

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

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From Enid's desk . . .

Study on the Impact of Summer Reading Program in Virginia: Final Report and Webinar

December 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

December 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

In 2013 the Library of Virginia, with funds from the Institute for Museum and Library Service, partnered with the Virginia Department of Education to commission McREL to conduct a study on the Impact of the Summer Reading Program offered by the Public Libraries in Virginia.

In the third report we shared that:

- ◇ Children and teens who attended summer reading programs performed better academically and experienced greater gains in their academic performance than their nonparticipating peers. Participants out-performed nonparticipants on tests across all measures and grades, kindergarten through 8.
- ◇ The effect of summer reading programs did not differ by gender, limited English proficiency status, or economically disadvantaged status.

During this webinar we will be sharing the fourth and final report of the study.



What is the long-term impact of participation in the summer reading program on children's and teens' reading outcomes?

In addition, it also addresses three sub questions:

- Does the summer reading program's impact on reading outcomes endure more than one year following participation?
- How many children participate in the summer reading program for more than one year, and what are the characteristics of these repeat participants?

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Pittsylvania County Public Library

KEVA Wood Construction at Gretna Branch Library

Our home school connection group enjoyed a tall tale about lumberjack **Paul Bunyan**. After the tale, participants used KEVA wood "lumber" from our Pittsylvania County STEM program to construct items like those made by early settlers.

Submitted by Debra M. Thompson, Youth Services Specialist



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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Study on the Impact of Summer Reading Program

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- ☑ How do the reading outcomes and growth patterns of repeat participants differ from nonparticipants and from those participating during a single summer?

Please note: After you complete the registration, you will be given the opportunity to print a ticket. The ticket contains the website and log in information to participate in the webinar.

Register at:

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

or go to:

<http://vpl.virginia.gov/youth-services/>

and find the event – SRP Study - Webinar. 

Powhatan County Public Library

Youth Services Coordinator Position Open

Compensation: \$13.67 per hour, 20 hours per week; Open until filled

Position Objectives

The County of Powhatan is currently seeking a qualified part-time person to plan and coordinate the activities of the Library's Youth Services program. Job duties will include, but are not limited to, developing and maintaining the children's book collections, preparing and coordinating programming for children and teens, including story-time and summer reading events. Planning and conducting outreach activities with 4 H, local public schools and other community organizations, assisting patrons at the front desk, and other duties as required.

Desirable Training and Experience

Minimum Training and Experience – Bachelor's degree in a course of study related to the position, knowledge of library science, policies and procedures and youth services principles, and one to two years' experience in a library setting, or any combination of the skills and abilities needed. Applicant must have excellent communication and customer service skills. Any professional training or experience with children above the minimum requirements is preferred.

Interested candidates should submit a Powhatan County employment application. The position is open until filled. Applications may be obtained at the Powhatan County HR office, 3834 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, VA 23139 or at www.powhatanva.gov. The County of Powhatan is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages women and minorities to apply.

<http://www.powhatanva.gov/index.asp?>

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Newport News Public Library

Days of the Dead Celebration Caps Hispanic Heritage Programs

The traditional Mexican celebration of **Days of the Dead** takes place on November 1st and 2nd but this did not deter participants from learning about the celebration and enjoying "pan de muerto" (typical Day of the Dead bread) and Mexican chocolate during a program at [Grissom Library](#) this past October 27.

The bilingual program started with a short presentation on the cultural and historical background of this colorful Mexican festivity and introducing relevant Spanish vocabulary; there was also sharing of different ways of celebrating the festivity throughout Mexico from some of the participants. Different craft stations allowed children, teens and adults to make skull masks, dancing skeleton puppets and much more. The program included the creation of an altar, where participants could add photos or mementos of friends or family who have passed. The altar will remain at Grissom Library until November 2nd.

High school volunteers provided much needed help manning the different stations and assisting young children with crafts. The program allowed multiple generations to interact and learn together, the age of participants ranged from 2 years to adult. Survey feedback has been overwhelmingly positive for this type of programming and the NNPLS hopes to make this a yearly tradition.

For copies of the presentation or a bibliography, please email Maria Mena (mmena@nnva.gov). Photos of the event can be found on Flickr at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nnpubliclibraries/sets/72157658108592934/>

Submitted by Maria Mena,

Family and Youth Services Coordinator 

“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.”

~ Charles W. Eliot ~

Lynchburg Public Library

Fall Break Week

These are pictures from our Fall Break Week at the Lynchburg Public Library.

The Lynchburg City Schools are operating on a new school calendar and many students were out of school all week. Attendance for the week totaled 479! Our special programs included:

- Scary Movie Event for Teens - included free pizza and drinks. Teens voted on their movie choice.
- Chess for Kids - ages 9-14, all skill levels, a very active group that is run by volunteers.
- The Virginia Wildlife Center's "Legends of the Night: Owls," program, which drew over 200 people. The outreach coordinator brought an Eastern Screech Owl, a Barred Owl, and a Great Horned Owl.
- Lynchburg's Nature Zone drew a crowd over 150 and brought a box turtle, a toad, and an African hissing cockroach. Children were able to touch the animals.
- Harry Potter Party for Tweens - Close to fifty 8-12-year-olds dressed up in their Harry Potter costumes and enjoyed an hour of fun activities: quidditch, photo booth, trivia, honeydukes snacks, and house sorting. We then watched the first movie, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.

-- Beverly Blair, Supervisor of Youth Services



Hampton Public Library Babygarten Costume Parade and Program 2015

These are pictures of the Babygarten program
2015 Costume Parade at the Hampton Public
Library.

-- Maria Dillon





Dates to Remember

Virginia Conferences

May 2, 2016 VLA Professional Associates Annual Conference Williamsburg
 October 26-28, 2016 VLA Annual Conference Hot Springs

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

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

Webinars

December 9, 2015 McREL Study on the Impact of the Summer Reading Program 10:00 a.m.
 December 10, 2015 McREL Study on the Impact of the Summer Reading Program 2:00 p.m.

Thanks for the photos and information!

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- ◇ Maria Mena, Newport News Public Library System
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- ◇ Peggy Martin, Powhatan County Public Library