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Author, Illustrator **Will Hillenbrand** to Visit YCL

York County Library is thrilled to announce noted children's author and illustrator Will Hillenbrand will visit the Main Library in Rock Hill for a special multimedia presentation Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. Join us for this exciting evening as Will explains his work and the process of creating books.

"People of all ages, and especially children, enjoy seeing how an idea progresses from sketching and to final form," Will said. "My goal is always to inspire. I want my audience to become geared up to create their own work, as I help them discover the great joy and passion for books."

Families will have the opportunity to ask Will questions, and his books will be available for purchase and signing following his presentation. The program is free and recommended for ages 7 and up. No registration is necessary, but seating is limited.

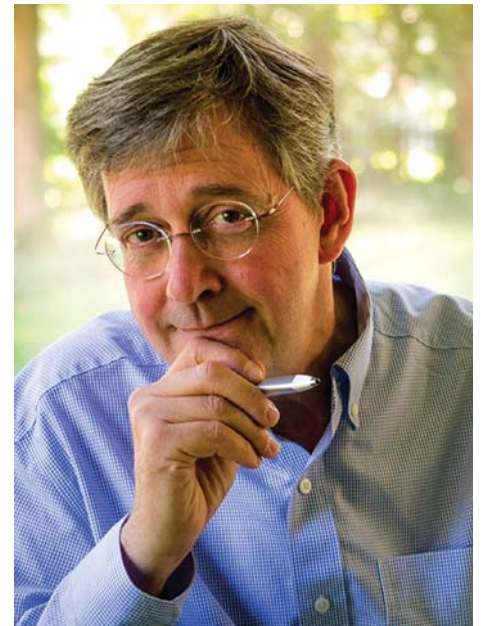
As a child, Will enjoyed listening to and routinely drawing pictures of stories he heard from family members, customers at his father's barber shop in Cincinnati, and others. Years later, after taking an art class at Ohio State University, he pursued children's literature illustration and now spends his professional time working in his studio and visiting elementary schools across the country.

With more than 60 children's books for children to date and several new titles scheduled for 2018, Will's newest illustrated books are *Share, Big Bear, Share*, written by Maureen Wright, and *Me and Annie McPhee*, by Olivier Dunrea. Winner of an ALA Notable Book Award, two International Reading Association Children's Choice Awards, Parent's Choice Award, and others, Will has also illustrated works for such writers as Verna Aar-

dema, Judy Sierra, Margery Cuyler, Judith St. George, Phyllis Root, Jane Yolen, Karma Wilson, Daniel Pinkwater, and Jane Hillenbrand.

In the spring, Will worked with library staff to design a new York County Library card, unveiled in September as part of Library Card Sign-up Month. Working with suggested places, events, and things native to South Carolina and York County, Will's whimsical design represents reading with a book being shared by animal friends: a loggerhead sea turtle (state reptile); a frog (Rock Hill's Come-See-Me Festival mascot) and a firefly (the Library mascot). Customers registering for a Library card may choose between Will's design or another recent one that features the new Library logo.

For more information on Will Hillenbrand and his upcoming event, follow him on Facebook and willhillenbrand.com, call the Children's Department at 803-981-5888, or visit the Library website at yclibrary.org.



Find These Books by Will Hillenbrand at York County Library: All for a Dime! A Bear and Mole Story • Asleep in the Stable • Bear and Bunny • Bear in Love • The Bumpy Little Pumpkin • Calendar • Cock-a-Doodle Christmas! • Don't Slam the Door! • Down by the Station • Fiddle-I-Fee • The Journey of the One and Only Declaration of Independence • Kite Day: A Bear and Mole Story • Look Out, Jack! The Giant Is Back! • Louie! • Me and Annie McPhee • The Moon Might Be Milk • Mother Goose Picture Puzzles • Off We Go! A Bear and Mole Story • Please Play Safe! Penguin's Guide to Playground Safety • Preschool to the Rescue • Share, Big Bear, Share! • Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep! • Sneeze, Big Bear, Sneeze! • Snowman's Story • Spring Is Here: A Bear and Mole Story • This Little Piggy: Lap Songs, Finger Plays, Clapping Games and Pantomime Rhymes • 'Twas the Fright Before Christmas • What a Treasure! • Whopper Cake

Plotters & Pantsers

Among writers, there are plotters, and there are pantsers. Plotters begin with an outline and work from it as they create. Pantsers, on the other hand, often start with a scene, character, brief idea, or thought, then "fly by the seat of their pants," letting the story unfold as it occurs to them.

