WRL SAYS GOODBYE TO NOREEN BERNSTEIN

On May 29, Williamsburg Regional Library hosted a reception honoring Noreen Bernstein, who retired June 1 after 27 years of service as Youth Services Director. In these years Noreen has witnessed and been a part of tremendous growth of the library and its services. When she first took the position, she was the only full-time person in Youth Services (there were three part-time employees to help her). Now Youth Services boasts 10 full-time and two part-time employees, and there are two beautiful library buildings.

It is always interesting to learn how someone finds the career that was meant to be. For Noreen, her first introduction to work in a library came during a brief employment at the New York Historical Society when she was just out of college and before she moved into full-time employment in the publishing world. She first worked as photo-editor for *Americana Encyclopedia*. Next she became a “conduit” between children's illustrators and publishers, mostly for textbooks. Eventually, she and her husband, who also worked in publishing, decided to leave New York for a slower pace of living and found themselves in Winchester, VA, where Noreen was the Children's Librarian at Handley Regional Library. During the seven years that they lived in Winchester, both Noreen and her husband commuted to the University of Maryland in College Park to earn Masters Degrees in Library Science.

Noreen says that Youth Services' goal is “to provide something for everyone.” The scope of opportunities that Youth Services provides demonstrates that commitment. Among others, there is the immensely popular Summer Reading Program for youth of all ages; a weekly storytime with stories chosen around themes inspired by guest presenters; an outreach division that visits recreation sites in Williamsburg and James City County and York County and sends a vehicle into neighborhoods and to summer school programs; the Mother Goose program that encourages mothers of newborns to read to their children; and recreation and entertainment programs, such as a Lego Club and children's films on the big screen in the library's theater. No wonder that Youth Services needs a staff of 12!

Noreen reflects that learning “more about how the brain works has changed how we've done things to make them better.” She is grateful that the “extremely generous financial assistance from the Friends” has helped to make many of the programs possible. And FWRL is grateful that a dedicated, creative, forward-thinking professional has helped to develop such a diversified youth program for WRL. Thank you, Noreen!
On view in the Williamsburg Library Gallery:
515 Scotland Street - open during regular library hours

Through July 18 - James City County Parks and Recreation - Oil Painting, Drawing and Pastel Students from Ann Kushnick’s Art Class

July 21 through September 8 - Virginia Master Naturalists Exhibit

07/03 - Thursday Films - Grand Hotel
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1932)
Berlin’s plumpest, most expensive hotel is the setting where, in the words of Dr. Otternschlag, “People come, people go. Nothing ever happens.” The doctor is usually drunk so he misses the fact that Baron von Geigern is broke and is trying to steal eccentric dancer Grusinskaya’s pearls, but ends up stealing her heart instead. Powerful German businessman Preysing browbeats his lowly bookkeeper, Kringelein, but in the end it is Kringelein who holds all the cards. Meanwhile, the Baron also steals the heart of Preysing’s mistress, Flaemmchen, but in the end, she doesn’t end up with either one of them.

07/10 - Thursday Films - Love in the Afternoon
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1957)
Frank Flannegan, an American playboy infamous for his scandalous affairs is smitten by Ariane, the beautiful, innocent daughter of the worldly detective, hired by a man who believes that Frank is carrying on with his wife. Frank turns out to be no match for Ariane and they stumble through one of the funniest seductions.

07/15 - Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Group Meeting
7:00 p.m. - JCCL
To R.S.V.P. e-mail: rtred@cox.net
This month’s topic: Anything to escape an HOA: Colonizing Other Worlds

07/17 - Thursday Films - Week-end at the Waldorf
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1945)
Welcome to New York’s posh Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Your suite is waiting, and so are romance, glamour, comedy and drama played with great flair by an all-star cast.

07/31 - Thursday Films - Hotel
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1967)
Through the doors of the St. Gregory, a posh, aging luxury hotel in the lusty New Orleans French Quarter, pass the powerful, the proud and the predatory. Among them are the bigoted owner, a tough-minded general manager, an arrogant Duchess who dominates her weak-willed husband, a Bible-thumping tycoon who’ll invoke any means to add the St. Gregory to his conformity-stamped hotel chain, a duplicitous detective and a thief with a briefcase full of room keys, compliments of the town’s hookers.

Join our e-mail list to find out about new Gab Bags and other resources for book groups:
www.wrl.org/book-groups

FIND NEW FAVORITE BOOKS AND AUTHORS THIS SUMMER

If you are looking for new authors or titles to take with you on vacation or just to enjoy in the backyard this summer, why not get some suggestions from the librarians at the Williamsburg Regional Library? The library's “Looking for a Good Book?” service allows readers to create a profile of their personal reading interests. Librarians then develop custom reading lists, based on books and authors that the readers have already enjoyed as well as on the readers’ literary likes and dislikes. Since service began in October 2003, over 1000 readers have taken advantage of the service, using either the library’s paper or web-based questionnaire to create a profile of their personal reading interests.

