

# YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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## Washington County Public Library Homeschool STEM Program Was A Blast!

We had 7 kids and 4 adults for paper rockets.

Only one girl – who was totally down in the dumps about participating until she saw how far her rocket went. What a great program! Submitted by Amanda Hood Bailey, Youth & Branch Services Librarian. 



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## Ready4K

### Boosting Children's Learning with Ready4K Text Messages

Ready4K is a text message curriculum for parents of young children.

**Ready4K breaks down the complexity of parenting into small steps that are easy to achieve.** In addition, the program provides continuous encouragement and support to parents over an entire school year. Each week, the Ready4K program sends three text messages to parents to help them build their children's skills by maximizing existing family routines in fun and easy ways.

For example:

**FACT:** The grocery store is great for building literacy skills. On the way to the store, ask your child to name all of the fruits & vegetable s/he can think of.

**TIP:** When you're at the store, go on a letter hunt. Can your child find an "A" on a sign, box, or food label? What about a "B"? Can s/he go all the way to "Z"?

**GROWTH:** Keep using time at the grocery store to build literacy skills! Ask: What rhymes with egg (leg, peg), cheese (knees, please) & jelly (belly, deli)?

In a series of randomized controlled trial studies, Stanford University educational researchers found that the Ready4K approach increased parental involvement at home and school, ultimately leading to two to three months of child learning gains in literacy (effects of 0.20 to 0.30 standard deviations, or roughly equivalent to the impact of reducing kindergarten classrooms by five to 10 students). In a follow-up study, these effects persisted after parents received another year of texts. The results of this research have been highlighted in *The New York Times*, *The Huffington Post*, and *Education Week*.

The general enrollment process for parents is as follows:

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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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## Boosting Children's Learning with Ready4K Text Messages

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- 1) Parents fill out the Ready4K Enrollment Form and submit it to staff at their local public library.
- 2) The data from the enrollment forms is entered into the Ready4K Enrollment (Excel) Spreadsheet by staff at the local public library.
- 3) Once ParentPowered PBC has the spreadsheet with parent info, they can upload them into our system and start sending messages.
- 4) Mail or e-mail copies of the completed Ready4K Enrollment Forms to ParentPowered PBC.

*Attached to this newsletter are examples of the Ready4K Information Flyer and Ready4K Enrollment Forms that libraries can distribute to interested parents. Revised copies of the forms and the Excel spreadsheet will be sent later.*

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## Association for Library Service to Children

### ALSC Now Accepting Applications for 2017 Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and the Grants Administration Committee are now accepting online applications for the 2017 ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant.

This \$3,000 grant, made possible by Baker & Taylor, is designed to encourage reading programs for children in public libraries, while recognizing ALSC members for outstanding program development.

Each applicant will be judge on the following:

- The plan and outline submitted for a theme-based summer reading program in a public library
- The committee encourages innovative proposals involving children with physical or mental disabilities
- Program ideas that are open to all children (birth – 14 years)

Applicants must be personal members of ALSC, as well as ALA members to apply. **Deadline for submissions is November 1, 2016.** For more information about the award requirements and submitting the online application please visit the ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Grant Web page (<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/bakertaylor>).

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## DayByDayVA



[WWW.DAYBYDAYVA.ORG](http://WWW.DAYBYDAYVA.ORG) FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR

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## Campbell County Public Library System

### Summer Reading Grand Finale Event

The Summer Reading Grand Finale Event for the Campbell County Public Library System was a Field Day for their community.

This large event was held at the new Timbrook Library and everyone from the County was invited to make memories to celebrate the reading theme of **Read For The Win**. The Staff filled the library and surrounding park with over fifty free activities that the community could experience including traditional field day games, water games, free raffles, bingo, trivia, balloon making, fun DJ, toddler tent, local vendor booths, two great food trucks, first responder vehicles tours, brand new StoryWalk with ceremony and an amazing Color Fun Event. A local elementary school helped provide some of the Field Day materials which gave the day authenticity and created a wonderful partnership. Over 475 people came out to attend this day that started out as stormy, only for the sun to shine before the event officially started at 10am. It was definitely a day many families will cherish. CCPLS always strives to provide quality opportunities for their patrons and it showed on this fun, free, and eventful celebration. Their favorite part was after all the colorful powder had been tossed around, a local volunteer fire department sprinkled water in the air for anyone that would like to cool off after! If anyone has any questions please feel free to email Katie at [kllane@co.campbell.va.us](mailto:kllane@co.campbell.va.us). CCPLS has a lot of pictures and they will be happy to share.

*Submitted by Katie Lane, Program Manager*



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## 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

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

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

### Important reading program dates

September 30, 2016 ..... Last Day to Access Evanced Summer Reader. We will be using new software 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

#### September

Library Card Sign-up Month.....<http://www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/factsheets/librarycardsign>

Hispanic Heritage Month .....<http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>

(September 15–October 15)

#### Observances

September 5 ..... Labor Day

September 6 ..... Read a Book Day

September 11 ..... National Grandparents Day

September 15 ..... International Dot Day

September 21 ..... International Day of Peace

September 25 ..... Comic Book Day

September 26-October 1 ..... Banned Books Week

*Thanks* for the photos and information!

- ◇ Katie Lane, Campbell County Public Library System
- ◇ Amanda Bailey, Washington County Public Library System
- ◇ The usual resources - ALA, ALSC