

PCC Celebrates National Library Week **Vanessa Nwanze, Reference Librarian**



Deborah Bradsher,
Local Artist

The Learning Resources Centers celebrated National Library Week in grand fashion, and it was a very successful week. Activities were enjoyed by everyone. We kicked off the week by displaying Deborah Bradsher's art. She is a self-taught artist specializing in oils and pencil. Her pieces on display were magnificent. The portrait of the two dogs she was commissioned to draw by an individual in Person County seems to jump off the canvas. Another portrait on display was a wonderful oil painting of a local business owner, whose likeness was brought to life.

Here comes the kids! Peggy Bane entertained children with a story hour for the Piedmont Community College Child Development Center children in the JAR at the Gordon P. Allen LRC. Ms. Bane hypnotized the children with a lively reading of The Little Red Hen. She also brought along a friend, Mary, the puppet. This story, of course, has a wonderful message of the willingness to help your neighbor. The children understood that it is important for them to help one another because it will make their hearts burst



Children from PCC Child
Development Center



Peggy Bane, Secretary, Dean of
Learning Resources Center/
Distance Education

with joy. There were more than 30 children who enjoyed the story along with snacks and drinks. Ms. Bane was a hit with the children.

A seminar by author L. Diane Wolfe titled "How to Publish Your Book Now" was an eye-opener for individuals who wish to publish their own book. Ms. Wolfe was invited through a collaboration between Randy Reynolds, Director of the Business Development Center and Gretchen Bell, Dean of the Learning Resources Centers/Distance Education. Eleven people enjoyed the seminar on how they could publish their book. After the seminar, people were calling to find out when the LRC will be offering another seminar like this. Of course, this is great news for the Learning Resources Centers.

During this week, the Learning Resources Centers offered three chances (Monday through Thursday) for the College community to win door prizes and a grand prize (Sony DVD player) on Wednesday. The winners were: Adrian Graves (grand prize), Corey Clayton, Pam Zimmerman, Josephine Green, Sheila Davis, Jeremy Hamlett, Emily Best, Ebonee Slade, David Lynch, Nadine Dunkley, James Cash, Fred Fox, and Crystal Pope. Congratulations winners!



L. Diane Wolfe, Author

National Library Week is usually in the month of April every year. Mark your calendars now for April 2009. The LRC hopes to make the week even more engaging next year.

Who Uses Online Learning? Angela Vaughn, Distance Education Staff

You might wonder if you're an anomaly when it comes to choosing online education and training to further your skills, earn a degree, get some continuing professional education, or simply learn something new. In fact, you're part of a growing trend among learners who are turning to the Internet for all of these things.

Both men and women use online education and training, and they come from all age groups, but especially older adults, according to a study done by Les Burr, deputy director of student services at Charles Sturt University (CSU), a university in New South Wales, Australia.

Burr found that as people age, they tend to use the Internet more as a source of education. People in the over 50 age group participated more than others, while women were more apt to participate in online discussion groups, regardless of whether they live in an urban or rural environment. The under-20 set is heavily engaged in full-time education now, and the trend is growing.

International Data Corporation reports that enrollment in online courses is growing at 33 percent a year and will continue to climb. Another study by the same company indicates that corporate America is turning to e-learning even more as a major source of education and training.

So you're not alone - in fact you're part of a growing family of learners world wide who see e-learning as a viable, attractive way to get the education they need.

Embrey, Bob. (2005) *Who Uses Online Learning?* World Wide Learn. Retrieved April 28, 2008 from the World Wide Web:

<http://www.worldwidelearn.com/education-articles/who-uses-online-learning.htm>

The Strong Side of Weakness April Guerrero

In Eudora Welty's short story "A Worn Path," the main character Phoenix Jackson is both heroic and quite human. She is her grandchild's hero, and she means to help him recover. She represents what we all hope for in this life, someone who loves us and is willing to go anywhere to help us. Her old and crippled body cannot stifle her strong and fervent love for her grandchild. Her strength has overcome her weakness, and that gives the reader hope. The impression that this story makes on a person and the success that it has enjoyed lie in the dichotomy of Phoenix Jackson's inner power versus her physical weakness. Readers can feel in their own hearts the love and determination she feels in hers, and I can only hope that the same capacity and faith are in me as they were in her.

The Heart Completes a Being Dara Whitfield

My writing is like a heart. My main point is to work with other organs of my mind to bring together a whole body of thoughts. Flashes of ideas pump through the chambers of my consciousness to form a story. They unitedly link my soul and intentions. With a stroke of the pen, the words flow as fluently as heritage through vessels. Hopefully, the readers will feel the beat that sustains my writing like the heart completes a being.