



LITERALLY SPEAKING...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

Author Walter Mosley Speaks at Ferguson Center

The Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium (VPLC) is bringing novelist and social commentator Walter Mosley to the Ferguson Center's Music and Theatre Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Best known for his mysteries featuring detective Easy Rawlins, Mosley's novels depict the black experience as seen through the eyes of ordinary men. His essays and nonfiction examine ways the African-American perspective can contribute to political, economic, and social progress in America.

Mosley will speak on his life and writings under the title, *The Literary Life*. Free tickets for the author talk, question-and-answer session, and book-signing are available beginning September 15 at the sponsoring libraries of the VPLC, which consists of the public libraries of

Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, and York County and the academic libraries of Christopher Newport University, Hampton University, and Thomas Nelson Community College.

Tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to two per person while supplies last. Ticket holders will be seated first. Any remaining seats will then be open to the general public.

The libraries of the VPLC will be offering screenings and book and film discussions about Mosley's work prior to his appearance. The Tabb Library is hosting a film screening and book discussion of *Devil in a Blue Dress* on Thursday, October 2. The film, starring Denzel Washington, will begin at 6 p.m. with the discussion of the book and film at 7:45 p.m. John Nichols,

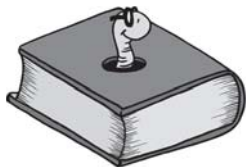


director of film studies and associate professor in English at Christopher Newport University, will lead the discussion of the book and film. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. For a complete listing of the Mosley associated programs, visit library.cnu.edu/vplc.html.

Register to Vote @ Your Library

Citizens of York County and other Virginia residents may register to vote at the York County Public Library. The registration deadline is 5 p.m. on October 6, 2008, for the November 4, 2008, General Election. Absentee Ballot Application Forms are also available. For complete voter registration information, visit York County's web site, yorkcounty.gov/voting.

Become a First Tuesday Bookworm!



The York County Public Library is forming an adult book discussion group which will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us in the Tabb conference room on October 7 to discuss any book you have read by Amy Tan. Tan was the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium's feature speaker last October.

Along with the discussion of Tan's books, those who heard her speak last year may wish to share the experience. Please bring your suggestions for future reads, too. Call the Tabb Reference desk at 890-5120 for more information.

Second Saturday at Seven Concerts

The Second Saturday at Seven Concert Series welcomes the Publick Times Show Chorus and its quartets to the Tabb Library at 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 13. Under the direction of Ellen Sandridge, this 40 member chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Their performance features a cappella vocal music sung in the barbershop style, paired with energetic choreography and beautiful costumes.

The Dixieland Band of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band will perform at 7 p.m. on October 11. The Dixieland Band represents the original New Orleans Jazz

tradition, performing works by Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, King Oliver, and the marching brass bands. This seven piece band is made up of cornet, clarinet, baritone saxophone, trombone, banjo, tuba, and drums. You will enjoy this taste of New Orleans.

Second Saturday at Seven Concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the Tabb Library meeting room. Performances are free of charge and open to the public. The Saturday at Seven Concert Series is sponsored by the Friends of the York County Public Library. Call 890-5120 or visit yorkcounty.gov/library for more information.

Celebrate the Freedom to Read!

The week of September 27 through October 4, 2008, marks the 27th anniversary of Banned Books Week, the American Library Association's (ALA) annual celebration of our right to access books without censorship. Banned Books Week reminds Americans to celebrate the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be

considered unpopular or unorthodox and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those viewpoints to all who choose to read them. Exercise your rights and checkout one of the most frequently challenged books of 2007 at your York County Public Library. For a complete list visit the ALA web site, ala.org/bbooks.

Ten Most Frequently Challenged Books of 2007

- And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson & Peter Parnell
- The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier
- Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes
- The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
- The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- TTYL* by Lauren Myracle
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
- It's Perfectly Normal* by Robie Harris
- The Perks of Being A Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky

Closing books
shuts out ideas.



LearningExpress

The York County Public Library announces a new addition to our online resources — LearningExpress Library. This interactive online learning platform of practice tests and tutorial courses is designed to help patrons succeed on academic



and licensing tests. Practice tests include immediate scoring and complete answer explanations. Exams available include the SAT, GED, Firefighter, ASVAB, and more.

Patrons have 24/7 access to LearningExpress Library via the Library's web site, yorkcounty.gov/library. Click on Research Databases in the left navigation bar. Then scroll down to the LearningExpress Library link. First time users will need to register at the LearningExpress web site using your library card number as your username.

The Library will be closed:

- Monday, September 1,
for Labor Day and
- Monday, October 20,
for Yorktown Day.

The Library will open at 2 p.m.
on Wednesday, October 1.

Wireless Internet Access
is now available at both the
Tabb and Yorktown Libraries!

Story Hours Fall Session I September 9 - October 9

Tiny Tales

Ages 6 to 14 months

Tabb Library

Tue 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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

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

An Introduction to *The Spiderwick Chronicles*

Afterschool Reading Program
for Children in Grades 3-5

Thursdays from 4-5 p.m.
Tabb Library Meeting Room

October 9, 16, 23, 30
Registration is not required

Call 890-5110 for details

Fall Session I Story Hour Registration

Registration for the first Fall Session of Tiny Tales and Toddler Tales begins at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2. Story Time registration begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 3. Call or stop by the Youth Services Desk at Tabb (890-5110) or Yorktown (890-3236) to register. Please note there will be no Toddler Tales or Pre-school Story Time classes on Wednesday, October 1.

