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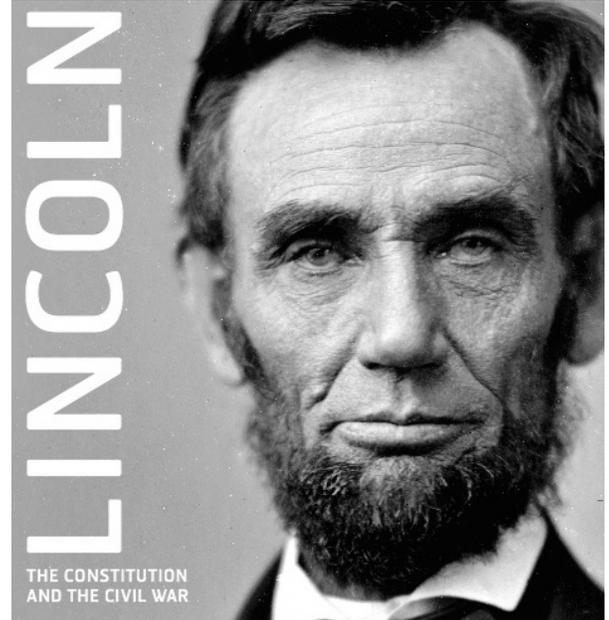
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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY

LINCOLN: THE CONSTITUTION AND THE CIVIL WAR

"Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," is a national traveling exhibition which focuses on Abraham Lincoln's struggle to meet the constitutional challenges of the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln was elected the sixteenth President of the United States in 1860, at a time when the nation was falling apart. By the time he took the oath of office, seven states had already seceded from the Union. The exhibition vividly evokes Lincoln's struggle to resolve the basic questions that divided America at the most perilous moment in the nation's history: Was the United States truly one nation, or was it a confederacy of sovereign and separate states? How could a country founded on the belief that "all men are created equal" tolerate slavery? In a national crisis, would civil liberties be secure?



The National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office organized the exhibit with the help of a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): great ideas brought to life. The traveling exhibition is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center.

Free programs in connection with the exhibition can be found at www.wrl.org/lincoln or call Program Services at (757) 259-4070. Join us for the opening reception and panel discussion on Thursday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the James City County Library's Kitzinger Community Room. The exhibit will remain on view through July 13.

SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY

Once again, the Leave a Legacy™ Greater Williamsburg committee has designated May as *Leave Your Legacy Month*. Simply stated, that means that during this time, there will be an effort to educate and encourage people in the community to make a charitable bequest to a favorite nonprofit organization. In the past, bequests to local nonprofits have precipitated tangible and meaningful benefits in our community. You may also be able to make a difference through such a gift.



Leave Your Legacy Month does not favor any particular nonprofit. It only encourages generous donors to support charities with testamentary gifts. Please consider whether there is a charity in our community that you would like to name as a beneficiary of your will. While providing financial support to an organization, these gifts also can provide satisfaction and a legacy for you and your family.

The Williamsburg Regional Library Foundation welcomes planned gifts. For library supporters, the Percival Bisland Society recognizes these generous donors and encourages others to make similar gifts. If you are interested, please view the library's online planned giving information at www.wrl.org/giving.

In fact, you can designate your legacy gift at any time of the year, to whichever agency you wish. The May *Leave a Legacy* program simply seeks to raise community awareness of the possibilities. Will you be among those who support our community by leaving a legacy?



MAY 2012 PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

WL Exhibit: *Words of Art* - May 2 through June - Literary excerpts paired with original art by members of the Williamsburg Studio Painters - Williamsburg Library Gallery (*open during regular Library hours*)

JCCL Exhibit: *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* - May 16 through July 13 - A national traveling exhibition which focuses on Abraham Lincoln's struggle to meet the constitutional challenges of the Civil War (*See front page for more info., open during regular Library hours*)

05/01 - Intro. to Twitter Class
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - WL Room B
Call 259-7720 to register.

05/03 - Thursday Films - *Paleface*
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1948)

05/03 - Constitutional Conversations - "Was Secession Southern Realpolitik?"
6:30 p.m. - WL

To many Southern leaders, secession was a rational, carefully reasoned decision that had a basis in the Constitution. Professor Robert F. Engs, professor of history at University of Pennsylvania and Visiting J.P. Harrison Professor of History at William and Mary will speak.

