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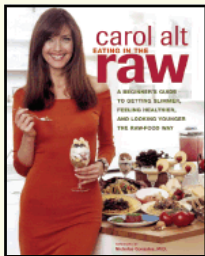
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Kick off 2010 with gusto: get these great picks

Need a New Year pick-me-up? Change your life, one page at a time with hot titles at the Cobb County Public Library System.

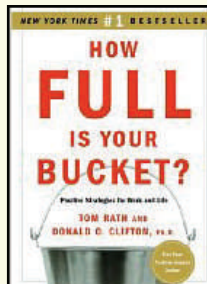


New Year Resolution: Eat Right!

'Eating in the Raw' by Carol Alt, shows how to ease into a new way of eating and provides 40 recipes that leave no doubt that a raw food approach can be delicious!

New Year Resolution: Build better relationships!

Find positive strategies for relationships in, 'How Full is Your Bucket,' by Tom Rath.



A click away

Visit Heritage Quest Online through the CCPLS Web page. The database has U.S. federal census records, genealogy, and historical information covering the 1700s to present. Ask a Cobb County librarian about Heritage Quest today!

Learn to grow your family tree for free

African American genealogy workshop slated for Feb.

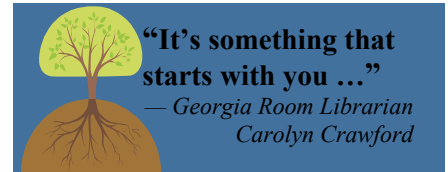
A free African American genealogy workshop, 'How to find your roots and grow your family tree,' will be held Feb. 25, 7-8:30 p.m. at the South Cobb Library at 805 Clay Road in Mableton. Registration is suggested. For information call, 770-528-2333.

Central Library's Georgia Room Librarian, Carolyn Crawford, will cover genealogy research and the challenges of researching African American records.

"It's something that starts with you and moves back through history," Crawford, said about genealogy research.

Also slated for discussion are genealogy tools, Heritage Quest and Ancestry.

Heritage Quest is known for its detailed records of African Americans, including in some cases, specifics



about families. The Ancestry database has 'slave narratives,' a collection of interviews of 3,500 slaves from the 1930s.

Time permitting, basic research questions can be addressed.

Crawford recommended people interested in the 'How to find your roots' workshop also consider registering for a four-week genealogy seminar co-sponsored by the Georgia Room and the Cobb County Georgia Genealogy Society. It starts Jan. 23 and covers information about kick-starting research. For information call, 770-528-2333. (The Georgia Room, located at the Central Library in Marietta, holds genealogy archives in various materials).



Courtesy photo

Cobb County Public Library System Human Resources representative, Janice Gillpatrick (left) and fellow county employee, Janet Haldeman, (right) filled boxes at the Cobb Civic Center in Marietta, Nov. 23 for the 'Thanks for Giving' program. Cobb County partnered with the Center for Family Resources to provide Thanksgiving food to 1,500 families. The Cobb County Public Library System donated 17 boxes of food and gift certificates.

CCPLS staff donates bikes for county children

Let's Read Cobb: Campaign to read continues

The Cobb County Public Library System staff is calling on the community to join the 'Let's Read Cobb.'

The, three-year old program is part of a Cobb County Public Library System (CCPLS) and the Marietta School's campaign to energize community members to read.

People interested in participating can check-out one of the books, join one of the CCPLS book clubs reading the book, or start a new book club. This year's focus is based on popular book titles which have been made into movies.

To see the selections logon to www.cobbcat.org. For information on how to start a book club call, 770-528-2342.



Photo by Erika Ruthman/CCPLS

Library Courier, Randy Copeland, loads bikes purchased with funds donated by the Cobb County Public Library staff for the 'Cobb Christmas' toy drive, Dec. 14. Library staff donations of more than \$600, provided 11 bikes and helmets for the fundraiser. The 'Cobb Christmas,' organization provides food and gifts at Christmastime to needy families.

The Cobb County Public Library System is always open online at, www.cobbcat.org.

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Cobb Library Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 corporation governed by a Board of Directors and created as a fund raising body for the Cobb County Public Library System. Its purpose is to plan and implement fundraising for the Library System.

The Friends of the Library have partnered with the CCPLS to enrich the growth and development of the Cobb County Public Library System through library promotion, programs, and volunteering. Memberships are valid for one calendar year.

Cobb County Library 'Friends' group gear up for bi-annual spring book sale, seek volunteers



Photo by Erika Ruthman/CCPLS

Friends of the Library volunteer Jimmy Howard, (left) and Cobb County Public Library System Program Coordinator, Patty Latch (right) place signs outside of the Jim R. Miller Park exhibit halls before a book sale that took place in 2009.

The Cobb County Public Library System and 'Friends of the Library' are accepting volunteers to join forces for the March book sale.

The Friends of the Library group holds a bi-annual book sale each spring and fall.

Preparing for sale time, however, is no easy task. Throughout the year thousands of books are accepted as donations for the sale and stored until sale day.

