



YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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Virginia Municipal League

Stairway to Success

Supporting Early Childhood Education

Stairway to Success is a friendly competition among Virginia Municipal League



member localities. The program seeks to increase local government's role in early childhood education, which in turn, builds a qualified, well-educated workforce.

The competition awards points to localities for specific actions that enhance the early childhood experience. Participants will be recognized during an awards program at VML's Annual Conference on October 11 in Virginia Beach.

Complete details on the checklist of activities that will earn points toward the award are available on the application form at <http://www.vml.org>. Creative activities are encouraged. The common denominator is early childhood education. City, county and town officials are encouraged to develop their own approaches to supporting early childhood education.

The activities below can get you started and/or help you gauge the number of points that comparable activities would merit.

Also, points may be claimed for activities that are already in places, such as participation in Read Across America, or support for storytelling programs at the local library, but VML encourages you to enter into new programs as well.

Five Points

Five point activities are designed specifically to encourage participation in the program and to take very little staff time to develop. Examples of activities that will earn five points include establishing a station for collection of donated art supplies, displaying

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University of Kentucky

Research Opportunity

Hello! We are library science professors from the University of Kentucky, conducting IRB-approved research on intellectual freedom.

We want to interview children's and young adult librarians who work in public libraries who have not had any challenges to their collections.

This will help us develop best practices for promoting intellectual freedom and will help your fellow librarians. If you are interested in participating, please email one of us for more information. Also, we want to interview people nationwide, so please share this announcement widely.

With thanks,

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Virginia Department of Social Services - Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Development

Preservice Training

There's a NEW child care training course in town! The Virginia Department of Social Services'

Child Care and Early Childhood Development Division announces a **FREE, 10-hour training course** that will count toward required Licensing and Subsidy training hours. This course was developed in partnership with Pennsylvania State University's Better Kid Care Program. The course is called, "**Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff**".

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The Library of Virginia

Mission

As the Commonwealth's library and archives, the Library of Virginia is a trusted educational institution. We acquire, preserve, and promote access to unique collections of Virginia's history and advance the development of library and records management services statewide.

Vision

The Library of Virginia will inspire learning, ignite imagination, create possibilities, encourage understanding, and engage Virginia's past to empower its future.

Finance

The Library's primary funding source is General Fund appropriations. The majority of the Library's General Fund expenses represent transfer payments to local government for state aid to public libraries. Additionally, the Library earns special nongeneral fund revenue from storage fees charged to agencies and courts for document and records storage and from local circuit court records' preservation fees.

The Library also receives federal grant funding through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) of 1996. This grant promotes access to learning and information resources of libraries.

Goals

2014-2016

Collections:

Strengthen and Preserve the Library's collections and expand accessibility for the benefit of users.

Service:

Deliver courteous, accurate, and efficient information services to our customers.

Organizational Excellence:

Position the Library to effectively embrace new challenges and increasing responsibilities.

Educational Readiness and Achievement:

Engage and educate parents, teachers, and learners through programming designed to enhance early literacy readiness and to provide access to quality education resources for prekindergarten and K12 children.

This goal is critical in fulfilling the Library's mission to provide Virginians with access to the most comprehensive information resources and to elevate levels of educational preparedness and attainment of Virginia's citizens.

Associated State Goal

Education: Elevate the levels of educational preparedness and attainment of our citizens.

Education Attainment Objectives

- ◆ Increase the number of children who participate in the Winter Reading Program.
- ◆ Increase the number of children and teens who are served by public libraries through out-of-school programs and summer reading programs.
- ◆ Support the parent as a child's first teacher by implementing Early Literacy Activity Centers in public libraries and providing training on their use.

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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

Through grant making, policy development, and research, IMLS helps communities and individuals thrive through broad public access to knowledge, cultural heritage, and lifelong learning.

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preschoolers' art projects in public buildings or other activities of similar scope. Remember, too, you can receive credit for activities you are already doing.

Ten Points

Hold an art competition for preschoolers, recognize local preschool educators or provide financial support for the Virginia Preschool Initiative Program or Head Start, or undertake similar activities and you will earn 10 points.

