

## Off the Shelf:

An e-mail newsletter from the Prince William Public Library System  
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### SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS RE: STATE FUNDS FOR YOUR LIBRARY

*Important information from the "What's New in RELIC" newsletter, issued regularly by the staff of the local history and genealogy division at the Bull Run Library:*

The Prince William Public Library System receives funding through the Library of Virginia (LVA) as part of the Library Services Technology Act (LSTA). The federal funds that the LVA receives from provisions of this Act may be in jeopardy. On **Tuesday, November 8**, a representative from the Library of Virginia will be at Prince William County libraries to gather information from library patrons about how they are impacted by funds their library systems receive from the Library of Virginia. Our library system uses these funds for purchasing materials, for Summer Quest children's programs, and for Early Literacy Centers. In addition, these funds provide "Find It Virginia", a source of many electronic resources including the genealogical tool, *Heritage Quest Online*, provided free to all libraries in Virginia, including ours.

Anyone who is willing to briefly share their personal experiences with these library services provided by LSTA funding is encouraged to attend one of the sessions on November 8. There will be one public session at Chinn Park Library in the morning (at 11 a.m.), and two sessions at Bull Run Library in the afternoon (at 2 and 4 p.m.) We ask that you let us know soon which session you plan to attend so we can approximate a headcount for each session. You may RSVP to the RELIC staff, at 703-792-4540 or [relic2@pwcgov.org](mailto:relic2@pwcgov.org) if you are interested in attending.

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