HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE FRIENDS OF WRL!

The Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library celebrate the arrival of 2012 with new members of the Board of Directors. Dr. Ted Hiller will serve as the President for the coming year. He brings to the position his experience as Vice President and Membership Chair - and his boundless enthusiasm for the Friends and the work they do.
A longtime supporter of the Friends, Ted comments that "The Williamsburg Regional Library is a wonderful library - a community asset."

Joan Costello, another dedicated member of the Friends, will step into Ted's shoes as Vice President. Joan, who is also Co-Chair of the Library Book Nook Committee, can be found many hours a week organizing, sorting, and shelving donated books as well as supporting the Friends volunteers who give their time and expertise to the Book Nook enterprise.

The 2012 Board also welcomes At-Large Members Ethell Hill, Mike Caplice, and Jim Bowers. Mike joins the Friends Board after serving on the WRL Foundation Board for six years, five of which he spent as Treasurer. And Jim has just stepped down from a very successful year as President of the Christopher Wren Association. So that old adage proves to be true: "If you want the job done well, give it to a busy person!"

And kudos to Ray Wolf who completes a busy and fruitful year as President of the Friends Board. Under Ray's exceptional leadership, the Friends were able to provide a record amount of funding support for a variety of Library programs. A longtime Board member, Ray isn't ready to "retire." He'll serve as an At-Large Member on the 2012 Board. Thanks Ray!

The Board bade farewell to outgoing members Myrtle Engs, Claire Hurd, and Jean Cogle, all of whom have devoted an incredible amount of time and energy to the work of the Friends. While these three energetic folks have stepped down from their service on the Board, they remain extremely active in the Friends. We thank them for their years of dedicated service to the organization.

Ongoing Board members include Max Burry, Secretary; Evelyn Lee, Co-Chair - JCCL Book Nook; and Joseph Rountree, At-Large Member.

With the leadership of the Board, the Friends organization continues to provide support for many of your favorite Library programs. If you are not a member of the Friends, you can do your part, too. Fill out the membership form found in this newsletter, send it in with your membership dues, and become a member of an extraordinary program.

TAX TIME!

Starting January 2, select federal tax forms will be available at both library locations. Users can also download all tax forms from the IRS website at www.irs.gov. As a cost-saving measure, the state will not be providing libraries with state tax forms again this year. Forms will be available at the local Commissioner of Revenue offices and online from the Virginia Dept. of Taxation website at www.tax.virginia.gov. Instructions on downloading tax forms can be obtained at the Adult Services desk at both library locations.

The library's online tax webpage provides links to the IRS, the VA Dept. of Taxation, websites offering out-of-state tax forms, tax tips, and calculators. You can visit this one-stop-shop for taxes by visiting the library's homepage, www.wrl.org. The AARP Tax-Aide Program begins February 1.
**JANUARY 2012 PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY**

