

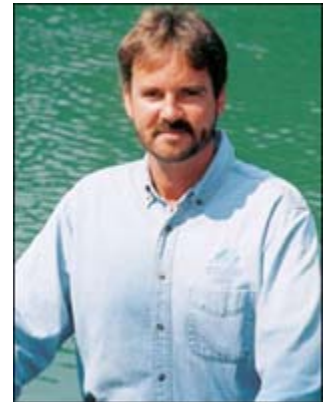
## HURRICANE EXPERT JAY BARNES TO SPEAK

**Jay Barnes**, Director of the NC Aquarium at Pine Knolls Shores, will be the scheduled speaker at the Fall 2007 Friends of the Library dinner meeting. His topic will be "North Carolina Hurricanes." The meeting will start at 6 p.m., September 28, in the Alumni Room of Marshbanks Dining Hall.

Mr. Barnes, a graduate of NC State and Syracuse University, is the author of several books, including *North Carolina's Hurricane History*, *Florida's Hurricane History*, and *Faces From The Flood*. Jay has appeared on *The Weather Channel*, *Discovery Channel*, *The History Channel*, *NBC*, *CBS*, *National Public Radio*, and other venues. His book on Tar Heel hurricanes is a well-circulated item at the University Library.

Barnes is a highly sought-after speaker to historical, museum, and library groups across the Tar Heel State and beyond. Clay Johnson of WRAL states: "Jay has complete command of the subject matter and equally important, an excellent ability to communicate it clearly and concisely for his audience. His relaxed and good natured approach makes him disarming and engaging, which encourages an audience to listen closely to what he has to say." Elinor Foster, University Librarian at UNC Pembroke, concluded that Barnes' "knowledge of history and science pertaining to the origin and development of hurricanes was impressive... A particular strength of Mr. Barnes is his extensive knowledge of stories of people who were affected by the hurricanes and floods."

The program should be an entertaining one. Members of Friends of the Library are invited to attend the meeting at no cost, but should obtain a ticket for the event. Non-members are appraised \$10 per ticket. Tickets are available from **Mrs. Linda Martin at the Administrative Office of Carrie Rich Memorial Library, telephone 910-893-1460.**



**Jay Barnes**



## HELP LIBRARY AND LITERACY: BETTER WORLD BOOKS

The Library is entering upon a trial agreement with Better World Books, a company that sales discarded books and donations online. The company pays for the shipment of the books to their warehouse and pays the library on net sales minus marketplace commissions. It is a way for a library to make at no cost some money on books it does not need. In addition, Better World Books partners with non-profit literacy organizations such as Books for Africa, Room to Read, the National Center for Family Literacy, and the World Education and Development Fund.

Better World Books is a way to help both the Campbell Library and literacy. They will take books in a variety of subject areas, excluding mass market paperbacks, Book Club editions, most reference books, condensed books, government documents, periodicals & journals, encyclopedias, directories, telephone books, etc. The books they prefer to collect are: hardcover fiction/non-fiction, new books (post 2000), dictionaries, collectibles, out-of-print books, as well as CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes that are operable and include casing with artwork. **If you, as a Friend of the Library, wish to help with this worthy cause, just deliver any donations to the Carrie Rich Memorial Library and tell the persons at the desk that the volumes are designated for Better World Books.**



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## A TRIBUTE TO DR. NORMAN A. WIGGINS

By the time you get this newsletter, you will have received the sad news of the death on August 1 of **Dr. Norman A. Wiggins**, Chancellor and former President of Campbell University. Everyone knows of Dr. Wiggins's long and distinguished service to higher education in the Tar Heel State and in the nation. His many accomplishments will be recounted in eulogies and obituaries all across North Carolina.

For the purposes of this tribute, let us concentrate on Dr. Wiggins's well-known love of libraries. Indeed, he was a founding member of the Campbell University Friends of the Library and a Life Member of the organization. In the early years, he had a vital interest in the development of the group and had a direct hand in helping Dr. Ronnie Faulkner revitalize the group in 1991-92. His suggestions proved invaluable in bringing the organization from a small collection of 20 members with a few dollars to a group of 100 with assets of close to \$250,000.

