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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY

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BOOKED FROM BIRTH *by Marie Haynes, Publicity Chair, Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library*

Did you know that an amazing innovative Youth Services outreach program takes place each Wednesday night at Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center? This is when library staffers take turns “piggybacking” on the hospital's Siblings and Parents' Tour in order to introduce prospective parents to the wonders of WRL and to impress upon them the developmental importance of reading to children from birth. Begun in April 2003 as the brainchild of now retired librarian Sarah Noble, the program has evolved through the years to become a highly effective vehicle for expanding WRL's influence in the community.

The session begins with each parent being given a Mother Goose packet. In addition to an informative “Growing Readers” booklet, the packet contains a board book, a growth chart, and a nursery rhyme and finger play booklet. There is also a coupon to be redeemed for a special Mother Goose Library Card for the new baby, after which a children's book is added to the library in the baby's name.

Parents are encouraged not only to read aloud to their children at least 20 minutes a day, but also to avoid “television and other entertainment media for infants and children under age two,” to keep the TV and Internet-connected electronic devices out of the child's bedroom, and to limit total entertainment screen time for older children to 1-2 hours a day. On alternate Wednesdays when siblings are included in the tour, each prospective sibling is given a book—*I'm a Big Brother* or *I'm a Big Sister*. The Youth Services staff member then demonstrates techniques by reading aloud to the children from a picture book and engaging them in songs and finger play.

Such a program exists because of dedicated personnel and volunteers. Sarah Noble's idea for the Mother Goose packets was developed with the expert help of the late staff member Jenny Payne Wilson, who did all the graphic design work. Youth Services volunteer Sandi Des Fosses has been assembling the packets for years. Financial support has come from many sources, including the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library. But the program would not be successful without the enthusiastic presentations by WRL Youth Services librarians. They agree with noted international literacy consultant Mem Fox, who states in her book *Reading Magic*: “If parents understood the huge educational benefits and intense happiness brought about by reading aloud to their children, and if every parent-and every adult caring for a child-read aloud a minimum of three stories a day to the children in their lives, we could probably wipe out illiteracy within one generation.”

2015 FRIENDS' BOOK SALE — ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY

Anyone who has ever worked at the annual Friends' Book Sale knows the year-long effort involved in this undertaking. During the year, Book Nook volunteers sorted through donations to find only the best quality books and media to reserve for the book sale, this year a total of 205 boxes. Then over 50 community volunteers, plus numerous members of the library staff and five volunteers from Jamestown High School Key Club, took on the enormous task of setting up and running the sale. Thanks to these volunteers and the support of the community, Friends netted \$13,784.70 in book sales and \$865.00 in new memberships and renewals. These funds will allow Friends to continue its support of the many special programs and new library materials that the Williamsburg Regional Library provides for the community.

JULY 2015 PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

On view in the Williamsburg Library Gallery, 515 Scotland Street, during regular library hours.

July 1-17 - JCC Parks and Rec: Oil Painting, Drawing, and Pastel by students from Ann Kushnick's Art Class.

July 20 - September 7 - Virginia Master Naturalists Photo Exhibit.

07/02 Thursday Films - *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, World*
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (*rated G*)

When a goofy assortment of motorists unexpectedly learn the whereabouts of a stolen fortune, they speed off on a side-splitting, car-bashing race for the loot.

07/09 Thursday Films - *Lost in America*
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (*rated R*)

David Howard has put in eight long years at a big-time ad agency. When he hoped to land a Senior VP slot, all he got was a pat on the back and a transfer to New York. David talks his wife into quitting her job and sells the house, liquidates the stocks and bonds, and buys the largest Winnebago. They set out to live the ramblin' laid back life of the world's easiest Easy Riders.

07/14 Peninsula Concert Band
7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre

A free concert of popular favorites presented by this ensemble of more than 40 musicians. Advance tickets will not be distributed for this concert. A free-will donation will be accepted to benefit the band. Doors will open at 7:15 p.m.

07/15 WRL Themed Book Group - *The Immigrant Experience*
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - WL

What's it like to make a new life in a new country? Read any fiction or nonfiction book about the immigrant experience and come join a friendly conversation with other readers. Everyone is welcome to give a brief overview of the book they choose, and if you'd like suggestions check out the displays and booklists at either library. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you'd like to let us know you're coming, please call 259.4050. For more information go to www.wrl.org/readers.

