

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

Week of August 10, 2015

No. 216

Northumberland Public Library

Read to the Dogs

August brings the dog days of summer, and that was especially true at the Northumberland Public Library on August 4. That's when the library's first "Read to the Dogs" event made its 2015 debut.

Children of any age come in for one designated hour every Tuesday in August at 10 a.m. Kids read aloud – with either their own book or a book from the library – for 10 minutes or so to a docile dog. Dog handlers will read aloud to non-readers who want to share in the fun. The free program, which runs until August 25, started last summer.



On hand at the 2015 debut were three dogs and their owners: **Lucien** and owner **Brynna Brennan**, **Pepper** and owner **Laurie Morissette**, and **Reille** accompanied by owner **Marti Nelson**.

"I'm glad it's still going on," said Nelson, who also participated last summer. "It helps the kids get back into the swing of things."

Morissette said this was the first day for Pepper and the dog "is getting used to it. He likes



(Continued on page 3)

Campbell County Public Library

CCPL System Comic-Con

On Saturday, August 1st from 10 am to 2pm at the Rustburg Library in Rustburg, Virginia, the Campbell County Public Library System had their first Comic-Con event as a Summer Reading grand finale to "Every Hero Has A Story".



This event acquired a lot of interest and over 600 patrons attended this free event that was held with much anticipation. The library portioned off its main parking lot to make enough room for our real superheroes – Rustburg Rescue Squad, Campbell County Sheriff's Office, and the Rustburg Volunteer Fire Department. The parking lot also held outdoor games, two food trucks, and a Batmobile.



Inside you could find LaserTag Source who brought blow up bumpers and laser tag devices for adults and kids to use. Our Vendor Alley which included comic

(Continued on page 4)

Youth Services Notes

is issued weekly by

Enid Costley
 Children's and Youth Services Consultant
 Library Development and Networking
 Library of Virginia
 800 East Broad Street
 Richmond, Virginia 23219-1905
 Phone: 804.692.3765
 Fax: 804.692.3771
 E-mail: enid.costley@lva.virginia.gov
 Extranet: www.vpl.virginia.gov

Financial support is provided by IMLS.

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. This newsletter project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Thanks for the photos and information!

- ◇ **Katie Lane**, Campbell County Public Library
- ◇ **Catherine Wyatt**, Library of Virginia
- ◇ **Don Hirst**, Northumberland Public Library
- ◇ **Kathryn Lebert**, Virginia Shakespeare Initiative
- ◇ The usual resources — VLA, Lunar and Planetary Institute, PUBYAC, YALSA



Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

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

National Conferences

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

Workshops / Early Literacy Activity Center (ELAC) Exchanges

September 9-10, 2015..... Library of Virginia Fall Youth Services Workshop..... Richmond

September 16-17, 2015..... Library of Virginia Coaching Workshop..... Burke

October 1, 2015..... STEM Training..... Wytheville

October 2, 2015..... STEM Training..... Chatham

October 9, 2015..... STEM Training..... Franklin

October 27, 2015..... STEM Training..... Bedford

November 5, 2015..... STEM Training..... Chesterfield

November 6, 2015..... STEM Training..... Fishersville

November 13, 2015..... STEM Training..... King George

Online Courses

September 7–October 2, 2015..... Importance of Play..... online

Read to the Dogs

Continued from page 1

seeing the children.” This was the second year for Brennan and her dog Lucien. “It’s great to see the kids read to the dogs,” Brennan said. “They really seem to enjoy it.”



Children agreed with that assessment. Typical was Brayden Newsome, 7. “It was fun,” he said.

Submitted by Don Hirst, Publicist. 

Celebrating William Shakespeare First-ever Virginia Shakespeare Initiative (VSI) Launches Website

The Virginia Shakespeare Initiative (VSI), a statewide commemoration of the upcoming 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare’s death on April 23, 2016, has officially launched a website to share and promote Shakespeare programming in Virginia occurring from August 2015 through December 2016.



The new website, [VASHakespeare.org](http://vashakespeare.org) (<http://vashakespeare.org/>) includes a calendar of events for all ages celebrating the Bard and a blog on the connections to and interpretations of Shakespeare across Virginia. With the goal to encourage broad public awareness, accessibility, and participation, the website allows users to filter through events by date or region and learn more about the genius and impact of Shakespeare.

The events, which will continue to be added to the site throughout the initiative, are diverse and creative, ranging from an **artists’ book production of *Hamlet* by the Virginia Arts of the Book Center** to an **all-ages time-travel Shakespeare adventure hosted by Henrico County Public Libraries**. The Virginia Festival of the Arts has also planned a **flower show inspired by the flora described in Shakespeare’s works**.