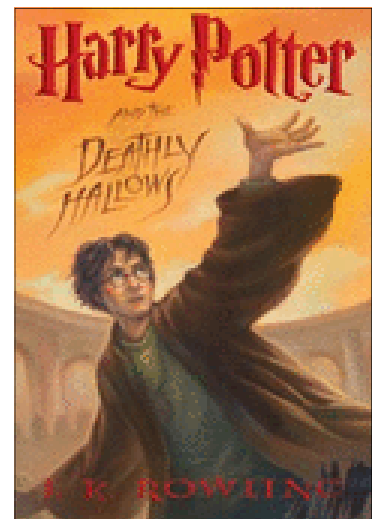
Dr. Wiggins was author of the respected and widely-used legal tool *Wills and Administration of Estates in North Carolina* (3rd ed., 1992). Not only was he a scholar, but he was one of the most well-read men one would ever be likely to encounter. He was constantly referencing the latest books on education, history, political, and social policy. A typical conversation with him might start, "I noted that in Allan Bloom's *Closing of the American Mind...*" or "I found Robertson's biography on Stonewall Jackson one of the most fascinating volumes I've read..." or he might suggest, as indeed he did, "Ronnie, you should get Chernow's *Alexander Hamilton* for our library..."

Dr. Wiggins did not particularly like modern television and did not know "American Idol" from "I Want to be a Millionaire." But he did know Aristotle, Plato, Adam Smith, Edmund Burke, John Stuart Mill, Thomas Jefferson, and all those who contributed to western civilization. Above all, however, he knew Jesus Christ; and though a lawyer by training and a college administrator by long experience, he knew his Scripture about as well as any layman possibly could.

Some years ago Mrs. Rosalie Ferrell drove by the Carrie Rich Library one evening and saw that lights were on. She thought someone had forgotten to turn them out. She took out her key, entered the building, and started flipping out the lights. She heard a shout from the stacks. She would have fled in fear, but recognized the voice. It was Dr. Norman A. Wiggins and he was doing some late night private research in His Library!

## POTTER MANIA REACHES THE CAMPBELL LIBRARY...

The Harry Potter phenomenon is sweeping the globe once again. On July 21<sup>st</sup> the last book in the J. K. Rowling series, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, went on sale at 12:01a.m., and millions of avid fans around the world were lining up at their local bookstores to be among the first to get the new volume. Are the librarians at Carrie Rich being swept along as well? Yes. Marie Berry got a copy on Saturday and has already finished the book. Ron Epps has had his name on the reserve list at the public library and on Monday found out that a copy was waiting for him at his local branch library. He is now reading the book. Derek Hogan and Linda Chilian are in the process of reading the book. All agree that the series is entertaining, but they have differing thoughts on what to read next. Marie is planning on reading Sharyn McCrumb. Linda Chilian plans on reading Lauren Childs, Anne Perry, and Dick Francis. Ron Epps is planning on reading John Flanagan (The Ranger's Apprentice series), Lilian Jackson Braun, and R. A. Salvatore. Readers can find the book in the Curriculum Materials Center of Campbell University, in the most unlikely event that it is not checked out!



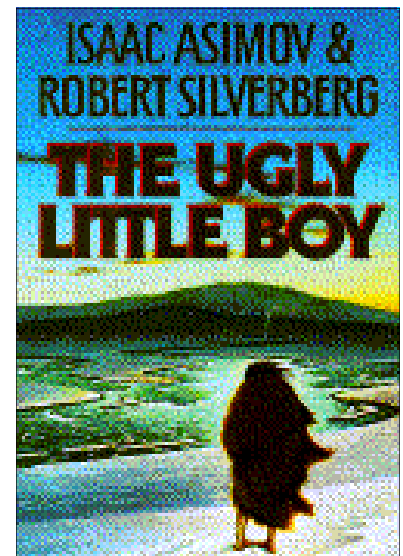
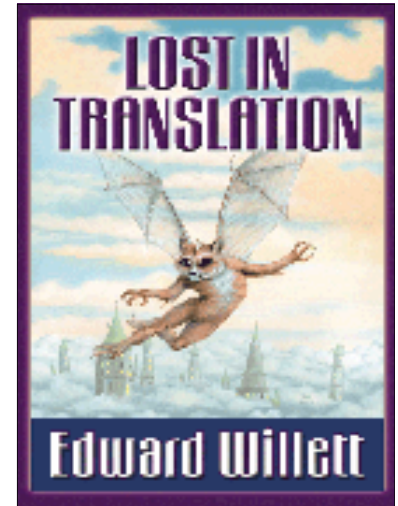
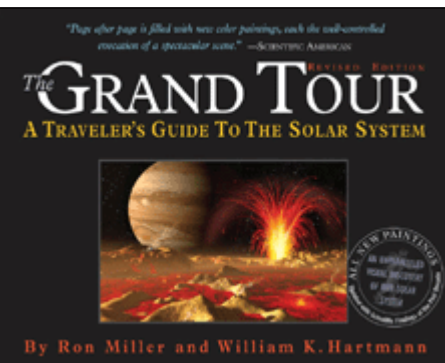
## THE LIBRARIAN'S BOOK CORNER

