



York County  
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**NEWS & EVENTS**  
January - March 2020

# HIBERNATE WITH A GOOD BOOK

## TAKE THE TOTALLY COOL WINTER READING CHALLENGE!

Winter is in the air, and so is the [Totally Cool Winter Reading Challenge](#)! From January 1-31, York County Library will participate in a winter reading program with Zoobean and sponsor Penguin Random House. Our community challenge is to read [1 million minutes](#) during the month and keep track of that reading on our Beanstack site at [yclibrary.beanstack.org](http://yclibrary.beanstack.org). Beanstack is a web and mobile application that tracks self-directed reading time and helps build a culture of reading in libraries and at home.

Participating libraries and schools across the nation will encourage their communities to read a target number of minutes. At the end of the challenge, Penguin Random House will donate \$50,000 for author visits from Max Brallier and Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich and new books to be shared among the top-performing libraries and schools. Prizes are awarded based on many factors, including outreach, active participation, absolute numbers, and community (social) sharing.

We would love to hear about all the fun you're having during the Totally Cool Winter Reading Challenge. Tag us on [Facebook \(yorkcountylibrary\)](#) or [Twitter \(@Beamer\\_YCL\)](#) with the hashtag #WinterRead2020. Happy Reading, York County!



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Sign up at any YCL location, the Bookmobile, or online at [yclibrary.beanstack.org](http://yclibrary.beanstack.org).
2. Read or listen to anything you want, then log your time in Beanstack.
3. Once you've logged your first 5 hours, stop by any YCL location by January 31 to pick up a prize.
4. Choose one of the following: tote bag, contributor coupon, finger puppet, flash drive, snow man, glitter ball, stainless steel straw set, or plush hand warmer.
5. Keep reading. For every 5 hours read, you'll receive an entry to win the Totally Cool Grand Prize.

# HONORING BLACK HISTORY

## FREE LIBRARY EVENTS HIGHLIGHT AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

**Black History Trivia Quiz:** Celebrate Black History Month with YCL's Trivia Contest! Pick up a copy of the quiz starting February 1 at any YCL location, complete it, and return it by February 29. The winner will be notified the week of March 9 and will receive a \$25 Olive Garden gift card!

**The Dialectic Verse of Paul Laurence Dunbar:** Paul Laurence Dunbar, one of America's first influential black poets, has his poetry brought to life through character portrayal by Larry J. Williams. A poet himself, Mr. Williams will also read and recite some of his works, along with Angelo Geter, Rock Hill's new Poet Laureate. Local education and community advocate Trina Ricks will perform a second portrayal as Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman in space.

*Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6-7 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill. Register online or call 803-981-5825, starting January 22.*

**Movie: Green Book:** *Green Book* is the story of a working-class Italian-American who becomes the driver of African-American classical pianist Don Shirley on a tour through the 1960s South. Bring lunch if you'd like; light refreshments provided. Adults and teens welcome. No registration required. Rated PG-13; 2 hours, 10 minutes. *Saturday, Feb. 8, 1-3:30 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill*



**Jail, No Bail: Willie McCleod and the Friendship Nine:** Meet one of the protestors from the "Friendship Nine" group, Willie McCleod, who took part in the famous sit-in movement at Rock Hill's McCrory's Five and Dime in 1961. Mr. McCleod will recount the history and answer questions at this great family event for those who want to meet one of history's treasures. *Sunday, Feb. 23, 3-4:30 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill. Register online or call 803-981-5825, starting February 9.*

**Advanced African-American Genealogy:** Go deeper into your family history as we explore methods and sources to research African-American genealogy. We'll crack that common 1870 brick wall, explore how to research slaves and slave owners, and learn new resources to uncover your past. Not recommended for beginning genealogists. *Thursday, Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill. Register online or call 803-981-5825, starting February 13.*

**Movie: Queen of Katwe:** *Queen of Katwe* traces Ugandan chess prodigy Phiona Mutesi's journey from the slums of Katwe, where she is forced to abandon school at age 9, to the upper world of chess. Bring lunch if you'd like; light refreshments provided. Adults and teens welcome. No registration required. Rated PG; 2 hours, 4 minutes. *Saturday, Feb. 29, 1-3:30 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill*

## GET 2020 TAX FORMS, HELP

York County Library has ordered ample 1040 forms, with Schedules 1-3 and Form 1040-SR (for seniors), and instruction booklets. We do not know when they will arrive. No individual state income tax forms will be available. Forms may be accessed through the SC Department of Revenue via [dor.sc.gov](http://dor.sc.gov) or 1-844-898-8542; or through the NC Department of Revenue via [ncdor.gov](http://ncdor.gov) or 1-877-252-3052. All YCL locations and our website will provide a handout with information on locating tax forms and sites that assist with tax



preparation. Some locations will also host assistance from VITA, AARP, or SC Thrive.

