



LITERALLY SPEAKING...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

Third Annual Juried Literary Competition

The York County Public Library announces the Third Annual Juried Literary Competition for Poetry and Short Stories. Entries will be accepted at the Tabb Library between January 27 and February 28, 2008. To enter the Adult Short Story and/or Poetry Divisions you must be at least 18 years old. Also, a new Short Story Division has been added for high school students. Competition rules are available on the Library's web site, yorkcounty.gov/library.

In preparation for the competition, the Library will offer free writing and publishing workshops. Workshop leaders will be drawn from local authors, teachers, and professors of literature and creative writing. All workshops will be held in the Tabb Library meeting room and are free to the public. Registration is required. Visit the Tabb Reference desk or call 890-5120 to register beginning December 1, 2007.

Writers' Workshops 10 a.m. - Noon

Poetry Workshop
January 5

Short Story Workshop
January 12

The Writer's Toolkit
January 19

Publishing 101 Workshop
January 26

Second Saturday at Seven Concert Series

The Second Saturday at Seven Concert Series welcomes the United States Air Force Langley Winds Woodwind Quintet to the Tabb Library at 7 p.m. on November 10. Formed in 1997, the quintet performs a variety of chamber works as well as popular and patriotic pieces. The program will include works by G. F. Handel, Carl Nielsen, John Philip Sousa, and more.



Peninsula Youth Orchestra members perform at the 2006 Saturday at Seven Concert.

The group includes SSgt Anne Epperly, flute; SrA Grace Huntoon, oboe; SrA Jeffrey Boehmer, clarinet; MSgt Roger Novak, horn; and TSgt Julie Stockdill, bassoon.

The Peninsula Youth Orchestra will perform a winter holiday concert on December 8 at 7 p.m. The orchestra was founded in 1960 to provide a high quality musical experience to young area musicians.

Saturday at Seven performances are free of charge and open to the public. Call the Library at 890-5120 for more information.

Upcoming Concerts

Jan. 12, 2008 Coyote Run	Feb. 9, 2008 Tim Seaman	Mar. 8, 2008 Bryan Forrest
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Are Your Library Books Overdue?

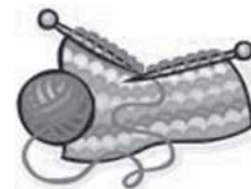
The York County Public Library is sponsoring two overdue fine amnesty programs in November. During the week of November 4-10 patrons may participate in the Yarn for Fines program. Patrons with overdue materials may bring machine-washable yarn to either the Tabb or Yorktown Library to pay their overdue fines. One skein of yarn will pay one fine, regardless of the amount of the fine. The Yarn for Fines program will provide yarn for *Tying the Community Together*, a youth service program sponsored by the Library.

During the week of November 11-17 patrons may participate in the Food for Fines program. One nonperishable food item will pay one fine, and patrons may bring in as many food items as they have fines. Donated items will benefit local food closets.

The Yarn for Fines and Food for Fines programs do not apply to charges for lost or damaged items. Bring your yarn or food item(s) to the Circulation desk, along with your library card, to receive credit.

Library Holiday Closings

Nov. 12, 2007	Veteran's Day
Nov. 22, 2007	Thanksgiving
Nov. 23, 2007	Thanksgiving
Dec. 23, 2007	Christmas
Dec. 24, 2007	Christmas
Dec. 25, 2007	Christmas
Dec. 31, 2007	New Years
Jan. 1, 2008	New Years



Yarn for Fines
November 4-10, 2007

York Republican Women Book Donation

The Library recently received a generous book donation from the York Republican Women. Sheila Noll, President, and Laurice Becker presented the books to Kevin Smith, Director of Library Services.

Three of the books donated discuss the impact of women on the history of the United States. *Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America* by Karenna Gore Schiff highlights nine lesser known women who had a great impact on the political scene including Dolores Huerta, cofounder of the United Farm Workers, and Virginia Durr who campaigned against racism. The women's movement from the 1960's to the present is covered in *The World Split Open: How the Modern Women's Movement Changed America* by Ruth Rosen. *No Small Courage: A History of Women in the United States*, edited by Nancy



Left to Right: Sheila Noll, Kevin Smith, and Laurice Becker

F. Cott, is a collection of essays covering the history of American women from Native American women during colonization to the struggle for equality beginning in the 1960s. The fourth book provides an exceptional look into the presidency of Ronald Reagan. *The Reagan Diaries* by Ronald Reagan, ed-

ited by Douglas Brinkley, is a record of Reagan's personal thoughts and observations during his years in the White House.

These books are available at both the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries. Visit the online catalog at yorkcounty.gov/library to reserve a copy today.

