ____ (1936 film) (7)
4. Bureau (10)
5. Land of Milk and Honey (6)
6. Dotty, silly (10)
7. Dig (7)
8. Peer (7)
9. Author of Their Eyes Were Watching God (4)
11. Singer Burl (4)
14. Join, touch (8)
15. Startle (8)
18. Fix (7)
20. Bernice ____ Her Hair (F. Scott Fitzgerald) (4)
23. Impetuous Bennett sister (Pride and Prejudice) (5)
25. Won Best Actress in 1950 for her role as Margo Channing (5)
26. Lead actress sultrily performed "Put the Blame on Mame" in this 1946 film (5)
29. Napa, calf (7)
30. Bonfire of the Vanities author (5)
33. 1963 film starring Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn (7)
34. 1937 film starring Greta Garbo as the beautiful courtesan Marguerite (7)
35. Nella Larson novel 1929 (7)
36. Mischievous Canadian redhead (11)

37. Count, tally (9)
38. Scar (6)
39. Hang about (5)

Down

1. Katharine Ross film 1967 (8)
2. Downpour (4)
3. Silent film star dubbed "The Latin Lover" (9)
4. Garden City (7)
10. Arc (7)
12. Sense and ____ (Jane Austen) (11)
13. Written by James Fenimore Cooper (10)
16. Pen name (10)
17. Howard Hawk's modern screwball comedy from 1940 (13, 3 words)
19. Contingency (11)
21. Lark (4)
22. 1937 film all star cast: Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Roger, and Lucille Ball (9, 2 words)
24. Bram Stoker novel (7)
27. Steve McQueen film (1963) (11, 2 words)
28. City in Kansas (9)
31. Virginia Woolf novel 1928 (7)
32. Wodehouse character (7)

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 Monday - Thursday 10 am to 8 pm; Friday 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday 12 pm to 6 pm; Sunday 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm

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 Tuesday - Saturday 10 am to 4:30 pm; Sunday 1 pm to 4:30 pm; Historical Park Saturday 10 am to 4 pm; Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm



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