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**Off the Shelf:**

An e-mail newsletter from the Prince William Public Library System  
June 1, 2009  
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**Join Us for Summer Reading!**

**Be Creative @ Your Library** is the theme for Summer Quest 2009 at all Prince William Public libraries. Summer Quest is a free program designed to encourage children from infants through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders to read and enjoy books all summer long. Beginning June 22, children may register in person at any library! Once registered, children receive a reading log, designed by children's illustrator David Catrow, in which they can record all the great books they read or have read to them this summer. Children will earn a plastic book bag after reading 5 books, a door hanger and a coupon for admission to the Prince William County Fair after 15 books and a mood stadium cup at 25 books. Participants also receive the "Coupon of the Week" whether they've added new titles to their log or not! The coupons are for free or discounted food or fun at local restaurants, sporting events, parks, and more. To encourage library visits each week, there are also free programs featuring puppet shows, musicians, live animals, movies, magicians, and much more. Be sure to pick up a Calendar of Events (<http://www.pwccgov.org/default.aspx?topic=040010000250004961>) or a special summer programming calendar at the Library so you don't miss any of the fun! Most library programs require tickets or tokens to be picked up ahead of time in order to attend the program. For more information about these or other programs refer to your schedule of summer programs, check the Library's For Kids page (<http://www.pwccgov.org/library/kids/index.htm>) for events at the library of your choice or contact your closest full service library. Summer Quest ends September 4.

**And why not attend some of these great programs??**

**Be sure to check with each library regarding tickets or tokens for each event!**

**The Boogie Woogie Bow-Wows**

Joan Rose and her miniature longhair dachshund, Tucker, and Lynn Franklin and her standard poodle, Sam, present a fast-paced show set to music. Tucker and Sam leap, weave, ride a skateboard, and jump through hoops as they cavort with their human partners. This spectacular act results in a memorable experience for all those who watch as well as those who join the dancing dogs on stage. This team has won dozens of gold medals and numerous dog dance titles and have appeared on *Inside Edition*, *Animal Story*, *Dog Fancy's* popular dog series; in the movies *Paws To Dance* and *The Birthday Caper*; and at the National Theatre. Two shows at both libraries! This program is for students entering 1st grade and older.

Central Community Library on June 24 at 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm.

Chinn Park Regional Library on July 28 at 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm.

**Autumn Morning Star presents Ancient Stories and Other Well-Kept Secrets**

This internationally-known magician and Native American storyteller will keep you spellbound as she weaves traditional Choctaw and Blackfeet tales with singing, drumming, native flute playing and magnificent magical illusions. These programs are for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older.

Bull Run Regional Library on July 1 at 10:30 am.

Central Community Library on June 29 at 3:00 pm.

Chinn Park Regional Library on June 20 at 10:30 am.

Potomac Community Library on June 30 at 2:00 pm.

**Once Upon a Toon Tunes Presented by Joe Wos, Cartoonist/Storyteller**

Back by popular demand, cartoonist/storyteller Joe Wos, the first resident cartoonist of the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California, illustrates classical pieces including "Carnival of the Animals" live on screen to the music. Combining music, cartooning, art, and much

more results in a fun interactive program for all! These programs are for students entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older.

Bull Run Regional Library on July 8 at 10:30 am.

Central Community Library on July 8 at 3:00 pm.

Chinn Park Regional Library on July 9 at 10:30 am.

### **Once Upon a Time... Presented by Bright Star Children's Theatre**

A live theatrical production celebrating reading, comedy, and fairy tales presented by two performers with help from audience members. Don't miss the hilarious adaptations of *Cinderella* and *Jack and the Beanstalk* – starring a giant that rises over the set – that will have you rolling in the aisles. These programs are for students entering kindergarten and older.

Bull Run Regional Library on July 15 at 10:30 am.

Central Community Library on July 15 at 3:00 pm.

Chinn Park Regional Library on July 16 at 2:00 pm.

Potomac Community Library on July 16 at 11:00 am.

