



LITERALLY SPEAKING...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

Calling all Writers: York County Public Library Announces the Third Annual Juried Literary Competition

The York County Public Library announces the Third Annual Juried Literary Competition for Poetry and Short Stories. In addition to the Adult Poetry and Short Story Divisions, a High School Short Story Division has been added to this year's competition. Entries will be accepted at the Tabb Library between January 27 and February 28, 2008. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each of the three divisions.

The competition is open to adults, age 18 and up, and high school students residing in York County and neighboring areas. Winners will be announced on March 24. A Winners' Reception and Public Reading will be held during National Library Week on April 17 at the Tabb Library. Competition rules are available on the Library's web site, yorkcounty.gov/library.

In conjunction with the literary competition, the Library is offering a series of free writ-

ing and publishing workshops at the Tabb Library. Registration is required. Visit the Tabb Reference desk or call 890-5120 to register.

The Third Annual Juried Literary Competition is part of the Library's efforts to encourage participation in the literary arts by local adults and high school students. Funding for the program is provided by the Friends of the Library and by a grant from the York County Arts Commission.

January Second Saturday at Seven Concert Features Coyote Run

The Second Saturday at Seven Concert Series welcomes Coyote Run to the Tabb Library at 7 p.m. on January 12, 2008. This Celtic rock band performs in major Celtic festivals, clubs, pubs, and concert halls throughout the United States. They have also toured Ireland and Scotland.

Coyote Run's sixth and latest CD, *Places*, is a live concert recorded in their hometown of Williamsburg, Virginia and at Revolution Hall in Troy, New York. *Places* features original songs with a strong, driving rock feel interwoven with traditional and rich poetic lyrics.

Coyote Run is David Doersch, Catherine Hauke, Doug Bischoff, Michael Kazalski, and Zachary Williamson. Visit their web site, coyoterun.com, for more information about the band.

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



From left: Doug Bischoff, Zack Williamson, David Doersch, Catherine Hauke, and Michael Kazalski.

Timothy Seaman Performs February 9th

The Second Saturday at Seven Concert Series features internationally known recording artist Timothy Seaman at 7 p.m. on February 9, 2008. Seaman brings together an eclectic blend of music styles. Sometimes the deep voice of his four-octave extended-range hammered dulcimer takes on the heart of a Chopin ballade, and other times the glistening contemporary interpretation of a whitewater canoe ride or a highland hike among fir trees. A specialist in Virginia themes, parks, nature, Celtic roots and folk hymns, Seaman has produced or co-produced 15 recordings including the well-received *Here on This Ridge*, for the Shenandoah National Park; *Celebration of Centuries* for his hometown Williamsburg's tri-centennial; and *Jamestown: On the Edge of a Vast Continent* for the 2007 commemoration.

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Timothy Seaman

Educational Workshops for Parents

The Youth Services Department is offering a series of free educational workshops at the Tabb Library for the parents of middle and high school students. The workshops will be presented by Dr. Ellen Fithian, a college planning consultant and founder of Hampton Roads Educational Consulting, LLC, located in Poquoson.

Dr. Fithian will discuss *Comparing Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Dual Enrollment, and Governor's Schools* on January 8; *How to Help Your Teenager Discover and Nurture His or Her Interests and Talents* on January 15; and *How to Build Critical Reading Skills for the SAT and College* on January 22. For a description of the workshops, visit the Library's web site, yorkcounty.gov/children. All workshops begin at 7 p.m. and last one hour. Registration is not required. For more information on Hampton Roads Educational Consulting, LLC, visit their web site, hredconsulting.com.

Federal Tax Forms

Stop by the library to pick up your Federal Tax Forms. The most frequently requested forms and instruction booklets will be available beginning Monday, January 7, 2008. Check the display rack in the copy room at the Tabb and Yorktown libraries. Other forms and publications may be photocopied for 15¢ per page.

The library does not provide assistance in completing tax forms or determining which forms you need to fill out. Commonwealth of Virginia tax forms are not available at the library. They are available online at tax.virginia.gov.