Reading, especially the reading of fantastic fiction, can be a respite from the troubles of this world. Nevertheless, sometimes the trip can be downright bizarre. Fred Chappell is a North Carolina author known for his poetry and for regional novels. *Dagon* (2002), the author's tribute to horror master H. P. Lovecraft, is a departure from much of his work. In this book, a young minister named Peter inherits a house in the North Carolina mountains, the house possesses him, he kills his wife, and takes up with the mysteriously seductive but rather unattractive Mina. Bloodletting, sex, demonology, and abuse follow as Peter sinks into the pit of insanity. This book is more of a curiosity than a good work of fiction. It cannot be recommended. Edward Willett's *Lost in Translation* (2005) is a different kind of book. A science fiction novel set in the future, the book involves the violent struggle between humanity and a winged-furred race called the S'sinn. The Commonwealth, a union of seven space-faring races, forces a truce between humanity and the S'sinn. The book revolves around the effort of two telepaths, members of the Guild of Translators, the human Kathryn and the S'sinn Jarrikk, to prevent total war and the destruction of the Commonwealth. This is an exciting and wonderful piece of military and psychological science fiction.

Isaac Asimov and Robert Silverberg, two masters of science fiction genre, teamed up some years ago to produce *The Ugly Little Boy* (1992), a novelization of a 1958 time travel tale by Asimov, in which a Neanderthal child is transported forward 40,000 years to become the experimental subject of a corporation in the twenty-first century. The reader is drawn into the plight of little Timmy, as the boy is named by his nurse. You hope for his escape and survival and cheer his return to his own time. J. Sawyer's *Hominids* (2002) is a Neanderthal tale of more recent vintage. In the book a scientist is accidentally transported from a parallel world to our earth. The twist is that this scientist is a Neanderthal man from a world where *Homo Sapiens* died out and the Neanderthals inherited the planet. Will he be able to adapt to our world? Will there be some way to get him back to his

home? What can *Homo Sapiens* learn from this rather powerful but peaceful and environmentally conscious cave man? This book is well worth a read despite the rather heavy-handed political correctness of the author!

William K. Hartmann and Ron Miller have produced a popular scientific work on our corner of the universe entitled *The Grand Tour: A Traveler's Guide to the Solar System* (3rd rev. ed. 2005). Updated with the latest discoveries, the volume deals with the planets, the larger moons, asteroids, and comets. It is written in layman's language and is wonderfully illustrated—beautiful, a perfect joy to peruse.—**Ronnie W. Faulkner**



## THE CURSE OF THE GARDEN SPIDER...

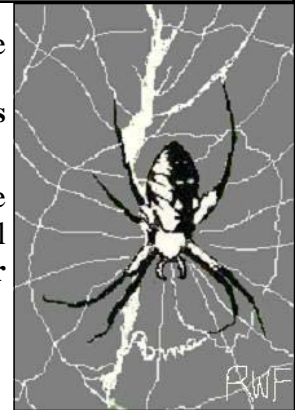
I was once informed by an adult that a common variety garden spider could weave your name into a web if said spider saw your teeth. If the spider did this, then you would surely die. Such a spider had built a web attached to a bush at the corner of the Parrish house. I remember walking by that web with my hand over my mouth. I guess that story is in the same league with my mother's warning not to swallow watermelon seeds. "If you swallow watermelon seeds," she said, "then the watermelon will grow in your stomach."—**R. Faulkner**,

“Growing Up In and Around Coats,” The Heritage of Coats, North Carolina (Heritage Book Committee, 2005), 2:104.

## WHAT’S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

**The Garden Spider Weaves  
a Final Epitaph...**

**Collection Development in Education** has commenced with the book budget for the 2007-08 academic year. Professors in appropriate areas are reminded of the additional funds for education. Anyone needing particular assistance should contact **Mrs. Jennifer Carpenter**, Head of Reference Services, or **Ms. Linda Chilian**, Curriculum Librarian.



## NOTABLE LIBRARY QUOTES

“My library was dukedom large enough.”—William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

“To desire to have many books, and never use them, is like a child that will have a candle burning by him all the while he is sleeping.”—Henry Peacham (1576-1643)

“Thou art the book, The library whereon I look.”—Henry King (1592-1669)

“For I bless God in the libraries of the learned and for all the booksellers in the world.”—  
Christopher Smart (1722-1771)

“These are the tombs of such as cannot die.”—George Crabbe (1754-1832)

“The true University these days is a Collection of Books.”—Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881)

“Every library should try to be complete on something, if it were only the history of pinheads.”—  
Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)

“Food for the Soul.”—Anonymous, Inscription on the Royal Library, Berlin, Germany

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