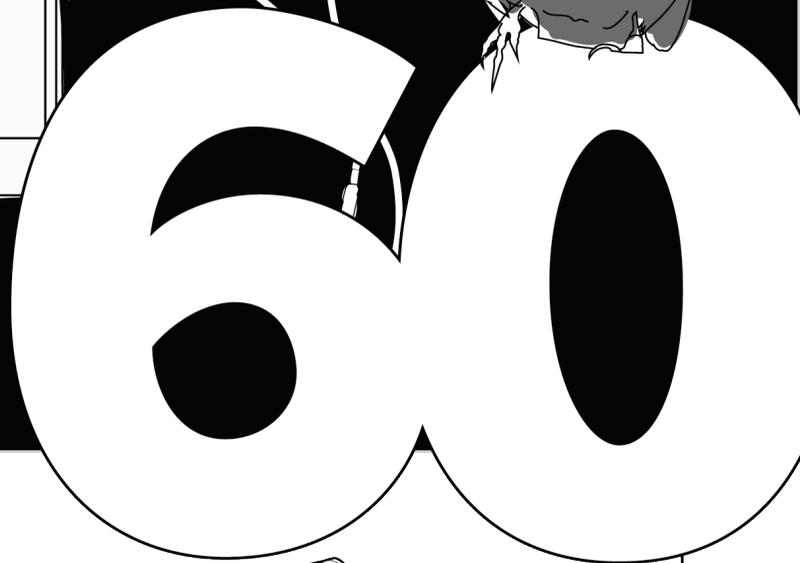
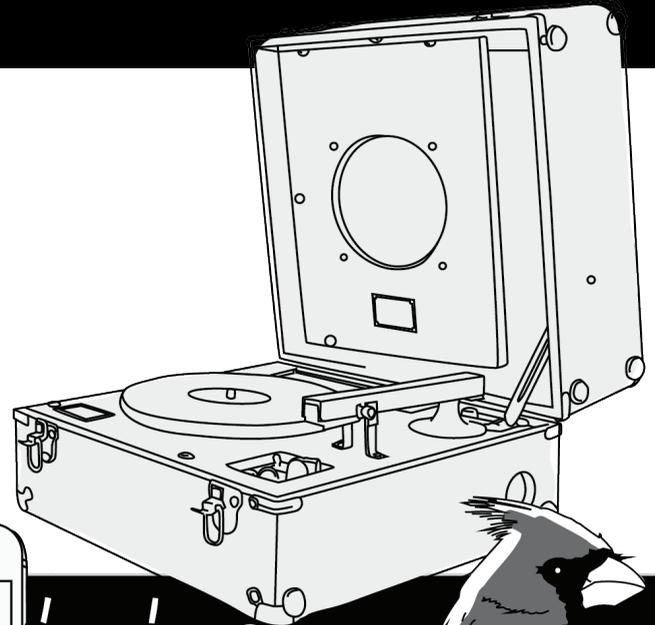
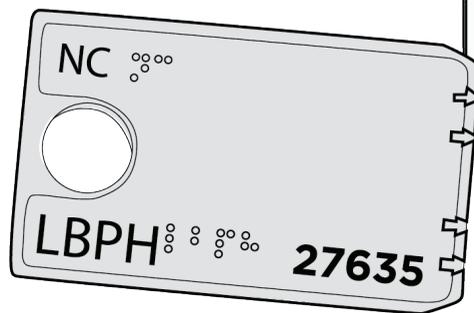


# TAR HEEL TALK

N.C. Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

**NCLBPH Celebrates  
60 years**



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# MEET THE STAFF

We sat down to interview our newest NCLBPH staff member- **Demetrius McCalop-Spotts**. Below is our question and answer session:

**What is your job title and what do you do?** I am the receptionist. My job duties include handling all the receptionist duties, including answering the phone, checking in and sorting the mail, doing the monthly calendar, taking care of supply orders for the library and all the other administrative liaison duties.

**Where did you work before you came here and what did you do?** I worked for Broward County at the African American Library and Cultural Center, which is in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**What are your Hobbies?** I like to bake cheese cakes (I have a killer oreo cheese cake), I like to read, and I like to work in my yard.

**Why did you want to work at the library?** I like working with the public. By working in the library, I get to meet a lot of people. You get



## **Demetrius McCalop-Spotts**

to talk about books (if it's a great story line, if the author brings you into the story, etc.).

