

9. MISCELLANEOUS**A. ANNUAL REPORT - BLACKWATER REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Attached for your reference, please find a copy of the latest annual report for the Blackwater Regional Library.

B. NOTICE OF 4-H POSITION VACANCY

Attached for your reference please find correspondence I received earlier this week from Neil Clark relative to the recent resignation of Terry Patterson as 4-H Coordinator for Southampton and Isle of Wight Counties. He seeks your approval to refill the position.

MOTION REQUIRED: A motion is required to authorize VCE to advertise for the vacant position.

C. NOTICES

Attached for your reference please find copies of various notices.

D. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Please find various items of incoming correspondence attached.

E. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Please find various items of outgoing correspondence attached.

F. ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Please find copies of various newspaper articles attached for your reference.



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October 11, 2012

Michael Johnson
Southampton County Administrator
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Dear Mr. Johnson,

Blackwater Regional Library appreciates all you do for public libraries and for our communities. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you our 2011-2012 Annual Report. The Annual Report highlights the library system's use of its Long Range Plan which guides us in our programming, services, and budget priorities. We take pride in our system and strive to create a safe, fun environment that encourages reading and learning.

We believe that the public library provides an essential service to our communities and we thank you for the role your organization plays in our success.

Please review the enclosed report at your convenience and contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very Best Regards,

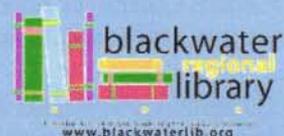
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Blackwater Regional Library Annual Report 2012

*"Libraries are places where imagination begins."
- Heather Barbieri*



serving Franklin, Isle of Wight, Southampton, Sussex, and Surry

Education and Literacy

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."
- Dr. Seuss

Promoted reading in all branches through: displays for Banned Books Week, Black History Month, Children's Book Week, Summer Reading Program, Winter Reading Program, and Teen Read Week.

Resources for Individuals with Disabilities: Titles were acquired on various topics including: ADHD, breast cancer, Alzheimer's disease, depression, diabetes, gluten intolerance, fibromyalgia, obesity, etc.

Teen interests were recognized with Anime Club, beading programs, gaming, open mic nights, storytelling workshops, Teen Advisory Group, Zumba instruction, art classes, poetry contests, motivational speakers, Live Clue and Hunger Games programming, book clubs, movies, art shows, henna tattoos, and pizza parties.



731 teens participated in 57 programs this year!!



Check out of print and non-print materials:

Teen: 21,260
Adult: 183,133
Music: 11,868
Kits: 1,113
eBooks: 1,276

Children: 115,042
Audiobooks: 16,091
DVDs: 85,782
Newspapers/Magazines, etc.: 25,794
Database Use: 7,151

Library staff answered over 95,000 questions this year.

"When I got my library card, that's when my life began."
- Rita Mae Brown

Community Enrichment

Virtual Community: Blackwater Regional Library's website provides resources for parents, homeschoolers, teens, children, and seniors. It is continually updated to include upcoming programs and events at all branches.

Databases: BRL acquired several new databases to offer patrons in 2011-2012 including A to Z the USA, Rocket Languages, World Book Web, Auto Repair & Reference Center, Consumer Reports, Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center, and Small Business Reference Center.

Computers/Wireless Access: Computers are available to the public. Free internet access is provided as well as current software for word processing tasks. Wireless access is also available at all branches.

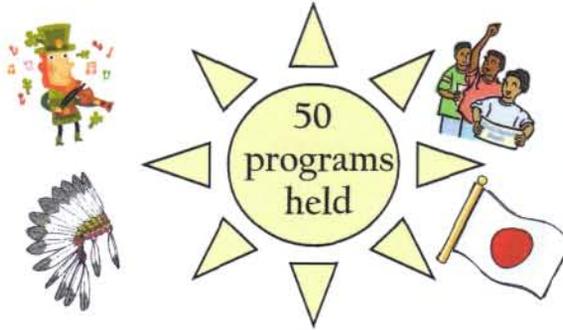
Community Outreach: We took 187 free programs to 2,778 people in the community in addition to our school outreach programs.



- * 2,176 adults attended 313 programs this year.
- * 3,189 one-on-one computer sessions were held with library users throughout the year.

