

# CHESAPEAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Infopeake

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Check the online calendar for information about The Big Read activities at area libraries.
- Celebrate National Library Week from April 11-17. Visit your library and check out something fun to read or watch!
- Become a fan of CPL on Facebook. Visit our website at [www.infopeake.org](http://www.infopeake.org) for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Sheep to Shawl - Central                                   | Apr. 16    |
| National Volunteer Recognition Week                        | Apr. 18-24 |
| Tween Candy Sushi & Anime - Greenbrier                     | Apr. 22    |
| El Dia de los Ninos: Free Dance Performance - Indian River | Apr. 24    |
| El dia del Niño / Children's Day - Russell Memorial        | Apr. 28    |
| Big Read Kick off & Asian Fest - Central                   | May 1      |
| Knitting for Newborns - Major Hillard                      | May 8      |
| Paws to Read - South Norfolk                               | May 22     |
| Little Ladies Book Club - Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee           | May 25     |

## Renovated Greenbrier Library a Smash Hit!

The newly renovated interior of the Greenbrier Library is getting a great reaction from our customers. WOW is what most of them say as they walk in the door and see the transformation. Here are some of the comments about the Greenbrier Library that were sent to the Mayor's office:



"Congratulations! You have done a great job with the tremendous improvements to the library. It makes us proud to be citizens of Chesapeake."



"I'm so happy that you didn't decorate in BROWN-contemporary, but ugly. Both levels have so much more room to move around...and grow."

Dear Mayor! Our newly renovated library is fantastic. The staff did an outstanding job-not only in their regular duties but in taking on a major task".

Hi, Alan! The Greenbrier Library looks fabulous! Where's the coffee bar?

"The new layout is beautiful and utilitarian. A terrific re-do!"

"I am so pleased with the new arrangement of the Greenbrier Library. Thanks so much for doing something that serves me."

The library reopened on March 22 after being closed for three weeks for a complete interior overhaul. During the first week of work, staff, volunteers, and trustees from the Sheriff's Department all pitched in to move books, disassemble shelves, and prepare the library for the new carpet and paint. The library was a beehive of activity during the second week when all of the painting, carpeting and wiring were finished. It took a massive team effort in the third week to put the library



back together again. Every inch of the library was cleaned, book displays were created, books were reshelfed, new computer modules were installed, signs were hung, furniture was arranged and as a special treat, City Landscaper Toni Landers installed a beautiful Zen-like garden along the large plate glass window area and smaller gardens in each of the window nooks to finish the remake. The results are spectacular!

WVEC CH-13 was on hand for the re-opening ceremony and the Chesapeake Clipper featured the renovation in an article on April 2. Check out the video and the article on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/ChesapeakePublicLibrary>.





# City Receives \$250,000 Federal Grant for Chesapeake Public Library Workforce Development Initiative

The federal government approved an investment of \$250,000 in federal funding for the City of Chesapeake to augment a program designed to increase citizen accessibility to job training and education resources. Congressman Forbes requested the funding for the project on behalf of the City of Chesapeake from the House Appropriations Committee as part of the FY2010 Labor, Health, and Education funding Bill. The bill was approved and signed into law in January 2010.

The expanded Job Help services will ensure that residents in neighborhoods throughout the City have access to job resources and educational opportunities. The Library is coordinating the services among the various partners to develop comprehensive schedules of course offerings and video conferencing capabilities. Check [www.infopeake.org](http://www.infopeake.org) for current information on Job Help Services at the Chesapeake Public Library.

## A Sneak Peek at \$ave \$teve

In case you haven't heard, the staff at CPL is working hard behind the scenes to prepare for the launch of our Smart Investing @ your library® online game called \$ave \$teve. Have you been wondering what \$teve is going to look like? Take a peek at our artist's concept for the \$teve character and let us know what you think. Send your comments to [pschirle@chesapeake.lib.va.us](mailto:pschirle@chesapeake.lib.va.us).

Look for more information coming your way soon about the launch date for the \$ave \$teve online game. Get in on the fun and \$ave \$teve from financial perils and pitfalls.



## We Want You...to Become a Fan on Facebook



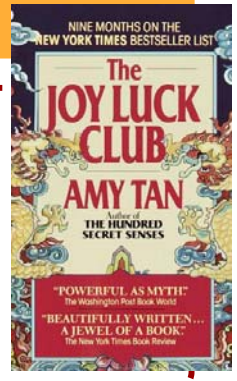
We need your help! The Chesapeake Public Library recently launched a fan page on Facebook and we are looking for people to become our fans. We want to start with the people we know are already our supporters in the community so we are inviting you to become a fan of our page today.

### Why you should become a fan of CPL on Facebook

- \*Find out instantly about the new books, CDs and DVDs we have available for check out.
- \*Get the inside story on upcoming events at the Library.
- \*Give us suggestions on how we can improve our services to you.

## The Big Read

Our Big Read 2010 will be starting May 1<sup>st</sup> with a kickoff event at Central Library from noon until 5PM. The kickoff will be part of this year's Asian Fest, featuring cultural activities and food vendors from different Asian countries. Mayor Krasnoff will be introducing two key note speakers who will talk about the value of reading and of family support in this endeavor. A limited number of Joy Luck Club books will be given away. Check the CPL website for a complete listing of CPL supporting events, the calendar of community Big Read events, and information about the Haiku Contest (with prizes!). Program information can also be found at [http://www.neabigread.org/communities/?community\\_id=2048](http://www.neabigread.org/communities/?community_id=2048)



## Crunchy Little Information Nuggets Dipped in Chocolate (AKA: Blogs)



Interested in an honest review of a book? Wondering what nature is bringing our way this month? Looking for something new to read? Curious about the idiosyncrasies of Chesapeake? Catch Bloggeritis by visiting our website and perusing our blogs. We've added some new ones this month that might pique your interest. Get your word out while you're at it and leave a comment. Be sure to become a follower of the blogs so you know when there is something new to read on your lunch break. Enjoy this delicious treat!