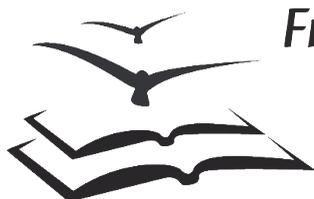
**What is your favorite book and why?** That is a hard answer. I like Stephen King's *The Stand*, but I also like Terry Brooks' *Shannara* books.

**What are your favorite types of books?** I like horror, Sci-fi, mystery, and urban (sometimes).

**What movie would you take to a desert island?** I would take *Dead Pool* or *Avengers Infinity War*.

**What song would you sing if you were on American Idol?** First, you don't want me to sing (I sound like an alien creature in a mixer), but I like classic R&B, so it would be any Michael Jackson song. ■

# FRIENDS CORNER



*Friends of*  
the NC Library for the Blind  
and Physically Handicapped

## **Hello to all my Friends!**

As many of you know, the Friends organization recently held elections for board members, and I am pleased to announce that we have three new members who started serving on our board July 1, 2018. Below is a brief bio for each one of them:

**Max Bumgardner** lives in Canton, NC. He has been a member of many committees and has held a number of offices in the Lions organization. He is a past district governor for his area. He has also been involved with a variety of community organizations such as the county school board, county and state DSS board, Jaycees, and United Way.

**Dawson Hart** lives in Granite

Falls, NC. He has held positions on a number of boards related to blindness including Lions, the NC National Federation of the Blind and Industries for the Blind Solutions. He is also a patron of library services.

**Marsha Williams** lives in Morehead City, NC. Marsha has worked as a graphic artist and a commercial fisherman. Since losing her vision in 2010, she has become a leader in her local VI support group. She provides technology assistance to other visually impaired individuals and shares information about LBPH, aids and appliances, and other resources.

We are very pleased to have these new board members join us, and we look forward to working with them and having them share the outstanding

mission of the Friends organization.

I am also pleased to announce the following board members who have been elected to serve either their second term or serving in their new office:

**Sharon Benton**, Vice President; **Debbie Meadows**, Secretary; and Members at Large- **Miriam Dixon**, **Susan King**, and **Jill McMillan**.

**WELCOME** to all the board members, and I look forward to a terrific upcoming year!

By the time you read this, we will have missed the actual Friendship Day which is the first Sunday in August. However, I mention this to say happy Friendship Day to you. The Friends board really thanks each of you for being a member and for your financial support of this organization. You are a valued Friend, and we hope you will continue to renew your membership each year.

Attached is the application to become a Friend, so maybe you can share this with someone you know and ask them to join our

organization. Share our website, **[www.friendsncclbph.org](http://www.friendsncclbph.org)** with them so they can check out our mission to support and enhance the services and programs of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

The Friends board wishes you a wonderful fall, and please contact us if you have any questions about the Friends or if you would like to donate to our organization.

- **Eddie Weaver**, *President* ■

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Do you receive materials from NCLBPH? Yes  No

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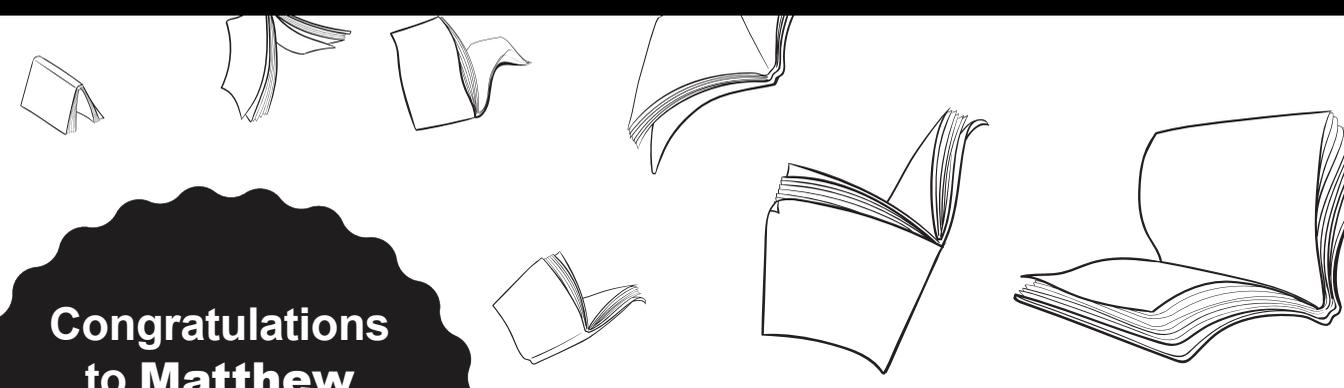
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# SUMMER READING WINNERS



**Congratulations  
to Matthew  
Bazemore, our  
Youth Summer  
Reading Program  
Winner!**

**We were able to contact the winner of the Youth Summer Reading Program, Matthew Bazemore, and ask him about his experience in this year's Program:**

**How did you hear about our Summer Reading Program?**

A teacher of mine asked me about the summer reading, and I immediately was interested because programs like this are great to be a part of.

