

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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Middlesex County Public Library

Smokey Bear to Make Appearance at Kids' Carnival

The most famous bear in America will make a rare appearance at the **Deltaville Branch Library's Kids' Carnival** which will take place **Saturday, February 21** from 10:30 until 1:00 p.m. In a recent phone interview, the Library's Executive Director, **Ralph Oppenheim**, caught up with Smokey and got to ask a few questions before Smokey went back to hibernation.

"Smokey the Bear, you're the most celebrated bear in America. To what do you attribute your popularity?"

"My name is Smokey Bear, not Smokey *the* Bear. I changed my name a few years back."

"Why?" Oppenheim inquired, "was it too ethnic?"

"How would you like 'the' as your middle name?"

Smokey growled. "Could we talk about something else? How about the Kids' Carnival?"

"Please do."

"I'm coming because it's the premier kids' event at the Library. There'll be some of the world's best face painters and a balloon sculptress frequently compared to Michelangelo. There'll be lots of games and Amy Dobson will be there to share stories and songs. It's a good event for little kids. There may even be a ferret and maybe a snake or two. I'm very fond of small creatures."

Oppenheim nodded. "I've heard that. What about cats? Do you get along with them? You know, the Cat in the Hat will be there."

Smokey fixed Oppenheim with a stare that made him uncomfortable. Then Smokey answered slowly and carefully. "While we've had our differences in the past, the Cat in the Hat and I have been able to find common ground in recent years."

At this point Oppenheim thought it would be a good idea to change the subject. "The great folks in the Middlesex Kiwanis will be coming and giving everybody great refreshments like soda and chips and grilled hotdogs."

"I'm a vegetarian," Smokey responded, quietly shaking his head.

Powhatan County Public Library

Mini-Maker Festival

We had a resoundingly successful first **Mini-Maker Festival** this past Saturday at the library. In spite of the iffy weather, 742 people visited the library that day. A huge thank you goes to **Cathy Howland**, our local extension agent and **Paul Lambert** the 4H Maker consultant. We are so fortunate to be able to work with 4H and Cathy's office!

— Peggy Martin, Library Director

Mini-Maker Festival

Saturday, February 21, 2015
10am–2pm at the Powhatan County Public Library
2270 Mann Road in Fighting Creek Park

**Young Inventors & Artists will
Make Awesome Projects Through
Hands on Workshops & Demonstrations**

**Snap Circuits - Wind Turbines
LEGO Mindstorms - 3-D Printing**

While Supplies Last...



FREE Make & Take Project!
Meet our 4-H Maker, Paul Lambert



For more information contact:
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- ◇ Jennifer Shepley, Chesterfield County Public Library
- ◇ Sarah Pahl, Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library
- ◇ Ralph Oppenheim, Middlesex County Public Library
- ◇ Peggy Martin, Powhatan County Public Library
- ◇ Amanda Bailey, Washington County Public Library
- ◇ Claire Covington, Waynesboro Public Library
- ◇ Sandy Towers, Williamsburg Regional Library



Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

March 12-14, 2015.....	Virginia State Reading Association Conference.....	Richmond
March 24-26, 2015.....	Virginia Head Start Association Conference	Abingdon
October 21-23, 2015.....	Virginia Library Association Annual Conference.....	Richmond

National Conferences

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

February 26, 2015.....	STEM Workshop with Science Museum of Virginia.....	Lebanon
February 27, 2015.....	STEM Workshop with Science Museum of Virginia.....	Bedford
March 12-14, 2015.....	Virginia State Reading Association Conference.....	Richmond
March 16, 2015.....	Music and Movement Workshop.....	Mechanicsville
March 18, 2015.....	Early Reading Instructional Strategies and Resources (VDOE & LVA).....	Richmond
March 31, 2015.....	Storytime Share-n-Tell.....	Martinsville
<i>To be rescheduled</i>	Early Reading Instructional Strategies and Resources (VDOE & LVA).....	Charlottesville

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"How 'bout those Patriots, Smokey? One last question: Could you beat Yogi in a fair fight?"

"What's a fair fight? He's got a picnic basket. I've got a shovel. You figure it out."

The interview seemed just about over, so Oppenheim thanked Smokey and told him everyone looked forward to seeing him at the Carnival.

Submitted by the interviewer, Ralph Oppenheim.



Enid – last known photograph of Cat in the Hat before being consumed by Smokey. Will return remains to you as soon as possible. Thanks, Ralph.



Face painter Sarah Jones.

Pictures were also submitted by Ralph Oppenheim. ■

Washington County Public Library

First Experiment with Science Bags

We had our first experiment yesterday at Greendale Elementary's afterschool program. 10 children participated.



Submitted by Amanda Bailey, Youth and Branch Services Librarian. ■

"The public library serves many functions in a community. It is an adjunct to the public schools, a place where kids can do their homework. It is a day care center of sorts, where small children gather for story hour. It is a safe haven where senior citizens can pass the time in the company of others, where the unemployed can look for work. It is a place where the lonely can be less lonely, the bored less bored, the dejected less dejected, and the ignorant more enlightened. It is the one place in a small town where teenagers cannot possibly get into serious trouble. Well, not without really setting their minds to it."

