



York County
Library
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NEWS & EVENTS
January - March 2019

THE CHALLENGE IS ON!

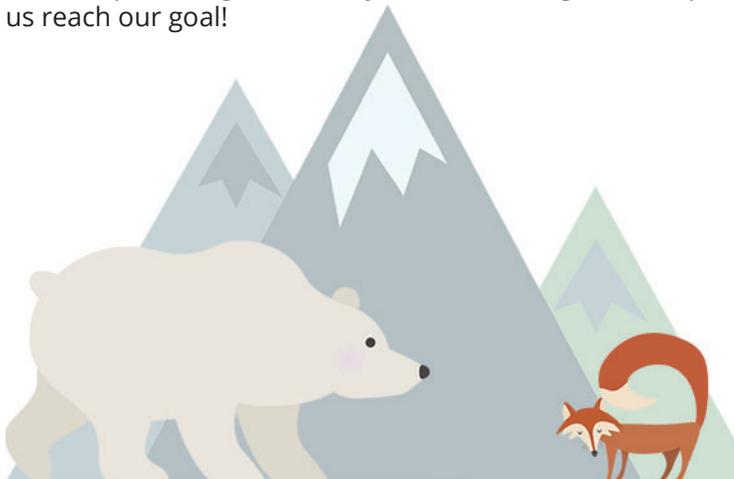
DON'T BE LEFT IN THE COLD!

From January 1-31, York County Library will participate in a Winter Reading Challenge, sponsored by billionaire investor and *Shark Tank* personality Mark Cuban. Our community challenge is to read 400,000 minutes during the month and keep track of that reading on our Beanstack site at yclibrary.beanstack.org. Beanstack is a web and mobile application to track self-directed reading time and help build a culture of reading in school and at home.

Hundreds of libraries and schools across the nation will encourage their communities to read a target number of minutes. If we reach a collective goal, Mark Cuban will donate \$35,000 to top participating libraries to expand access to the resources we offer within our community. Prizes are awarded based on four elements: outreach, active participation, logging numbers, and community (social) sharing.

"I believe in the importance of reading widely and love having the opportunity to inspire people around the country to do just that with this challenge. What better resolution to have than to start the New Year by establishing a reading habit?" says Cuban.

So curl up with a good book, join our challenge and help us reach our goal!



#WINTERREAD2019



REGISTER THIS WINTER AT
YCLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Sign up at any YCL location, the Bookmobile, or online at yclibrary.beanstack.org.
2. Read or listen to anything you want, then log your time in Beanstack.
3. Once you've logged your first five hours, stop by any YCL location by January 31 to pick up a prize.
4. Choose from a tote bag, finger puppet, or contributor coupon.
5. Keep reading. For every 5 hours read, you'll receive an entry to win the Family Fun Grand Prize.

TEENS MAKE A DIFFERENCE @ YCL

Two York County Library Teen Advisory Board members have asked to partner with YCL to fulfill their IB community service projects.

Kyra Burton, an eighth grade student at Sullivan IB Middle School, will share her organizational and study skills in "Study Smarter, Not Harder" workshops. Kyra received a Youth Council Grant, sponsored by Rock Hill Youth Council and Rock Hill Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, to purchase agendas for each participant of her workshops.

The workshops will be held at the Main Library in Rock Hill on Jan. 22 from 5-6 p.m., Jan. 29 from 7-8 p.m., Feb. 9 from 1-2 p.m., and Feb. 19 from 5-6 p.m. Registration is required and begins 2 weeks before each event.

Joanna Miller, a Rock Hill High School IB diploma candidate, has been a dedicated YCL volunteer for over five years. One of her most important responsibilities is to keep an accurate inventory of school supplies for the Library event "Beamer's Back to School Kick-Off."

Joanna saw the need for students to replenish their supplies as they entered the spring semester. For her senior project, she is leading a mid-year school supply drive, enlisting the help of her fellow IB students to offer a "Start the Year off Right! School Supply Giveaway" on Jan. 26 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Main Library in Rock Hill. Participants will receive school supplies, while they last, make a craft, and play games.



Kyra Burton, top, and Joanna Miller

CHANGE COMES TO 2019 TAX FORMS

YCL will have new Form 1040; No state forms available

Income tax time is nearly here! Last year, the Federal government passed the most expansive tax law changes in 30 years, resulting in the creation of a shorter, simpler Form 1040 for the 2019 tax season. Using a building block approach, this form reduces the tax return and will replace the current 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ forms. While it can be supplemented with additional schedules if needed, taxpayers with straightforward tax situations only need to file this new form. York County Library has ordered an ample supply of the new 1040 forms, but we do not know when they will arrive.