Cultural Diversity

"A library is not simply a repository of books; it is the symbol and center of our culture—a door and a window for those who might not otherwise have such doors and windows." - Amy Tan



Multicultural Diversity: 44 programs showcased multicultural themes, including Powhatan Indian Technology, Nottoway Indian Tribe, Black History Month, St. Patrick's Day, Women's History Month, Japanese culture, and American Sign Language.



Branch displays included Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, Black History Month, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Asian Pacific Heritage Month, and much more.

"The closest thing we will ever come to an orderly universe is a good library." - Ashleigh Brilliant

And so much more...

Programming: Blackwater Regional Library offers a huge variety of programming options for adults, families, and children through in-house and outreach activities.

Adult: Adult Summer Reading Program, basic computer classes, knitting, needlework, book clubs, classic movie showings, budget/credit workshops, genealogy, beading, couponing, and an award winning Job Club!

Family: Parents' Morning Out, pumpkin painting parties, Santa visits, puppet shows, baseball night, movie showings, and much more.

Science Saturdays: Programming this year included Crime Scene Investigation, beekeeping, K-9 Interdiction, and miniature horses.

Children: All BRL branches hold storyhours in-house and through outreach to promote early literacy and social interaction. Themes are seasonal and educational. This year 5,459 children attended 424 storyhours!



Winter Reading Program: This month-long program encourages parents to read with their children ages birth to 1st grade. This year 1,244 children were registered and 5,250 books were read.

Mothers/Parents Morning Out: Three of our branches offer a program in which parents and caregivers come to network while the children have the opportunity to enjoy blocks, board books, puppets, and music. Book lists and information on early literacy skills are available for parents. (19 programs/143 participants)

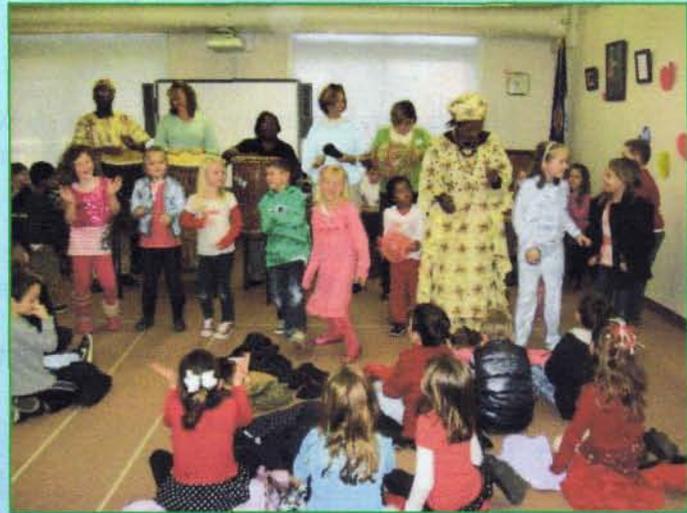
Raising a Reader: Franklin branch received a grant from Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater making this program possible. Book bags filled with books are placed in in-home daycares. The program encourages parents to read to, cuddle, nurture, and spend time with their children, helping to give kids literacy and social skills needed upon entering kindergarten.

*"A library card is the start of a lifelong adventure."
- Lilian Jackson Braun*

2012 Highlights

- * Blackwater Regional Library checked out **461,359** items to our patrons this year!! On average **25 items** were checked out system-wide every hour we were open.
- * Over **18,000** children and adults attended more than **993** programs in our branches this year including storyhours, summer reading programs, after-school programs, Science Saturdays and much more. Over **11,000** children and adults were involved in over **400** outreach programs including schools, day care facilities, and health care facilities.
- * **3,595 new patrons** signed up for library cards this year!
- * Our library was visited **404,182** times this year and our computers were used **61,908** times.
- * The library partnered with **150 different organizations** throughout the year.
- * BRL joined a consortium to extend Overdrive ebook borrowing privileges to our patrons effective February 2012. We also offer ebooks through Freading. So far **402** of our patrons have checked out **1,276** ebooks!

*"Libraries are the local portal to anywhere, everywhere, past, present and future."
- Karin Kallmaker*



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...and our wonderful Bookmobile!