



LITERALLY SPEAKING...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

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



The York County Public Library announces the Fourth Annual Juried Literary Competition for Poetry and Short Stories. Entries will be accepted at the Tabb Library during the month of February. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in the Adult Poetry Division, Adult Short Story Division and High School Short Story Division.

To enter the Adult Short Story and/or Poetry Divisions you must be at least 18 years old. To enter the High School Short Story Division, students must be in grades 9-12 and attend

schools located in York County. Competition rules are available on the library's Web site, yorkcounty.gov/library. Winners will be announced on March 30. A Winners' Reception and Public Reading will be held during National Library Week on April 16.

In conjunction with the literary competition, the library will offer free writing and publishing workshops. All workshops will be held in the Tabb Library meeting room from 10

a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Register online through the events calendar on the library's Web site, at the Tabb Reference desk, or by calling 890-5120.

The literary competition and workshops are part of the Library's efforts to encourage participation in the literary arts by local adults and high school students. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the York County Arts Commission.

Literary Competition Workshops

Date	Workshop	Presenter
Jan. 10	Writing Hard Hitting Poetry	Serena Fusek
Jan. 17	Writers in Search of Stories	Heidi Hartwiger
Jan. 24	Creative Writing	Joe Jackson
Jan. 31	How to get Published	Kathleen Mix

Computer Classes @ Your Library

The Tabb Library is now offering free computer training in our computer lab. These beginner classes last one hour.

Sign up for Introduction to Computers at 10 a.m. on Feb. 3 or 7 p.m. on Feb. 5. Learn basic information about computer hardware, software and working with Windows. This class is for beginners with little or no experience.

At 10 a.m. on Feb. 10 or 7 p.m. on Feb. 12, sign up for an Introduction to the Internet. Topics include navigating with Internet Explorer 7.0 and finding information online.

Learn how to sign up for a free email account with Yahoo or Hotmail in the Introduction to Email class at 10 a.m. on Feb. 17 or 7 p.m. on Feb. 19. The basics of sending, receiving and replying to messages will also be covered.

An Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003 will be offered at 10 a.m. on Feb. 24 or 7 p.m. on Feb. 26. Learn how to create, save, edit and print a simple document in this word processing program.

Since class size is limited, you must preregister online via the events calendar at yorkcounty.gov/library, by calling 890-5120, or by visiting the Tabb Reference desk. Registration begins Jan. 7.

Second Saturday at Seven Concert Series

The Second Saturday at Seven Concert Series welcomes the Runaway String Band to the Tabb Library at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10. The Runaway String Band brings together four longtime Williamsburg area musicians whose mix of traditional and contemporary bluegrass, old time and swing music builds on the spirit of the old

time string bands. With lush vocal harmonies and hot instrumentals, the band provides audiences with a taste of traditional and popular American music with a new acoustic feel.

Doug Austin, formerly with the acclaimed bluegrass ensemble Virginia Rail, plays the mandolin and adds strong lead

and harmony vocals. Five-string banjoist Dave Paddock sings both harmony and lead and creates many of the band's vocal arrangements. Lynn Trott plays the viola de gamba. The band's primary lead vocalist, Barry Trott, plays both guitar and mandolin and is responsible for much of the band's repertoire. Together this quartet will delight you with its harmonies and unique arrangements of bluegrass, old time and swing music.

The Second Saturday at Seven Concert Series will be on hiatus on Feb. 14, but will be back on Mar. 14 with Curt Brady.

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. This concert series is sponsored by the Friends of the York County Public Library. Call 890-5120 or visit yorkcounty.gov/library for more information.



The Runaway String Band is (left to right) Doug Austin, Barry Trott, Lynn Trott and Dave Paddock.

Authors Gone Hollywood Movie Night

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Tabb Library meeting room for our Authors Gone Hollywood Movie Night for adults ages 18 and older. Registration is not required for this free event.

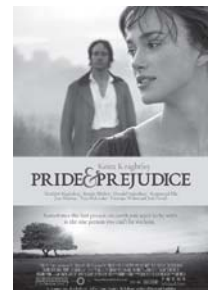
The feature film on Jan. 13 is the 1992 drama, "The Last of the Mohicans," starring Daniel Day-Lewis. Based on James Fenimore Cooper's novel by the

same name, the movie is rated R for violence and lasts 112 minutes. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

The Feb. 10 feature is "Pride and Prejudice," starring Keira Knightley. This Academy Award nominated movie is based on the book "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen. The movie is 129 minutes long and rated PG. Cookies and drinks will be served.

The Library will be closed:

Monday, January 19,
for Martin Luther King Day and
Monday, February 16,
for President's Day.



