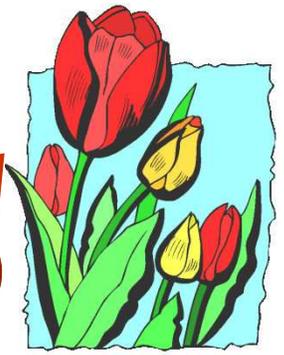


YOUTH SERVICES NOTES



Week of April 7, 2014

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Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

Prom Dress Extravaganza

We had our second annual **Prom Dress Extravaganza** at the **Meadowbrook branch**. We were able to collect over 150 dresses donated from the community and many local businesses donated goods and services for door prizes. We had a seamstress volunteer to provide on the spot alterations and a local boutique owner offer accessorizing tips and complementary jewelry, which delighted the teens.



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Little Creek Branch, Norfolk Public Library

Library Displays



The first photo represents a display for **Smart Money Week**, put together by **Susan Mayo**. The second photo is a window display for the **Friday Knitters**. This group of ladies meets on the 4th Friday of the month to knit

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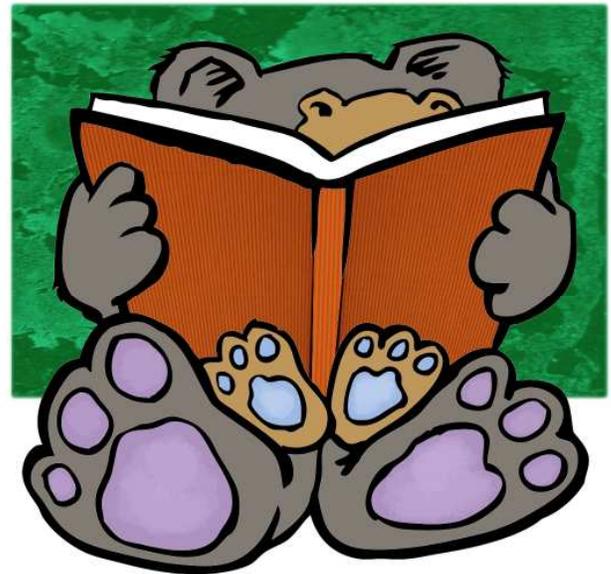


Library Displays

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and crochet items for the Craft Hope Club, Newborns in Need and socks for the homeless shelters. Throughout 2013, under the leadership of Susan Mayo, Associate at Little Creek Branch Library, in Norfolk, the Friday Knitters have donated over 719 items to charity. Display window by **Carol Aubut**, Youth Associate I, and Little Creek Library.

— Carol Aubut ■



SUMMER READING 2014

Dates to Remember

Regional Early Literacy Activity Center Exchanges, Spring 2014

Tuesday, April 8, 2014..... Chesapeake Public Library..... Central Library
 Friday, April 11, 2014..... Tazewell County Public Library..... Tazewell
 Thursday, April 17, 2014..... Middlesex County Public Library..... Deltaville
 Friday, May 2, 2014..... Prince William County Library System..... Bull Run Regional Library, Manassas

Conferences

April 24-25, 2014..... Virginia Public Library Directors Association..... Graves Mountain
 May 18-20, 2014..... Virginia Library Association Paraprofessional Conference..... Richmond
 June 26–July 1, 2014..... American Library Association Annual Conference..... Las Vegas
 September 18-20, 2014..... Association for Library Service to Children National Institute..... Oakland
 October 22-24, 2014..... Virginia Library Association..... Williamsburg

Training

Tuesday, April 15, 2014..... Evanced Summer Reader Training..... Charlottesville
 Wednesday, April 23, 2014..... Evanced Summer Reader Training..... Richmond
 Thursday, May 15, 2014..... Evanced Summer Reader Training..... Covington
On request—Call or email Enid..... Evanced Summer Reader Training..... At Your Library

Prom Dress Extravaganza

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Our attendance tripled from last year. Several of the attending teens already had dresses, but enjoyed the refreshments and entered the drawings for door prizes.

