



Poquoson Public Library

Bookmarks

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So, You Ask, "What Has My Library Done for Me Lately?"

Well, in FY 2011, we...

- loaned 196,059 items, averaging 16 items per person
- welcomed 121,849 patrons, averaging 10 visits per person and 343 visitors per day
- provided a collection of 61,995 items which includes books, DVDs, books on CD, music CDs, magazines, downloadable audio and eBooks, and eReaders with pre-loaded best sellers
- sponsored 381 informational, recreational, and educational programs. A total of 8,963 people participated
- added 1,544 new readers, bringing the active membership to 12,391
- provided 15,695 sessions of computer time to access the Internet, e-mail, and word processing programs
- scheduled 1,484 public meetings for 53 civic organizations and library programs in the meeting rooms
- appreciated the 2,991 hours donated by 83 volunteers
- received 243,520 hits on the library's website

We also served you in other ways... weekend and evening hours; interlibrary loans, notary, proctoring & passport services; meeting rooms, copy machine & fax services; programs and special events for all ages

Awards & Honors

- Ranked 1st in library visits per capita and 2nd in circulation per capita among the 13 public libraries in the Tidewater Region, and 5th highest in visits and 7th in circulation among the 91 public libraries in Virginia
- Received the 2011 Outstanding Program for Seniors Award and the Outstanding Program for Children Award from the Virginia Public Library Director's Association. Also awarded the Library of Virginia Foundation Grant to sponsor an early literacy outreach program



Building Community @ Your Library!



Kids' Spot

Winter/Spring STORYTIMES

January 9th through May 17th

(No sessions during Spring Break, April 2nd - 9th)

RHYTHM & RHYME

2 & 3 Year Olds & Parent/Caregiver

Mondays 10:30 to 11:00 AM

STAY & PLAY

Babies - 4 Year Olds & Parent/Caregiver

Mondays 11:00 to 11:45 AM

PIZZAZZY PRESCHOOL

2, 3 and 4 Year Olds

Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:00 AM

PAJAMA PALS

3 to 8 Year Olds & Family

Thursdays 7:00 to 7:30 PM

Pre-register for all sessions @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

Babygarten

January 18th to February 22nd ~AND~

March 14th to April 25th

Wednesdays

10:00 to 10:45 AM

Wednesdays

11:15 AM to Noon

This early literacy program brings 2 to 24-month olds and their parents/caregivers together for 45 minutes of stimulating experiences with an emphasis on language enrichment, songs, and rhymes.

Pre-register for each session @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

Leaping Lizards

Sunday, Feb 26th

3:00 to 4:00 PM

It's Leap Year! Come see how far ... how high ... how quickly you can leap! Can you jump tall buildings like Superman? Will you leap like a frog? All ages are invited to jump right in for some Leap Year fun! Don't miss out - it won't be around again for another four years. Pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk.

Stop! Play! Learn!


Through a generous gift from the Friends of the Poquoson Public Library, we are thrilled to provide two new early literacy computer stations for our younger patrons. Loaded with lots of educational and exciting software programs, these computers will complement our Early Literacy Center games, boards, and books, and are guaranteed to make learning fun. So...Stop! Play! Learn!






Winter Reading Club "Snuggle with a Book"

January 15th through March 2nd



Hot dog! Children twelve years old and under are invited to snuggle up with a good book! This year, our winter reading features the artwork of Tim Bowers, illustrator of the picture book, *First Dog*. Bo, the main character, will encourage you to read alone, read together, or have someone read to you during these cold winter months. You may get your reading log at the Circulation Desk or record your books on-line @ our website. There will be "pawsitively" great prizes and programs, but most of all terrific reading! Don't be in the doghouse - snuggle up with a good book!



Who Let the Dogs Out?

Sunday, Jan 15th

3:00 PM

What better way to **KICK OFF** our winter of reading than to let the dogs out @ your library? Join us for a tail-wagging good time as we watch trainers put their dogs through their paces. We'll see pooches of all shapes and sizes doing doggy dancing, demos, and doggone cute tricks.

Pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

Paws 2 Read

Celebrate BIG!

