

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES



Week of April 6, 2015

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Northumberland Public Library

First Annual Grandparents and Friends Story Hour

About 30 people – children, moms, grandparents and special friends – gathered at the Northumberland Public Library on April 2 to celebrate the first annual **Grandparents and Special Friends Story Hour**.

They observed the regular routines of the twice-monthly **Listening Lambs at the Library Story Hour** and joined in the crafts, songs, story time and refreshments. The children sang the story hour's theme, "I Wanna Be A Lamb," and "My Grandparents' House." Then they listened attentively to the stories: "Granddad's Fishing Buddy," "One Big Hug" and "My Granny Is A Pirate."

The day's craft was making Easter hats for the ladies and special bow ties for the gents. The special guests left with a gift – a flower or boutonniere – donated by Britt's Flowers in Wicomico Church.

"It was so special for the children to introduce their guest and sing about what they do at their grandparents house," said **Jan Bates**, the library's **Coordinator of Children's Programs**. "This event is a keeper and we will have another one next year."



The First Annual Grandparents and Friends Story Hour drew a good-sized crowd on April 2 at the Northumberland Public Library. Photo by Alice Cooper.

Submitted by *Don Hirst, Publicist*. 

Newport News Public Library

Pura Belpré Award Committee Nomination

Maria Mena, Family and Youth Services Coordinator with the Department of Libraries has been nominated to the **2015 Pura Belpré Award Committee**. The award is named after **Pura Belpré**, the first Latina librarian at the **New York Public Library**. The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented annually to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth. It is co-sponsored by the **Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)**, a division of the **American Library Association (ALA)**, and **REFORMA**, the **National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking**, an ALA affiliate. A full listing of Pura Belpré Medal winners can be found at



<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal>

Submitted by *Maria Mena* 

Library of Virginia / Science Museum of Virginia

STEM Workshop and Early Literacy Activity Center Exchange

The **Library of Virginia** with the **Science Museum of Virginia** will be offering the last of a series of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) training workshops in Virginia next **Friday, April 17, 2015** at the **Russell County Public Library in Lebanon**. This highly interactive workshop for library staff and community leaders will begin at **9:00 a.m.** and end at **4:30 p.m.** The focus will be on **Motion**.

The presenter will be **Enid Costley**. This workshop for adults is limited to 50 people.

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Thanks for the photos and information!

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- ◇ **Heidi Hertz**, Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
- ◇ **Evan Liddiard, Jr.**, Virginia Historical Society
- ◇ **Eddie Oliver**, Virginia No Kid Hungry Program, Office of the Governor
- ◇ **National AfterSchool Association**



DATES TO REMEMBER

Virginia Conferences

October 21-23, 2015 Virginia Library Association Annual Conference..... Richmond

National Conferences

June 25-30, 2015 American Library Association Annual Conference San Francisco

November 6-8, 2015 YALSA'S 2015 Young Adult Symposium Portland

April 5-9, 2016 Public Library Association 2016 Conference Denver

June 23-28, 2016 American Library Association Annual Conference Orlando

September 15-17, 2016 ALSC National Institute 2016 Charlotte

Online Conference

April 14, 2015 HistoryConnects Teaser ZOOM online platform

Workshops / Early Literacy Activity Center (ELAC) Exchanges

April 10, 2015 Summer Food Service Program Regional Planning Meeting Arlington

April 14, 2015 Summer Food Service Program Regional Planning Meeting Richmond

April 15, 2015 Summer Food Service Program Regional Planning Meeting Roanoke

April 16, 2015 Summer Food Service Program Regional Planning Meeting Norfolk

April 17, 2015 STEM Workshop / ELAC Exchange Lebanon

April 20-21, 2015 Weight of the State 2015: Bridging the Nutritional Divide Richmond

April 29, 2015 Youth Services Regional Meeting / ELAC Exchange Manassas

May 1, 2015 Youth Services Regional Meeting / ELAC Exchange Heathsville

May 8, 2015 Youth Services Regional Meeting / ELAC Exchange Boydton

May 15, 2015 Youth Services Regional Meeting / ELAC Exchange Staunton

STEM Workshop

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A box lunch will be provided.

We do encourage representatives of after-school and community organizations to attend.

Workshop Activities

Blast off with Rockets Blast off with Rockets -

Participants will create their own paper rocket and use an air actuated device to launch it above the trees

Puff Cars - Teams will design puff cars and compete - the winning car that can reach the farthest distance the fastest

Gliders - Experiment with different paper glider designs and test more than one method of flying

Build and Battle Bristle Bots - Participants will compete against friction to create a speedy, smooth-running battling Bristle Bot

Speed Safety - Helmet design challenge and more

To register, go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stem-training-lebanon-va-with-early-literacy-center-exchange-tickets-15141402342>

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Virginia Historical Society

HistoryConnects

The Virginia Historical Society will be hosting a **HistoryConnects Teaser** on **April 14, 2015** at 11:00 a.m.

HistoryConnects allows educators and presenters to connect via an online platform (ZOOM). The purpose of this presentation is to showcase the **HistoryConnects** topics and give you and your library ideas how it might be used in your community.