Paws to Read

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to come to the library at 2 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month to read aloud to a trained therapy dog. The dogs and their owners, who volunteer their time, have been certified in pet therapy. Children and dogs bond over a shared story, and readers gain confidence by reading to dogs. A signed parental permission slip will be required. The sessions on September 27 and October 25 will be held in the Tabb Library meeting room. The November 22 session will be held in the Yorktown Library meeting room. For additional information, call 890-5110.



Teen Read Week™ is October 12 - 18

Area teens will be reading for the fun of it as the library celebrates the tenth annual Teen Read Week™, October 12-18, 2008.

They join thousands of other libraries, schools, and bookstores across the country who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, *Books with Bite @ your library®*. Teens will be able to write a review of a book read during the month of October and enter their review online for a chance to win a Dunkin Donuts gift card. On Thursday, October 15 at 7 p.m. a movie (TBD) with bite will be shown and refreshments will be served.



Hundreds Participate in Summer Reading

Almost 1,500 children ages 2½ to 12 participated in the Library's Summer Reading Program, *Catch the Reading Bug!* Children submitted their reading logs for weekly incentives, registered for weekly drawings, and attended entertaining programs throughout the six weeks of the program. Those who completed four of the six weeks received a certificate and a free book as a final prize. More than 60 teens registered for the Teen Summer Reading Program, *Metamorphosis @ your Library*. Teens entered over 300 reviews for books and programs online for weekly and grand prize drawings. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for their generous sponsorship of the Summer Reading Program activities.

Teen volunteers who worked at the Yorktown Library were Brian Anderson, Eric Anderson, Benjamin Bakkum, Matthew Bruce, Kallen Bynum, Katie DeChristopher, Stephanie Dygert, Elizabeth Evans, Ian Freedman, Melanie Freedman, Brandon Halberg, Mariah Hart, Michelangelo Hooker, Tyler Hosler, Emma Huelskoetter, Kirsten Koch, Eddie Kuster, Shannon Kuster, Khoi Nguyen, Paul Novotny, Allison Prendergast, Kyle Saunders, Courtney Schengber, and Marvel Taylor.

The Tabb Library teen volunteers were Katie Allison, Arielle Andrews, Kyla Arager, Mary Baucom, Timothy Beyer, Nina Blanson, Liam Byrne, Grace Chen, Ke Cheng, Paul Cho, Eesah Choudhari, Madison Cobb, Mitchell Croom, Daniel Deskins, Victoria Dixon, Alexandria Espil, Monica Garney, Samantha Guthrie, Brittany Hillesheim, Kyle Imhof, Eric Jackson, Amy Jones, Elmino Kwon, Kathy LaMarsh, Haley Lee, Jessica Lee, Yvonne Mack, Kristy Mlynczak, Patricia Murray, Vinh Nguyen, Meghan Paradis, Daven Patel, Jugal Patel, Rebecca Provenzano, Pooja Ranganathan, Priyanka Ranganathan, Maya Sankaran, Angel Santiago, David Scott, Ainsley Short, Brianna Stultz, Lauren Su, Bryan Talbert, Megan Taylor, Robin Turner, Ian Van der Hoven, Taylor Vollman, Priya Vyas, Taylor Weisheit, Maggie Williams, Alexis Winters, Juliana Wu, Brian Xu, James Zhang, and Yunzhe Zhou.

Thanks to Our SRP Teen Volunteers

The hard work and dedication of our teen volunteers helped make our Summer Reading Program (SRP) very successful. A huge thank you is extended to the 82 teens who volunteered at the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries, providing over 1,000 hours of service. The teen volunteers registered participants, explained the SRP, answered questions, distributed prizes, and helped wherever they were needed.

Mark Your Calendars!

Join us for the second fall session of Tiny Tales, Toddler Tales, and Preschool Story Time. Registration begins at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21 for Tiny Tales and Toddler Tales. Preschool Story Time registration begins at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 22.

The Great War

An exhibit marking the 90th anniversary of the end of The Great War, World War I, will open at the Yorktown Library at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 1 with a reception and light refreshments until 4:30 p.m. The artifacts, maps, books, and military memorabilia are from the collection of Elena Siddall, the exhibit's curator. In conjunction with the exhibit, at 2:30 p.m. on November 8 the movie *Paths of Glory* will be shown at the Yorktown Library. Call 890-3377 for more information.

Authors Gone Hollywood Movie Night

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14 in the Tabb Library meeting room for our first Authors Gone Hollywood Movie Night for adults ages 18 and older. Movies based on books will be shown on the second Tuesday of every month followed by a brief discussion if time permits. The October 14 feature is *Sleepy Hollow* starring Johnny Depp. Based on Washington Irving's *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, the movie is rated R and lasts 105 minutes. Drinks and popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring a brown bag dinner. There will be a special prize for one lucky patron at the end of our October 14 kickoff event.



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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
yorkcounty.gov/library

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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