No individual state income tax forms will be available. Forms may be accessed on the SC Department of Revenue website at dor.sc.gov or the NC Department of Revenue website at ncdor.gov. Forms may also be requested by calling the SC Department of Revenue at 1-844-898-8542 (option 1) or the NC Department of Revenue at 1-877-252-3052.

In January, all YCL locations and the Library website will provide a handout containing information on



locating tax forms, as well as a list of sites that assist individuals with tax preparation. All locations will also host sessions for income tax assistance from either the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, AARP, or SC Thrive. Available dates will be listed on the Library's Events Calendar.

HONORING BLACK HISTORY

FREE LIBRARY EVENTS HIGHLIGHT AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

Black History Month Trivia Quiz

Test your Black History Month knowledge with YCL's trivia contest, available from February 1–28! To participate, pick up a copy of the quiz at any YCL location and return the completed form by 6 p.m. on February 28. The winner will be notified the week of March 3 via phone or email and will receive a \$25 gift card to Texas Roadhouse. The quiz creator is Black History aficionado and law librarian Melanie Creech.

A Visit with Harriet Tubman

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 5–6:30 p.m.,
Main Library, Rock Hill

Historical reenactor Barbara Robinson will visit as Harriet Tubman and share her stories of the Underground Railroad. Ages 11–17. Register online or call 803-981-5830, starting Jan. 23.

Movie: Fences

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1–4 p.m.,
Main Library, Rock Hill

Fences, an adaptation of August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, tells the story of a working-class African-American father as he tries to raise his family in the 1950s while coming to terms with the events of his life. Bitter about his lot in life, the father frequently takes out his frustrations on his loved ones. Bring your lunch if you'd like; light refreshments provided. Adults 18+; children 17 and under must be accompanied by adult. No registration required. Rated PG-13; 2 hours, 19 minutes.

African-American Genealogy Records

Thursday, Feb. 14, 6–7:30 p.m.,
Main Library, Rock Hill

Explore genealogical sources in print and online for researching your African-American ancestors, including Bible records, slave records, early marriage records, and other unique sources. Adults; limit



50. Register online or call 803-981-5825, starting Jan. 31.

Inherit the Land: Jim Crow meets Miss Maggie's Will

Thursday, Feb. 21, 6–8 p.m.,
Main Library, Rock Hill

Learn the history of a local scandal

and fierce legal fight in which an all-white jury awarded African-Americans a North Carolina estate. Local journalist and historian Gene Stowe reveals the people involved and how they labored to win against the status quo of white superiority. Adults; limit 50. Register online or call 803-981-5825, starting Feb. 7.

Movie: BlackKkKlansman

Saturday, Feb. 23, 1–4 p.m.,
Main Library, Rock Hill

Spike Lee's *BlackKkKlansman* is based on actual events, as a black detective sets out to infiltrate the Colorado chapter of the Ku Klux Klan with the help of his Jewish colleague. In the midst of the 1970s civil rights movement, they risk their lives to obtain insider information on the violent organization. Bring your lunch if you'd like; light refreshments provided. Adults 18+; children 17 and under must be accompanied by adult. No registration required. Rated R; 2 hours, 15 minutes.

LAKE WYLIE LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW MANAGER

YCL is pleased to announce Rae Lovvorn as the new manager of Lake Wylie Library. Rae started her career as a student worker in the library at Northern Michigan University. Post university, she has worked as a circulation assistant for a public library, a librarian for the ITT Technical Institute, and, most recently, the library manager for The Art Institute of Charlotte.



For you Gamecocks, Rae has her MLIS from USC. She is also president of the Metrolina Library Association and a resident of Fort Mill who loves the woods and wandering local hiking trails. "After 11 years of working in libraries in Charlotte, I have finally come home to York County, and I couldn't be more pleased," Rae said. "If you are in the Lake Wylie area, stop in and say hello. I can't wait to meet everyone." Please join us in giving Rae a warm welcome!

CELEBRATE STORYTELLING!

PATCHWORK TALES BRINGS TIMELESS TALES & MUSIC

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The 18th Annual Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival will once again bring stories to life during this three-day event featuring talented performers. Bobby Norfolk, Connie Regan-Blake, Laurelyn Dossett, and Grey Seal Puppets will take center stage on March 14-16 for free family performances presented by York County Library and the Friends of the York County Library. The festival was created to support reading and literacy for all ages through traditional storytelling and other cultural art forms.

Patchwork Tales kicks off March 14 at 2:30 p.m. with stories and folk music at Rock Hill's First Baptist Church Worship Center. On March 15, Connie Regan-Blake and Bobby Norfolk will present storytelling to local middle school students and a community concert at Sullivan Middle School Auditorium at 7 p.m. The festival concludes March 16 with Grey Seal Puppets' production of *Salsa Cinderella* at the Main Library in Rock Hill at 11 a.m. So mark your calendars for this magical celebration of storytelling!