[VASHakespeare.org](http://vashakespeare.org) also features a **News section** in blog format. Contributor Dr. Imtiaz Habib of Old

Dominion University, who is hosting a series of Shakespeare programs at ODU throughout the anniversary year, notes that “the material traces of Shakespeare’s world linger especially in Virginia, a commonwealth that began in his lifetime as an economic undertaking by people he knew well.” The blog will continue to make connections between Shakespeare and Virginia, including a forthcoming interview with Shakespeare scholar Dr. Hank Dobin of Washington and Lee University, whose ideas sparked the development of the Virginia Shakespeare Initiative.

All are encouraged to explore the site, submit planned Shakespeare programming, or subscribe to the VSI newsletter at VASHakespeare.org.

To receive updates about upcoming events and to remain continuously engaged in this anniversary, **join the initiative on Facebook** and invite Shakespeare into your online conversation with **#VASHakespeare**.

This initiative began through the partnership of the American Shakespeare Center (ASC), Virginia Commission for the Arts (VCA), Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH), and Washington and Lee University (W&L). Together, this Planning Committee coordinated a larger partner network with more than 18 organizations across the state, including arts and tourism councils, school and college systems, and library and museum associations.

Organizations and individuals across the state are enthusiastically invited to participate by developing programs occurring between September 2015 and December 2016 that will explore and commemorate Shakespeare’s genius and impact.

Press Release from Katie Lebert, Virginia Shakespeare Initiative, August 4, 2015. Attached to Email sent to Virginia Library Association Google Groups list, August 4, 2015. 

A Library of Virginia Resource

Document Bank of Virginia

Document Bank of Virginia (DBVa) is the Library of Virginia’s initiative to get documents into classrooms. Using primary sources, teachers and librarians can make history relevant to students while helping them learn and understand state standards. DBVa will teach students to be critical thinkers as they analyze the original documents and draw their own conclusions about Virginia’s past.

Check out Document Bank of Virginia, at <http://edu.lva.virginia.gov/dbva/>

Catherine Fitzgerald Wyatt
Education and Programs Assistant
Public Services and Outreach
Library of Virginia
804-692-3999 / catherine.wyatt@lva.virginia.gov 



CCPL System Comic-Con

Continued from page 1



© Photography by Toby

book stores, a local Star Trek organization, Barnes & Noble, GameStop, cosplay costume creators, local pro wrestlers, and more were packed throughout the day. The library also created a Harry Potter experience that included scenes from the Great Hall, floating invitations, and Platform 9 ¾. In addition, we also had a Super Mario experience which included coins, characters, ghosts, and the theme song on repeat. The library also included a lot of crafts, LEGO competitions, trivia, and workshops for people of all ages.



© Photography by Toby



© Photography by Toby



© Photography by Toby



© Photography by Toby



© Photography by Toby



© Photography by Toby

More pictures on page 5



**“My pen is my harp and my lyre;
my library is my garden
and my orchard.”**

**~ Judah Ha-Levi ~
Spanish poet, Physician**

CCPL System Comic-Con

Continued from page 4



Submitted by
Katie Lane,
Program Manager. 

YALSA

Items of Interest For Youth Services Librarians

Connect with Youth-Focused Leaders in your State

We've recently added new contacts to our list of state-level youth service providers on our wiki: <http://ow.ly/QcxNP>. Find out about your state's College Access Network, access state-by-state reports on college and career readiness and more! Leverage these contacts to amplify the services you provide for and with the teens in your state.

It's Not too Late to Plan a Great Teen Read Week™!

We have everything libraries need to plan great TRW activities at www.ala.org/teenread. We're encouraging libraries to reach out and engage teens who don't normally come to the library, whether they're homeless, in foster care, recent immigrants or some other segment of the community. Reaching some of these groups can be a challenge, but YALSA has resources to help on our wiki: <http://ow.ly/QcA3p>

Show what You Know!

YALSA's Badges for Librarians are sort of like those old Girl Scout badges—except ours are digital and they show what skills library staff have mastered in relation to serving teens. Help get the word out about this free continuing education resource and learn more at <http://yalsabadges.ala.org/>

An Easy Way to Wrap up Summer Reading/Learning

The 2015 Teens' Top Ten nominated titles have been posted online since April. Beginning August 15th and running through Teen Read Week™, please help YALSA by encouraging the teens in your state to go online and vote for their favorite books at www.ala.org/yalsa/reads4teens. Bookmark the page on your web site and join the discussion on Twitter with #ttt15.

Core Professional Values for Library Staff Serving Teens

This new document from YALSA includes nine core values that define professionalism for those who work for and with teens through libraries. Additionally, this document provides examples of sample indicators for practices that resonate with each value. View them online: www.ala.org/yalsa/core-professional-values-teen-services-profession

Are You in our State Directory?