– Sarah Pahl, Youth Services Manager, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library ■



Thanks

for the photos and other stuff!

- ◇ Sarah Pahl, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library
- ◇ Carol Aubut, Little Creek Branch Library, Norfolk
- ◇ Karen Gill, Newport News Public Library
- ◇ Katie Hedgepeth, Ruth Camp Campbell Memorial Branch, Blackwater Regional Library
- ◇ Sue Brooks, Halifax County South Boston Public Library System



Newport News Public Library System

Library's Mini-convention Draws 300 Youth with Anime, Authors, Cosplay Contest, More

Crowds of exuberant teens wearing face paint, neon-colored wigs, fluffy multi-colored tails, horns and more roamed Main Street Library on March 29. Thirty teens and kids were dressed as characters from anime, comics, games and their own imaginations to enter the Cosplay Contest, part of **ToshoCon**, a youth anime/comic convention presented by the Newport News Public Library System. An estimated 300 people attended the free convention, the Library System's first such event. Geared toward ages 7-17, ToshoCon included a day full of anime screenings, author workshops, a gaming competition, dance, music, crafts and vendor tables in addition to the Cosplay Contest. Contest prizes included gift cards and books and photos signed by the authors.



Contestants of the Cosplay Contest of ToshoCon, the Newport News Public Library System's youth anime/comic convention, dance at the conclusion of the free, one-day convention on March 29 at Main Street Library. Photo by Karen L. Gill/Newport News Public Library System

Ben Hatke, New York Times best-selling writer, artist and author of graphic novels and picture books including "Zita the Spacegirl" series, shared his "Three Secrets to Making Great Comics" with about 30 young fans and parents in a morning presentation. "Comics are a medium," Hatke explained. "Just like a play, movie or TV show, they can be about anything." He described replicating Garfield cartoons using his own bird characters as a 7-year-old. In college, he posted a long, ongoing story with cartoons on the bathroom wall, which he would add to with each visit. "When I would lie on my bed, and I would hear people laughing in the bathroom, I was like 'Yes!' It became the most popular bathroom in the dorm," he said. Hatke continued drawing and writing, and the Shenandoah Valley author's third book, "Julia's House for Lost Creatures," will be released soon. He also regularly posts comics, art and stories online at <http://www.benhatke.com>. His "secrets" included demonstrating how pictures tell stories, lines have gestures and the importance of drawing from real life.



During his presentation on the "Three Secrets to Making Great Comics," artist and author Ben Hatke demonstrated the first "secret" by having audience members select random drawings on cards and putting them together to make a story. Here Joel DeVaugh, age 13, selects a card during the presentation, part of ToshoCon, the Newport News Public Library System's youth anime/comic convention, on March 29 at Main Street Library. Photo by Karen L. Gill/Newport News Public Library System

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Library's Mini-convention Draws 300 Youth with Anime, Authors, Cosplay Contest, More

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Iyanna Sylcott, age 13, talks with Ben Hatke, writer, artist and author of graphic novels and picture books, including "Zita the Spacegirl" series, during ToshCon, on March 29 at Main Street Library. Photo by Karen L. Gill/Newport News Public Library System

The Hampton author encouraged children to follow their dreams and not to let setbacks prevent them from reaching their full potential. "There is a hero inside all of us," White said. "You can achieve anything you want. All it takes is a little will power." "In whatever you do, be powerful," White said, using the manta he also promotes on his website, <http://willpowercomic.com>.



