



January/February 2006



LITERALLY SPEAKING...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

“Second Saturdays at Seven” concerts continue

Bill & Pam Gurley and the Elliott Quartet perform in January and February

The Library’s “Second Saturdays at Seven” concert series continues in January and February with delightful evenings of music for listeners of all ages to enjoy.

On January 14, join us for an evening of folk and bluegrass music by **Bill and Pam Gurley**. The Gurleys have been creating music together for over 25 years, and Bill Gurley teaches students of all ages how to play a wide variety of stringed instruments, from

guitar and banjo to lap dulcimer and Greek bouzouki. The Gurleys perform regularly throughout the region and have released two albums of music.

On February 11, enjoy an evening of string music by the **Elliott Family String Quartet**. Led by mother Danielle Weems-Elliott, the quartet also features 11-year-old Brendon and 9-year-old Justine on violins and 6-year-old Sterling on cello. This

family of musicians plays music ranging from classical compositions to fiddle tunes and even a selection of Motown songs. The Elliott children have all performed in sections of the Peninsula Youth Orchestra.

Both concerts will be held at the Tabb Library on the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM. Both shows are free of charge and open to the public. Call the Library at 890-5119 for more information.

2006 JUBILEE Juried Literary Competition in March

Seminars and writers’ workshops scheduled for January and February

The Library will hold a juried literary competition for poetry and short stories in March 2006. In preparation for the competition, the Library will offer free writing and publishing workshops prior to the contest:

Sat., January 21–10:00 AM

Poetry Workshop

Sat., January 28–10:00 AM

Short Story Workshop

Sat., February 4–10:00 AM

Writers Toolkit Workshop

Sat., February 11–12:00 PM

Publishing 101 Workshop

Workshop leaders and competition judges will be drawn from local authors, teachers and professors of literature and creative writing, book reviewers, bookstore owners, and others in the literary field. All workshops will be held in the Tabb Library meeting room, and are free and open to the public.

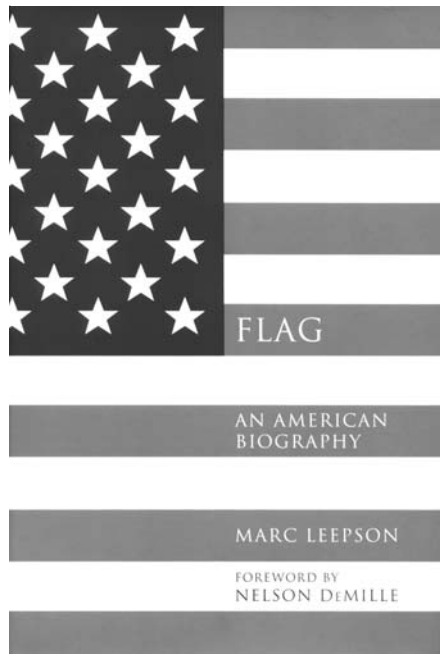
Entries to the competition will be due at the Tabb Library by March 1, 2006. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges and will be announced on March 22. A Winners’ Reception and Public Reading

will be held during National Library Week, on Friday, April 7, at the Tabb Library.

This program is part of the Library’s efforts to encourage participation in the literary arts by local adults and to foster an awareness of the Library as a community center for the arts. Funding is provided by the Friends of the York County Public Library, the York County Arts Commission, and the York County Library Foundation.

For more information or to participate in the program, call York County Public Library’s Adult Programs Office at 890-5119.

Flag donated in honor of VFW Ladies' Auxiliary



Jean Smith has generously donated to the Library one copy of *Flag: An American Biography* by Marc Leepson, in honor of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hogge-Tate Post 824 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars .

The book is a detailed and interesting history of the Stars and Stripes and the evolution of Americans' reverence to its national flag. The flag's history is charted from its beginnings during the Revolution through the Civil War and on to the embracing of the flag during the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks.

The book is available for checkout at the Tabb Library.

SALA WEDNESDAY EVENING READINGS at the Tabb Library

Share Appreciation of the Literary Arts (**SALA**) on the first Wednesday of each month, from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM, by the fireplace at the Tabb Library.

Come read something you have written yourself, or bring something you like that was written by someone else. You may share a favorite poem, act out a section of a play with a friend, read or tell a story or a portion of a story, recite the Gettysburg Address, read a letter, or whatever you like—or you may just **come listen** to what others have brought to read.

When making your selections, please limit reading time to 10 or 15 minutes. If the group is small, you may get to read more than one selection. Reading or reciting a 10 second Haiku is, of course, fine too. Chosen works may be meaningful or intellectual, frivolous or funny—it's all up to you.

Readers and listeners of all ages are welcome.

BOOK BAG CHATS Sundays at Tabb Library

Book Bag Chats are held every Sunday at the Tabb Library. Singles are invited by the fireplace from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM to meet and discuss what they are reading. The first Sunday of the month will be for single people in their 50s; the second Sunday for singles 60 and over; the third Sunday for those in their 30s; and the fourth

for single people in their 40s. A bag of books will be provided for discussion, but participants may bring their own books or use other books from the Library's collection.

If you are single and love to read, stop by the library for a **Book Bag Chat**. It's a new place to get to know book lovers like yourself.

PRACTICES

Grades 4–5

Jan. 9—Feb 1

Mondays

4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Yortown Library

Tues. & Wed.