Story Hours
Winter Session I
January 14 - February 15

Tiny Tales

Ages 6 to 14 months

Tabb Library

Tues 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Registration begins

Jan. 7, 2008

Toddler Tales

Ages 15 to 30 months

Tabb Library

Tues 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Wed 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Wed 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Yorktown Library

Thur 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Registration begins

January 7, 2008

Preschool Story Time

Tabb

Wed 10:15 AM Ages 2½ - 3½

Wed 1:00 PM Ages 2½ - K

Thur 10:15 AM Ages 2½ - 3½

Thur 11:15 AM Ages 3½ - K

Yorktown

Wed 10:15 AM Ages 2½ - 3½

Wed 11:00 AM Ages 3½ - K

Registration begins

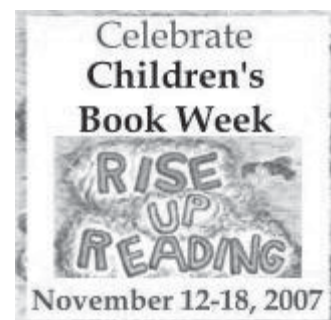
January 8, 2008

To register at Tabb
call 890-5110

To register at Yorktown
call 890-3236

Children's Book Week - *Rise Up Reading!*

Library Director Kevin Smith will share some of his favorite children's books at a special story time during Children's Book Week on Thursday, November 15 at 2 p.m. in the Tabb Library meeting room. Since 1919, educators, librarians, booksellers, and families have celebrated Children's Book Week during the week before Thanksgiving. This year's theme, *Rise Up Reading!*, encourages children to spread the joy of reading by spending some time with a book each day. Children's Book Week is sponsored by the Children's Book Council, a nonprofit trade association that promotes the use and enjoyment of children's trade books and related literacy materials for young people.



Holiday Story Time



Come ring in the holiday at the library with a special holiday story time on Saturday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Tabb Library meeting room or on Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m. in the Yorktown Library meeting room. Join us for a festive story, songs, and a craft. This program is recommended for ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome. For additional information, call 890-5110 (Tabb) or 890-3236 (Yorktown).

Tying the Community Together

Tying the Community Together is off to a great start! With the guidance of instructors from the York County Senior Center and the community, area teens are learning to knit. The teens and community members knitted enough rectangles to create their first afghan. It was donated to the American Cancer Society at the October 20 *Tying the Community Together* meeting.

The *Tying the Community Together* program is for middle and high school aged youth and meets the third Saturday of each month. If you enjoy knitting or would like to learn to knit, join us at our next meeting on Saturday, November 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tabb Library.



Ruth Dorsman (left) demonstrates the garter stitch while Angelica De Leon watches.

Trace Your Family Tree with *HeritageQuest Online*

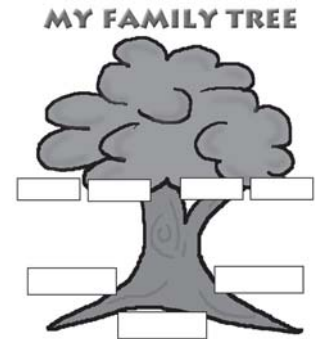
HeritageQuest Online is one of the most valuable services available for anyone researching ancestry in the United States, and it is available through the York County Public Library (YCPL). You don't even have to leave home to use it. Patrons can use their library card to access *HeritageQuest Online* through the library's web site and begin instantly searching for clues to their past.

Once connected to *HeritageQuest Online*, patrons will find extensive resources — the complete U.S. Federal Census from 1790-1930; over 25,000 fully searchable family and local history books; the Periodical Source Index, a subject index covering more than 6,500 genealogy and local history periodicals; the Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files; and Freedman's Bank Records. Patrons can search for documents

related to people or places, browse or search magazines and books, browse through census documents, and view and download scanned images of the documents.

"Genealogy is a wonderful hobby for anyone who wants to learn more about their family history," said Kevin Smith, YCPL Director. "*HeritageQuest Online* is simple enough for beginners, yet it also provides content that will help veteran genealogists."

For more information about *HeritageQuest Online* or the library's other databases, visit yorkcounty.gov/library or call 890-5120.



Resources for Elementary Students

Kids InfoBits is a research database for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. It meets the needs of young students with simple, quick access to age-appropriate information on current events, arts, sciences, health, people, government, sports, history, and more. The easy-to-use interface lets students explore by subject categories and searches.

Kids InfoBits is available through the York County Public Library's web site, yorkcounty.gov/library. Follow the link to "Online Databases," and then access the "Find It Virginia" database. Select the York County Public Library and enter your library card number. Follow the "Resources for Students" link to the *Kids InfoBits* database.

Heritage to Horizons CD Available

Major Douglas Monroe, Commander and Conductor of the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band, recently presented the York County Board of Supervisors with copies of the band's latest music CD, *Heritage to Horizons*. Copies of the free CD are available at the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries. Quantities are limited and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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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 web site
<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