John Grisham and J. K. Rowling are famous plotters, while Stephen King and Margaret Atwood are pantsers, but these styles more accurately represent extremes on a spectrum. Most writers are not purely plotters or pantsers but favor one style and adopt elements of the other to suit their tastes.

This fall at Fort Mill Library, the Plotters & Pantsers writing group will have its initial meeting Oct. 3 at 5:15 p.m. We'll seek to support and learn from each other, use library resources to improve our craft, and participate in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). Plotters will have multiple resources and activities available to help, but for pantsers, we will see what becomes of this little experiment!

From the Director

Explore Your Library ... Explore Your State!

Many people only visit the Library's travel section when planning a major trip. We have books to help plan family vacations to Disneyland, scenic railroad journeys across Canada, backpacking trips through Europe, and just about anywhere else you dream to visit. Here is a question: When's the last time you looked for a travel book about the area you call home? You can do a great amount of exploring without traveling far.

York County is rich with cultural experiences and historic sites. Resources from YCL can help you locate important historic sites, plan a scenic drive through county backroads, escape to the mountains to take in the splendor of the changing season, or even learn more about places you pass each day on your commute. For those more inclined to stay home, the cooler months lend themselves perfectly to armchair travel: snuggle up with a cozy mystery or catch up on the latest installment in a favorite book series.

No matter how you choose to enjoy your free time, York County Library is here as your community link, working every day to expand access to our resources. As an SCLENDS consortium member, we can now check out books for three weeks instead of two (giving you even more time to finish that novel on your vacation!). As we continue to grow our collection with new materials for all ages, we've also made library information even easier to find with our new website.

Next time you're itching for a brief getaway, even if only for a day, visit a YCL location to plan your perfect fall excursion. If you're up for the challenge, try visiting all five YCL branches while you explore York County!



Jason Hyatt, Director

Jason is currently reading [The Magpie Murders](#), by Anthony Horowitz.

Want to Build, Program & Operate a **Competition Robot**?

Now's your chance! It may not be true Battle Bots just yet, but competition robotics teams are coming to York County Library, and we're recruiting teens ages 11 to 17 to participate. An initial informational meeting was held in September, with future monthly meetings scheduled for Thursdays at 5 p.m. at the Main Library in Rock Hill. No registration is necessary, nor is attendance at every meeting, though each is highly suggested.

The first library system in the state to offer this opportunity, YCL has purchased three VEX Robotics competition kits and related field equipment to support this endeavor. This will be a true learning, team-building experience, meant to be fun and cooperative with no grades or tests involved; however, there may be "homework," assigned ... On that note, make sure you understand simple and complex machines, as they form the basis for all robot designs and operation.

Additional details about the kits and past competitions can be found at vexrobotics.com/vexedr, with specific meeting dates and more information available at the Library website, yclibrary.org. Thank you for your interest. We look forward to this new adventure!



Join our NEW Book Clubs

The Main Library in Rock Hill is starting several new book clubs. To join a club, stop by the Reference Desk to reserve a spot and a copy of the book. Clubs are limited to 10 members; call 803-981-5825 with questions. If you like to read books, discuss what you've read, and meet new people, these new book clubs are for you:

- **The Twenty-Something Book Club** meets the first Monday every month from 5:30–6:30 p.m. and focuses on books that appeal to those in their 20s, although all who enjoy reading and discussing books are welcome. Titles to be read include *The Night Circus*, *Ready Player One*, and *The Time Traveler's Wife*.



fect Justice: Prosecuting Casey Anthony, The Road to Jonestown: Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple, and In Cold Blood.

- **The Third Tuesday Book Club** meets the third Tuesday every month from 2–3:15 p.m. This group focuses on a variety of titles, including *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, *A Spool of Blue Thread*, and *Paradise Valley*.

Want to start your own club? Check out a Book Club Kit! Each contains 10 copies of the book, a discussion guide, and an author biography. With over 100 titles to choose from, kits may be checked out for 8 weeks but not renewed. For available kits, simply search "book club kit" via the Library's online catalog or call the Reference Department at 803-981-5825. Be prepared to give your library card number and preferred pick-up location, and you'll be notified when the kit is ready.

- **The True Crime Book Club** meets the second Wednesday every month from 6:30–7:30 p.m. to discuss intriguing books on crimes, murders, and mysteries, and the people who committed them. Titles to be read include *Imper-*

Ring in the Holidays: 'Elves in the Shelves'

Get ready for the fanciful sights and sounds of the holiday season! Join us for the annual *Elves in the Shelves* program at the Main Library in Rock Hill, Thursday, Nov. 30, from 4–6 p.m. Part of Rock Hill's four-day ChristmasVille celebration, *Elves in the Shelves* is a family favorite designed to bring children and families together in the library at this special time of year. All ages are welcome, and no registration is required.