4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Tabb Library

Grades 6–8

Mondays

3:00 PM—4:00 PM

January 9, 23 & 30

Yorktown Library

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS practices begin

The Battle of the Books is a cooperative reading program between the York County Public Library and York County public and private schools. Sponsored annually by the Williamsburg Regional Library, this exciting contest has students in both elementary school (4th and 5th grades) and middle school (6th, 7th, and 8th grades) reading and answering questions about twenty pre-

selected books representing a variety of genres of children's literature. Four-person teams from participating schools compete against other York County schools for the opportunity to represent the county in the regional contest between other area schools of Newport News, Hampton, Gloucester, Poquoson, and Williamsburg.

Teen Movie Night January 17 at Tabb

The Youth Services department invites kids 12 and older to a special Teen Movie Night on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 PM. We'll be showing the movie on the "big screen" in the Tabb Library meeting room, and free popcorn will be served to all who attend. Teen Movie

Night is a free event, and no registration is required to attend. For more information, call the Youth Services Desk at the Tabb Library at 890-5110.



Winter Saturday Story Time January 7

It's Snow Better Time to Read! Come cuddle up for some reading and fun on Saturday, January 7 at 10:30 AM at the Tabb Library meeting room. Join us for stories, songs, and a craft. No registration is required.



Toddler Tales and Story Time registrations

Registration for the winter sessions of Story Times will begin Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00 AM at both libraries. Our Story Times, for children aged 2 to 5, are filled with fun stories, songs, and special activities that will foster a love of reading in children. Each session has a new theme and new stories to tell! Call Tabb at 890-5110 or Yorktown at 890-3236 to register your child for Story Time.

Registration for Tiny Tales and Toddler Tales will begin Monday, January 9 at 10 AM.

Tiny Tales introduces children aged 6 to 14 months to the joys of reading and learning. Children and parents or caregivers can sing and clap along to rhymes and fun songs.

Toddler Tales is for children ages 15 to 30 months. The group will sing songs, ring bells, play with puppets—in general, have a good time! The session gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to spend quality time enjoying a book with their child.

Tiny Tales

ages 6 to 14 months

Tuesdays

11:00 AM—11:30 AM

Toddler Tales

ages 15 to 30 months

Tuesdays

10:15 AM—10:45 AM

Wednesdays

10:15 AM—10:45 AM

11:00 AM—11:30 AM

Thursdays

10:15 AM—10:45 AM

ALL SESSIONS AT THE

TABB LIBRARY

Call 890-5110 for more information!

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIMES

at Tabb

Wednesdays

10:15 AM—10:45 AM

ages 2½–3½

1:00 PM—1:30 PM

ages 2½–K

Thursdays

10:15 AM—10:45 AM

ages 2½–3½

11:15 AM—11:45 AM

ages 3½–K

at Yorktown

Wednesdays

10:15 AM—10:45 AM

ages 2½–K

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

**Call Tabb (890-5110)
or Yorktown (890-3236)
for more information!**

NEW WINTER BOOK GROUPS Starting in January and February at both libraries

Do you love reading the latest bestsellers? Perhaps you prefer settling down with a recent Pulitzer winner. Or are you just too busy to ever finish any of the books on your bedside table? Whatever your reading interests, we may have just the book group for you. If you would like to discuss books with fellow booklovers on a weekday evening, call the Adult Programs Office at 890-5119 to learn more.

Book discussion groups will meet Tuesday or Thursday, in the daytime or evening, once each month, beginning Winter 2006. Books to be read will be chosen at the first meeting.

(There must be at least 6 people registered to begin a book group, 4 attending regularly to continue, and a maximum of 12 in each group.) Sign-up at the Library or call Adult Programs at 890-5119 to register.

You will be contacted when there are at least 6 individuals interested in the specific group.

Book groups starting in 2006 include:

- Award Winners Group**
- Best Sellers Book Group**
- Busy People's Book Group**
- Nonfiction Book Group**
- Yorktown Daytime Group**

Feel free to call with other suggestions.

COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS classes Thursdays at Tabb

The Library offers special classes on beginners' computer skills every Thursday morning throughout January and February at 9:00 AM at the Tabb Library. The Library's Adult Services staff will present sessions designed to introduce novice computer users to basic concepts and tools. The classes offered are:

- Week 1: Basic Internet**
- Week 2: Basic E-Mail**
- Week 3: MS Word**
- Week 4: MS Excel**

Classes are limited to 6 people, so participants receive a lot of individual attention. Beginners and those with very limited computer skills will feel quite comfortable with the one-session, small group format.

To register, call the Adult Programs office at 890-5119. Each class is offered every month. Reserve your space today!

The Library will be CLOSED
Monday, January 16
for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
and
Monday, February 20
for Presidents' Day

Casual Saturday Chess at Yorktown Library

The Yorktown Library will host **bring-your-own-board chess matches** the first and third Saturdays of each month at 2:00 PM. Come by yourself for a "pick-up" game or bring a friend or two. Quiet conversation or instruction will be permitted, but timing devices that make noise will not be welcome.

Bring your board for an afternoon of mental exercise!

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday—Thursday	10 AM—9 PM
Friday	10 AM—6 PM
Saturday	10 AM—5 PM
Sunday	1 PM—5 PM

Visit the Library's website
<http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library/>

Enjoy story time at home...FREE!
DIAL-A-STORY 890-5111

Tabb Library

100 Long Green Boulevard
Yorktown, VA 23693
(at Hampton Hwy. & Long Green Blvd.)

Library Information	890-5100
Administration	890-5105
Circulation Desk	890-5130
Adult Services Desk	890-5120
Youth Services Desk	890-5110

Yorktown Library

8500 George Washington Mem. Highway
Yorktown, VA 23692
(at US Rt. 17 & Battle Rd.)

Library Information	890-3377
Circulation Desk	890-5209
Adult Services Desk	890-5207
Youth Services Desk	890-3236