07/16 Thursday Films - *Horatio's Drive*
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (*not rated*)

Horatio Nelson Jackson, an eccentric Vermont doctor, drove from San Francisco to New York City in 1903 to become the first person to drive an automobile across the continent. It would mark the beginning of a new era in America and the end of another. It took Lewis and Clark over two years to go from the Atlantic to the Pacific—Horatio went the opposite direction, by means of the "horseless carriage," in less than three months.

07/23 Thursday Films - *Genevieve*
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (*not rated*)

A young couple and their ancient car "Genevieve" become involved in a car rally. In a wager with the owner of another car, they must race each other from Brighton back to London in the veteran vehicles. Developing into a furious free-for-all, the cars race to the finish.

07/23 WRL Themed Book Group - *Food*
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - JCCCL

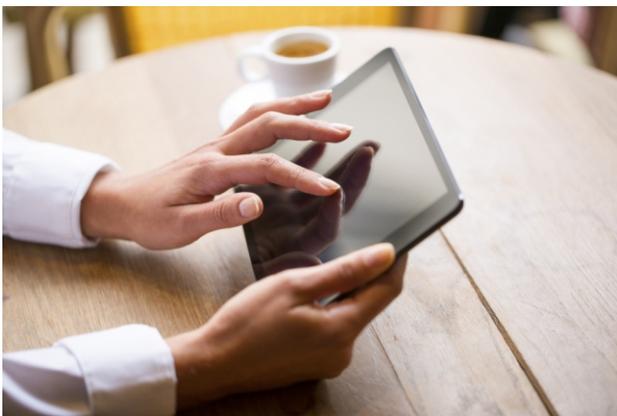
Show your good taste by joining our July discussion of books about food. Read any fiction or nonfiction book related to food, cooking, or eating, and come join a friendly conversation with other readers. Everyone is welcome to give a brief overview of the book they choose, and if you'd like suggestions check out the displays and booklists at either library. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you'd like to let us know you're coming, please call 259.4050. For information on this ongoing series, go to www.wrl.org/readers.

07/30 Thursday Films - *The Grapes of Wrath*
2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (*not rated*)

The migration of the Joad family to California from their dust-bowl farm in Oklahoma during the Great Depression.

07/31 An Adult Evening of Shel Silverstein
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - WL

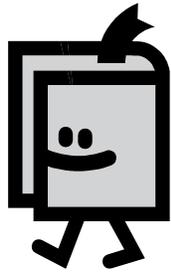
Welcome to the darkly comic world of Shel Silverstein, where nothing is as it seems and where the most innocent conversation can turn menacing in an instant. Presented by Panglossian Productions. Tickets are \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door, \$16 for Friends of the Library. Reserve by calling the library at 259.4070 or online at www.panglossian.org. (**ADULTS ONLY**)



DIGITAL MAGAZINES

WRL recently increased its digital magazine collection by 43%, adding 27 new titles, among them: *Architectural Digest*, *The Atlantic*, *BirdWatching*, *Cook's Illustrated*, *Field & Stream*, *Golf Digest*, *The New Yorker*, and *Vanity Fair*. There are now 90 periodicals to choose from in the WRL digital magazine collection. Titles in the collection can be read on computers or on mobile devices using the Zinio for Libraries app.

Get started at www.wrl.org/zinio



KIDS & TEENS

Call Youth Services for additional information:
JCCL = James City County Library - 259.7733
WL = Williamsburg Library - 259.4055

Summer Reading 2015

Summer Reading 2015 has blasted off, but it's not too late to sign up and get reading! Our calendar is packed with lots of great programs. See the listing of events below or go to www.wrl.org for a Summer Reading calendar and program details.

07/01 - **Happily Ever After** (all ages)
11:00 a.m. WL Theatre
2:00 p.m. JCCL Kitzinger Rm.
Bright Star Theatre presents this hilarious rendition of some of the best of the Grimm Brothers' iconic works.

07/02 - **Pig Storytime and Craft**
6:30 p.m. WL
Join us for tons of fun with this pig-filled storytime and craft.

07/06 - **Summer Family Film**
Mr. Peabody and Sherman
11:00 a.m. WL Theatre

07/07 - **Catch-a-Craft**
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. WL
2:00-4:00 p.m. WL
6:00-7:00 p.m. WL
A drop in event for kids and their grown ups.

07/08 - **Mad Science: Fire and Ice**
11:00 a.m. WL
2:00 p.m. JCCL Kitzinger Rm.
A spectacular show on the wonders of science.

07/09 - **Reptiles Around the World**
2:00 p.m. JCCL
With the Virginia Living Museum.

07/09 - **Anime Club** (teens)
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. JCCL

07/09 - **Princess Storytime and Craft**
6:30 p.m. WL
Come dressed as your favorite princess.