Registration is free, but limited to 25 people.

Register at

<http://www.eventbrite.com/o/library-of-virginia-ldnd-childrens-and-youth-services-7919448786> 



Virginia No Kid Hungry Program

Help End Summer Hunger in Virginia!

Libraries – You are invited to Help End Summer Hunger in Virginia!

During the summer kids are at a heightened risk of experiencing hunger. In Virginia, less than 15 percent of kids who eat a subsidized school meal during the school year are able to access meals in the summer.

Together, we can solve this problem.

Join the [Office of First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe](#), the [Virginia Department of Health](#), the [Virginia No Kid Hungry campaign](#) and community leaders from across the region to strategize how we can use the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to reach children in need.

About the Meetings

We are asking attendees to share their knowledge about the community, ideas for reaching more kids, and any resources they have to contribute to the effort.

At the meeting, our objectives will be to:

- Create a vision for a hunger-free summer in northern Virginia
- Identify the challenges and opportunities around summer meals this year
- Brainstorm ways to overcome those challenges and make the most of opportunities
- Commit to taking action this year to increase access to summer meals

There are four opportunities for your library:

Friday, April 10, 2015

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Arlington Central Library – 2nd floor conference room
1015 N Quincy St
Arlington, VA 22201

Parking passes will be provided at the meeting.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

FeedMore
1415 Rhoadmiller St
Richmond, VA 23220

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

10:30 am to 1:30 PM

Piedmont Regional Training Center –
First Campbell Square Building
210 First St., 4th floor
Roanoke, VA 24011

Thursday, April 16, 2015

8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Norfolk Workforce Development Center
201 E. Little Creek
Norfolk, VA 23505

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Help End Summer Hunger in Virginia

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To RSVP or request additional information, please contact Eddie Oliver, Virginia No Kid Hungry Program Manager, at eddie.oliver@governor.virginia.gov, or by calling 804-692-2583.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Additional Information

The **Summer Food Program** is a free program offered by the USDA to any child or teen in a community in which 50% of the children in a school are eligible for free or reduced lunch.

Libraries are key agencies to for this program.

You are trusted in the community to provide information (such as where the summer food sites are), your library offers a summer reading program and we know that “To be well read. . . children and teens need to be well fed.” So consider offering a meal after preschool storytime, to kick off the summer reading program, to encourage teens to choose healthy foods while enjoying a movie or a craft at your library. Host a child/teen book club over dinner and serve a meal. Then consider going a step further – connect a meal with a healthy activity (such as a blood pressure check, dental information, etc.).

Finally if you decide to be a food site, please contact me at the Library of Virginia. **We are working with SoHo Foundation to provide as many library food sites as possible with a collection of books to use as you see fit to support your library summer food site.** More information will follow; I am currently collecting site information.

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LVA Library Development and Networking Youth Services Regional Meetings / Early Literacy Activity Center (ELAC) Exchanges

Looking for a new idea for storytime? What to test drive several apps? Would you like to learn about Classroom Dojo and school readiness, do you have an Early Literacy Activity Center to exchange?

We will be offering several opportunities in April and May to share ideas, test drive apps, and exchange the early literacy activity centers. We will also briefly share our plans for using iPads and classroom Dojo to promote school readiness.

To register for any of the upcoming regional workshops and ELAC exchanges,

- Go to: <http://vpl.virginia.gov>
- Click the Youth Services tab
- Run the mouse over the name of the event
- Click the pop-up box
- Click the Register button
- Enter the password
- Register

April 29

Bull Run Regional Library
Manassas
Password: SHARE

May 1

Northumberland Public Library
Heathsville
Password: Exchange

May 8

Southside Regional Library
Boydton
Password: Learning

May 15

Staunton Public Library
Staunton
Password: Library



“Good children’s literature appeals not only to the child in the adult, but to the adult in the child.”

~ Anonymous ~

Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth**Weight of the State 2015 and Bridging the Nutritional Divide**

The **Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth** is partnering with the **Office of First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe** on the **Weight of the State 2015 Conference**. The conference is in Richmond on **April 20-21, 2015** and focuses on food access, child nutrition, and promoting access to healthy foods as strategies to create healthier communities. It will be held at: **Hilton Richmond Hotel in Short Pump, 12042 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23233**

With co-branding the Weight of the State with Mrs. McAuliffe's initiative of Bridging the Nutritional Divide, we hope that the conference will be a sell-out with lots of people attending.

Register at <http://weightofthestateva.com/>

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

WEIGHT of the STATE 2015
Bridging the Nutritional Divide

APRIL 20-21, 2015
Hilton Richmond Hotel At Short Pump
Richmond, Virginia

ATTENDEES WILL INCLUDE:

- State and local public health professionals
- Physicians, Dietitians, Nurses
- Leaders in state and local education
- Early childhood and after-school providers
- State and local policymakers
- Community business and faith-based leaders

REGISTER NOW

SHOWCASING THE LATEST APPROACHES FOR INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

WeightoftheStateVA.org

National AfterSchool Association**15 Minutes Webinar Series**

Engaging Youth in Language and Literacy
In the same time it takes to check your email, you can boost your professional expertise in the areas of language and literacy for your afterschool program! Join the **National AfterSchool Association** in partnership with the **Youth Today Out-of-School Time Hub** for a **unique webinar series consisting of four 15-minute webinars** on engaging youth in language and literacy during out-of-school time.