Please help us keep state contact information up to date so we can stay in touch! Anyone can edit or add 

content to this wiki page by creating a (free) account. http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/State_Level_YA_Services_Contacts

Planning a State Conference?

If you'd like YALSA to present a program, staff an exhibit booth or co-host a social event, please get in touch with our Member Relations Guru, Letitia Smith, at lsmith@ala.org or 312.280.4390. We'd love to come hang out with you! To see what states are already on our list to visit, check out <http://ow.ly/popSj>

Upcoming YALSA Activities & Events

- **August 15**, voting opens for the Teens' Top Ten, www.ala.org/yalsa/reads4teens
- **August 20**, webinar on outreach to teens, www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars
- **September 1**, call for 2016 YA Services Symposium program & paper proposals opens.
- **September 15**, early bird registration ends for the YA Services Symposium, www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium
- **September 17**, webinar on college readiness programming, www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars
- **October 15**, webinar on adolescent development, www.ala.org/yalsa/webinars
- **October 18 – 24**, Teen Read Week, www.ala.org/teenread
- **Week of October 26**, Teens' Top Ten winners announced, www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten
- **November 1**, deadline to apply for literacies grant via this online form, <http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/5f50dn6UW7TdzuSRFdL>
- **November 6-8**, YALSA Young Adult Services Symposium, www.ala.org/yalsa/yasymposium
- **December 1st**, most of YALSA's grants, awards, and scholarship applications due, www.ala.org/yalsa/awardsandgrants/yalsaawardsgrants
- **1st week of December**: finalists announced for the Morris and Nonfiction awards, www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists

Beth Yoke, CAE
Executive Director
Young Adult Library Services Association
byoke@ala.org

Email sent to State Library Youth Consultants, August 5, 2015. 

Lunar and Planetary Institute

Earth and Space Science News

The LPI Earth and Space Science News is available on our website, and also through a regularly updated RSS feed.

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/resources/news/>

Included in this issue:

- Link to the Perseid Meteor Shower, the International Observe the Moon Night, a total lunar eclipse, and more in **Calendar**
- Learn about a free STEM webinar on weather and climate, an astronomy course at Rice University, the Mars Rover teacher workshops at the University of Houston, and the MAVEN elementary workshops in Colorado and Oregon at **Workshops and Courses**
- Check out the Texas Association for Environmental Education conference, LPI's presentation of "NASA's Exploration of Ceres and Pluto: An Update," World Space Week, International Observe the Moon Night, JPL's lecture "Drought: Are We In or Out?", and the CosmoQuest / CLSE Google Hangouts in **Events**
- Join the NITARP teacher astronomy research program or the Global Precipitation Measurement Mission's Master Teacher Cohort, and participate in a poll to guess what's creating bright spots on Ceres, a citizen science soil moisture project, the Why Space Matters photo competition, Earth Science Week contests, and the "Where Over the World is Astronaut Scott Kelly?" geography trivia contest in **Get Involved**
- Apply for grants and awards from NCTM's 2015 Middle School Student Engagement grants, from Captain Planet Foundation grants, from NSTA, from the Voya Unsung Heroes Awards program, from the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards, and from the Lowe's Toolbox for Education program in **Grants and Awards**
- Connect to compelling geoscience visualizations, ASP's issues of the Universe in the Classroom, an information hub on critical geoscience issues, a program to simulate Mars in 3D with the Curiosity rover, geoscience resources in Spanish, a solar system version of Angry Birds Space, and a free online Mars Trek in **Resources**



- Read about our latest observations of Pluto, the first near-Earth sized planet in its star's habitable zone, the migration of stars in the Milky Way galaxy, the largest feature discovered in the Universe, mysterious bright spots on Ceres, the end of the Universe, and auroras on Mars in **Mission News and Science**

Email from Christine Shupla, Education Lead, Lunar and Planetary Institute, August 11, 2015 

From PUBYAC

Apply for the 2016 Penguin Young Readers Grant Award

ALSC and the Grants Administration Committee are now accepting online applications for the 2016 Penguin Young Readers Group Awards.

This award, made possible by an annual gift from Penguin Young Readers Group, **provides a \$600 stipend for up to four children's librarians to attend their first ALA Annual Conference in Orlando.**

Each applicant will be judged on the following:

- Involvement in ALSC, as well as any other professional or educational association of which the applicant was a member, officer, chairman, etc.;
- New programs or innovations started by the applicants at the library in which he/she works;
- Library experience.

Applicants must be personal members of ALSC, as well as ALA members to apply. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, October 1, 2015. For more information about the award requirements and submitting the online application please visit the Penguin Young Readers Group Award Web page: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/penguinyoungreadersgroupaward>

Posted August 11, 2015 by Dan Bostrom 

"The oldest books are still only just out to those who have not read them"

~ Samuel Butler ~