# CELEBRATE STORYTELLING!

## PATCHWORK TALES BRINGS TIMELESS TALES & MUSIC

### ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The 19th Annual Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival will once again bring stories to life during this six-day event featuring many talented performers. Donald Davis, Leeny Del-Seamonds, Shelia Arnold, Ramona Moore Big Eagle, Suzette Hawkins, Jeff Robbins, and Hobey Ford will take center stage to showcase their individual styles on March 9–14 for free performances presented by York County Library and the Friends of the York County Library. The festival was created in 1996 to support reading and literacy for all ages through traditional storytelling and other cultural art forms.

Patchwork Tales 2020 kicks off with local storytellers Suzette Hawkins, performing traditional folklore at the Lake Wylie Library, and Ramona Moore Big Eagle, sharing Native American Indian stories at the Fort Mill Library on March 9 and 10. On March 11 and 12, join Jeff Robbins for an upbeat, participatory, educational performance of Appalachian mountain music at the Clover and York libraries.

The festival will continue on March 12 with the Down Home Concert at St. John's Methodist Church in Rock Hill, featuring nationally-recognized storytellers Donald Davis and Shelia Arnold, spinning some good, old-fashioned yarns, and musician Jeff Robbins, sharing classic bluegrass with a variety of instruments. On March 13 at Rawlinson Road Middle School, Donald Davis and Leeny Del Seamonds will present a Storytelling Sampler Community Concert designed to engage the audience and bring laughter to everyone.

The festival concludes on March 14 at the Main Library in Rock Hill with Hobey Ford's production of *Animalia*, which introduces audiences to various ecological systems and endangered animals. So mark your calendars for this magical celebration of storytelling and join us for a week-long celebration of this time-honored tradition!

### FEATURED PERFORMERS



**Sheila Arnold:** Known for her interactive style that often incorporates song, Sheila Arnold has given over 600 presentations for schools, churches, professional organizations, and museums in 41 states. She

has twice been featured at the Colonial Williamsburg Storytelling Festival and the National Storytelling Festival. Sheila has written and produced two books and two storytelling CDs and, for helping museums and exhibit designers, holds the title of "historical consultant."

**Donald Davis:** Renowned storyteller Donald Davis was born in a Southern Appalachian mountain world rich in stories. Although he heard many traditional stories about Jack and other heroic characters, he was most attracted to the stories of his own life. Featured at festivals throughout the world, the World's Fair, and the Smithsonian Institution, Donald is also known as a prolific author, producer of books and CDs, and a recipient of the NSN ORACLE Circle of Excellence and Lifetime Achievement awards.



### Leeny Del Seamonds:

With a face and voice that launched a thousand characters, Leeny Del Seamonds is an internationally acclaimed performer, coach, author, multi-award-winning recording artist, and professional voice actor. Recipient of the NSN ORACLE Circle of Excellence Award and the 2002 National Storyteller of the Year, Leeny performs Hispanic/Latino, original, and World stories spiced with exquisite mime, a cornucopia of characters, and a love of people.



Big Eagle is an oral historian and Legend Keeper from the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina. Her storytelling is interactive, using artifacts, crafts, and drumming. She tells her Native American stories dressed in full regalia and is the founder and president of the Storytellers Guild of Charlotte.



**Hobey Ford's Golden Rod Puppets:** Internationally renowned in the puppetry field, Hobey Ford is known for his excellence in puppetry performance, as well as his skill as a master storyteller. He designs

and constructs all of his Golden Rod Puppets and sets and is a two-time winner of puppetry's highest honor, the UNIMA Citation of Excellence. Hobey is also a recipient of three Jim Henson Foundation grants and the Hermitage Fellowship.

**Suzette Hawkins:** Patchwork Tales regional teller Suzette Hawkins views storytelling as a traditional art form that can promote literacy, imagination, and moral values. Suzette began telling stories in 1982 after attending the National Storytelling Festival and has been an emcee and storyteller for Patchwork Tales in the past. Her stories range from humorous tales to ghost stories and other tales that lead the listener through a gamut of emotions.