### **Children's Author/Illustrator Floyd Cooper Presents "A Journey into the Story" at Bull Run Regional Library**

Floyd Cooper recently received the 2009 Coretta Scott King Award for his illustrations in the book, *The Blacker the Berry*. His lively talk will include drawings and interactions with the audience. This program is for students entering first grade and older.

Bull Run Regional Library on June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Celebrate Bull Run Regional Library's 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday with Singer Tom Sieling**

A singer and guitarist/banjoist, Tom will present "Howl at the Moon...With a Wild Thing Tune!" His humorous songs about nature are fun, lively and informative. Tom comes from Newfield, New York. This program is for all ages.

Bull Run Regional Library on June 25 at 10:30 a.m.

### **Hot Tunes for Cool Kids with Mr. Skip at Chinn Park Regional Library!**

Kids will be singing and dancing along as Mr. Skip sings original and classic kids songs in this interactive musical program. This program is for children ages 2 and up.

Chinn Park Regional Library on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### **The Harvey Simon Virginia Living History Celebration at Chinn Park Regional Library!**

For the entire family.

Chinn Park Regional Library July 18th from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

#### **This program features, throughout the day:**

**Have Blade Will Travel** provides lessons and demonstrations in swordfighting.

Watch the **Piedmont Lace Guild** demonstrate the intricate art of lacemaking.

See artifacts from the **National Museum of the Marine Corps** and try on Marine combat uniforms.

Pet "Rocky," a horse in the **4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry** and meet his owner, "Pilgrim" a Confederate soldier.

See artifacts and photographs from the Bristow Battlefield and other sites recovered by the **Archeological Society of Northern Virginia**.

See a Civil War re-enactor from the **Manassas Museum** and learn more about their museum's exhibits.

Become a **Virginia TimeTraveler!** Pick up an official Virginia Time Traveler passport and be sure to get the official Virginia Living History stamp!

#### **At 11 a.m. Chesapeake Critters**

**Under the Sea** gives you an up-close and personal look at the animals of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay. See blue crabs, oysters, mudcrabs, killfish, and other Virginia animals who are at home off the coast of Virginia.

#### **From 12 Noon to 2 p.m.: Pirate School**

Avast me hearties! It's a-pirating we go with **The Moody Crewe** pirates that raided the Virginia coast in the 1700's.

**From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Colonial Toys**

Play with toys colonial children played with and make one for yourself.

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**Sign Up For Wild Reads Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>!!**

**Wild Reads is Our Summer Reading Program for Middle + High School Students!**

**Express Yourself @ Your Library** is the theme for **Wild Reads**, the Summer Reading Program for middle and high school students entering grades 6 through 12. Register for Wild Reads online at home or from one of the computers at your local library simply by visiting our For Teens (<http://www.pwcgov.org/library/teens/index.htm>) page beginning June 1st. Then, as you read all summer, log back on starting June 22 and enter the titles. You may even include book reviews. New this year is an option where you can create your own book list based on others' reviews and you can place holds on the books from the book reviews too!

Once you have read 3, 6 or 9 books, stop at the desk on your next library visit to pick up your coupons for free or discounted food or fun at local restaurants, sporting events, parks, and more plus an entry in the End-of-Summer drawing for great prizes! Dozens of prizes will be awarded and one lucky reader from each library will receive a \$100 gift certificate! There will be special events all summer long. Make sure you pick up a schedule of events from your local full service library for programs presented especially for middle and high school students or visit our For Teens Page to see upcoming Events (<http://www.pwcgov.org/library/teens/index.htm>)! Wild Reads ends September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**And don't forget to attend one of our great Teen programs this Summer!**

**"A Journey into the Story" - Floyd Cooper at Bull Run Regional Library**

Come and meet Floyd Cooper, the illustrator of YA books *Becoming Billie Holiday* and *Tough Boy Sonatas* and also numerous children's books. Mr. Cooper will talk about an illustrator's career and show us drawing techniques. It will be a very dynamic presentation- lots of fun. This will be a family program rather than a program exclusively for teens, so come with friends or family.