AARP Tax-Aid is not available at the Library. Visit the AARP web site, aarp.org/money/taxaide, to find a Tax-Aide site near you.

The Library will be CLOSED

Tuesday, January 1, for New Year's Day

Monday, January 21, for Martin L. King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 18, for Presidents' Day

Story Hours Winter Session I January 15 - February 14

Tiny Tales

Ages 6 to 14 months

Tabb Library

Tues 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Registration begins 10 AM

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 10 AM

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 10 AM

January 8, 2008

**To register at Tabb
call 890-5110**

**To register at Yorktown
call 890-3236**

Saturday Story Time

Reading is good for the heart! Join us for a special Valentine's Story Time on February 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Tabb Library meeting room. The morning will be filled with stories, games, and crafts. Registration is not required.

Tying the Community Together

Calling all middle and high school students! The next gathering of the *Tying the Community Together* knitting program will be held on Saturday, January 19, from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Tabb Library meeting room. *Tying the Community Together* is sponsored by the Library in conjunction with the Warm Up America Foundation. Warm Up America is a charitable organization dedicated to providing handmade blankets, clothing, and accessories to help those in need. For more information, contact the Youth Services desk at 890-5110.

Are You Ready For The Battle of the Books?

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 fourth through eighth grades reading and answering questions about 20 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 against area schools from Newport News, Hampton, Gloucester, Poquoson and Williamsburg.



Battle of the Books Practices

Grades 4-5

Mon. 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

January 7, 14 & 28

at the Yorktown Library

Tues. 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

January 8, 15, 22 & 29

at the Tabb Library

Wed. 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

January 9, 23 & 30

at the Tabb Library

Grades 6-8

Mon. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

January 7, 14 & 28

at the Yorktown Library

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

Call 890-5120 to register!

Legal Databases Available @ YCPL

The Library offers patrons access to two legal databases. LexisNexis is tailored for legal professionals, while *LegalTrac* is designed for the layperson.

Patrons can access *LegalTrac* through the Find It Virginia database. *LegalTrac* provides indexing for over 875 titles including major law reviews, legal newspapers, and bar association journals. This database is available through the library's web site.

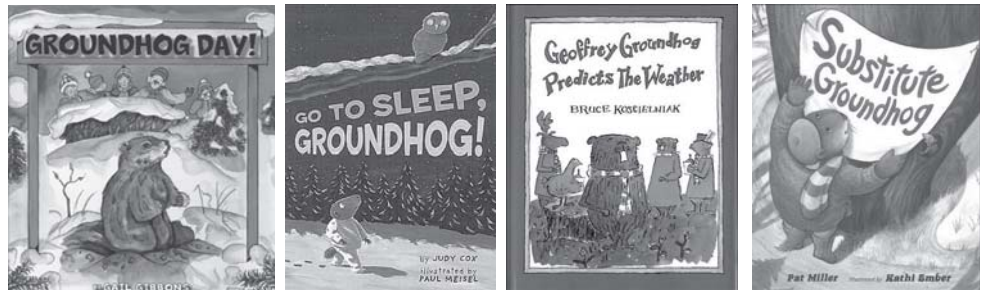
The LexisNexis Total Research System database can be accessed at the Tabb Library, Yorktown Library, and the Law Library in the York-Poquoson Courthouse. Patrons can explore legal topics including criminal, education, estate, patent, and tax law. Search for information on Virginia, Federal, and Supreme Court cases. There is also a guided search form to help you target specific areas.

Afghans Donated to VA Hospital

Participants in the *Tying the Community Together Program* visited the Hampton VA Medical Center on Veteran's Day to present four wheelchair afghans to residents. Pictured from left to right: WWII vet Ruth Dorsman, Kassie Fralick, and Betsy Wusk. Kneeling: Grace Wusk.



Let's Celebrate Groundhog Day!



Check out these fun books about Groundhog Day for children ages 5-8. From left: *Groundhog Day!* by Gail Gibbons
Go To Sleep Groundhog! by Judy Cox
Geoffrey Groundhog Predicts the Weather by Bruce Koscielniak
Substitute Groundhog by Pat Miller (Coming Soon!)

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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