**Was this your first time participating in our Summer Reading Program?**

Yes, it was my very first time and definitely not my last. It was so fun and a great experience.

**What was your favorite book you read?**

My favorite book I read is called *Cross Fire*, which is a part of the *Alex Cross* book series by James Patterson. I loved every book in that series.

**Do you have a favorite genre? If so, what is it and why?**

My favorite genre is definitely crime and detective. It gives you a good understanding of the procedures of detectives

and sick minds of criminals.

**Were you able to read all the books that you wanted this summer?**

Yes, I finished all 25 books of the *Alex Cross* series. Also a few extras.

**How did you make the time to read this summer?**

Most of the reading I did was at night when getting relaxed, and when I was traveling. Those are the best times to read for me.

**How did you learn about our library?**

After losing my vision, I still had the desire to read. So, I searched libraries that can provide braille and audio and saw the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Thankfully, I called them up and they worked very well with me. I felt appreciated.

**Other than reading, how**

# TOP SUMMER READERS

## ADULTS TOP 3 BARD

Karen Reynolds - 230 books

Kimberly Morton - 163 books

Valari Rios - 145 books

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## ADULTS TOP 3 BY MAIL

Katherine Cook - 128 books

Diane Whitt - 124 books

Penny Wesoloski - 123 books

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## YOUTH TOP 3 BARD

Matthew Bazemore - 65 books

Skyler Jarvis - 39 books

Layla Hildenbrand - 36 books

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## YOUTH TOP 3 BY MAIL

Orlando Hearn - 47 books

Jordan Kelly - 34 books

Jacob Ross - 25 books

## **did you spend your summer?**

Other than reading, I went to different camps, working, and spending time with friends.

## **How do you like your prize?**

The prize was perfect! I spent the \$50 on things I both needed and wanted. You can't go wrong with that!

## **Why is reading special to you?**

Reading teaches us so much. More than we realize. Learning new words and learning how to say those words correctly. The more I read the more I find myself using vocabulary I've never used before.

## **Will you participate next summer?**

You might as well sign me up for next year! It was too much fun to not do it next summer! ■

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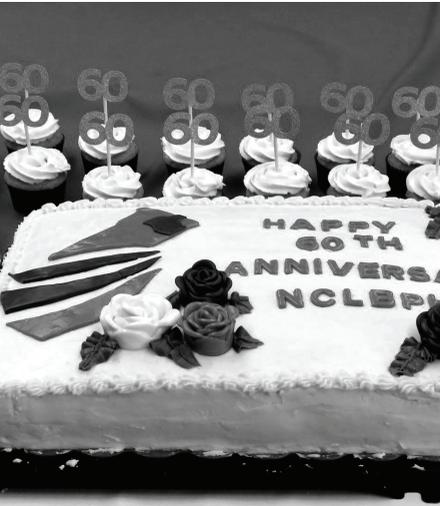
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# NCLBPH Celebrates 60 YEARS!



Sir Walter Raleigh would be so proud. For 60 years, the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has served its patrons by providing accessible books to those who need them. This year we are celebrating our 60th year of service to print impaired North Carolinians across the state.

From an idea hatched in a club bearing Raleigh's

name, the NC Regional Library for the Blind, as the library was called then, was founded in September 1958.

The library was founded by volunteers from the Sir Walter Lions Club of Raleigh and with the help of the Raleigh Host Lions Club and the NC Lions Association for the Blind. In 1959 the State Library of North Carolina agreed to operate the library. After several moves, the library ended up in its present location at 1841 Capital Blvd.

The library started with 881 patrons in 1959 and has over 12,000 in 2018. In 1959, audio books

were recorded on 33 1/3 rpm records. Braille books were originally only circulated from Washington DC. Today, audio books are played on a digital book player that has features such as a bookmark button and the ability to skip from chapter to chapter. Book player technology has really advanced over the decades. Braille books are now available directly from the NC Library facility.

