

Loud & Clear

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2011 Summer Reading Program June 21 - Sept. 3

“Amazing Tales”, the 2011 Summer Reading Program at the Fairfax County Public Library begins June 21. You can register online or in person at your local library branch.

There are many activities planned for families, preschoolers, school-age youngsters, teens and adults throughout the summer. Pick up a copy of the Summer Reading Program calendar at your local branch or search the ‘calendar of events’ on the FCPL website (fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more information.

The programs are free but fill up quickly; registration is required for most. Register online or call the branch hosting the program beginning two weeks before an event. Ask for signed interpretation or assistive listening devices when you call (TTY users can call 703-324-8365).

Preschoolers through high schoolers can earn a coupon book with great prizes including free and discounted items by completing their reading and going to their local library branch by September 3.

Preschoolers through rising 6th graders need to read 15 books, junior high and senior high readers need to read 8 books to qualify.

More than 30 businesses and organizations have donated over \$4 million worth of prizes for kids who finish the program including a free ice cream cone, tickets to soccer and baseball games, bowling, laser adventures, admission to water parks, admission to some Fairfax County Park Authority facilities including RECenters, nature centers, a skate park and miniature golf, a free Krispy Kreme doughnut, other discounts and much, much more! The Summer Reading Program is a cooperative effort between Fairfax County Public Library and Fairfax County Public Schools.

So don't delay, read today (or at least start on June 21).

GMU/AS Partnering to Present Downloading BARD and Windows 7 Accessibility Workshops

Make a note about these special workshops now. In cooperation with the Helen A. Kellar Institute for Human disabilities department of George Mason University we will have two workshops sometime in October. The purpose of these workshops is to learn the process of downloading books from BARD and the accessible features that are available in Windows 7. There will be further information available about workshop registration as we get closer to the date.

Kurt Cylke Retires

Kurt Cylke (pronounced "silky"), the Director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), retired February 28, 2011. Mr. Cylke was at the helm of NLS for 38 years. He capped his career by overseeing the transition to digital services. Ruth Scovill, Director of Technology Policy at the Library of Congress has been appointed interim director until the position is filled.

Enhance Your Library

Please consider the Access Services branch as part of your charitable giving. Private donations are critically needed to maintain high-quality library services. Contributions in any amount are welcome and are tax deductible.

Checks may be sent to Access Services, made payable to the Fairfax Library Foundation with "for Access Services" specified in the memo line or cover letter. For more information, contact Access Services or call the foundation at 703-324-8300.

Digital Titles 24/7

Everyone is enjoying the digital players and digital cartridges. Customers love that there is no need to turn over cassettes and people love how easy the digital player is to use and how great it sounds.

Did you know that you also have the opportunity to select your next digital book from over 20,000 titles and that you can do this at any time, even when Access Services is closed? This is possible with the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) database. You, a family member or friend will need an e-mail address, a computer with a high speed Internet connection and a blank cartridge or 'thumb drive' to take advantage of this program.

To get more information on BARD and 'downloading' books call Access Services at 703-324-8380 or contact us via e-mail at **access@fairfaxcounty.gov**.

Holiday Closings

The Fairfax County Public Library will be closed for the following holidays:

Fourth of July	Monday, July 4, 2011
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2011
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10, 2011

Reading Roundup

Recently recorded titles (Elementary Grades)

Gooney Bird Is So Absurd Lois Lowry **DB/RC 70250**

Mrs. Pidgeon teaches Gooney Bird's second-grade class how to write poetry--haiku, couplets, limericks, and free verse. So when Mrs. Pidgeon has a family emergency, Gooney Bird inspires the students to write their most important poem for her. Available in FCPL libraries as a CD. For grades 2-4.

Pearl And Wagner: One Funny Day Kate McMullan **DB/RC 70238**

Wagner the mouse does not enjoy April Fools' Day because everyone at school keeps tricking him, including his best friend Pearl. Then finally Wagner gets the last laugh. For grades K-3.

Look Out, Jeremy Bean! Alice Schertle **DB/RC 70064**

Three stories about Jeremy's problems and his unique solutions. First, Jeremy needs a collection to take to school--tomorrow. Second, Jeremy's plan to trap a dust bunny becomes a nightmare. And third, Jeremy forgets to wear green on St. Patrick's Day. For grades K-3.

Ivy And Bean Doomed To Dance: Book 6 Annie Barrows **DB 71139**

Best friends Ivy and Bean beg for ballet lessons, thinking there will be leaping, kicking, and cool costumes. They quickly realize they made a terrible mistake when they are cast as squids in their first recital. For grades 2-4.

House Is A House For Me Mary Ann Hoberman **DB 71119**

Things can be homes for many other things if you think about it. This early poem by the 2008 U.S. children's poet laureate talks about the many homes around us, from barns for animals and barrels for pickles to books for stories. Available in FCPL libraries as a kit which includes the printed book and either a cassette or a CD. For grades K-3.

In observance of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the United States Civil War we suggest the following young adult and adult titles. Enjoy this step back in history. Call for more information about other titles.

Young Adult Titles

Little Women Louisa M. Alcott **RC 58830**

The March family focusing on the lives of the four March sisters-- quick-tempered Jo; Beth, who loves her home and family; Meg who longs for pretty clothes; and self-absorbed Amy endures trials and tribulations while their father is involved in the Civil War. Available in FCPL libraries in Large Print, cassette and CD formats. Grades 6-9 and older readers.