Four-year-old Charlotte Thompson, left, along with her father Matt Thompson work on a craft at ToshCon, the Newport News Public Library System's youth anime/comic convention, on March 29 at Main Street Library. Photo by Brionna Matthews/Newport News Public Library System

Vince White, creator of "The Legend Of WILL POWER"TM comic book and a founder of **Primal Paper Comics**, a Virginia-based comic book coalition of independent comic book publishers and creators, presented an afternoon workshop on "The Power of Comics." He told the audience of about 50 that dyslexia made reading difficult for him as a child, but that the word bubbles in his older brother's comic books helped him learn to read. "I couldn't read, but I wanted to learn what they were saying," White said. "Comic books opened me up to a whole new world. Comic books were like my superheroes."



Vince White, author and artist of "The Legend of Will Power" comic book series, enlists the help of audience members to create a comic book character during his presentation on the "Power of Comics" during ToshCon March 29 at Main Street Library. Photo by Brionna



Judges question a contestant on stage during the Cosplay Contest of ToshCon, the Newport News Public Library System's youth anime/comic convention, on March 29 at Main Street Library. Judges are, from left, P.J. Deyo, staff member at World's Best Comics store in Newport News; Vince White, creator of "The Legend Of WILL POWER"TM comic book; and Ben Hatke, writer, artist and author of graphic novels and picture books, including "Zita the Spacegirl" series. Photo by Karen L. Gill/Newport News Public Library System

Part of the Library System's Neisser Speaker Series, **ToshCon** was sponsored by the Library System's **Herbert H. Neisser Fund** with additional funding from the **Newport News Public Library System Foundation**, **Friends of the Newport News Public Library** and **The Frank T. and Mary D. Baker Family Charitable Fund of the Lutheran Community Foundation**.

Submitted by Karen L. Gill, Community Relations and Programs Coordinator, Newport News Public Library System ■

Ruth Camp Campbell Memorial Branch,
Blackwater Regional Library

Library Program Checklist

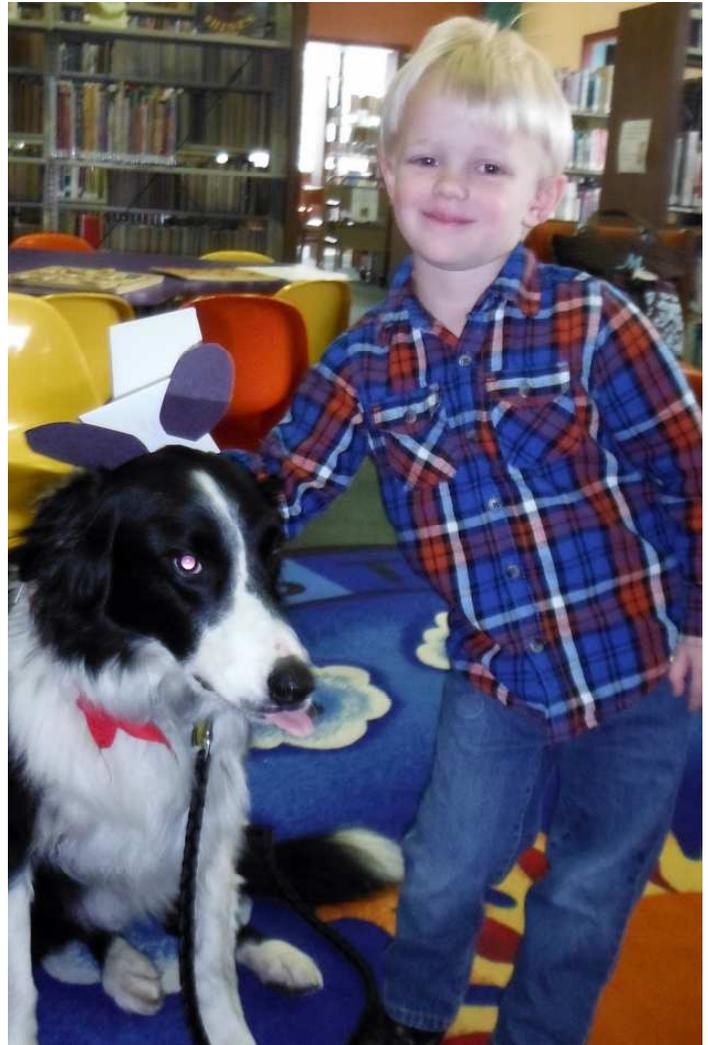
Katie Hedgepeth, Youth Programmer, provided a copy of the checklist she uses at the Ruth Camp Campbell Memorial Branch Library. A copy is attached. ■