Monday, Feb 20th

10:30 AM to Noon

Readers, pause to read to a friendly four-legged admirer. You'll love the unconditional acceptance you receive when reading aloud to a trained therapy dog. Sign up for a 15 minute slot and "feel the love" as you Paws 2 Read. Parents need to sign a permission slip before you begin reading.

K - 5th graders, pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

Sunday, Mar 4th

3:00 to 4:00 PM

We'll end our Winter Reading Program with a celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday and YOUR reading accomplishments. We'll be "figerring on biggering and biggering and BIGGERING..." as we read *The Lorax* and, of course, have lots of "Dr. Seuss-ry fun!" Excitement and prizes galore! Celebrate!

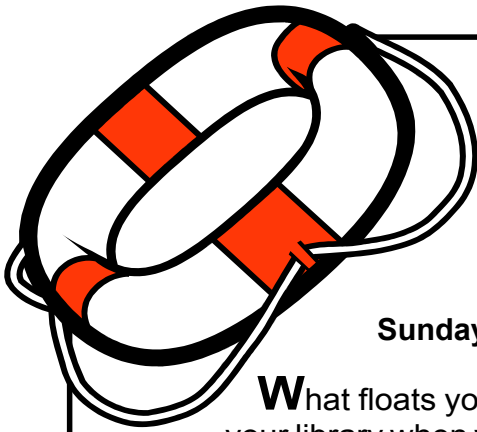
Kids, 12 and under, pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

Wimpy Kid Day

Sunday, Mar 25th

3:00 PM

Do you have *Cabin Fever*? Are you ready for spring and some *Do-it-Yourself* projects? Do you think *Roderick will Rule*? Now that would definitely be *The Last Straw*! Don't wimp out. Join us for crafts, games, and FUN! K through 5th graders, pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk.



National Library Week

April 8th through 14th

You Belong @ Your Library

Sunday, Apr 15th

3:00 PM

What floats your boat? Pack your bags and head up the gangplank - you belong at your library when we experience the 100th anniversary of the voyage of the USS Titanic.

Craft a sea worthy vehicle at home, then join educators from the Virginia Air and Space Center as we enjoy a sea perch remotely operated vehicle dry land demo and explore the “what ifs” of the Titanic. Finally, we’ll see what “floats **your** boat” as we test each watercraft to observe which vehicle can hold the most weight before sinking.

All ages, pre-register @ the library’s website or the Circulation Desk

Where’s Waldo?

Waldo, too, belongs @ your library! Get an entry form at the Circulation Desk and see if you can find Waldo and his friend in lots of funny places. Play the game each time you come to the library during National Library Week. Drawing for prizes will take place Sunday, April 15th. Happy hunting!

Measure Up with Body Math

Monday, Jan 30

10:30 AM

It’s teacher work day, student fun day. See how unique you are with Body Math. Is your foot really 12 inches long? How do you and your friends measure up? Find out and then develop your own super hero to take home. K through 5th graders, pre-register @ the library’s website or the Circulation Desk.

Spruce it Up!

Saturday, May 5th

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

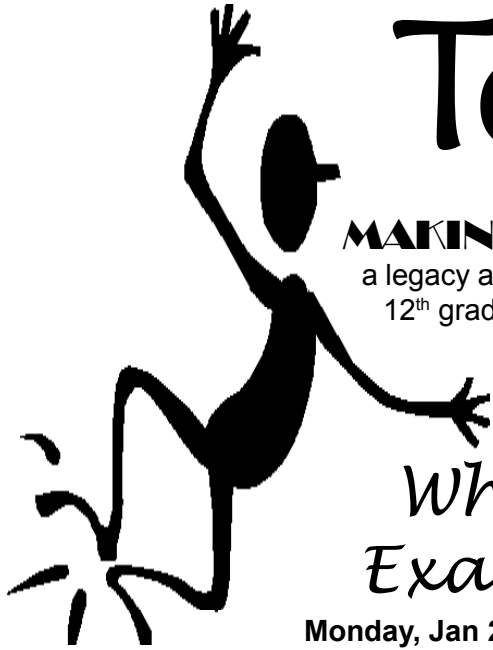
Teens, do you like to swing a hammer? Paint? Plant flowers? Wear old clothes and bring the tools of your trade as we work together to spruce up the library’s Reading Garden. Besides getting rid of the weeds and planting flowers, we will help Ken Somerset build a grand trellis for our garden. Teens, pre-register @ the library’s website or the Circulation Desk.

