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## Wrap It Up

Another academic year is coming to a close. It has indeed been one filled with excitement, enjoyment, and enthusiasm here at the Basler Library! Since September, we have presented/co-sponsored 16 programs on the Blountville campus with a total attendance of 877. These programs offered a variety of speakers and topics, including Eric Fish, who once again wowed and amazed us with his culinary expertise; Suresh Ponnappa, who helped re-build medical libraries in Iraq; Rosie Adams, whose trips have inspired many of us to take the plunge and travel abroad; Keith Young, whose seasonal stories and songs have become a benchmark in our annual programming and never fail to make us laugh; Kim Kennedy, whose personal story of grief/loss highlighted why it is important to consider becoming an organ and tissue donor; and Mike Helton, who told us about the business and personal sides of NASCAR in what will remain a highlight for many of us for some time to come. We have been graced with authors whose work has entertained and touched us — from outdoor writer Michal Strutin of Johnson City, to genealogist/local historian “Bud Phillips” of Bristol; from children’s author Kimberly Brubaker Bradley of Bristol, TN, to Northeast State’s very own literary icon, Dr. Jim Whorton; and from internationally-renowned author Sharyn McCrumb (whose work spans science fiction, quasi-mystery, Appalachian history/mystery/

folklore-and-more, and NASCAR), to Dr. Steve Ash, whose books present an historical perspective of our own backyards during some of the most tumultuous times ever known. We have already begun making our wish-list of speakers for next year and hope that everyone will join us as we try to follow the phenomenal successes of this year’s line-up.

To those of you who are leaving Northeast State, we wish you the absolute best! As I sat at the Honors Convocation this week with my husband and watched so many of you receive special recognition, I felt a sense of pride that I cannot exactly explain. I remember working with several of you on particular papers or projects, and know how hard you have worked to achieve so much at NSCC. Know that you will be missed. You are going out into this great big world where your achievements will continue because you have the ambition and drive to succeed; where your goals will continue to be met despite obstacles you may encounter; and where your dreams will continue to come true because you understand the value of hard work and diligence. All the best to you — and remember that you are always welcome at the Basler Library, where past students can become new community borrowers.

— Chrissie Anderson Peters, Librarian

## By the Way

Congratulations to Travis Brooks, graduating this semester to continue his studies at ETSU this Fall.

Congratulations also to Michelle Wyatt and Chrissie Anderson Peters, who recently presented a program at the Tennessee Library Association’s annual conference in Nashville (“Putting the Community in the Community College Library”) and had a poster session pertaining to the Library’s work with the CCAMPIS Grant at the Gulf-South SUMMIT on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education Conference in Cocoa Beach, FL.

## The Spotlight

This month’s Spotlight staff member is **Annis Evans!** Annis has been a Librarian at Northeast State since August 2000. Annis does a variety of things at the Basler Library, including working the Reference Desk and doing instruction for classes, but the main thrust of her work is geared towards Acquisitions — ordering books, instructional videos/DVD’s, popular DVD’s and music CD’s. When asked what her favorite part of working here is, Annis says, “The people. [My] library colleagues [are a] great group to work with, [as are the] NSCC faculty and staff.” She adds that the most rewarding part of her job is “having students tell me they did well on their papers/projects thanks to the help they received here at the library.” Annis’ educational achievements include a Bachelor of Science degree (Elementary Education/Special Education), from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, TN, and a Masters of Library and Information Science from the George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University, as well as Paralegal Certification from Nova Southeastern University in the Republic of Panama.

Her hobbies include exercising (cardio and weight training); some cooking, if necessary; and watching horse shows on satellite TV. Among her favorite books are *Seabiscuit*; *Beautiful Jim Key: The Lost History of a Horse and a Man Who Changed the World*, and *Secret Life of Bees*.” Another of Annis’ hobbies ties in with her husband and his career as a pilot. Steve Evans, her husband of 20 years, is an International First Officer with Delta Airlines on the 777. She admits that she “occasionally like[s] to travel with Steve when he goes to work. Previous trips [include] Santiago, Chile; Paris; Zurich; Amsterdam; Frankfurt; [and] Brussels.” Annis and Steve would like to one day have horses.