Festivities include seasonal Celtic music by Dale Brook, the Magikal Minstrel, letters to Santa, children's holiday crafts by community partners, face-painting by Rock Hill High School Teacher Cadets, a visit from the popular Elf on the Shelf, and more! Families can borrow holiday books and resources, tour the Bookmobile, and stay warm with cookies and cocoa compliments of the Friends of the Library. For more information, call the Children's Department at 803-981-5888, visit yclibrary.org, or view a complete schedule of ChristmasVille events at ChristmasVilleRockHill.com.

York Stitchers Club: Get Knitting Tips, Ideas & More

This summer, York Library started a drop-in monthly stitching group, meeting the second and fourth Tuesdays from 10 a.m.–noon. With a variety of stitchers who knit, crochet, cross-stitch, loom knit, and quilt, the group has no official "teachers" but picks up great tips and ideas from each other.

Members also share organizations that accept stitched donations, such as Scarves for Troops, part of Operation Gratitude, and Octopus for a Premie, which provides knit or crochet sea creatures to comfort premature infants.

Most of all, the group enjoys snacks, conversation, and companionship while working on projects. Right now, there are a small number of regular attendees, but we'd love for this group to grow. If you live in the York area and are interested in joining, please stop by!

Conversation Café: English as a Second Language

In September, Fort Mill Library began hosting an ESL (English as a Second Language) Conversation Café for anyone to practice speaking English or help others practice.

Open one Friday each month from 10 a.m.–12 p.m., these cafés provide a relaxed atmosphere, light refreshments, different themes, and cue cards to break the ice and get the conversation rolling.

The Library also provides a number of language resources in print, audio, and online at yclibrary.org. There, you'll find Mango Languages, which helps adults learn any of 60 languages, and the award-winning Little Pim for kids, teaching them languages in a fun, engaging way. Looking for more? Ask a librarian!



Civil War, Hurricanes & Doughboys A Summer of Genealogy Programming at York County Library

This summer, researchers eager to learn about their family history found a variety of fascinating, educational genealogy classes, discussion groups, and special presentations at York County Library. These groups provide a relaxing way for researchers to socialize, learn from fellow genealogists, talk about research problems they've encountered, and offer ways to help each other.

Monthly classes began in July with tips for beginning research — writing down clues and stories passed down in one's family and locating an ancestor in the U.S. Federal Census — as well as advanced research skills and sources. Other class topics included vital records, finding records in the courthouse, and locating information online.

Guest speakers included well-known author and professional genealogist Brent Holcomb, whose knowledge of S.C. records helped researchers investigate local ancestors, and Charity Rouse, local history librarian at Spartanburg County

Library. Charity's presentation on the Freedmen's Records revealed information on African-American genealogy not available elsewhere.

Civil War service records was a hot topic in August, as Civil War historian and author Herbert Chambers explained the most helpful records to learn about a soldier's military activity. In September, professional genealogist Tami Mize offered tech-savvy researchers suggestions on the latest apps and software to help organize research and be more efficient. Another meeting featured a webinar on the importance of safeguarding valuable family memorabilia from natural and man-made disasters, making copies, and keeping irreplaceable photo albums and heirlooms out of your attic or basement.

Upcoming program topics include how to research newspapers and city directories, German genealogy research, and using DNA in genealogy. October features a special presentation on the 100th anniversary of World War I and how to

NEW! Tech Tuesdays, Wired Wednesdays & More!

We're back! After some time off, York County Library will again offer computer classes, starting this fall. Topics include basic computer and Internet skills, Microsoft Word and Google Docs, and online services such as research databases, e-book downloads, and your account.

There are also Tech Help Drop-ins to answer questions about phones, tablets, laptops, and other devices you want to purchase during the holidays. For additional questions or further information, stop by the Rock Hill Main Library Technology Center or Reference Desk, call 803-981-5845, or visit yclibrary.org.

Finally, for those who prefer learning on their own, we highly recommend the free tutorials, videos, and more available at gcflearnfree.org, a learning resource you can access anywhere!

locate your doughboy ancestor. Military historian John Smith will speak about the records available for tracing soldiers from the Great War, including draft registration cards, pension records, and surviving military records in the National Archives.

For more information about genealogy programming at York County Library or to register for classes and programs, visit yclibrary.org, or call 803-981-5825.

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