The books are then packed and moved to the Jim R. Miller Park exhibit halls, unpacked, and organized. Once the doors open for prospective book-buyers, items must be counted and constantly organized, so that customers can peruse through the

stacks and snag their purchases with ease.

It's a labor of love for many volunteers because all of the sale proceeds go directly to the library, and ultimately enjoyed by the community through new library materials or programs.

The next semi-annual book sale will be held March 5-7 at the Jim R. Miller Park exhibit halls on 2245 Callaway Road in Marietta. The event will take place Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Preparation for the event takes place a week in advance.

To volunteer for this event call the Cobb County Public Library Program Coordinator, Patty Latch at, 770-528-2342.

On the Horizon

Forum Newsletter

The official publication of the Cobb County Public Library System is the Forum Newsletter. While the e-mail subscription option from 'NextReads' will no longer be available, the publication will continue to be available online. Check the library Web page for updates.

South Cobb Regional Library

The South Cobb Regional Library will host free teen programs to celebrate Black History Month every Wed. in Feb. at 7 p.m. Events are as follows: **Feb. 3:** 'Quotable Art:' participants discuss notable quotes pertaining to Black History Month and create art inspired by that quote. **Feb. 10:** Decorate quilt squares inspired by influential and noteworthy African American leaders for the 'Black History Quilt' program. **Feb. 17:** Discuss and create stamps related to Black History Month Heroes in the 'You've Got Mail' program. **Feb. 24:** Join a Black History Month trivia contest.

The library is located on 805 Clay Road in Mableton. For information call 678-398-5828.

West Cobb Regional Tween Book Club

Youth ages 8-12 are invited every third Monday, at 4:30 p.m. to chat about books. For information call 770-528-4699.

West Cobb Regional Guys Read Book Club

Boys in grades 4-8 are invited every third Thursday at 4:30 p.m. to talk about the best books around. For information call 770-528-4699.

South Cobb Library: Siblings Without Rivalry

A six-week workshop starts March 8 at 6:30 p.m. that gives parents skills to reduce conflict between their children. For information call 770-528-5828.

South Cobb Library: Time Out!

Adults can learn how to resolve family conflicts March 22 at 6:30 p.m., in, 'Time Out!' The session offers concepts, skills, and vocabulary of conflict resolution. For information call 770-528-5828.

Book Sale

The CCPLS and Friends of book sale will take place March 6-7. Visit the library Web page for information.

Books that bond

Book club members share life's highs 'n lows

Being in a book club isn't all about the books. If you ask members of the Vinings Library Book Club, the merits of a book club are weighed not only by its books, but also its members. The individuals, who first joined the Vinings Book Club, made up only about four women. Now around 20 people, the group, refers to each other as "family."

Story by Erika Ruthman
CCPLS

The year 1996 gripped news airways as one of the most dangerous for Mount Everest summit climbs resulting in 15 lives lost during the season. One of the most famous Mount Everest attempts involved a team of climbers caught in a perilous storm on the peak that lies between Nepal and Tibet. Emily Weathers' son, Beck, was among them.

At the time, she lived in a suburb outside of Atlanta when she was notified, initially, that her son was dead. The story of the climb spread quickly throughout newspapers and T.V. stations. Weathers shared the grim news with friends, including those at the Vinings Library Book Club.

Weathers, a soft-spoken woman with a subtle Southern drawl, said she continues to meet with the book club that long ago shared the burden of those painful memories, largely because of the work put into the club by its leader, Diane Payton.

As Payton, a Vinings Library Associate and Vinings resident prepared for the morning book club meeting, she said she remembered Weathers coming into the library more than 10 years ago to say her son had died.

Weathers said, "When he was on the

mountain they called us and told us he was dead. However, in [less than] 24 hours, they called back and told us that he wandered into the high camp. He was not as dead as they thought he was."

Officials notified Weathers that her son was alive on Mother's Day.

"But, they did not give us much hope that he would live through the night. They put him in a tent by himself to let him die," she said, "but he was not ready. It was a bad night, but he survived it."

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Photos by Erika Ruthman/CCPLS

(Above) Diane Payton, Vinings Library Associate and Vinings Book Club leader, shares a laugh with fellow book club members during a meeting in September. (Right) Elsa Duel, a Vinings Book Club member, joins in a discussion at the Vinings Book Club meeting in September.





Sylvia McClure attended the Stratton Book Club discussion, Dec. 14. Although Stratton Book Club traditionally does not meet during December, the members enjoyed meeting so much they voted to continue meetings during the 2009 holiday season. Stratton Book Club members discuss African American Authors and meet every second Monday of the month.

Book Club Spotlight

Book Club: Stratton Library's African American Authors Book Club

Stratton Library

Meets: Second Monday each month with a Christmas and summer break.

Book selection: All books are by African-American Authors. Leaders choose about four books and then members vote on the books.

Unique to this group: Members can be very lively, especially when the discussion centers on hot topics such as family, raising children etc.

Book Club: Gritters Library Book Club

Gritters Library

Meets: (Afternoon group) Second Tuesday monthly at 2 p.m. (Evening) Third Tuesday monthly at 7:30 p.m.

