

ALAMANCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

A YEAR OF GROWTH FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018



- alamancelibraries.org
- 342 S. Spring St.

Burlington, NC 27215

# Mission & Values

Alamance County Public Libraries provide learning opportunities for all members of our community to be successful in living a larger life by nurturing the heart and the mind.



### **EDUCATION**





LITERACY

# Our Locations Alamance County Public Libraries



May Memorial Library 342 S. Spring St. Burlington, NC (336) 229-3588



Graham Public Library 211 S. Main St. Graham, NC (336) 570-6730



Mebane Public Library 101 S. First St. Mebane, NC (919) 563-6431



North Park Library 849 Sharpe Rd. Burlington, NC (336) 226-7185



Outreach Services 342 S. Spring St. Burlington, NC (336) 229-3588 ext. 16109



# Reflection From Our Interim Director

Alamance County Public Libraries is proud to continue to serve Alamance County by providing learning opportunities for all members of our community to be successful in living a larger life by nurturing the heart and the mind.

547,012 visitors were provided services that included the use of computers, wireless internet, answering questions and providing information, recommending books, movies, and music, taking home passes to attend museums and zoos, and being exposed to programs that enrich literacy and job career skills.

With over 14 percent of Alamance County residents living below poverty level and 53.2 percent of students eligible for free or reduced lunch, we feel it is imperative that Alamance County Public Libraries provide strong opportunities for students to be successful in their education. The past two years we have implemented Every Child Ready to Read as the foundation of our story times. Our Zoom Pass program is going strong with 10,724 patrons taking advantage of it to attend the zoo, the Children's Museum of Greensboro, the Museum of Life and Science Museum in Durham and other educational programs. In addition, we have continued our partnership with Alamance Community College to offer free GED classes and National Career Readiness certification classes to adults.

This year we have continued our partnership with the Alamance-Burlington School System and expanded the ACPL Connect service to The Hawbridge School and The Burlington School. We feel strongly about the importance of access to materials and information as a means to be successful students. Students and teachers will have full access to all of our electronic resources, as well as our print and audio-visual collections.

In looking to 2018-2019 we are excited about undertaking the purchase of a mobile library and being able to provide services to even more people in our community. We hope that you will continue to support the library in our endeavors through your much appreciated donations, interest in our programming and the use of the many services we are proud to offer Alamance County.

746,020

ITEMS CIRCULATED IN 2018

461,323

VISITORS IN 2018

106,497

COMPUTER USES

6,240

ZOOM PASSES CHECKED OUT

1,731

PROGRAMS OFFERED



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PEOPLE ATTENDED PROGRAMS

# Featured Seminars

- Mayor's Book Club
- Social Justice Book Club
- Tech Tutors 1 on 1 Appointments
- Soulful Sounds of History

# **Top Programs**

- Baby Storytime
- Toddler Storytime
- Preschool Storytime
- Yoga Storytime



# Library Board Members

Susana Goldman - Interim Director

- Courtney Doi
- Steve Carter, County Commissioner
- Christine Quigley
- **Emily Connor**
- Dodie Boone

- Logan Savits
- Hiroko Solari
- Robin Moser
- Arnetta Girardeau





FRIENDS OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES support the programs and activities of the Alamance County Public Libraries. Our mission is to increase interest in and to raise the level of library services in our community, to better relationships between library staff and community, to give and allow the exchange of information, and to encourage education and literacy.

- Jeff Tudor, President
- Julie Monroe, 1st Vice-President
- Barbara Roberts, 2nd Vice-President
   Pat Shoffner, Secretary
- Debbie Gunyan, Treasurer
- Susan Gant, Past President

Anne Hogan

Debbie Mann

Ed Burgess

Laura Wright

**Linda Shirley** 

Matt Wall

Ron & Kathy Oakley

**Madison Taylor** 

Patsy Pringle

Rosemary Lewis

Sue Buckley

Virginia Kenney

Crystal Humble

Hal Vincent

Gay Sharpe

Susana Goldman

The Friends of the Alamance County Public Libraries fund 100% of all programming materials for Alamance County Public Libraries.



# ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

What We Offer

# StoryWalks<sup>®</sup>

An innovative and delightful way for children and adults to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time.

# Little Free Libraries

We believe that offering Little
Free Libraries will impact
more people by providing a
place to exchange books and
promote literacy in Alamance
County.

# Paws for Reading

This ongoing program is designed to help children improve their reading skills by reading aloud to a registered therapy dog.











# **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

ASSISTING ALAMANCE COUNTY MEMBERS

WHAT WE OFFER

### Computer Classes

We offer 1-on-1
appointments in
computer basics,
internet and email
basics, introduction to
social networking, Word
Basics, Excel basics
and PowerPoint basics

### **GED Classes**

GED classes are offered for students who have not completed their high school education. These classes are offered to those who need to improve academic skills and qualify for better jobs.

### **Book Club Kits**

Alamance County
Public Libraries offers a
selection of Book Club
Kits to suit a variety of
interests. We have a
great selection to help!







# Partnerships &

# Collaborations



# Community Partners



Community College
Basic Adult
Education Class

(GED)



Orange
Literacy
Citizenship
Classes



### **ACPL Connect**

Providing students with easily accessible information and educational resources.

Partnering with ABSS, The Burlington School, The Hawbridge School & Clover Garden School





## Zoom Pass Program

Offering families access to hands-on educational and life skills opportunities at twelve (12) different organizations and museums, including new partnerships with local theater groups and parks.



# HOME-BOUND BOOKS



HOME-BOUND BOOKS is a program that delivers print materials on a monthly basis to patrons around Alamance County. It also offers a Books by Mail USPS service.





**Outreach Patrons** 

Materials Delivered

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**Outreach Volunteers** 

172

13,451

23 Volunteers 56 Visits Each Month 672 Yearly Total



# **JOB RESOURCES**

Making Opportunities a Reality



### Citizenship

Alamance County
Public Libraries
partners with Orange
Literacy Council to
offer free citizenship
classes funded by the
United States
Citizenship and
Immigration Service
(USCIS).



### NC LIVE

Gale Testing &
Education Reference
Center accessed
through NC LIVE offers
practice exams in a
wide variety of career
fields. Cypress
Resume helps create
resumes and develop
skills to prepare for job
interviews.



# Application Basics

ACPL staff and teen technology assistants help patrons find information in their effort to search and apply for employment online.



# **UPCOMING**

# COMING SOON TO OUR LIBRARIES

Mobile Library

A Mobile Library will allow us to proactively reach out into the community, whether it is to children whose parents are unable to drive to a library branch or adults who have limited transportation. The Mobile Library will help promote the kind of personal interaction and customer service that makes libraries relevant and special. To donate, visit any branch or visit our website at: www.alamancelibraries.org

# "I want my kids to grow up in a library like I did." - Patron





"It is a place to use your imagination and let your mind wander."

- Volunteer

"I enjoy taking my granddaughter to the library. The first time I took her she started to read out loud and the

l loud and the librarian just smiled." - Patron

# Get Connected

# Our Social Media





www.instagram.com/alamancelibraries/



The Alamance County Public Libraries have worked to build a community-based space for Alamance County.

We strive to provide an abundance of events and activities to our community members that bring them together through both education and enrichment.

We are thankful for an amazing staff and supporters who help make all of this possible.

Thank you!