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<td><strong>Thursday Film - Anna and the King of Siam</strong></td>
<td>2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (unrated, 1946) In the 19th century, the kind of Siam (Rex Harrison) hires a British woman (Irene Dunne) to tutor his children but she soon becomes his friend and confidant. This non-musical melodrama is based on the 1870 memoir of Anna Leonowens.</td>
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<td>1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - WL Room B Call 259-7720 to register.</td>
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<td>2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - JCCL e-CLIC Call 259-7720 to register.</td>
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<td>01/12</td>
<td><strong>Celtic Film Series - When the Sky Falls</strong></td>
<td>7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (rated R, 2000) Fact-based story about Irish crime-investigating reporter Sinead Hamilton, who invaded the Irish underworld and attempted to expose the illegitimate activities she found. The Library presents the Celtic Film Series in cooperation with the Ancient Order of Hibernians.</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday Film - Mountains of the Moon</strong></td>
<td>2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (rated R, 1991) Victorian explorers Sir Richard Francis Burton and John Hanning Speke search for the source of the Nile River in this fact-based adventure film. Patrick Bergin and Ian Glen play Burton and Speke under the direction of Bob Rafelson.</td>
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<td>01/17</td>
<td><strong>With Paintbrush and Shovel: Preserving Virginia’s Wildflowers</strong></td>
<td>10:00 a.m. - WL Theatre This program showcases the botanical watercolors of Bessie Niemeyer Marshall, a Virginia artist who received scant recognition during her lifetime. Marshall’s beautiful paintings are the primary surviving record of a unique WPA project that put women to work creating a wildflower sanctuary in Petersburg, VA during the 1930s. Jointly presented by the Williamsburg Garden Club and the Petersburg Garden Club, and based on their book by that name. Free of charge and open to all.</td>
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<td><strong>Basic Computers II Class</strong></td>
<td>2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL Room B Call 259-7720 to register.</td>
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<td>01/17</td>
<td><strong>Italian Film Series - Johnny Staccchio</strong></td>
<td>7:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (rated R, 1991, Italian w/ English subtitles) The Marx Brothers meet the Godfather in this hilarious tale of mistaken identity that proves there is nothing organized about organized crime. Stars Oscar-winner Roberto Benigni. The Colonial Italian American Organization (CIAO) and the Library present these modern Italian film classics. Admission is free and open to all. No reservations needed. A reception follows each film in the Gallery.</td>
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<td>01/17</td>
<td><strong>Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Group Meeting</strong></td>
<td>7:00 p.m. - JCCL This month, we will feature the topic: Works of S.M. Stirling &amp; Larry Niven. E-mail Bob Snare at <a href="mailto:5tred@cox.net">5tred@cox.net</a> to R.S.V.P.</td>
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<td>01/18</td>
<td><strong>Intro. to Word 2007 Class</strong></td>
<td>2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL Room B Call 259-7720 to register.</td>
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<td><strong>W&amp;M Global Film Festival - Tekkon Kinkreet</strong></td>
<td>6:30 p.m. - WL Theatre (rated R, animated)</td>
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<td>01/19</td>
<td><strong>Thursday Film - She</strong></td>
<td>2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (unrated, 1935) An Arctic explorer discovers an exotic kingdom ruled by an immortal woman known as Ayesha, She Who Must Be Obeyed.</td>
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<td><strong>Basic Internet Class</strong></td>
<td>6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - JCCL e-CLIC Call 259-7720 to register.</td>
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<td><strong>Constitutional Conversations - The Federal Executive Power</strong></td>
<td>6:30 p.m. - WL Theatre Constitutional Conversations is co-sponsored by the library and The Institute of Bill of Rights Law at the William and Mary School of Law.</td>
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<td>01/19</td>
<td><strong>Third Thursdays @ Your Library - What You Should Know About Chronic Kidney Disease</strong></td>
<td>7:00 p.m. - Location TBA (Call 259-4050.) More than 20 million Americans suffer from Chronic Kidney Disease. Get current information about risk factors, prevention, and treatment of this debilitating condition from professional health educator Brenda Frame.</td>
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<td>01/21</td>
<td><strong>Mercy Creek</strong></td>
<td>7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre Virginia-based Mercy Creek performs original music they call aggressive folk rock. <strong>Tickets:</strong> $15 adults, $13 Friends of WRL and students. $8 under 16 Call 259-4070 to reserve.</td>
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<td>01/23</td>
<td><strong>Centuries of Art @ Your Library - Japanese Culture During the Edo Period</strong></td>
<td>7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre This program has been organized by the VMFA Office of Statewide Partnerships and is funded, in part, by the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund.</td>
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<td><strong>Basic Internet Class</strong></td>
<td>3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - WL Room B Call 259-7720 to register.</td>
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<td>01/24</td>
<td><strong>Internet Security Class</strong></td>
<td>6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - WL Room B Call 259-7720 to register.</td>
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<td><strong>W&amp;M Global Film Festival - Black Orpheus</strong></td>
<td>6:30 p.m. - WL Theatre (rated PG)</td>
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<td>01/26</td>
<td><strong>Thursday Film - Unconquered</strong></td>
<td>2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (unrated, 1947) Cecil B. De Mille's rousing adventure film stars Gary Cooper as a frontiersman trying to rescue his girl (Paulette Goddard) from a nefarious villain and prevent an Indian war.</td>
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<td><strong>Intro. to Excel 2007 Class</strong></td>
<td>2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - JCCL e-CLIC Call 259-7720 to register.</td>
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<td><strong>Discussing The Help</strong></td>
<td>7:00 p.m. - WL Theatre All Together, Inc. presents a facilitated discussion of the film, &quot;The Help,&quot; based on the book by Kathryn Stockett. Free</td>
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<td>01/28</td>
<td><strong>Advanced Internet: Browsers &amp; More Class</strong></td>
<td>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - JCCL e-CLIC Call 259-7720 to register.</td>
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<td>01/30</td>
<td><strong>Centuries of Art @ Your Library - Egyptomania!</strong></td>
<td>7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre This program has been organized by the VMFA Office of Statewide Partnerships and is funded, in part, by the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund.</td>
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CALL TO BATTLE: THE 2012 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS BEGINS

