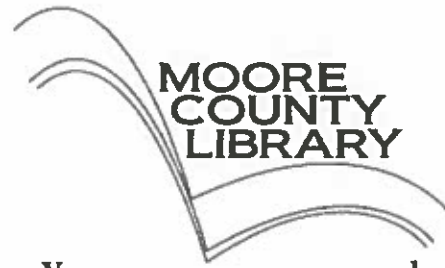


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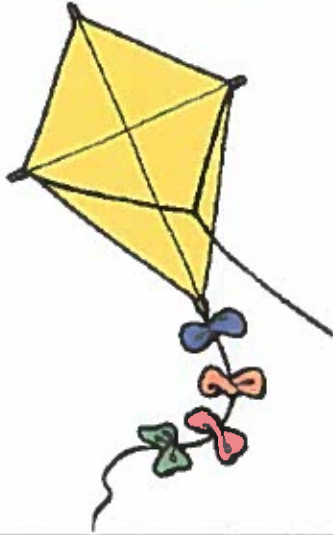
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## GO FLY A KITE!



April is National Kite Month, and Page Memorial Library in Aberdeen is celebrating! For each book on flight that kids check out and read, they may enter their name into a drawing for a chance to win one of two kites donated by The Little Toy Shop of Southern Pines. The last day to enter names for the drawing will be Monday, May 1. Get reading and good luck!

## CANDID CRITTERS



Moore County Library is participating in North Carolina's Candid Critters, a citizen-scientist run camera trap survey of our state. Want to help wildlife conservation and management figure out what mammals are living where? Run a motion sensitive "camera trap" on your property or public land, and then upload the photos. Visit [www.nccandidcritters.org](http://www.nccandidcritters.org) to sign up! Candid Critters is a collaboration between NC State University, the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, and the State Library of North Carolina.

## EGG-CELLENT EVENTS



Hop on down to the library for springtime fun!

On Friday, April 7 Moore County Library in Carthage will be offering a special 'Egg Hunt' storytime at 10:30am. In addition, Moore County Library is hosting an Easter themed writing contest for children ages 5 to 11. Stop by the Library in Carthage to pick up an entry form, and submit your completed entry

by Wednesday, April 5. One winner from each age category will win an Easter basket filled with goodies.

Robbins Area Library is having its annual coloring contest for children ages 12 and younger. All coloring sheets should be returned to the Library by Saturday, April 1 for judging. The winners will be announced after the Big Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Tuesday, April 11 at 4:00pm.

The coloring contest and Egg Hunt are both being sponsored by the Friends of Robbins Area Library.

## CLEAN & GREEN



In celebration of Earth Day, Robbins Area Library will be offering a "Crafting with Recyclables" program on Saturday, April 22 at 12:30pm.

Learn how you can reuse plastic bottles to create bird feeders and much more!

Keep Moore County Beautiful will demonstrate to kids the importance of being environmentally responsible at Robbins Library on Thursday, April 27 at 3:30pm and at Moore County Library in Carthage on Friday, April 28 at 4:00pm. Come find out how easy it is to be "Clean & Green!"

## HOLIDAY CLOSING



All Moore County Libraries will be closed Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15 for the Easter holiday. We will reopen on Monday, April 17. 'Ears hoping you have a wonderful Easter!

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## DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

We had several special visitors at our libraries last month. Sheriff Neil Godfrey, Chief Deputy Frank Rodriguez, Deputy Bob Aklus, Police Chief Robert Tew, and other officers were present for "Coffee with a Deputy" at Robbins Area Library on March 17. On March 24 we welcomed Representative Jamie Boles and Commissioner Catherine Graham in Carthage. They shared a story with our Preschool Storytime friends.



## STORYTIME SCHEDULES

**Moore County Library in Carthage: 947-5335**

**Fridays @ 10:30am**

**Robbins Area Library: 948-4000**

**Thursdays @ 10:00am**

**Vass Area Library: 245-2200**

**Thursdays @ 10:00am**

***DIAL-A-STORY: 910-948-3322***

## A FRIEND-LY BOOK REVIEW



[Sharon McDonald, a member of the Friends of Moore County Library, has shared this review of *Deep River* by Alton Dowd, Sr., which is available at Moore County Library.]

Would you like to read some local history, but you don't really care for non-fiction? Try *Deep River: The Story of a Man and His Family During the American Revolution*, published in 1977 by Alton L. Dowd, Sr. The novel is set locally, but before 1785 when Moore County was formed from part of Cumberland County.

Connor Dowd left Ireland with nothing but a bundle of linen to sell. With the money he made, he bought 7,000 acres of land along Deep River. The author takes this scrap of history, expands it a bit, and creates a character to root for as he builds a good life in North Carolina, and someone to cry with when history puts him on the losing side of the Revolutionary War.

In Dowd's forward he credits *A History of Moore County, 1747-1847* by Blackwell P. Robinson as his primary source. Connor Dowd was a neighbor of Phillip Alston, who lived at the House in the Horseshoe, but the two were on opposite sides. In fact, Alston had Dowd arrested and taken to Wilmington. This and other true incidents are woven into the novel, including the role Col. David Fanning played in the lives of Dowd, Alston, and the people who survived that disturbing time.

Connor Dowd was among the thousands of loyalists who left North Carolina after the Revolution. He is believed to have returned to Ireland. He had ten children, and many of his descendants still live in Moore County.

Author Alton L. Dowd, Sr. was a native of Candor in Montgomery County and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He passed away in 1992 at the age of 87 and is buried at Bensalem Presbyterian Church in Eagle Springs.