Halifax County South Boston Public Library
System

Podgie the Therapy Dog

Good Morning, I wanted to share some pics of Podgie the therapy dog visiting PALS Play and Learn Storyhour for our pet theme. We learned about therapy dogs and their role in our community and read stories about pets while sitting with Podgie. We also sang The *Cat Sang Fiddle I Fee* and made puppets. We all had fun playing, learning and making new friends. Podgie will also visit PALS in Halifax. He will also come during our summer reading program PAWS TO READ.— Sue Brooks, Early Lit Specialist, South Boston, Virginia ■



From Enid's desk...

Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Last year we offered a Virtual Scavenger Hunt focusing on Literati Public. This year we are going to go a bit further a field and look at other resources. The Virtual Scavenger Hunt, like the party scavenger hunts where you run around finding a red dish towel or finding ten pine cones or finding someone who is left handed to autograph your shirt, is meant to be a fun. This one has the added benefit of possibly learning about a resource and winning one of a hundred mighty fine "Hot Reads for Cold nights" coffee cup.

The goal is to earn top points.

Submit your answers to LDND22319@gmail.com and please include your name and the name of your library system and library branch.

Week Four

Bye Baby Bye Make Your Mother Cry – Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Sometimes we need to purge the databases, toss out the trash and simply destroy documents; but...

Under **Code of Virginia § 42.1-85**, the Library of Virginia (LVA) has the authority to issue regulations governing the retention and disposition of state and local public records. In keeping with the Code's mandate, LVA has developed records retention and disposition schedules outlining the disposition of public records.

Where do you find your:

- schedule of record retention?
- form to file?
- records officer?

Bonus points if your library staff has a records officer.

If you are coming in late to the hunt, here are the past weeks' questions. Please submit each answer in a separate email to LDND22319@gmail.com

Week One

Let's Face It – Virtual Scavenger Hunt

You drew the lucky straw and are now in charge of posting to your library Facebook page. Your posts are clever, informative and liked. Then your muse went to a warmer climate.

What post on the LDND Facebook page might you repost?

Like our Facebook page for bonus points.

Week Two

Pin It – Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Your summer reading program planning is done... and then it is not. Before the dog days of summer pass by, you need an inspiration faster than a dog can wag its tail.

Where might you find an idea on the iREAD website?

Bonus points if you have a Pinterest Board related to libraries.

Week Three

Blog, Blog, Blog – Virtual Scavenger Hunt

What is Mug Shot Monday?

Bonus Points if your library has a blog and you provide the link.

Bonus Points - What is Flannel Board Friday? ■



Program: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Prepare by: _____

Due Date

Checklist

- Cleared with Bonnie and Donna
- Create Flier (in- and outhouse)
- Email PIF and Fliers to Debbie, and Jeff
- Email Fliers to Bonnie L. and all Mgmt where appropriate
- Submit IHH entry to Cain Madden, TN
- Book Meeting Room
- Send/receive confirmation with performer
- Email groups and teens/parents
- Deliver fliers to schools, organizations
- Reconfirm with performer
- Post fliers in library
- Put on your calendars; make calendar event for Donna regarding number of volunteers needed

Misc.

- Do they have a press kit or any specific info that must be on fliers?
- Any special equipment needed?
- Books for collection display?
- Refreshments?

Calls to Make

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Supplies

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Volunteers

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- 10. _____

Follow-Up

- Program Eval
- Send Pictures to Debbie and Jeff
- Put #'s on Stat form
- Send Picture to Newspaper
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Notes