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## School's Out

School's out for the Summer! What better way to celebrate than to check out some of these fun reads while taking it easy?!?

**Fiction:** *James Deans* (Coleman); *English As a Second Language* (Crane); *Phantom Nights* (Farris); *Snobs* (Fellowes); *Year of the Hye-nas* (Geagley); *We are All Fine Here* (Guterson); *Savannah from Savannah* (Hildreth); *Her Name Was Lola* (Hoban); *Center of Winter* (Hornbacher); *Blood Memory* (Iles); *Rising* (LaHaye); *Life With Strings Attached* (Lamberth); *Motive* (Lescroart); *Speak Softly, She Can Hear* (Lewis); *Saturday* (McEwan); *Mourning in Autumn* (Moore); *Dwelling Place* (Musser); *Tea House on Mulberry* (Owens); *Death at Blenheim Place* (Paige); *Vanishing Acts* (Picoult); *Changed Man* (Prose); *Light Before Day* (Rice); *What Comes After Crazy* (Shelton); *Vodka* (Starling); and *Secret History of the Pink Carnation* (Willig).

**Non-Fiction:** *By Myself and Then Some* (Bacall); *How Free Can the Press Be* (Bezanson); *Blood Brother* (Bird); *Feet on the Street* (Blount); *Rural Voices: Place-Conscious Education and the Teaching of Writing* (Brooke); *Jefferson's Secret* (Burstein); *Juiced* (Conseco); *Conspiracy of Fools* (Eichenwald); *Making an Exit* (Fuchs); *Scribbling the Cat* (Fuller); *Adopting in America: How to Adopt Within One Year* (Hicks); *Blood and Oil* (Klare); *Ten Commandments in History* (Kuntz); *Daily Life in the United States, 1920-1940* (Kyvig); *Why We Hate* (Levin & Rabrenovic); *American Horses* (Moody); *Human Cargo* (Moorehead); *House I Live in: Race in the American Century* (Norrell); *Chocolate* (Rosenblum); *Infiltration* (Sperry); *Sociopath Next Door* (Stout); and *Martyrs of Columbine* (Watson).

## Surfin' Safari

*Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board* by Bethany Hamilton [GV 840 .S8 H3 2004]



At this time of year many people (myself included), like to start making plans for summer vacations. Since my husband and I are land-locked beach-bums, our plans usually include an excursion to the shore. Some years, though, a trek to the beach isn't possible. Instead I placate myself with a book about a fellow beach-lover so I can live vicariously through his/her adventures.

One such book is *Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board* by Bethany Hamilton. For those who are unfamiliar with her story, Bethany Hamilton is a teenage surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack while surfing. In *Soul Surfer*, Hamilton details the attack and how her life has been altered. While her misfortune is the catalyst for the book, it is not the main focus. Hamilton uses the attack as a springboard to educate the public about surfing and to tell others about her deep religious faith. In a situation that would have left many others broken and disheartened, Hamilton comes across as victorious and is eager to share her experience so that she can let others know about God. Included in the book are many references to surfing – and Bethany's love of the sport is obvious. She even includes a short glossary of "surfing lingo" for those who are unfamiliar with the world of surfing.

Written in a very breezy, friendly format, the first impression of this book is that it would be interesting only to young readers. However, Bethany relates her life's story in such an effective manner that her writing serves as an inspiration to anyone who is faced with a challenging situation.

— Michelle Wyatt, Library Assistant III



## Cheesecake Truck Creamy Cheesecake

(Submitted by Chrissie Anderson Peters)

2-8 oz. packages of Cream Cheese  
1-12 oz. container of Cool Whip  
Graham Cracker Crust

Mix the cream cheese and Cool Whip well, with a mixer. When smooth, put the mixture in the Graham Cracker Crust. Top with cherry or apple pie filling or the fruit of your choice.

Chill and serve. Takes only a few minutes to make and it is oh-so-very good.

You can view this and other great recipes in this week's MyFamily.com Weekly Update newsletter, found online at <http://www.myfamily.com/html/cm/news/weekly/050430.html>.