

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Job Clubs are meeting at the Central, Indian River and Russell Memorial Libraries. Check the Events calendar for a complete listing.
- Visit our website at [www.infopeake.org](http://www.infopeake.org) for more exciting program information.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- EVMS Cares: Keeping Your Family Healthy for the Holidays @ Indian River Library **Nov. 5**
- Smart Investing: Planning for Retirement @ Central Library **Nov. 10**
- National Gaming Day @ Central & Indian River Libraries **Nov. 14**
- Paws to Read @ South Norfolk Library **Nov. 14**
- Job Training Expo @ Cuffee Library **Nov. 18**
- Open Mic Poetry Night at Greenbrier Library **Nov. 18**
- My First Words in Spanish @ Russell Memorial Library **Nov. 21**
- Knitting for Newborns @ Major Hillard Library **Nov. 21**
- Job Fair @ Indian River Library **Nov. 24**

## WWII Memorial Plaque Dedication

The South Norfolk Library staff had the rare pleasure of hosting World War II veterans on October 8 for the dedication of a plaque honoring veterans from South Norfolk schools. The plaque, originally displayed in the hall of South Norfolk High School, is on permanent display at the South Norfolk Memorial Library.

The plaque was removed from its original home at South Norfolk High School during a renovation. Library Board Member Raymond Harper, a World War II veteran and graduate of South Norfolk High School, is largely responsible for the survival of the memorial. Harper says the plaque almost ended up in the trash when they demolished the school. "They were going to throw it away," said Mr. Harper. He took it home and stored it in his garage until he could figure out what to do with it.

With the aid of Chesapeake City officials, including General Services Director Bill Broome, Mr. Harper had the plaque restored in Richmond. He then worked with Library Director Betsy Fowler to have it moved to the Library, a fitting location since the original South Norfolk Memorial Library was dedicated, in 1958, to all the veterans of World War II.



Raymond Harper & Dr. Raymond Jones

Over 100 people crowded into the South Norfolk Library for the dedication ceremony. Many were veterans or family members of veterans whose names are listed on the plaque. Betsy Fowler welcomed the guests to the ceremony and introduced Raymond Harper. Mr. Harper read a poem about his old buddies and then introduced an old buddy, Dr. Raymond Jones, who served as the MC and guest speaker.

A South Norfolk native, Dr. Jones is named for his uncle, Raymond Jones, whose name is on the plaque. Mayor Alan Krasnoff gave brief remarks and Jeanne Evans, Regional Representative, read a letter from Senator Jim Webb. The ceremony closed with the playing of "Taps" by Council Member Cliff Hayes, compliments of the Chesapeake Sheriff's Department.



Council Member Cliff Hayes

The dedication ceremony attracted the attention of the local media; the event was covered by CH48, WAVY CH10 and WVEC CH13. Check the CH48 program schedule at <http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/thisweek/schedule.shtml> for show times and view the WAVY CH10 coverage at [http://www.wavy.com/dpp/military/military\\_wavy\\_chesapeake\\_Plaquehonoringvetsbackondisplay\\_20091008](http://www.wavy.com/dpp/military/military_wavy_chesapeake_Plaquehonoringvetsbackondisplay_20091008).

## The State of the Curvy Interview

Indian River Library hosted a very special Job Club meeting on September 26 when they invited Ms. Cherina Tidwell, owner of Full Figured Creations Modeling Agency, to speak about the positive spiritual journey full-figured females must make as they become and remain motivated full-figured, professional, career women. Understanding the emotional struggle some full-figured women face and the frustration of having to sacrifice style when shopping for plus size apparel helped motivate Cherina to launch her own modeling agency.

In 2008, Cherina leaped into her dream of empowering the full-figured female through motivation and inspiration. The quality models from her agency are impeccable. This year alone they have appeared in the Torrid Fashion Show, Lane Bryant Fashion Show, and Full-Figured Fashion Week in NYC, just to name a few.

Ms. Tidwell gave tips on how to dress for an interview as well as how to present yourself during an interview. The models all wore clothing from a thrift store or from their closet to illustrate the fact that it does not require a lot of money to look professional. The green skirt and blouse, pictured in the photos, is a 99 cent bargain from thrift shopping. Ms. Tidwell also talked about other resources available for assisting with body, mind, and soul.

Those who attended gained inspiration for the interview and motivation for the new job. "The State of The Curvy Interview" was a total success! (Adapted from an article submitted by Givonne Ivey-Ponton)

## Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Greenbrier Library hosted their annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration on two Saturdays in September. The September 19 events had a children's focus, starting with a Bilingual Safety Magic Show by Sgt. Dave Rosado. The kids also received safety information courtesy of the Sheriff's Department.

After the magic show, Idalia Martinez and her class of Spanish students from Atlantic Shores presented a bilingual family storytime for the children. In the afternoon, certified Zumba® Instructor Rosa Castane led two sessions of Zumba®, one for children and one for adults. The Zumba® program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program. The kids and the adults had a great time getting fit!

Dance was the focus of the September 26 celebration. Ms. Ife M. Milligan-Martinez presented two sessions of Afro-Cuban dance lessons. Participants were encouraged to dance barefoot and wear Caribbean style skirts. Ms. Milligan-Martinez, originally from St. Croix, began studying Afro-Cuban dance in 1997 in NYC. She studied with Master teachers Baba Richard Gonzalez, Ricardo Colon and Xiomara and has performed with Ochunmare in NYC and Ache Moyubba Folkloric Ensemble in Washington, D.C. (Adapted from an article submitted by Susan Harder)

## CPL News: Noteworthy Bits & Pieces

We received some great local media coverage this past month. For starters, we have a feature article in the latest edition of *DISCOVER CHESAPEAKE*, including an interview and photos with Betsy. Wonderful promotional piece for the library system! Betsy was also interviewed by Mark Cox on the CH48 "Thinking Out Loud" program that aired on Oct. 1. Several of our events were in the *Virginian-Pilot (V-P)* as well. The Central Library Monster Fest, which featured a premier of the movie *Nightmares in Red, White & Blue*, made the front page calendar in the *Daily Break* and was featured in the *Clipper*. Tony Stein interviewed Therese Bigelow and Sasha Matthews about Banned Books Week and wrote about it in his column on Oct. 3. Phyllis Johnson gave both the "Teen Murder Mystery Night" and self-checkout service at Russell great reviews in the *Your Corner* supplement of the *V-P*. Pajama Time at Central, the Plant Swap at Russell, Geronimo Stilton at Indian River, Hispanic Heritage storytime at Greenbrier, and storytime at Central all made the *Daily Break* calendar. Way to go, CPL!