- Learn proven techniques developed and used by afterschool professionals.
- Understand how language and literacy can be implemented in a variety of ways through community building, art, sports, and cooking.
- Receive valuable materials with activities and ideas you can immediately begin implementing into your program.

All webinars will be on Thursdays from 1:30-1:45pm EST. Sign up for free today!

Register at <http://naaweb.org/webinar>

UPCOMING WEBINARS

- April 9th**..... Building Community and English Language Skills in OST
- April 16th**..... Engaging OST Youth in Language and Literacy through Art
- April 23rd**..... Score! Engaging OST Youth in Language and Literacy through Sports
- April 30th**..... Cooking Up English Language Learning in OST

The series is funded by the Robert Bowne Foundation and is free to all participants.

National AfterSchool Association is the membership association for professionals who work with children and youth in diverse school and community-based settings to provide a wide variety of extended learning opportunities and care during out-of-school hours. . . We respect and celebrate our diversity. NAA is working to assure that the vision of high-quality learning experiences for all children and youth, both in and out of school, becomes a reality through the application of the NAA core competencies in afterschool programs. NAA recognizes that quality afterschool programs provide positive child and youth development and meet a critical need for keeping kids safe and families productively employed. NAA understands that families need a wide range of interesting and age-appropriate programming choices to be available and accessible when their children are not in school.

For more information, go to: <http://naaweb.org/> 

Virginia Department of Health**April Is Playground Awareness Month****National Playground Safety Week****April 20-24, 2015**

“National Playground Safety Week is a time to focus on children’s outdoor play environments. A time to pledge to use good judgment when playing. A time for gratitude for all the adults who work tirelessly on maintaining our playgrounds.” – National Program for Playground Safety. (<http://playgroundsafety.org/>)

Optional Activities **Playground Safety Reading Day**

- ◆ Reading time and presentation

 Reading Resources

- ◆ Finn, Carrie. **Manners on the playground.** Picture Window Books (2007). ISBN-10:1404835598
- ◆ Cuyler, Margery. **Please Play Safe! Penguin’s Guide to Playground Safety** (2006). ISBN-13:9780439528320
- ◆ Donahue, Jill. **Play it Smart: Playground Safety.** Picture Window Books (2008). ISBN-10:1404848231

Shelf Display - Provide a Shelf Display with additional with playground safety guides. To order include the safety guide’s name, link and number of copies of the safety guide you would like to order, along with your name, mailing address and e-mail address. You should receive your order in 3-4 weeks.

Playground Safety Lessons Plans: SAFE Principles at <http://www.playgroundsafety.org/products/guide/playground-safety-lesson-plans-0>

Playground Safety Certificates -

[http://www.bing.com/images/search?](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=playground+certificate&qpv=playground+certificate)

[q=playground+certificate&qpv=playground+certificate](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=playground+certificate&qpv=playground+certificate)

Coloring Contest

Playground Resources

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: For an overview of playground-related injuries, download the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Home and Recreational Safety, Playground Injuries Fact Sheet (2012). <http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Playground-Injuries/playgroundinjuries-factsheet.htm>

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC): The Consumer Product Safety Commission provide free safety alerts, guides, posters, brochures, handbooks and other materials which you can use to help spread consumer product safety information in your community. You can order printed copies of Safety Guides by e-mailing your request to info@cpsc.gov.

- ◆ **Download the Playground Safety poster** at <http://www.cpsc.gov//PageFiles/115988/playgrnd.pdf>
- ◆ **US CPSC Public Playground Safety Handbook (2010)** at <http://www.cpsc.gov/PageFiles/122149/325.pdf>
- ◆ **US CPSC Outdoor Home Playground Safety Handbook (2005)** at <http://www.cpsc.gov//PageFiles/122146/324.pdf>
- ◆ **US CPSC Home Playground Safety Checklist** at <http://www.cpsc.gov//PageFiles/122140/pg1.pdf>
- ◆ **US CPSC Safety Checklists, Safety Guides, and Safety Alerts** (Soft Contained Equipment; Children Climbing Gyms; Strangulation and Cargo Net Hazards; Burn Safety): <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Guides/Sports-Fitness-and-Recreation/Playground-Safety/>
- National Program for Playground Safety:** The National Program for Playground Safety provide resources and other materials regarding playground safe principles. You can order printed copies of materials by visiting <http://www.playgroundsafety.org/products>
 - ◆ **America’s Playground Report Card:** <http://www.playgroundsafety.org/sites/default/files/Report%20Card.pdf>
 - American Society of Testing and Materials International** at <http://www.astm.org/>

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Read to the Rhythm!**Summer Reading 2015**