In 1966 the U.S. Congress amended the Pratt-Smoot Act of 1931 to add persons with physical handicaps to those eligible for services. At that time the library's name was changed to the NC Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NCLBPH), and still goes by that name today. With the addition of a new category of eligible people, the library's patron base expanded to 4,839 in 1970.

The Friends of the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was formed in 1989. The Friends are a non-profit group that help supplement core library services. They provide the library with funding for our large print col-

lection and patron programs, among other things. In 1993 the Friends began funding our descriptive video services. Descriptive video has a narrator that describes what characters are doing when there is no dialogue.

The NCLBPH held its 60th Anniversary Open House on Nov. 8th, 2018. We had Reader Advisor Clay Griffith, a library employee, read from his published trilogy of books, *Vampire Empire*. Phil Walters, a library patron, regaled us with his music, and saxophonist Ed Lyons also played for our guests. Per Governor Roy Cooper, September 13, 2018 was declared North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Day in the state of North Carolina.

Across the decades the NCLBPH has faithfully served eligible North Carolinians. From a circulation of 20,832 books in 1960 to 544,032 in 2017-2018, the library has grown tremendously. We look forward to another 60 years of service to North Carolinians who are print impaired!



# **A Streetcat Named Bob and How He Saved My Life**

**A Book Review by Karen Broderick**

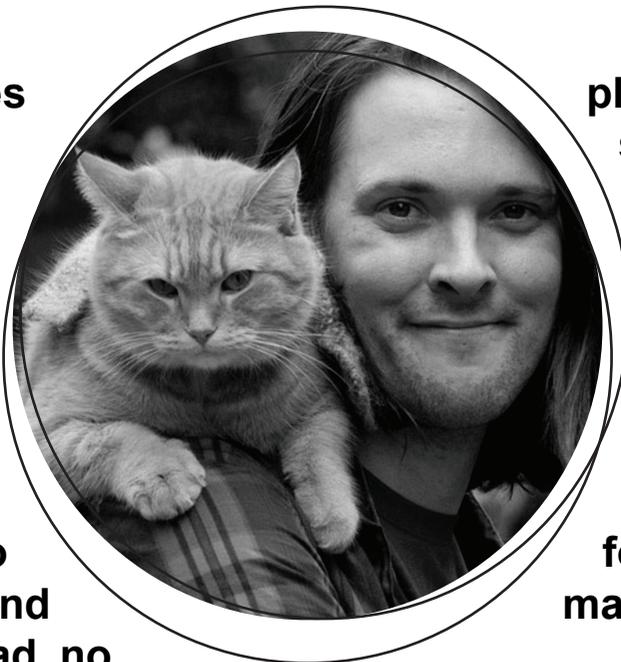


**M**uch has been written about the relationship between humans and animals. Therapy dogs go to nursing homes, and dogs help people who are blind or have other disabilities. Dogs sniff out drugs and help find lost people for law enforcement. They ease life for returning veterans suffering PTSD. Some research has even shown that petting an animal can lower blood pressure. But what can a CAT do?

It seemed that the cat Bob's fur wasn't quite right the night James Bowen found him on the doorstep of one of the apartments in his building. But then James wasn't quite right either. He was living in supported housing and visiting the pharmacist each day for his fix of methadone. He worked as a musician in the streets of London, living on money people threw into his guitar case. But Bob changed all of that in ways James never could have imagined.

One day James came home to find a cat lurking in the hallway. It had an infected leg. It didn't seem to belong to any of his neighbors, so James took him to a vet. He tried to find the owner, but had no luck. Eventually he released the cat back on the streets, hoping he would find his way home. But the cat never left. He began following James around, even on the bus! James named him Bob, and took Bob to his work of playing music on the streets of London. Bob and James became so popular that tourists began to stop by just to see them.

An interesting part of this book was the way in which the British treat those with addiction. James had free access to the methadone and other medicines he needed to try and kick his heroin habit, as well as counselors who advised him and kept up with him. He also had specific places where he could



play his music and sell his magazines. Although some of these services may be available in the US, it just seemed to be a more humane way of providing for those who live marginal lives. ■

This book is available at the library in both braille (BR020196) and digital (DB077202) formats. It can also be downloaded from BARD. Visit Bob and James at their YouTube channel **Street Cat Bob**, or on Facebook and Twitter.

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**Martin Luther King**

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