Fifteen Points

Develop some creative programs on your own such as a nature program targeted at preschoolers, literacy initiatives and programs aimed at the parents of young children (such as CPR or effective parenting), and you will earn 15 points.

STEPS TO PARTICIPATE

- Step 1- Review the contest details and rules on the website (<http://www.vml.org/education/stairway-success>).
- Step 2- Adopt a resolution on the importance of early childhood education. Email copy of resolution to mfields@vml.org
- Step 3- Download the digital application form here <http://www.vml.org/sites/default/files/StairwayAppForm.pdf> and begin tracking your points.
- Step 4- E-mail your completed application form to VML at mfields@vml.org by **August 25, 2016**

The **Virginia Municipal League** is a statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association of city, town and county governments established in 1905 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. The membership includes all 38 cities in the state, 160 towns and eight counties.

Source:

<http://www.vml.org/education/stairway-success> 

Preservice Training

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This course is **required for all child care staff members who work in a program that receives Virginia Subsidy Funds and have direct contact with children** (teachers, assistant teachers, aides, bus drivers, cooks, administrators, etc.). **Please read more on the attached announcement about how to access the FREE course.**

All child care practitioners are encouraged to take this **FREE** training in order to stay current on health and safety information, as well as to help standardize the body of knowledge and skills in Virginia's child care workforce.

Source: Kimberly Fortune (VDSS), August 2, 2016 

Colonial Heights Public Library

First Book

Chantal Emerson, Library Assistant, Children's Program Coordinator, entered a First Book Facebook contest and won!

She will be able to spend \$200 on free games and activities from the First Book marketplace to use with her programming. She believes she won because she told them how the library uses games and programming to tie in with the summer food program that was started this year.



First Book provides access to new books for children in need.

To date, First Book has distributed more than 135 million books and educational resources to programs and schools serving children from low-income families throughout the United States and Canada. First Book is transforming the lives of children in need and elevating the quality of education by making new, high-quality books available on an ongoing basis.



We are proud of our past success and even more excited about the future. First Book is uniquely positioned to become a leader in providing digital resources so that children in need don't miss out.

No matter how formats and technologies change, children from low-income families will still need access to rich and varied content. First Book is helping guide the publishing industry as it evolves so that all children can benefit from new technologies and flourish as readers.

See more at: <https://www.firstbook.org/first-book-story>

Source: Chantal Emerson, Library Assistant, Children's Program Coordinator 



National Science Teachers Association 2017 Total Solar Eclipse Resources and Posters

There will be a total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. It should be awesome.

You can download an observing guide at <http://www.nsta.org/publications/press/extras/files/solarscience/SolarScienceInsert.pdf> for the August 21, 2017, solar eclipse to share with young people and their families as well as community partners. This eight-page guide includes everything you need to know regarding where and when to see the eclipse (visible across all of North America), how to observe the eclipse safely, and how to understand and explain what causes it.



<http://www.nsta.org/publications/press/extras/solarscience.aspx>

Path across USA - <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEgoogle/SEgoogle2001/SE2017Aug21Tgoogle.html>

Poster - <http://www.tylerfordgren.com/>

The **National Science Teachers Association** (NSTA), founded in 1944 and headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, is the largest organization in the world committed to promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all.

Source: *STEM & Libraries Conference* 



Help Transcribe Documents from Virginia's History!

By typing in the contents of these pages, you can help uncover the stories hidden in our archives.

Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative
<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/aan>

CW150: The James I. Robertson Jr. Civil War Sesquicentennial Legacy Collection
<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/cw150>

Join the Two Year
Anniversary Celebration
on August 27, 2016

making history
transcribe
LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

Register for this event at bit.ly/LVAvolunteer
Bring a laptop if you can! Computers on site limited.

TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
10:00 AM	Intro to Transcribe	NTC (ongoing)
	Open Transcription	Conference Rooms (ongoing)
10:30 AM	Virginia Untold	Conference Rooms
11:00 AM	Tour of Second Floor	Meet in Lobby
	Open Mic/ Feedback	Conference Rooms
11:30 AM	Reading Old Handwriting	Conference Rooms
12:00 PM	Box Lunches Available	Pre-function Hall
12:30 PM	Thank You + Cake Cutting	Pre-function Hall
01:00 PM	Tour of Second Floor	Meet in Lobby
	Reading Old Handwriting	Conference Rooms
01:30 PM	Virginia Untold	Conference Rooms
02:00 PM	Wrap Up/ Feedback	Conference Rooms

Source: Sonya Coleman, Digital Collections Specialist,
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See attachments for a larger size of the Two Year Anniversary flyer, plus small posters describing the Library of Virginia's transcribing project. 

Pamunkey Regional Library – Hanover Branch Library Nature Backpacks

Lisa Healy, Library Associate at the Hanover Branch Library, shared the following:

Our patron Lisa Seward (works at the County) just returned the Nature Backpack. She showed me some pictures and said she and her family enjoyed the backpack. Not only did they get free parking at Kiptopeake State Park but they got to do the Boat Launch free of charge! She said we have her permission to use the photo, perhaps we can post it on the website or Facebook. She also said the Launchpads and the PlayAway Views were a godsend. She mentioned that one of the PVPs froze, she followed the instruction to reset with a pin and all worked well.



Submitted by Linda Gosnell. 

Rockbridge Regional Library System – Bath County Public Library

Summer Reading 2016 - Read for the Win

**Events
at our
library**

**Golf Ball Dogs
Juniors and Teen
Craft**



**Cirque de Vol, community program celebrating
Summer Reading**



**Cartoonist, John Rose draws Snuffy Smith and
other characters**

Submitted by Ronda Clayton, Assistant Branch
Manager, Bath County Public Library 

**“Readers are lucky -
they will never be bored or lonely.”**
~ Natalie Babbitt ~
Author of Tuck Everlasting

Mathews Memorial Library **“Capture the Magic” of Art, Writing/ Storytelling, Music, and Nature**

“Join us this summer as we look for magic in places you may not have considered.”

“You need bring along only your imagination to find the unexpected in pictures, words, music and the world of nature which is all around you. These are all waiting for you during July when the library will be filled with fun and the excitement of finding the magic that we can all share.”

Field Trips! To Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, the American Theatre, Centenary Church, and the Virginia Aquarium

Submitted by *Maude Donovan, Youth Services Librarian* 



Radford Public Library Summer Library Outreach

Submitted by Barbara Tait





Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

October 26-28, 2016..... VLA Annual Conference.....Hot Springs

National Conferences

October 27-29, 2016..... Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference..... Fargo

November 4-6, 2016..... YALSA's 2016 YA Services Symposium Pittsburgh

Workshops

August 29, 2016..... Library of Virginia Youth Services Fall Workshop.....Blacksburg

August 30, 2016..... Library of Virginia Youth Services Fall Workshop..... Waynesboro

August 31, 2016..... Library of Virginia Youth Services Fall Workshop..... Henrico

September 1, 2016..... Library of Virginia Youth Services Fall Workshop..... Chesapeake

October 3, 2016..... Bilingual Storytime and Library Outreach..... Online Course

October 3, 2016..... Supercharged Virginia Storytime..... Online Course

Book Festivals

September 24, 2016..... 16th Library of Congress National Book Festival..... Washington, DC

March 22-26, 2017..... Virginia Festival of the Book..... Charlottesville

Important reading program dates

September 30, 2016 **Last Day to Access Evanced Summer Reader. We will be using new software next year for the Winter Reading Program and the Summer Reading Program**

Now!.....Place your orders for the winter reading program at
<http://vpl.virginia.gov/youth-services/winter-reading-program/>

Library Observances, Celebration Weeks & Promotional Events

August

National Inventor's Month.....<http://amomwithalessonplan.com/tinkering-station>

Set up a tinkering station to encourage your young inventors:

National Back to School Month.....<https://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/features-month/august/national-back-school-month>

August 7 National Kids Day

August 9 World Indigenous Peoples' Day

August 12..... International Youth Day

August 26..... Women's Equality Day

Thanks for the photos and information!

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