In 2012 we will celebrate the twenty second year of our Battle of the Books. All of our schools are welcome to join in the fun. The program includes a Battle for grades 4-5 and a second Battle for grades 6-8. The reading lists are available in both buildings and on Mobile Library Services vehicles. Practices start Jan. 9.

Mondays at WL - Grades 4-5 at 4:45 p.m.; JCCL - Grades 4-5 at 4:45 p.m.
Tuesdays at WL - Grades 6-8 at 3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at JCCL - Grades 6-8 at 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays at WL - Grades 4-5 at 4:45 p.m.

WEEKEND FUN
Sunday, January 8 - Paws to Read at WL
Saturday, January 14 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid at JCCL
Saturday, January 21 - Storytime at WL at 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 28 - Storytime at JCCL at 11:00 a.m.

01/08 - Paws to Read
2:30 p.m. - WL
Come read or share a story with a therapy dog from K-9 Connection.

01/11 - Twilight Tale
6:30 p.m. - WL
Come out and join us for a fun-filled Winter Wonderland storytime. For ages 4 and up, although all ages are welcome.

01/14 - Williamsburg Wimpy Kids
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - JCCL
Are you a fan of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series? If so, don’t miss our program for Williamsburg Wimpy Kids. It’s a chance to play some crazy games based on the popular book series. But don’t touch the cheese! Reservations required. Pre-register by calling 259-7733 through January 10.

01/20 - These Shining Lives
7:00 p.m. - WL Theatre
Lafayette High School students will reprise their award winning one-act play, These Shining Lives by Melanie Marnick. It details the true story of the young girls at the Radium Dial Factory who died from the effects of the paint they used on the watch dials. It is part of our history and is appropriate for adults and older children. Seating is first come, first served. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

January Art Exhibits:
WL - Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School
JCCL - King of Glory School

Coming in February:
02/04 - Storytime With the Arts
Storytime With the Arts will present “The Legend of the Luna Moth, the Fairies, and the Monarchs.” This is a tale of adventure filled with fairies and friends. Allyson Armstrong will perform as a special guest vocalist. 11:00 a.m. - WL Theatre

Snuggle with a Book
Our winter reading program returns for children in preschool through first grade. Pick up supplies starting January 23 at either building or off of the Mobile Library Services vehicle. The program runs from February 1 through 28. Children who read every day in February receive a book to take home.

STORYTIMES

MONDAYS:
Toddler Time (ages 2-4)
10:30 a.m. WL
School Age Storytime
2:15 p.m. WL

TUESDAYS:
Toddler Time (ages 2-4)
10:30 a.m. JCCL

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

THURSDAYS:
Baby Time (birth-2)
10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. WL
School Age Storytime
2:15 p.m. WL
eBOOKS ASSISTANCE NOW OFFERED!

Do you have an eBook reader? Did you know that the WRL offers free eBooks for devices like the nook, iPad, Droid, and Kindle? Check out our eBook page at www.wrl.org/ebooks. Then, if you need some assistance in accessing and using the library’s Overdrive eBook collection, we have four walk-in help sessions scheduled for January. We can provide one-on-one assistance in searching for titles, checking them out, and downloading them to your device. Kindle users will need to know their Amazon account login and password. Assistance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointments are necessary. eBooks are sponsored by the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library.

01/04, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. - JCCL, McGaw Room
01/12, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL, Schell Room
01/17, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - JCCL, Kitzinger Room
01/27, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - WL, Room B

YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE FRIENDS AND RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION!

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