05/05 - The Civil War 150 Legacy Project
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - WL Schell Room

Do you have Civil War-era documents in your possession? Come have your historic letters, diaries and other collections scanned by the Library of Virginia to preserve their valuable intellectual content. The project focuses on manuscript materials created during the period 1859-1867 that reflect social, political, military, business and religious life in Virginia during the period of the Civil War and the early period of Reconstruction. Scanned materials will be made available on the web via the Library of Virginia website and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission website. To schedule an appointment on May 5, or for more information, contact Patrick Golden at 259-4071 or programs@wrl.org.

05/09 - Celtic Film Series - *Tara Road*
7:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (2005, Rated PG) Two women - one American, one Irish - swap houses and alter the course of their lives.

05/10 - Thursday Films - *She Done Him Wrong*
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1933)

05/10 - Intro. to Word Class
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL Room B
Call 259-7720 to register.

05/10 - Private Eyes
7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre
Panglossian Productions and the Williamsburg Regional Library present a new production of "Private Eyes," a poignant and thought-provoking comedy for mature audiences from the award-winning American playwright Steven Dietz. The play explores truth and deception in romantic relationships by constantly shifting the characters' and the audience's understanding of what's really going on. Are we in a play? A rehearsal for a play? Real life? Or a character's mind? Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for students/seniors/Friends of WRL, and \$9 for those under 16. Tickets are available at www.panglossian.org, by calling (757) 259-4070, and in person at the Williamsburg Library. **Also presented on May 11, 12, 17 & 18 at 7:30 p.m., and May 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the WL Theatre.**

05/11 - Basic Computers Class
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - WL Room B
Call 259-7720 to register.

05/14 - Intro. to Excel 2007
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - JCCL e-CLIC Room
Call 259-7720 to register.

05/15 - Intro. to Word Class
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL Room B
Call 259-7720 to register.

05/15 - Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Group Meeting
7:00 p.m. - JCCL
This month's topic: **Parallel Worlds**. To R.S.V.P. e-mail: rtred@cox.net

05/16 - How to Start and Manage Your Own Business
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - WL Schell Room
This workshop is offered by seasoned professionals from SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, and is free of charge. Register at SCOREwilliamsburg.org/services/workshops, or call (757) 229-6511.

05/17 - Thursday Films - *Bullets Over Broadway*
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (rated R for language, 1995)

05/17 - Basic Internet Class
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - JCCL e-CLIC Room
Call 259-7720 to register.

05/17 - Third Thursdays @ Your Library - Aging is a Family Affair
7:00 p.m. - WL Schell Room
Caregiving for aging relatives can challenge our capacity for hope. Candid conversations are critical to family success. In this presentation, Dr. Mary Ann Massey Ptasznik, Ed.D., a family therapist and published author, uses real-life stories and wise, faithful advice to equip families with the tools they need to prepare for the future of their elderly loved ones.

05/17 - Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War Opening Reception and Panel Discussion
7:30 p.m. - JCCL Kitzinger Community Room
(*See front page for more information, or www.wrl.org/lincoln*)

05/22 - Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War Lincoln and Citizen's Rights
7:30 p.m. - JCCL Kitzinger Community Room
(*See front page for more information, or www.wrl.org/lincoln*)

05/24 - Basic Internet Class
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - JCCL e-CLIC Room
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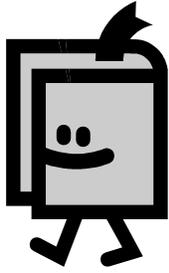
05/24 - Thursday Films - *Born Yesterday*
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1950)

05/25 & 26 - The Fantasticks
7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre
The Fantasticks has been called "The Perfect Musical" by critics thanks to its lively score and quirky storyline that survived the harsh New York City theater world for over 50 years, running more than 17,000 performances. It tells the story of a boy and a girl in a mixed up relationship hiding from their fathers. A bandit, an ancient actor, an Indian actor, and a Mute all help tell the story of this unusual bond. The Fantasticks is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theater International (MTI). Advance tickets are not needed for this production. Admission is by donation.

05/31 - Thursday Films - *To Be or Not to Be*
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1942)

05/31 - John Tyler and Abraham Lincoln - "Who Was the Dwarf?"
7:30 p.m. - JCCL Kitzinger Community Room
Ed Crapol, Pullen professor emeritus at William and Mary, will evaluate and discuss the merit of Lyon G. Tyler's 1928 challenge to the mythical and god-like Abraham Lincoln. Lyon G. Tyler, the 14th child of President Tyler and emeritus president of William and Mary College, contested the claim made in 1928 by the editors of *Time* magazine that in any comparison to Lincoln, John Tyler was a "dwarf" and a virtual non-entity. Defending his father's reputation and historical legacy, Lyon G. Tyler forcefully argued that in truth it was Lincoln, and not Tyler, who was "historically a dwarf."