Battle of the Books Practices

Tabb Library

Grades 4-5

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Tue, Jan 13, 20 & 27

Wed, Jan 7, 14 & 28

Thu, Jan 22

Grades 6-8

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tue, Jan 13, 20 & 27

Yorktown Library

Grades 4-5

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Wed, Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28

Grades 6-8

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Wed, Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28



Children Ages 6-12

2 p.m. on Jan 24 & Feb 28
Tabb Library Meeting Room

Parental Permission Required
890-5110 for more Information

Story Hours Spring Session I

March 9 - April 17
No classes April 6-10

Registration begins:
Tiny/Toddler Tales
Monday, March 2

Preschool Story Time
Tuesday, March 3

Reading is Good for the Heart!

Join us for a special Valentine's Story Time on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the Tabb Library meeting room or at 1 p.m. in the Yorktown Library meeting room. Enjoy stories, songs and crafts. This activity is recommended for ages 3-7, but all ages are welcome. For more information, call 890-5110 (Tabb) or 890-5207 (Yorktown).



Fun at One Homeschool Program

Homeschooled children ages 6-10 are invited to attend the third session of Fun at One. Enjoy books, crafts and activities centered on the theme, Let it Snow! The program will be held from 1-2 p.m. on Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9 and 23 in the Yorktown Library meeting room. For additional information, call 890-5207.



Exceptional Web Sites for Children

The Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, recently announced 2008 additions to Great Web Sites for Kids, ala.org/greatsites. Great Web Sites for Kids features links to valuable Web sites of interest to children, organized by subject headings such as animals; literature and languages; mathematics and computers; the arts; and history and biography. There is also a section with sites of interest to parents, caregivers and teachers.

- Bob the Builder - www.bobthebuilder.com/usa/intro.html
- Career Information for Kids - <http://www.bls.gov/k12/>
- Exploring Nature Educational Resource - www.exploringnature.org
- The Federal Communications Commission Kids Zone - www.fcc.gov/cgb/kidszone
- GoGooligans - www.gogooligans.com
- The Harry Potter Lexicon - www.hp-lexicon.org
- Leading to Reading - www.rif.org/leadingtoreading/en/
- Nutrition Explorations: Kids - www.nutritionexplorations.com/kids/main.asp
- The Road to the Capitol/National Mock Election - www.nationalmockelection.org/game/
- We Shall Overcome Historic Places of the Civil Rights Movement National Register Travel Itinerary - www.nps.gov/history/NR/travel/civilrights

Excerpt from: "ALSC announces exceptional Web sites for children." American Library Association. 2008. <http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2008/november2008/ALSCexceptionalwebsites.cfm>.

Federal Tax Forms

The most frequently requested federal tax forms and instructions are available at your library. Check the display rack adjacent to the Reference desk at Tabb and the copy room at Yorktown. Other forms and publications may be photocopied or printed for 15¢ per page. Federal forms are also available online at irs.gov. The library does not provide assistance in completing tax forms.

Commonwealth of Virginia tax forms are not available at the library. They are available online at tax.virginia.gov. The York County Commissioner of the Revenue's Office has Virginia Individual Income Tax forms, but they do not have federal forms.

AARP Tax-Aide is not available at the library. Visit the AARP Web site, aarp.org/money/taxaide, to find a Tax-Aide location near you.

First Tuesday Bookworms

The First Tuesday Bookworms, an adult book discussion group, meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Tabb Conference Room. Join us on Jan. 6 to discuss "The Inheritance of Loss" by Kiran Desai. Our Feb. 3 selection is "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. Contact the Tabb Reference desk at 890-5120 for more information.



Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center is one of the many research databases available to library patrons. It covers today's hottest social issues, from terrorism to endangered species, stem cell research to gun control. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center brings together all the information that is needed to fully understand an issue: pro and con viewpoint articles; full-text magazines, academic journals and newspapers; court case overviews; government and organizational statistics; multimedia; links to reviewed, reliable Web sites; and more!

Opposing Viewpoints can be accessed 24/7 via the "Research Databases" link on the library's Web site, yorkcounty.gov/library. Patrons will need their library card number to access the database from home.

Celebrate Lincoln Bicentennial

February 12, 2009, marks the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Congress tasked the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (ALBC) to commemorate this event. A complete listing of the events commemorating the bicentennial is available at lincolnbicentennial.gov. In conjunction with the ALBC, C-Span provides television coverage of the major events.



The C-Span Web site, c-span.org/lincoln200years/, contains the largest video archive of Lincoln programs on the Internet, rare photos, selected speeches, resources for teachers and links to other Lincoln Web sites.

Celebrate this anniversary by learning more about our 16th president with these great reads at your library: "Lincoln" by David Herbert Donald; "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" by Doris Kearns Goodwin; and "Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief" by James M. McPherson.

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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

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