Teen Advisory Board Poetry Contest & Bake Sale

Celebrate April, National Poetry Month, by entering the Teen Advisory Board’s 13th Annual Poetry Contest. Kindergartners through adults are invited to submit **one unsigned, original** poem. The following dates are important to remember:

- **Thursday, Mar 1st:** Entry forms are available @ the Circulation Desk
- **Sunday, Apr 1st:** Last day to submit your poem to the Circulation Desk
- **Saturday, Apr 14th & Sunday, Apr 15th:** Support our budding poets by buying something yummy and homemade at a Bake Sale. All monies raised will go toward the Poetry Contest Awards.
- **Sunday, Apr 29th, 3 PM:** Awards reception for all poets

Teen Scene



MAKING A DIFFERENCE! PPL's Teen Advisory Board is creating a legacy and they'd like you to join them! If you are a 'tween or teen in 6th through 12th grade, and want to make a difference in your library AND your community, come join this active group. We will meet from **4:30 to 5:30 PM** on the following Mondays: **Jan 9th, Feb 6th, Mar 5th, Apr 9th, May 7th, and Jun 4th.**

Wham Exams!

Monday, Jan 23rd 5:00 to 8:30 PM

Midterms are here, come share the pain. What better place to prepare than your library? Drop in anytime between 5 and 8:30 PM and feed both your mind and your stomach. We'll have quiet places for study groups, as well as popcorn and pizza to get your synapses snapping. Studying isn't so bad when you share it with a friend!

Friday the 13th

Friday, Apr 13^t

6:00 to 7:30 PM

Come for some freaky Friday fun! Will there be black cats? Ladders to walk under? Scary games to play? All that PLUS pizza! Bring \$2 and be ready for some "fang-tastic" fun!

Teens, pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

Geek Out!

Teen Tech Week @ Your Library
March 4th through 10th

Get connected! 6th - 12th graders, with a library card, you can download music and/or books for **FREE!** Snag a form @ the library and enter our Geek Out Contest anytime during the week of March 4th - 10th. By downloading either books or tunes, you will be eligible to win a gift card to Best Buy!

Come to the Zoo

Sunday, Mar 11th

3:00 to 4:30 PM

We will wind up our Geek Week at a Tech Zoo right here in your library. Enjoy a hands-on presentation of some of the latest technologies and gadgets. Try out a Kindle, a Nook, an iPad and...?? Teens, pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk.





Stop and Smell the Flowers

Grow Your Own Bouquets Monday, Mar 5th 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Lisa Zeigler from the Gardeners' Workshop will show you how having a small flower bed as a cutting garden is the first step to a season filled with gorgeous flowers! Learn easy soil preparation, flower selection, organic gardening methods, and harvesting practices to have your garden producing a bounty of beautiful flowers.

Everything's Coming Up Roses Monday, Apr 16th 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Wiley and Carole Waters of Waters Rose Care Service will be here to show you how to grow beautiful roses in your yard. Topics include how to establish a garden, select the best varieties for our climate, pruning, fertilizing, watering, spraying, and care during the fall and winter.

Say it with Flowers Monday, Apr 23rd 6:30 to 8:00 PM

To chase away the winter blues, join Sherri Lewis of Norfolk Florist for this program featuring sunny spring flowers. Learn how to make stunning arrangements incorporating florist quality flowers, bulb plants, and garden blooms for a unique look that would adorn your home or business equally well.

Pre-register for all programs @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

Need a Job? It's a SNAP

Thursdays

10:00 AM to Noon
Jan 26th, Feb 23rd, Mar 22nd,
Apr 26th OR May 24th

The library has been designated as a Peninsula Worklink SHARE Network Access Point (SNAP) center where people can look for jobs, assisted by trained individuals. If you are unemployed or looking for a new career, PPL is again offering classes that might help. Join us to learn how to register and use Virginia's powerful employment website to access job listings, career services, resume assistance, etc.

Pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

Knit One, Purl Two

Mondays, Feb 6th & Feb 13th 6:00 to 8:30 PM

Kimberly Villareal of the Yarn Club will teach you the basics of knitting in this two-part class for beginners. Come learn how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. Please bring your own knitting needles and a skein of yarn.

Pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

Boating Safety

Saturday, Mar 24th 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Summer fun is just around the corner. Get ready NOW with this Safe Boating and Jet-Ski Course, presented by the staff of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Upon completion, students will receive certification that they have met the state's boating education law. Class is limited to 25 students. Sign up early.

Ages 14 and up, pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

Cyber Rookies

Newly expanded computer classes for beginners

Mouse & Keyboarding Tutorial

Wed, Feb 15th 6 to 8 PM

Fri, Feb 17th 10 AM to Noon

New to the Net - Express

Tues, Feb 21st 6 to 8 PM

New to the Net

Wed, Feb 22nd & Fri, Feb 24th 10 AM to Noon

Easy E-Mail - Express

Tues, Feb 28th 6 to 8 PM

Easy E-Mail

Wed, Feb 29th & Fri, Mar 2nd 10 AM to Noon

Basic Word 2007 - Session 1

Tuesdays, Mar 6th & Mar 13th 6 to 8 PM

Basic Word 2007 - Session 2

Fridays, Mar 9th & Mar 16th 10 AM to Noon

Intermediate Word - Session 1

Tuesdays, Mar 20th & Mar 27th 6 to 8 PM

Intermediate Word - Session 2

Fridays, Mar 23rd & Mar 30th 10 AM to Noon

Basic Excel 2007 - Session 1

Tuesdays, Apr 10th & Apr 17th 6 to 8 PM

Basic Excel 2007 - Session 2

Fridays, Apr 13th & Apr 20th 10 AM to Noon

Intermediate Excel - Session 1

Tuesdays, Apr 24th & May 1st 6 to 8 PM

Intermediate Excel - Session 2

Fridays, Apr 27th & May 4th 10 AM to Noon

Space is limited. Pre-register for all classes @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

2012 Art @ Your Library

- Jan. Susan Miller
- Feb. Lee Abston
- Mar. Poquoson Student Art
- Apr. Angela Stroup
- May Peninsula Piecemakers
- Jun. Bethany & April Abston
- Jul. Yvonne Wilson Boone
- Aug. Spencer Close
- Sep. Jack Zanks
- Oct. Meera Rao
- Nov. Christine Peterson
- Dec. Earl Dashiell



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Pretty as a Picture

Sunday, Jan 22nd 3:00 to 4:30 PM

Say cheese and join Poquoson's own national award-winning photographer E.B. Dashiell to learn tips and tricks for taking perfect photographs. Bring your camera and a favorite photo and learn the 12 elements that make a photo great. Class is limited to 12 students. Register early.

Adults, pre-register @ the library's website or the Circulation Desk

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Among Friends

Friends of the Poquoson Public Library raised over \$12,000 for library programs and computer equipment last year. Join today. Call 868-7773.

22nd Annual Book Sale. Apr 12th - 15th
 Proceeds will benefit the library. Please bring donations to the library during normal business hours. For more information, call 868-8913.

\$1,000 Scholarship. Open to all PHS seniors who have volunteered at any public library or with any Friends organization. Applications and information will be available in the PHS Guidance Office and at the library in February. Call 868-9352 for more information.

Essay Contest. Cash Awards! Open to all students, grades K - 12. Entry forms will be available in the library in December and the awards presentation will be on Thursday, April 12th, 2012. For more information, call 868-0728.

A La Carte Ongoing Used Book Sale. Browse the fantastic selection of books & other items located in the back of the library adjacent to the copy machine.

Book Club. The group meets every 3rd Wednesday to share ideas about authors and books. New members and new perspectives are welcome. Call 766-7931 for more information.