A River Between Us Richard Peck **RC 57400**

In 1816, two mysterious women arrive in Illinois from New Orleans and are taken in by Tilly's family. As the Civil War spreads north, Tilly's brother Noah joins the Union army. Soon, the secret the women harbor becomes a family's test of friendship and courage during the agony of the war. Available in FCPL libraries in CD format. For grades 6-9.

Chasing Lincoln's Killer James L. Swanson **RC/DB 68728**

A biographical account of John Wilkes Booth's plot to kill the president and Booth's twelve days on the run following Lincoln's assassination. For grades 6-9.

Secrets Of A Civil War Submarine: Solving The Mysteries Of The H. L. Hunley Sally Walker **RC/DB 61080**

For more than one hundred years, a submarine lay buried beneath the ocean floor near Charleston, South Carolina. The H.L. Hunley made history in 1864 as the first submarine ever to sink an enemy ship. Something went wrong during that daring mission and the Hunley never returned to port. Available in FCPL libraries in CD format.

Adult Titles

Team of Rivals Doris Kearns Goodwin **RC/DB 61162**

The author illustrates the political acumen of Abraham Lincoln. Highlights the careers of Lincoln's three prime competitors in the Republican party--William Seward, Salmon Chase, and Edward Bates, whom he beat for the 1860 nomination for chief executive.

Discusses their subsequent appointments to the cabinet. Available in FCPL libraries in CD format.

Tried by War James M. McPherson **RC/DB 67863**

Examines the role president Abraham Lincoln played as the head of the U.S. military during the Civil War. Stresses Lincoln's study and application of war strategies and his development of a political and national policy that focused on preserving the union.

March Geraldine Brooks **RC/DB 64617**

Reverend March, the husband and father from Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* (**RC 58830**) leaves Connecticut to become an army chaplain during the Civil War. An assignment to teach freed slaves on a plantation changes March's view of humanity while hardship hurts his family. Available in FCPL libraries in CD format.

Manhunt James Swanson **DB/RC 62040**

Chronicles the days after the April 14, 1865, assassination of Abraham Lincoln as Union cavalry searched the city and surrounding countryside for John Wilkes Booth. Covers the capture of Booth, the trial of the conspirators, and the fight over the reward money. Available in FCPL libraries in Large Print and CD formats.

Gone With The Wind Margaret Mitchell **RC/DB 33082**

A romantic Civil War epic in which Scarlet O' Hara, a forceful and ruthless heroine, and Rhett Butler, a war profiteer, play out their tempestuous love affair against the background of the war-torn south. Available in FCPL libraries in cassette format.

Staff News

This past March **Beena Pandey**, Circulation Manager at Access Services, received recognition for her 25 years of service to Fairfax County. Mrs. Pandey has been with the Fairfax County Public Library for 23 of those 25 years and at Access Services for the last 10. Beena, we salute you.

Rob Harsher received a STAR volunteer award for outstanding service, at a ceremony in mid May. Rob volunteers twice a month, processing and delivering library books to senior centers, senior

residences and nursing homes throughout Fairfax County, delivering an average of 75 books per site. At the sites, he is well known for his positive attitude and enthusiasm. Through rain, sun, sleet and snow, Rob has continued to provide us with the crucial and valuable support that we need to service these sites. Thank you and congratulations, Rob.

Volunteer, **David Lingebach**, inspired by the 80th anniversary of the creation of the Talking Book Program, helped plan a program that promoted Access Services. The program featured his own enthusiastic rendering of his personal journey to discover the Talking Book Program. In addition, Laura Giannarelli, an NLS narrator, who described the process and adventures of transforming the printed word into a narrated recording. The program was well received and hopefully will be offered again in the fall. More information will be forthcoming but you don't want to miss it. Thank you, David

Digital Player Demonstrator Kits are Available for Institutions

Institutions can now demonstrate the new digital players to potential Talking Book customers. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) has assembled digital demonstrator kits to educate people about the existence of the Talking Book Program generally, and the digital talking book players and the digital cartridges specifically. Staff members at our partner institutions can promote this service with their eligible clientele 'on site', encouraging individuals to become Talking Book customers.

The kit consists of a digital talking book machine, a digital copy of a book, a catalog and application forms. The institution would be responsible for the care of the kit and its return; we would be responsible for contacting the institution every 6 months to verify its use and answer any questions. In order to receive a kit please contact Access Services at 703-324-8380 or online at access@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Web Corner: 2 Sites to See

<http://www.fxva.com/150/events/fairfax-county>

Fairfax County will play host to many Civil War events over the sesquicentennial years. Many of these events will commemorate activities that took place 150 years ago in the exact places in which they occurred. Learn how Fairfax County played a pivotal role in one of the most trying times in American history

Directionsforme.org

This site is a one-stop resource for accessible packaging information, the information that is on consumer packages or labels. It provides a consistent, quality source of complete packaging information for everything from preparation or cooking instructions to ingredient lists to Nutrition and Drug Facts labels for many common grocery, health and beauty and general merchandise products. In addition, it also provides, potentially life-saving, allergy and drug interaction warnings.

Contact Us

If you have questions, comments or suggestions concerning the *Loud & Clear* newsletter, please call Ken Plummer at 703-324-8389. You may also e-mail him at **access@fairfaxcounty.gov**.



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