

Youth Services Librarian Laurie Ziegler stands beneath part of the giant display that she created to illustrate the Summer Reading Program theme.

at tables and review the reading log that the child presents, giving the child a chance to talk about what has been read since the last visit. The assistant then signs the attendance card which the child takes back to the desk to receive the incentive for the week, on this particular day - a poster and a bookmark inside a tote bag in the color of choice - blue or yellow. Other incentives are available later in the program and are based on the number of spaces completed in the reading log. The routine for the older participants ends with each one spinning the "Wheel of Reading" - one spin for each book or each 100 pages read - and recording the "library dollars" to be used at the end of the program to buy a gift card from either Barnes & Noble or Target or to bid on prizes donated by area businesses and individuals.

The volume of children participating is too great for the library staff to manage alone. WRL is fortunate to have highly qualified and motivated volunteers and hired part-time assistants available daily to help implement this program. One student volunteer, a rising senior at Bruton, is serving for his sixth year; another, who is home-schooled, is a first year recruit who says that she will surely volunteer again. One part-time reading assistant has finished her fourth year as a third-grade teacher in Hampton and is pursuing a masters degree in the teaching of reading; another has just completed an advanced degree in library science; other assistants are doctoral students at the College of William and Mary.

Having reading assistants who elicit conversations about reading is unique to WRL's Summer Reading program. To understand the success of this innovation, dubbed "sharing titles," one only has to sit at a table with an interviewer and see the bright eyes of a child talking about a book. The four-year old girl with the book *The Princess Who Had Almost Everything* said that she liked the book because "It has a happy ending." To the questions, "Why almost everything... what does she not have? What does she need to have a happy ending?" the little girl threw her hands in the air and exclaimed, her pony tails dancing, "Why, a prince!" And a boy not quite three announced (*continued...*)

FIZZ, BOOM, READ!

The last Wednesday of June was a busy day for Youth Services at WRL. That was the day of the first of the Wednesday guest performers - Jonathan Austin's Juggling Show, and children in the popular Summer Reading program "Fizz, Boom, Read!" and "Wheel of Reading" came early to share what they had read and to record their progress before the show began.

The routine for the Summer Reading program is well-organized and executed. On this particular day, two high school volunteers greet the children and give each one his/her white attendance card to take to a reading assistant. These assistants sit



AUGUST 2014 PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

On view in the Williamsburg Library Gallery:

515 Scotland Street - open during regular library hours

08/01 - 09/08 - Virginia Master Naturalists Photo Exhibit

08/01 - 08/31 - Embroiderers Guild of America -

Williamsburg Rose and Thistle

08/07 - **Thursday Films - *Hell's Angels***

2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1930)

Three Oxford buddies fight on opposite sides during WWI. Each is torn between obedience to his country and that of his conscience.

08/12 - **Peninsula Concert Band**

7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre

The Peninsula Concert Band has been performing in the Tidewater area for more than 60 years. It is made up of members of local military bands as well as civilian musicians. Free - 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. 259-4070

08/14 - **Thursday Films - *A Very Long Engagement***

2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (2004)

Mathilde is waiting desperately for her fiancé to return from the war. When bad news arrives she refuses to believe he is dead. Instead, she begins her own investigation into his infantry, hiring a private detective and piecing together his war stories.

08/15 - **Astronomy for Everyone**

2:00 - 2:45 p.m. - WL Theatre (For younger stargazers)

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - WL Theatre

Join astronomer Kevin Manning to tour the universe through activities and pictures. An afternoon program for younger stargazers will end with a completely safe telescope viewing of the sun. The evening program offers an opportunity to look at the night sky. Outdoor viewings are weather-permitting.

08/19 - **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: Adapted and Maladapted: Books Made Into Films

08/21 - **Thursday Films - *Lawrence of Arabia***

1:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (1942)

The story of T.E. Lawrence (Peter O'Toole), the heroic and troubled man who organized the Arab nations to fight the Turks in World War I and then, having reached a pinnacle of power in Mideast politics, retired to postwar military obscurity. ***Please note the early start time.***

08/21 - **Peninsula Retired Men's Band**

7:30 p.m. - WL Theatre

A special weekday afternoon concert features a talented group of 10 musicians. They have been performing for over 30 years and playing some of the best music composed in the last century - songs like "Sentimental Journey," "In the Mood," "Undecided," "Woodchopper's Ball," "The Way You Look Tonight," "Love Letters in the Sand," "Chances Are," "A String of Pearls," "Moonglow," and many more from its repertoire of more than 120 tunes. Free - 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. 259-4070

08/28 - **Thursday Films - *The Lost Battalion***

2:00 p.m. - WL Theatre (2001)

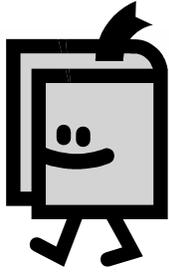
In the closing days of World War I, the men of the U.S. Army's 77th Division, 308th Battalion were surrounded by German troops in the Argonne Forest. Without food, water or reserve ammunition, cut off from supply and communication lines, and subjected to constant assaults and bombardments, they managed to hold off the enemy until they were finally rescued after five days of desperate action.