“Looking for a Good Book?” reader profiles are available in print at both library locations, or you can fill out the form online at www.wrl.org/lfgb. So get a list of titles that just might end up being your new favorites and enjoy your summer reading!
JULY FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Things are booming at the library during July! Our Family Film series begins this month, and Wednesday performances include magicians, puppets, ballet for kids, and musical shows for the whole family.

It's not too late to sign up for Summer Reading, which continues into the month of August. All children living in Williamsburg, James City County and York County are eligible to participate. Special thanks to the Herbert Friedman Library Fund and Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library for their support of Summer Reading Programs.

**07/01** - Family Film - *The Lego Movie*  
10:30 a.m. - WL

**07/02** - Magic of Krendl  
11:00 a.m. - WL  
2:00 p.m. - JCCL

**07/08** - Family Film - *The Nut Job*  
10:30 a.m. - WL

**07/09** - C-Shells  
11:00 a.m. - WL  
2:00 p.m. - JCCL

**07/09** - Duct Tape Craft  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL  
All materials provided. Ages 13-18.

**07/12** - Open Lego Play (ages 5+)  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - JCCL

**07/15** - Family Film - *Planes*  
10:30 a.m. - WL

**07/16** - Concert Ballet of Virginia Presents “Mother Goose Tales”  
11:00 a.m. - WL  
1:30 p.m. - WL

**07/16** - Teen Advisory Group  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - WL  
One volunteer hour will be given. Ages 13-18.

**07/17** - Chesapeake Bay Adventures Virginia Living Museum  
3:00 p.m. - JCCL

**07/19** - Paracord Bracelet Craft  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - WL  
All materials and instruction provided. Sign up by calling 259-4050. Ages 13-18.

**07/19** - Open Lego Play (ages 5+)  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL

**07/20** - Paws to Read  
2:30 p.m. - WL

**07/21** - Summer Book Club Meeting  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - WL  
Discussion of Tankborn, by Karen Sandler will be followed by a Skype author visit. Also pick up Ender’s Game, by Orson Scott Card for August discussion and movie from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Sign up by calling 259-4050. Ages 13-18.

**07/23** - Peter McCory’s One Man Band  
11:00 a.m. - WL  
2:30 p.m. - JCCL

**07/24** - Anime Club Meeting  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - WL  
Join us for our monthly meeting and share your love of Anime. Ages 13-18.

**07/28** - Clowning Around With Shakespeare  
2:00 p.m. - JCCL

**07/29** - Clowning Around With Shakespeare  
11:00 a.m. - WL

**07/30** - Barefoot Puppets Presents Ooey Gooey Poetry  
11:00 a.m. - WL  
4:00 p.m. - JCCL

Catch-A-Craft - Tuesdays in July  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - WL  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - WL

Catch-A-Craft - Fridays in July (excludes 7/4)  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - JCCL  
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. - JCCL

STORYTIMES  
Storytimes at WRL are planned by trained professionals to promote emergent literacy and a love of books with young children and to share ideas for using books, music, movement, and activities with parents and early childhood educators.

**MONDAYS**  
All Ages Storytime  
10:30 a.m. - WL

**TUESDAYS**  
All Ages Storytime  
10:30 a.m. - JCCL

**WEDNESDAYS**  
Baby Storytime (birth-2)  
10:30 a.m. - JCCL

**THURSDAYS**  
All Ages Storytime  
10:30 a.m. - WL
FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOK SALE FIGURES:

month to date $7,017.10
year to date $38,802.82
Internet sales to date $5,563.55

Book Nook sales are ongoing at both library locations and include hardbacks, paperbacks, magazines, CDs, records, and more at low prices. Proceeds go towards special library programs and the purchase of new library materials.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Featured Class – Best Genealogy Websites
Discover the best free websites for genealogical research. Find digitized newspapers, obituaries, court and vital records, and more with websites including Chronicling America, Find-a-Grave, the Library of Virginia, and FamilySearch.
- Prerequisite: Some knowledge of computers and the Internet
July 24, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - JCCL e-CLIC Room

Please note: We will be working on revising our class syllabi in August and will be offering only the Basic Computers: Cut/Copy/Paste and Basic Computers: Mouse classes. Please try out Atomic Training, which offers thousands of short training videos covering over 500 software applications for PCs, Macs, and tablets at www.wrl.org/find-it-online/atomic-training or ask the Adult Services Reference desk for other sources of free online classes. Check back with us in September!

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Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Libraries CLOSED July 4

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Call 259-7720 for more information or to register for a class.