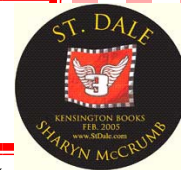


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## It's a Long Way to Daytona

A country song proclaimed that "It's a long, long way to Daytona..." This semester, the Basler Library is bringing a little bit of Daytona to YOU — at Northeast State!

Race Week in Bristol is always a big deal — whether you're a race fan or not, you're directly affected by NASCAR and what it does to help our region. Race Week will be an especially busy time on our campus, with 3 great programs by 2 splendiferous presenters!

On Monday, March 28, best-selling author Sharyn McCrumb will join us for two special programs. The first begins in the Auditorium at 12:30 p.m., and the second will be on the third floor of the Basler Library, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and followed by a book signing and reception. Ms. McCrumb will talk about her latest novel, *St. Dale* — how she got the idea to write it, the writing process, the "mistake" discovered once she was more than halfway finished, how revising it changed the book — and more! Each program will provide an opportunity for questions at the end. Phi Theta Kappa will sell copies of the titles in Ms. McCrumb's "Ballads" series at each event (both hardback and paperback for the titles offering paperback copies). For more information about PTK's fundraising efforts, please contact PTK President Tracy Mantell at frzzld\_1@yahoo.com. If you haven't yet read *St. Dale*, you won't want to miss our review on the next page — it's a matter of school pride, not just being familiar with her work!

Then, on Thursday, March 31, we have another special treat! NASCAR has become much more than a regional pastime; it is now an international obsession! What must it feel like to be at the top of that world, helping to make decisions that regulate the sport, make it safer, keep it popular, etc.? Here is your chance to find out! Mr. Mike Helton, the President of NASCAR, will join us for our March session of "Eating With the Experts" in the Auditorium, beginning at 11:00 a.m. (Please remember that food is not permitted in the Auditorium, though, so no actual "eating" with this expert!) Mr. Helton will talk about his experiences in NASCAR, tell us how he got to be President, and may even have a few stories for us to take away and share with others! Many, many thanks to Mr. Helton's dear friend — and one of Northeast State's most genuine, genteel sweethearts — Debi Johnson, for helping us to arrange this program.

Don't forget that all of these programs are FREE and open to the public, so tell your friends and neighbors to come celebrate Race Week at Northeast State! East Tennesseans, START YOUR ENGINES!

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian

## The Spotlight

This month's Spotlight staff member is **John Lane!** John, our Technical Assistant to Media Services, started working in Media Services in Fall 2003 as a Student Worker, but moved to "Contracted Part-Time" in Fall 2004. He assists "in the repair, maintenance, and installation of any of Media Service's equipment on campus." His favorite part of the job? "The people, most definitely! The people I deal with on a daily basis are just awesome and make my job so much simpler, more enjoyable."

John is working on a University Parallel degree in Information Technology and a 2-year degree in E-Commerce, but adds, "I may get another degree before I can force myself to leave this great place a few years from now. I am taking my time going through college, not just getting a degree, but getting an education." When he does leave NSCC, he plans to finish his IT degree at ETSU or UT.

He loves listening to music, "all genres and artists." He enjoys mountain bike riding, playing paintball and beach volleyball, hanging out with friends, watching movies, and working with AWANA's and Upward Basketball at his church. He admits, "My true talents are with anything electronic, though," and he is who "all my friends and family call when their computer breaks." Ridgewood Barbeque is his favorite. "Nothing like a big ole plate of pork bbq, fresh fries, cole slaw, baked beans, and a pitcher of sweet tea."

## But Wait, There's More!



On **March 2**, beginning at **9:30 a.m.**, NSCC will again host a **Read Across America Day** event, co-sponsored by the Sullivan County Imagination Library (SCIL) and Student Tennessee Education Association (STEA). The festivities will include the presentation

of SCIL's Proclamation to the Sullivan County Commissioners, a visit from Margie Maddux (Governor's Books from Birth Foundation), recognition of those supporting SCIL, and special books shared by Mayor Richard Venable, Dr. Carole Shaw, and Katie Yates. Oh, and we have it on good authority that **The Cat in the Hat** will stop by for some fun, too! The ceremony will take place on the **3rd floor of the Basler Library** and light refreshments will follow. Bring your kids, your grandkids, or the child in yourself to celebrate the importance of books and Imagination Library's success!

And on **March 21**, in **L106**, from **12:30-1:15**, we will have another **WHATTCHA Reading** event. Come tell us about the exciting things YOU have been reading!

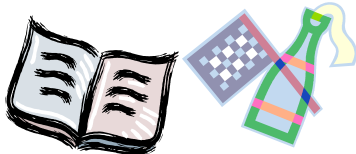


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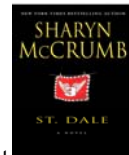
To read some more great books before the next WHATTCHA Reading event on March 21! If you're looking for a great read to talk about at our next discussion, you may want to try out some of these titles!