FIZZ, BOOM, READ - CONTINUED

excitedly that the big machine that "Digger Dog" used to unearth the dinosaur bone he had detected was an "excavator"! Another boy talked about why he chose a book about dump trucks, saying that he rides in big trucks that his grandfather has for his business.

Every child in the Summer Reading program at either WRL building or at the Mobile Library Services stops gets to have a conversation with an adult about reading. Just imagine the impact of that experience: learning to examine reasons for choices, to consider motivations of characters, cause and effect; and perhaps most importantly, feeling at home and welcomed and comfortable talking to library personnel.

A final note... at the bottom of the handout with the schedule for Summer Reading is this acknowledgement: "Many thanks to ... Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library for their support of Summer Reading programs!" If you are not already a member of Friends, don't you want to be a supporter of this program, too? You can join by filling out the form on the back of this newsletter.



KIDS & TEENS

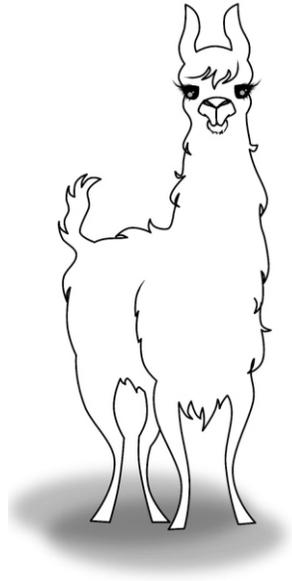
Call Youth Services for additional information:
JCCL = James City County Library - 259-7733
WL = Williamsburg Library - 259-4055

WELCOME, KINDERGARTENERS!

Do you have a child who is starting kindergarten in the fall? If so, bring your youngster to the library during the month of August for a goodie bag that includes a free book!

Summer Reading ends Sunday, August 3. See below for final Summer Reading deadlines. Congratulations to all of our summer readers! We hope you had a wonderful time.

August programs include Rainbow Puppets, animals from the Virginia Living Museum and our annual visit from "Spirit of the Game," everybody's favorite llama. Thank you to the Herbert Friedman Library Fund and the Friends of Williamsburg Regional Library for their support of summer programs.



- 08/05 - **Family Film - Frozen**
10:30 a.m. - WL
- 08/06 - **Legend of King Arthur**
11:00 a.m. - WL
2:00 p.m. - JCCL
Presented by Hampstead Stage Company
- 08/08 - **"Spirit of the Game"
Llama Storytime**
10:30 a.m. - JCCL
- 08/09 - **Rutherford Wolf**
10:00 a.m. - WL Theatre
Presented by Community Alliance for the Performing Arts (CAPA) Fund, Performed by American Youth Players - Rutherford Wolf is a comedy that all ages will enjoy!
- 08/09 - **Open Lego Play (ages 5+)**
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - WL
- 08/12 - **Family Film - Despicable Me**
10:30 a.m. - WL
- 08/13 - **Special Guest Storytime
for Babies**
10:30 a.m. - JCCL
Presented by the Early Childhood Music School
- 08/14 - **Totally Turtles**
3:00 p.m. - JCCL
Presented by the Virginia Living Museum
- 08/15 - **Kevin Manning Astronomy**
2:00 p.m. - WL (children)
7:00 p.m. - WL (all ages)

- 08/16 - **Open Lego Play (ages 5+)**
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. - JCCL
- 08/18 - **Teen Summer Book Club**
6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - WL Schell
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card - Following book discussion, watch *Ender's Game* in the WL Theatre.
- 08/19 - **Family Film - The Jungle Book**
10:30 a.m. - WL
- 08/20 - **Magic, Juggling and Fun!**
11:00 a.m. - WL
2:00 p.m. - JCCL
- 08/20 - **Teen Advisory Group Meeting**
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - WL Room B
- 08/23 - **Chessie the Manatee**
10:00 a.m. - WL
2:00 p.m. - JCCL
Presented by Rainbow Puppets
- 08/24 - **Paws to Read**
2:30 p.m. - WL
- 08/26 - **Family Film - Up**
10:30 a.m. - WL
- 08/27 - **Special Guest Storytime
for Babies**
10:30 a.m. - JCCL
Presented by the Early Childhood Music School
- 08/28 - **Mark Loehr Hooked on Books**
10:00 a.m. - WL
2:00 p.m. - JCCL

Important Summer Reading Dates:
August 3 - Title-sharing ends, All Wheel of Reading logs must be turned in by 5:00 p.m.
August 11 - Prize pick-up begins
September 7 - Prize pick-up ends

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

Our summer storytime schedule ends August 14. We will resume on a fall schedule September 2.



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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.

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COMPUTER CLASSES

Basic Computers: Cut/Copy/Paste
Basic Computers: Mouse

For complete class dates and times, visit:

www.wrl.org/computer-classes

or stop by the Reference desk for a class brochure.

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



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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