"In Praise of Libraries"

Joe Queenan

The Rotarian, March 2015 issue

Mini-Maker Festival

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Many more pictures may be found on the library's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/powhatanlibrary> ■

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library

Winter Reading Display

At Blacksburg Branch.

Submitted by Sarah Pahl. ■



Newsletter Attachments

Chesterfield County Public Library

☑ Is hosting **Jarrett Krosoczka**, creator of Lunch Lady, on March 13. Submitted by Jennifer Shepley

Williamsburg Regional Library

☑ Congratulations to **Nathan Hale**, author of *One Dead Spy*, which was the **2015 Beacon of Freedom Award Winner**. The Beacon of Freedom Award was presented through 2015 to a book that introduced American history, from Colonial times through the Civil War, to children in a historically-accurate and engaging manner. The award was a joint program of The Williamsburg Regional Library and Colonial Williamsburg. The Disabled American Veterans Patrick Henry Chapter 34 provided funding. Pictured are the 2015 student participants

☑ **Sheepish Storytime**: On February 21, 2015, Youth Services Librarians Laurie Ziegler and Heather Hamblin presented a sheep-themed storytime, with stories, rhymes, and a craft. 95 children and their caregivers participated, and were delighted to meet three lambs, owned by Adult Services Librarian Jan Marry.

Submitted by Sandy Towers, Youth Services Director ■

Training Opportunity

Project Enable: Learn How to Create Inclusive and Accessible Libraries That Meet the Needs of All Students

Project ENABLE (<http://projectenable.syr.edu>) provides free, foundational training, designed specifically for public, academic or school librarians worldwide, to help them gain the knowledge and skills needed to create inclusive and accessible libraries that meet the needs of all students. Teachers, administrators, and parents are also welcome to use the site to learn, review or update their learning in this area.



This unique training site allows librarians to designate their library type and location (state) on their registration form and receive content that is tailored just for them. In addition, training can be customized for individual or group use. The site is free and open to all who can benefit from this training.

We recently launched our newly redesigned Project ENABLE training web site and expanded its target audience of school librarians to include public and academic librarians. In doing so, we believe we are providing a unique and innovative combination of features, including:

- ☑ A site design based on instructional and motivational theories and models and pilot tested several times during its development. The site consists of five learning modules covering multiple topics and sub-topics. They include:
 - ◆ **Disability Awareness** (person-first language and sensitivity, students' perspective (videos by students with disabilities), experiencing disability (covering autism spectrum disorder, Asperger's syndrome, ADHD, dyslexia, hearing and vision impairments, physical disabilities).
 - ◆ **Disability Law & Policy** (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, IEPs, Americans with Disabilities Act).
 - ◆ **Creating an Accessible Library** (Universal Design, evaluating your library's accessibility, library accessibility action plan, facilities design, collection development, library policies and procedures, leadership and advocacy).
 - ◆ **Planning Inclusive Programs and Instruction** (motivating diverse learners, Universal Design for Learning, differentiated instruction, collaboration, inclusive programs or lessons with examples, assessment).



- ◆ **Assistive Technology in Libraries** (what is assistive technology, assistive technology for every disability, implementing and evaluating assistive technology, web accessibility).
- ☑ **Training that is customized according to a type of library setting (school, academic, public) and location (state).** That means that, for example, a school librarian from Florida who registers for Project ENABLE training will automatically receive information most relevant to a school library setting with any state-specific information included.
- ☑ **The option for librarians to register as individuals or for administrators or trainers to register a group or class.** So, for example, if a public library director wishes to have all of the librarians in the library system participate in the training, he or she can register them as a group. The system will automatically generate a code for that group which each of those trainees then use when they register. The administrator can then monitor the progress and achievement of the group and each individual within the group throughout the training.
- ☑ **The opportunity to take an Initial Assessment, a 30-item, multiple choice test that assesses knowledge in all of the areas covered in the training.** The items are randomly generated from a pool of over 300 items so it can be retaken, if necessary, with little chance of getting the exact same items. Feedback on accuracy of responses is immediate. There is also a Final Assessment that the trainee can take after completing the training modules, allowing comparison to the Initial Assessment to demonstrate learning success. Each training module has a brief quiz (5 multiple choice items, randomly generated from a pool of 50+ items) at the end of the module that tests the trainee only on the content within that module. Again, the trainee receives immediate feedback on the accuracy of responses and can retake a quiz multiple times with little chance of getting exactly the same questions.
- ☑ **A variety of formats including text, videos, graphics, photos, audio files, links to relevant sites, games, interactive activities, evaluation checklists (e.g., accessibility of the library facility), and fill-in templates for creating action plans for ensuring an accessible library and designing inclusive lesson plans.** We've even included a facilities redesign exercise that provides a graphic representation of a library floor plan with furniture that can be manipulated to help in redesigning the library to make it accessible to all users.
- ☑ **A "My Ideas" feature allows the trainee to take notes or jot down ideas while progressing through the training.** These notes and ideas, as well as test and quiz scores, are saved to the trainee's password-protected personal page called "My Account" for reference at any time.
- ☑ **A certificate of achievement, available (and printable) to any trainee successfully completing all of the training and assessments.** This certificate may serve as evidence of completion of approximately 20 hours of professional development.