05/31 - Basic Computers II Class
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL Room B
Call 259-7720 to register.

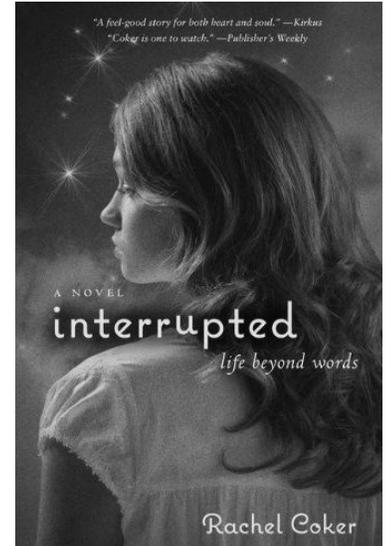


KIDS & TEENS

Call Youth Services for additional information:
JCCL = James City County Library - 259-7733
WL = Williamsburg Library - 259-4055

MEET THE AUTHOR

Have you tried to get a book published? Are you thinking about it? Come and meet Rachel Coker, whose first book, *Interrupted: A Life Beyond Words*, is a Young Adult book that has been published and well received by reviewers. She also has a contract for a second book. Rachel, who started writing at age 8, will share how she accomplished this while still in high school. She will share part of her book. Copies of *Interrupted* will be available for purchase and a book signing will be held. This is a great chance for anyone who has the dream of publishing a book to get some first hand tips. Join us on Saturday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kitzinger Community Room at the James City County Library.



05/05 - **Lego Club**

10:30 a.m. - JCCL

Come join us for a morning of Lego-filled fun! Pre-registration is required. You can register starting April 21st in person or by calling 259-7733. The club is limited to 20 children per meeting. Donations of new or used Legos are welcome!

05/12 - **Reading Rampage**

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - JCCL

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in a reading marathon on Saturday, May 12 at the James City County Library. Those who compete the 3 hour marathon will receive a free book and be eligible to win a Barnes and Noble gift card. Bring whatever you'll need to create a comfortable reading space, don't forget your lunch, and make plans to stay for the author visit at 2:00 p.m. Sign up beginning April 28th by calling 259-7733.

05/12 - **Author Visit**

2:00 p.m. - JCCL Kitzinger Room

(See above for more info.)

05/20 - **Paws to Read**

2:30 p.m. - WL

Come read or share a story with a therapy dog from K-9 Connection.

05/30 - **Twilight Tale**

6:30 p.m. - WL

Scottish rhymes, songs and stories will be featured at this month's Twilight Tale. For ages 3 and up.

May Art Exhibits:

WL - James River Elementary School

JCCL - Waller Mill Elementary School

Weekend Fun:

Lego Club -

Saturday, May 5, 10:30 a.m. - JCCL

Storytime -

Saturday, May 19, 11:00 a.m. - JCCL

Volunteers Needed

Wanted! Volunteers to help with our annual Summer Reading Program at Williamsburg Library or James City County Library. This year's theme is "Dream Big... Read!" Volunteers should have completed the sixth grade by June 2012. It is required that they can alphabetize and enjoy working with young children. Volunteers must also be able to fill out a summer reading volunteer application form, available at both libraries during the month of May. It is necessary for all our volunteers to attend a training session on one of the following dates:

06/09 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL YS Program Room

06/12 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - JCCL YS Program Room

06/14 - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - WL YS Program Room

Coming in June:

Summer Reading enrollment starts Monday, June 11 in both buildings and at neighborhood MLS stops. Title sharing for Summer Reading starts Monday, June 25. The Summer Storytimes start the week of June 18.

STORYTIMES

Storytimes end on May 25 and will resume on June 18.

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



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Internet sales to date: \$2,165.50

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

LIBRARY HOURS: *	
<i>The Williamsburg & James City County Libraries</i>	
Mon - Thurs:	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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 May 27 & 28

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NEW DATABASES FOR CHILDREN BOOKFLIX AND TRUEFLIX

The Williamsburg Regional Library has subscribed to two new databases for children - BookFlix and TrueFlix. BookFlix is an online literary resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks to build the love of reading and learning. This is for children in grades PreK-3. TrueFlix focuses on subject-area content in science and social studies for students in grades 3-6. Each TrueFlix subject area is supported with related content and primary sources featuring videos, audio, images, and text. Both databases may be accessed from home.

View these and our many other databases online:
www.wrl.org/find-it-online

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