07/10 - **Catch-a-Craft**
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. JCCL
2:00-4:30 p.m. JCCL

07/11 - **Dr. Who Marathon**
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. WL

07/11 - **Llama Storytime**
11:00 a.m. JCCL

07/11 - **WRL Lego Club** (ages 5+)
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. WL

07/12 - **Family Sing** (all ages)
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. JCCL

07/13 - **Summer Family Film**
The Incredibles
11:00 a.m. WL Theatre
6:30 p.m. JCCL Kitzinger Rm.

07/14 - **Catch-a-Craft**
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. WL
2:00-4:00 p.m. WL
6:00-7:00 p.m. WL

07/15 - **Magic of Krendl**
11:00 a.m. WL Theatre
2:00 p.m. JCCL Kitzinger Rm.

07/16 - **Preschool Dance Party** (ages 2-5)
11:00 a.m. WL

07/16 - **Every Animal has a Story**
2:00 p.m. JCCL
With the Virginia Living Museum.

07/16 - **Teen Summer Book Club**
6:00 p.m. WL
Join us to talk about *Code Name Verity*.

07/17 - **Catch-a-Craft**
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. JCCL
2:00-4:30 p.m. JCCL

07/18 - **Snakes Alive!**
2:00 p.m. WL
Join Ron Cromer for this hands on program.

07/18 - **WRL Lego Club** (ages 5+)
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. JCCL

07/19 - **Paws to Read**
2:30 - 3:30 p.m. JCCL
Read to a therapy dog with K-9 Connection. A signed permission form is required.

07/20 - **Summer Family Film**
Penguins of Madagascar
11:00 a.m. WL Theatre
6:30 p.m. JCCL Kitzinger Rm.

07/21 - **Catch-a-Craft**
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. WL
2:00-4:00 p.m. WL
6:00-7:00 p.m. WL

07/22 - **Ty-rone Travis-Ventriloquist**
11:00 a.m. WL
2:00 p.m. JCCL

07/23 - **Minecraft Perler Bead** (ages 8-12)
11:00 a.m. WL

07/23 - **Anime Club** (teens)
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. JCCL

07/23 - **Pete the Cat Storytime/Craft**
6:30 p.m. WL

07/24 - **Catch-a-Craft**
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. JCCL
2:00-4:30 p.m. JCCL

07/25 - **Chain Mail Jewelry Craft** (teens)
2:00-3:00 p.m. WL

07/26 - **Open Mic Afternoon** (teens)
2:00 p.m. JCCL

07/27 - **Summer Family Film**
Rio 2
11:00 a.m. WL Theatre
6:30 p.m. JCCL Kitzinger Rm.

07/28 - **Catch-a-Craft**
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. WL
2:00-4:00 p.m. WL
6:00-7:00 p.m. WL

07/29 - **Concert Ballet of Virginia**
Angelina Ballerina
11:00 a.m. WL
2:00 p.m. WL

07/29 - **Settlers of Catan Night** (teens)
5:00 p.m. WL

07/30 - **Hooked on Books** (age 5+)
2:00 p.m. JCCL
Using vaudeville techniques, Mark Lohr emphasizes the importance of reading.

07/30 - **Storytime and Craft**
6:30 p.m. WL
Come enjoy an "in the dark" story and craft.

07/31 - **Catch-a-Craft**
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. JCCL
2:00-4:30 p.m. JCCL

STORYTIMES

All-ages Storytime

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. WL
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. JCCL

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. JCCL

Find dates and times for all our summer storytimes at www.wrl.org/storytime





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Internet sales to date: \$3,068.80

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.

LIBRARY HOURS:

The Williamsburg & James City County Libraries

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.

HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

All library facilities will be closed July 3-4 for the Independence Day holiday.

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YOUR LIBRARY, YOUR VOICE

A part of our strategic plan update, WRL is seeking feedback on our role in the community, and we would like to hear from you. Please help by filling out a brief survey at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/WRL_public.

The survey closes on 7/12/15.



WRL COMPUTER CLASSES

Featured class - Genealogy: More Power to You

Thanks to exciting recent developments, local family history researchers have new or expanded access to millions of vital, census, and military records online. Join us for a demonstration of these resources, including Virginia vital records, research databases from the Library of Virginia, census records from Heritage Quest, and more.

10-12 p.m. Friday, July 24, WL, Schell Room
Space is limited; call 259.7720 to register.

For all class dates and times, visit www.wrl.org/computer-classes or stop by the Reference Desk for a class brochure. Call 259.7720 to register.

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