**Jeff Robbins:** Jeff Robbins has brought more than 7,000 performances to schools and libraries throughout the United States. His tried-and-true professional show, *Mountain Music, Stories and Dance*, is enjoyed by audiences of all

ages. Most of the instruments Jeff plays were handmade by him and his father, including mandolin, fiddles, dulcimer, several banjos — and a unique instrument called a “One String Pork-n-Bean” guitar.

## THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

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**Ramona Moore Big Eagle:** Ramona Moore

For more information on the Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival and a complete schedule of events, visit [patchworktales.org](http://patchworktales.org).

# YORK COUNTY READS!

## About York County Reads

YCL proudly launches its first York County Reads program for January/February 2020! This community-wide program inspires all ages to read books on kindness, friendship, and anti-bullying. Read any book listed below or read them all! Help us promote literacy and community engagement. Tag us with what you're reading on social media with [#yorkcountyreads2020](https://twitter.com/yorkcountyreads2020). Get encouraged to perform a random act of kindness, and, in January, your reading counts toward our Winter Reading Challenge!

Authors Monica Wood, Alicia D. Williams, and Gordon Korman will visit the Main Library in Rock Hill for discussions, Q&As, and book signings, and Oge Mora will join us via Skype at the Clover Library. The Liberty Book Company will also have books available for sale. All Library locations will have York County Reads programs, including meditation, music, crafts, birding, storytimes, and more. Register online or view the schedule at [events.yclibrary.org](https://events.yclibrary.org).

## Featured Books and Authors

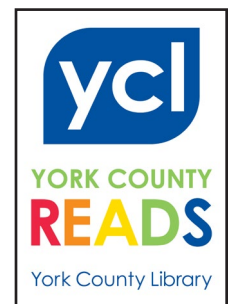
- *The One in a Million Boy* (Monica Wood; for adults). Meet Monica Sunday, Jan. 26, at 3 p.m. Register online or call 803-981-5841, starting January 13.
- *Thank You, Omu* (Oge Mora; for preschoolers). Skype with Oge Monday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m. Register online or call 803-222-3474, starting January 21.
- *Genesis Begins Again* (Alicia D. Williams; for teens). Meet Alicia Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m.



*YCL's Dina Grant and Beamer unveil the York County Reads program on December 2.*

Register online or call 803-981-5830, starting February 8.

- *Restart* (Gordon Korman; for children). Meet Gordon Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. Register online or call 803-981-5841, starting February 12.



*This program is sponsored by South Carolina Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities; inspiring, engaging and enriching South Carolinians with programs on literature, history, culture and heritage.*



**York County Main Library**  
138 East Black Street, Rock Hill  
803-981-5858

**Clover Public Library**  
107 Knox Street  
803-222-3474

**Fort Mill Public Library**  
1818 Second Baxter Crossing  
803-547-4114

**Lake Wylie Public Library**  
185 Blucher Circle  
803-831-7774

**York Public Library**  
21 East Liberty Street  
803-684-3751

**Bookmobile**  
Serving over 50 locations.  
803-981-5842

[www.yclibrary.org](http://www.yclibrary.org)  
Search the catalog, renew books, place holds, and more.

## Closing Notices

**New Year's:** All libraries closing at 5 p.m. December 31 and remaining closed January 1.

**Lake Wylie Closing:** Closing January 13–20 for painting.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** All libraries closing January 18–20.

**Staff Development Day:** All libraries closed February 17.

## Connect with Us

Published quarterly by York County Library. Email your questions or comments to [jamie.edwards@yclibrary.org](mailto:jamie.edwards@yclibrary.org).



# GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY EXPO

Meet other genealogists at the Genealogy and Family History Expo, an all-day opportunity to expand your genealogy and family tree research skills with tips from top experts.

Topics include genetic genealogy and DNA, S.C. court records, African-American genealogy, alternate sources for records, high-tech genealogy tools, and beginning genealogy.

Representatives from area lineage, genealogical, and historical groups will share information on opportunities and programs. You might also walk away with a door prize — DNA kits and genealogy books!



*Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill. Register online at [events.yclibrary.org](http://events.yclibrary.org) or call any York County Library branch, starting February 29.*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR TWEENS

Do you have a tween who is interested in volunteering at the library? This is their opportunity! Once a month, the Main Library in Rock Hill holds "VolunTween," where students ages 10–12 work

on an assortment of group projects. Some examples include putting library materials in order on the carts, getting craft materials ready for storytimes, and cleaning and re-labeling books.



This program lets tweens give back to their community, learn library and job-related skills, and, most of all, have a great time! Space is limited, so sign up early!

*Wednesday, Feb. 5, 4:15–5:15 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill. Register online or call 803-981-5888, starting January 22.*