**Fiction:** *Coroner's Lunch* (Cotterill); *Skeleton Man* (Hillerman); *Temple of Music* (Lowy); *Manana, Iguana* (Paul); *Best Halloween Ever* (Robinson); *Straight Man* (Russo); *Color Blind* (Santlofer); *Carlo and the Really Nice Librarian* (Spanyol); *Empress of the Last Days* (Stevenson); *Gladiator* (Wylie); and *Dark of the Sun* (Yarbro).

**Non-Fiction:** *Set Lighting Technician's Handbook* (Box); *Forensic Science: An Illustrated History* (Brenner); *Abused Men: The Hidden Side of Domestic Violence* (Cook); *Death and Burial in Medieval England* (Daniel); *Action Rhymes* (Foster); *Chanting Rhymes* (Foster); *Digital Journalism* (Kawamoto); *Snowflake* (Libbrecht); *Workshop Shortcuts for Woodworkers* (McCulloch); *Bone Hunters: The Discovery of Miocene Fossils in Gray, Tennessee* (Moore); *Daily Life in the Middle Ages* (Newman); *Game Architecture and Design* (Rollings & Morris); *Whole Hog: Exploring the Extraordinary Potential of Pigs* (Watson); *Feng Shui for Beginners* (Webster); and *World Histories and Mysteries*.

## It's a Miracle

*St. Dale* by Sharyn McCrumb [On order]



Harley Claymore, a former NASCAR driver now down on his luck and "without a ride," accepts a job as a tour guide for a special NASCAR bus tour — without realizing when accepting the position that it will mean being surrounded by fans of the recently-departed, controversial driver Dale Earnhardt. "The Intimidator," as Earnhardt was openly known, turns out not to have been one of Harley's favorite people. But he needs the money and hopes that he can contact some of his old friends at the races the "#3 Pilgrims" will attend to find his way back from the grandstands to the track.

Bill Knight is New Hampshire minister, more at home in the Medieval ruins of Europe than anywhere near a racetrack. He agrees to accompany Matthew, who lives in the children's home affiliated with Knight's parish, on the #3 Pilgrimage — his vacation time coincided, and with Matthew's health, how could he possibly deny the boy this opportunity? What lies in store may just be the miracles they never dreamed possible.

Bekasue Holifield considers herself a hostage on this trip with her outspoken sister (and Dale fan supreme) Justine, and their level-headed socialite friend Cayle (who happens to have had some sort of an "encounter" with Dale on a deserted country road — shortly after his death). The three women set out on another annual vacation together, not quite knowing what to expect, and certainly not expecting some of the events that transpire.

Karen and Shane are young love personified. The young couple from East Tennessee gets married at the Sharpie 500 Wedding at BMS — Karen goes along with it, but the idea is all Shane's. He is looking for some sense of closure to the tragedy that befell his hero at the Daytona 500 in 2001. And as is often the case with young love, time and circumstances quickly take hold, and it may take more than a miracle to make it all work out!

This is just over half of the people who sign on as #3 Pilgrims for the ride of their lives and head from Bristol, TN, to Daytona, and back to Darlington, in a few short days. What promises to be thrills for some and sheer agony for others, turns out to be full of the unexpected — faith, friends, and fulfillment in the strangest places, in most mysterious ways. McCrumb weaves a tale appealing to everyone, whether a NASCAR fan or not — an intertwining of stories of people with dreams, hopes, memories, and the kind of doubt that can still be melted with just the right measure of love, outreaching compassion, and proof that some things just cannot be explained.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian



## Walking on Broken Glass Broken Glass Cake

(Submitted by Daniel Lawson, Maintenance Department)

- 1 pkg., 3 oz. each orange, cherry, and lime Jell-O
- 1 pkg., 3 oz. lemon Jell-O
- ¼ C. sugar
- ½ C. canned pineapple juice
- 2 envelopes Dream Whip whipped topping

Prepare the orange, cherry and lime Jell-O separately, using 1 cup boiling water and ½ cup cold water for each. Pour each flavor into a separate 8-inch square pan. Chill until firm (at least overnight). Cut into ½ inch cubes. Set aside a few of each flavor for garnish.

Dissolve lemon Jell-O and sugar in 1 cup boiling water. Stir in pineapple juice. Chill until slightly thickened.

Prepare both envelopes of Dream Whip as directed on package. Blend into the slightly thickened lemon Jell-O. Fold in gelatin cubes. Spoon into a 9-inch spring-form pan. Chill until firm (at least five hours or overnight).

Just before serving, run a spatula around the sides of the pan, then remove the sides. Garnish the top with the reserved gelatin cubes. Makes 16 servings.