Bull Run Regional Library June 16 at 7pm

**Saving Endangered Animals - Wildlife Center of Virginia at Bull Run Regional Library**

Sometimes animals need rescuing or they will die. You will have a chance to meet some of these animals, getting close-up looks at species people rarely meet. We will learn what it takes to be a rehabilitator and what the issues are in wildlife work.

Bull Run Regional Library June 24, from 1:00-2:30 p.m.

**What You Can Create With Clay- Alfredo Hajar at Bull Run Regional Library**

Mr. Hajar, sculptor, will introduce us to techniques used to create sculptures and pots from real river clay. He will show us how to create "objets d'art" with this satisfyingly "gooshy" material, and will bring a wheel to demonstrate throwing pottery. We will give you a choice of times on July 1 to return and color your creations. Then, we will take them to Manassas Clay in Old Town Manassas to fire them.

Bull Run Regional Library June 30, from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

**The Rose that Grew from Concrete at Chinn Park Regional Library**

The Prince William Players presents selections from Tupac Shakur's poetry that revealed his passion and his anger, his despair and his hope.

Chinn Park Regional Library July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**GumArt with Artist Jamie Marraccini at Chinn Park Regional Library**

Some artists work with oils, others with clay. Jamie Marraccini works with *chewing gum*. Watch as he demonstrates gum art techniques and then give it a try! Never has art tasted so good!

Chinn Park Regional Library July 15th at 2:00 p.m.

**Game Day at Potomac Community Library**

The Teens will join the 'Tweens for a Game Day to show off their gaming skills. Video games and board games will be available, as well as snacks to share. For students in grades 5 through 12.

Potomac Community Library June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**Have Blade Will Travel at Potomac Community Library**

The Teens will join the 'Tweens for a fencing demonstration. The first 20 persons registered will have a chance to participate in the demonstration.

Potomac Community Library July 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

And don't forget to check with your school to see if the Summer Quest or Wild Reads reading logs will be accepted for extra credit in the fall!

Last summer, 15,621 children and 3,301 teens registered for summer reading programs at the 10 libraries in the Prince William Public Library System.

Summer Quest and Wild Reads, as well as most of our programs, are made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Libraries and local merchants.

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**IN THE SPOTLIGHT: New Books To Go Kits!**

This spring, the Prince William Public Library System added twenty new Books to Go kits to the collection. Originally established in 2004, this collection is designed for use by book discussion groups. Each kit contains ten paperback copies of a single title and a notebook with supplemental discussion materials, including reader's guides, information about the author, and reviews. All of the materials are packaged in a convenient, sturdy, plastic box with a lid that has a handle to make the kit easy to carry. Books to Go kits can be found at the Bull Run, Central, Chinn Park and Potomac libraries. To see the 89 kits that are available, visit the Library's For Adults web page (<http://www.pwccgov.org/library/adult/index.htm>) or search the online catalog using the subject 'Books to Go' or the subject 'book discussion kits.' Kits can be reserved for pick-up at any of the Library's ten locations. Each kit checks out for six weeks and can be renewed unless it has been reserved by another reader.

Due to the interest of local book groups, nearly half of the newest book kits include one Large Print (LP) edition for those readers who prefer a larger font. Here are the new Books to Go titles: *The Brief wondrous life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz; *Dreams from my father* by Barack Obama (includes LP); *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck; *Garden spells* by Sarah Addison Allen (includes LP); *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck; *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald (includes LP); *The Hindi-Bindi club* by Monica Pradhan; *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel; *A Long way gone: memoirs of a boy soldier* by Ishmael Beah (includes LP); *Lottery* by Patricia Wood; *Love walked in* by Marisa de los Santos; *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan; *Nineteen minutes* by Jodi Picoult; *Peony in love* by Lisa See; *Skeletons at the feast* by Chris Bohjalian (includes LP); *The Space between us* by Thrity Umrigar; *A Thousand splendid suns* by Khaled Hosseini; *Three cups of tea* by Greg Mortenson (includes LP); *We need to talk about Kevin* by Lionel Shriver; *The Zookeeper's wife: a war story* by Diane Ackerman (includes LP).

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