

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- **One Book One Community program begins in April. Pick up your copy of *Storm Warriors*, read it and join in the discussion today.**
- **The author of *WICKED*, Gregory Maguire, joins us at Central Library on May 28.**
- **Look for our events on the web at www.infopeake.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Library Week	April 12-18
Author Elisa Carbone at Central Library	April 22
National Volunteer Week	April 19-25
Staff Day	May 1
Author Gregory Maguire at Central	May 28
Summer Reading Carnival	June 20

African American Read-In Chain at Cuffee Library on WAVY Blog



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I was one of many guest readers at the Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Library in Chesapeake on Monday, February 23. I read an excerpt from the book "Chicken Soup for the Teenager's Soul". The group of kids ranged in age, but most were high school students. Not only did I read to them, we had a wonderful conversation about life. I told them doing the right thing may not always be the easy thing to do, but all of our actions have consequences and they need to consider that. Peer pressure is difficult and they may think they're in the best years of their lives, but they are not. They have much more to look forward to.



Libraries, schools, churches, bookstores were encouraged to coordinate read-ins like this one, to help make African-American literacy a traditional part of Black History month activities. The Cuffee Library has several programs to encourage young people to read and succeed in life. Some of the groups include the Little Ladies Book Club, Boys To Men Book Club, and Book Divas. Almost all the kids told me they plan to go on to college. I suggest they pick books on subjects they want to learn more about and read them during their summer break to keep their minds fresh. The fact that they spend time with their reading groups and were there with me at 7 p.m. on a school night showed me their dedication and determination. I believe this group will go far with the help of their teachers, families, and the community. This group is used to having guest speakers year round because the Cuffee Library has a mentoring program that makes sure the young men and women are exposed to speakers from different professions. The Cuffee Library is gearing up for its 3rd annual parade on June 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The parade route has expanded this year and the library is looking for bands, color guards, floats, food and vehicles for the distinguished guests. The parade kicks off the summer reading program where kids are encouraged to read at least 20 a day, to keep their minds fresh while school is out. For more information or if you want to help, call Donna Darnell at (757) 410-7036.

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WVEC TV news anchor Vanessa Coria reported on Orisirisi African Folklore programs being held at the area libraries in celebration of African-American History month. The program

was broadcast on the 5 o'clock news on February 24 and the video is posted on the WVEC TV website at <http://www.wvec.com/video/topvideo-index.html?nvid=335540>.



What Matters

WHRO Touts the Value of the Public Library

Olivia Osei-Sarfo, manager of the Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Library, was interviewed in February by Cathy Lewis for the **What Matters** series on WHRO TV. This segment focused on Hampton Roads libraries. Check out the video at: <http://whatmatters.tv/post/A-Book-Report-on-Hampton-Roads-Libraries-Past2c-Present2c-Future.aspx>



E-Waste Day at Cuffee Library on WVEC CH13

The Dr. Clarence V. Cuffee Library's Lego Robotics Team hosted an E-Waste Day on Saturday, March 7, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM as part of the Siemens' "We Can Change the World" Challenge. WVEC CH13 website carried an ad for the event with a link to the poster.

CPL Receives \$100,000 Smart Investing Grant

CPL received a \$100,000 grant in January to begin the \$ave \$teve investment training program. The main component of "\$ave \$teve" is an Interactive Multimedia Educational Website being developed through a partnership with Norfolk State University Gaming and Simulation Department. The online gaming module will engage the player in making decisions designed to take "\$teve" from rags to riches through smart investing.

Poetry Festival Featured in Virginia Libraries Magazine

Volume 54 of the Virginia Libraries magazine published in January 2009 featured an article about the annual Chesapeake Poetry Festival. The article, co-authored by Jean Carideo and Phyllis Schirle, gave the history of the festival and tips on how to get a similar event started. The American Library Association picked up on the article and featured it on the web at <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/news/topstories/chesapeake.cfm>.