

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Friends of the Library (FOL) book sales every third Saturday of the month @ Central.
- Check the online calendar for information about FOL books sales at area libraries.
- Visit our website at www.infopeake.org for more exciting program information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Paws to Read @ South Norfolk Library Dec. 5
- Annual Tree Trimming in the Children's Dept. @ Central Library Dec. 7
- Tween Gaming @ Greenbrier Library Dec. 10
- Make A Cookie House @ Major Hillard Library Dec. 12
- Make A Christmas Card @ Cuffee Library Dec. 15
- A Night Before Christmas @ Russell Library Dec. 15
- Resume Aid @ Cuffee Library Dec. 17
- Knitting for Newborns @ Major Hillard Library Dec. 19
- Harry's Cinema @ Indian River Library Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

A Lot of Help From Our Friends...

The Friends of the Chesapeake Public Library

The Friends of the Chesapeake Public Library are making a difference in our community. The Chesapeake Public Library is facing an austere budget year, with reductions from both the city and state, and the Friends are coming to the rescue. They have stepped in to fill the gap by providing an increase in funding for special programs such as Summer Reading and teen events.

The Friends are a group of library advocates dedicated to enhancing the Chesapeake Public Library system by providing services and programs that enrich the lives of area residents of all ages. They raise funds to purchase equipment and materials that are not funded through the regular library budget. In addition, they sponsor special programs, and advocate for strong library support.

Our Friends know the value of the Chesapeake Public Library System and they have made it their mission to ensure that our libraries will be able to provide the truly "special" programs to our residents. (They are the ones we count on to supply the extra features of our library services.) The Friends give an amazing \$30,000+ each year in support of special programs at Chesapeake Public Library. Their financial backing has helped us expand and enhance the Summer Reading Program, now serving more than 10,000 children, teens, and adults, and to bring in top name authors for National Library Week such as Rita Mae Brown, Mary Maden, Sharyn McCrumb, and Harlan Coben.

The Friends recently approved a special \$10,000 contribution to help transform the second floor of the Central Library. New study tables equipped with laptop plug-in outlets and lamps will provide 21st Century information access with a comfortable "Old World" library ambience for library patrons. Look for updates on the progress in future newsletters.

The role of auxiliary library groups like the Friends has become more critical in view of our severe budgetary constraints, and the needs of our growing community. The Friends of the Library value, support, and champion the public library. They work diligently to assure adequate public funding of the Library. Private support is increasingly important in improving the services and resources of the Chesapeake Public Library. The Friends offer a variety of opportunities for everyone to support the Library, ranging from membership and individual contributions to monthly book sales and special events.

For more information about joining the Friends, call 410-7100 or visit the Library website at www.infopeake.org. Help your library change lives. Join the Friends of the Library today!



Books & Bucks @ Russell Memorial



The 2009 Nor'easter did not stop the November Fund Day "Books & Bucks" program at Russell Memorial Library. On Saturday, November 14, 3 & 4 year olds at the "Bunny Money" program learned how easily money slipped through Max and Ruby's fingers in the book, *Bunny Money*. In conjunction with the Smart Investing @ your library grant, each child was given a copy of the book *The Berenstain Bears Dollars & Sense*.

In "Piggy Money," 5-7 year olds discovered how the hungry Pig family, motivated by the desire to dine out, collected money throughout their home during a "money hunt." Two Teen Advisory Group volunteers assisted as the children created their own piggy banks. The children were given a copy of *The Berenstain Bears Dollars & Sense* and also *Arthur's Funny Money*, an I Can Read Book, as part of Smart Investing @ your library.



After a short book talk on Andrew Clement's book, *Lunch Money*, and a variety of juvenile graphic novels in the RM collection, 8-11 year olds created their own mini comic books from a folded sheet of paper. Each child in the "Lunch Money" program received a money pencil and dollar bill eraser, along with bookmarks with the slogan "Reading Pays, Bank on Books." Plus, Sandi Keefer showed the group how to use Comic Creator, <http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/comic/index.html>, which is a great website for creating and printing out a comic.

Recovering from a Nor'easter

How do the people of Chesapeake recover from days of heavy rain, howling winds, flooding and being housebound? They head to the library, of course! On Saturday, November 14, the Chesapeake Public Libraries were packed with people of all ages who needed to get out of the house and do something fun or relaxing...and we were the "destination" that fit the bill! People could read a book, browse magazines and newspapers, share interesting items with a friend, find a great movie to watch, and charge their cell phones if needed. We are definitely a full service library!



National Gaming Day



Kids, teens, and adults came to the Library on Saturday, November 14, to get their "game on" as part of National Gaming Day. Central, Russell and Indian River libraries hosted special gaming events in support of the American Library Association initiative to recognize the benefits of gaming. Gaming helps build team work, develops critical thinking, and encourages reading. Featuring gaming media helps us expand our reach while meeting community expectations. Check our calendar at www.infopeake.org for the next gaming event at your local library.

CPL News: Noteworthy Bits & Pieces

Our programs keep making the calendars in the *Virginian-Pilot (V-P)*, giving us some great FREE publicity. "Gourd Lanterns" at Indian River, "Monday Night Movies" at Central, "Pajama Time" at Central, "A Good Yarn Knitting and Crocheting Group" at Central, and "Elephant & Piggie" at Indian River all made the Daily/Sunday Break Calendar. The "Monday Night at the Movies" showing of *Monsters vs. Aliens* was featured in the *V-P Clipper* along with an article on the musical event hosted by Central featuring the Colorado based duet *Driftwood Fire*. The special "Civil War In Norfolk County" display hosted by the Greenbrier Library was featured as a Veterans Day Salute in the *Clipper*. Way to go, CPL!