Book selection: They have 11 discussions a year in each group. About half are fictions. Some history, some biography.

Unique or noteworthy story about this group: They read 'Into Thin Air.' A couple that was so excited about doing the book stopped coming to meetings... for at least a year. One night the couple finally returned and told the group they left to climb Mt. Everest. That was just amazing! Members were so glad to see them, we spent the night talking about their trip.

Book Club: Central Library Book Club

Central Library

Meets: Every third Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Book selection: Variety

Unique or noteworthy story about this group: This club often hosts a Question-and-Answer sessions with authors, of their selected books, so that participants can get the inside scoop from the writer.

Adult Library Book Club Meeting Schedule

Central

266 Roswell Rd., Marietta
770-528-2320
Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

East Marietta

Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta
770-509-2711
Every 3rd Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Gritters

880 Shaw Park Rd., Marietta
770-528-2524
(Afternoon group) Every 2nd Tuesday at 2 p.m.
(Evening group) Every 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Mountain View

3320 Sandy Plains Rd., Marietta
770-509-2725
Meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. to noon on:
Jan. 6, Feb. 13, March 3, April 7, and May 5.

South Cobb

805 Clay Rd., Mableton
678-398-5831
Every 3rd Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.
Every 2nd Thursday at 7 p.m.
African American Author- Feb. 11

East Cobb Library

4880 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta
770-509-2730
Every 4th Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Stratton

1100 Powder Springs Rd.,
Marietta
770-528-2522
African-American Authors Book Club Every 2nd Monday at 7 p.m.

Vinings

4290 Paces Ferry Rd., Atlanta
770-801-5330
Every 3rd Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

West Cobb Regional

1750 Dennis Kemp Ln., Kennesaw
770-528-4699
Every 4th Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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CCPLS mission

The Cobb County Public Library System (CCPLS) is a department of the Cobb County government. The CCPLS's mission is to provide materials and services to support research, knowledge and cultural enrichment.

The staff pledges to promote literacy, learning and enrichment for all ages. All of CCPLS staff take pride in providing courteous, efficient and quality customer service to its patrons. Vast amounts of resources are available for the public from the CCPLS, and the staff strives to respond rapidly to the ever-changing needs of the community.

History

Various groups initiated book loaning associations in Cobb County during the 1800s, but the first library was launched by a Sarah Freeman Clarke. Clarke was popular in intellectual circles that included writer, Ralph Waldo Emerson and 19th century feminist Margret Fuller.

After extensive travel throughout Rome and Italy, Clarke returned to the United States. In 1879, Clarke set out for Marietta, Ga. to visit family. In 1882, she made her Marietta vacation spot a permanent home. After moving to Georgia, she established a small lending library behind her home. Financial support boomed for her library, and Clark merged her resources with a men's debating association. With the merge and the financial backing, the city's first official library was born. Though one day it would be called the Cobb Library, the Clark Library opened Oct. 26, 1893.

Family-like book club grows in numbers

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Once life got back to normal for the Weathers family, the Vinings book club selected Jon Krakauer's, 'Into Thin Air,' a book chronicling the climb.

It was a good time to read the book, Payton said, because Weathers could offer her personal insight about the climb to the book group and because Emily led a fascinating life which she shares with the group.

Weathers added that it is not only her, but all of the Vinings Book Club members bring their experiences to meetings.

"We have learned a lot from each other," Payton said.

When the book club members read, 'Mountains beyond Mountains,' a member shared photos of her husband who, as a doctor, volunteered in Africa at hospitals. When they read a book on Japan, Weathers shared her experi-

ences of living there, while another member shared her story as an art student living in Pakistan.

Payton said, after her mother died, the group donated money to an animal shelter because of the love Payton and her mother shared for animals.

The book club members not only share memories but they also make memories by holding holiday and birthday parties, and sometimes even going away parties, as they did for a member who returned to her Switzerland home.

"We even celebrated my 90th birthday together," Weathers said.

As the Vinings Book Club members trickled into the meeting room one by one for the 10:30 a.m. meeting Payton looked on and said, "I think our group is actually an extended family."

"We are very diverse but respect each other's opinions," Payton said, "We may not always agree ... but we are accepting of each other."

Library staff gives more than \$3K to support United Way

The Cobb County Public Library System staff supported the Cobb



County United Way Campaign donating 33 percent of the overall amount of \$11,906.28 raised. Library staff donations totaled \$3,890.

The fundraising campaign started Oct. 1 and lasted throughout the month. Participants purchased a \$5 ticket which permitted them to wear jeans on Wednesdays during October.

Jonathan McKeown, the Associate Director and for Central and Outreach Services, volunteered to be the library's United Way ambassador. McKeown said that the 2009 campaign was the county's first year teaming up with the United Way and that, by the end of the first week, the library ranked as the top department in donations.

McKeown said that staff joined the library field in part to help people, and the United Way drive is an extension of helping people.

"It was a surprise at how well our department did," McKeown said, "...and it was humbling."