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Project Enable

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Project ENABLE is a partnership of the Center for Digital Literacy (CDL), the School of Information Studies (iSchool@Syracuse) and the Burton Blatt Institute (BBI) at Syracuse University. Funding support for Project ENABLE was provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

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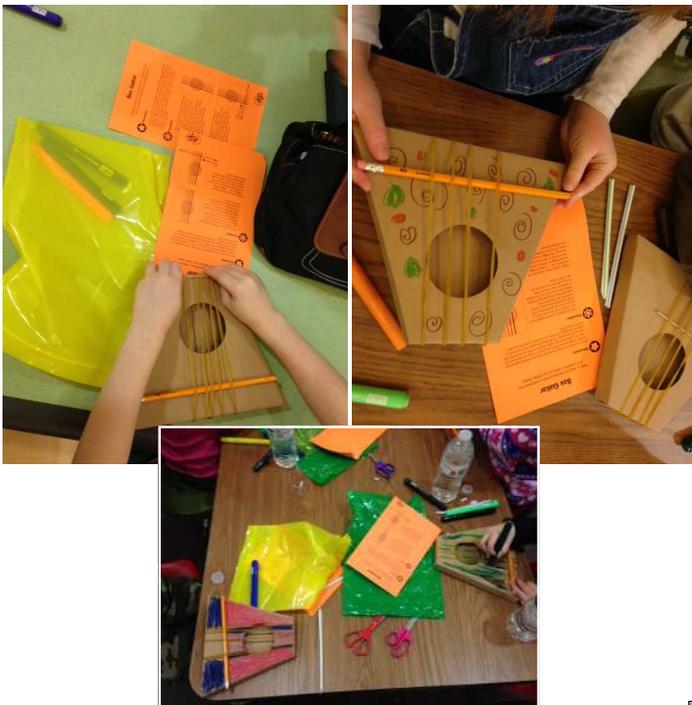
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Waynesboro Public Library

Experiments with Sound

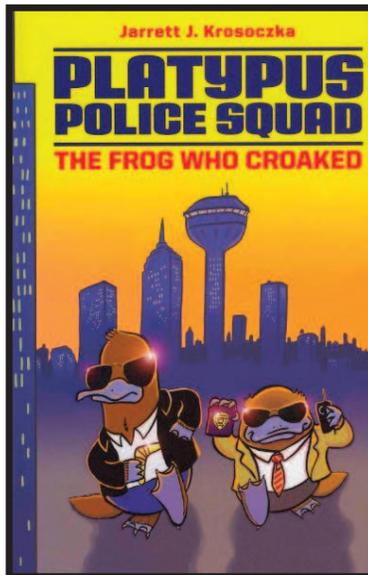
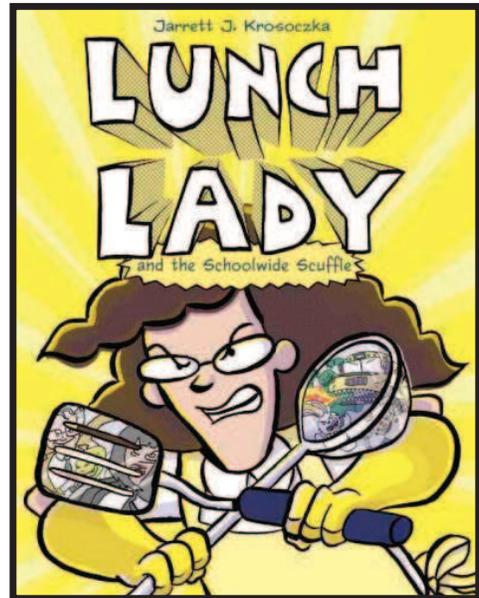
These are some photos of our **MasterMinds STEAM club** making **box guitars** from the **Science Bags**. This was part of our **Experiments with Sound**. We also made musical straws and made noise by blowing air across the bottle tops. We talked about sound vibrations or waves and how we hear.

— Claire Covington ■



Chesterfield County Public Library presents

Meet Jarrett
Krosoczka, Creator
of Lunch Lady



A spatu-coptor? Cannoli-oculars? Must be the spy equipment of Lunch Lady! Jarrett Krosoczka, who writes and illustrates this more-than-meets-the-eye hero, is also the author of Punk Farm, Platypus Police Squad and numerous other children's books. Hear about his career and work, and see him draw on stage!

Friday, March 13

7-8:30 p.m.

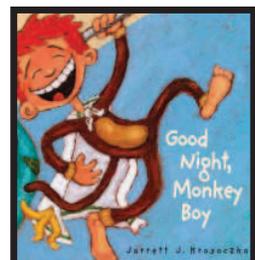
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Technical Center @ Hull

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(formerly Clover Hill High School on Hull Street Road)

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"Sheepish" Storytime

Williamsburg Regional Library

February 21, 2015