For more information on Patchwork Tales, or to download a festival brochure, please visit patchworktales.org.

FEATURED PERFORMERS

Bobby Norfolk

Bobby Norfolk is one of America's premier storytellers and authors. He has been performing throughout the United States and worldwide for over 40 years. Today, he is an actor, comedian, author, and teaching artist, well-known for his high-energy performances, lively animation, and sound effects.

People describes him as an adventure story come to life. Bobby is a three-time Emmy award-winning host of CBS's *Gator Tales* and has also hosted the Emmy-nominated *Children's Theater at Bobby's House*, co-authored eight children's books, and created over 10 CDs, winning many prestigious Parents' Choice Gold Awards.

bobbynorfolk.com

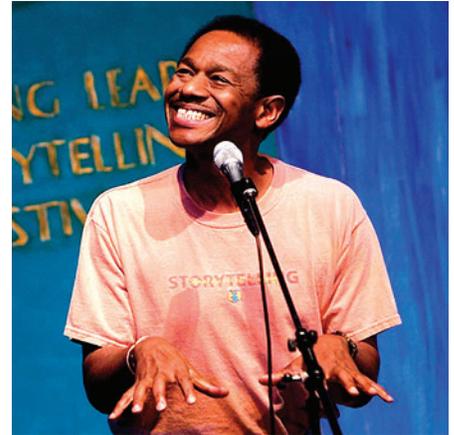
Connie Regan-Blake

Connie Regan-Blake was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for dedicating her life to the art of storytelling and for her service to the National Storytelling Network. One of the first to bring storytelling to the national stage, Connie is recognized for raising public awareness of storytelling, for preserving traditional art forms, and for the significant originality of her life's work. Entertaining audiences in 47 states, 18 countries, and six continents, she brings the wisdom, humor, and drama of stories to main stage concert halls, libraries, and the corporate world. When Connie takes stage, she generates a brightness and warmth, drawing in listeners with her engaging humor and Southern charm.

storywindow.com

Laurelyn Dossett

Laurelyn Dossett is a singer-songwriter who writes songs that tend to reflect both the traditional and contemporary stories of this region. One of



the most sought-after voices in creative collaborations, she has toured with Rhiannon Giddens, folk legend Alice Gerrard, and composer/violinist Daniel Bernard Roumain. She has appeared on *Prairie Home Companion* and at various music festivals with Polecat Creek, a band she co-founded with Kari Sickenberger. Her song "Leaving Eden" is the title track of the Carolina Chocolate Drops' Grammy-nominated release.

facebook.com/laurelyn.dossett.music

Grey Seal Puppets

Grey Seal Puppets is well-known for its trademark whimsical approach to storytelling and exquisite puppet design. Its 30-year history includes such honors as three Citations of Excellence from UNIMA-USA, the President's Award from the Puppeteers of America, and the Award for Leadership in Theatre. Grey Seal Puppets has created characters for clients such as the Cartoon Network, the New Orleans Hornets, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, and the Charlotte Bobcats.

greysealpuppets.com



¡EL DESAFÍO ESTÁ EN MARCHA!

Desde el 1 al 31 de enero, ven a la Biblioteca del Condado de York y participa en nuestra Primera Competencia de Lectura de Invierno. Cientos de Bibliotecas y Escuelas de todo el país alentarán a sus comunidades a leer un número determinado de minutos. Hemos aunado esfuerzos junto a Mark Cuban del programa de televisión: "Shark Tank" y si alcanzamos la meta colectiva, Cuban donará \$35,000 a las principales bibliotecas participantes para ampliar el acceso a los recursos que ofrecemos dentro de nuestra comunidad. Nuestra porción colectiva de esta meta es: 400,000 minutos.

Los premios se otorgan en base a 4 elementos: Divulgación, Participación Activa, Números de Registro y Participación Comunitaria (Social). La biblioteca dará seguimiento a tu lectura individual utilizando nuestro sitio de internet: www.yclibrary.beanstack.org. "Beanstack" es una aplicación web y móvil para rastrear el tiempo de lectura y ayudar a construir una cultura de lectura en la escuela y el hogar.

"Creo en la importancia de la lectura y me encanta tener la oportunidad de inspirar a las personas de todo



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el país a hacer lo mismo con esta competencia. Qué mejor resolución se puede tener, que comenzar el nuevo año estableciendo un hábito de lectura", dice Cuban.

¡Así que siéntese y lea un buen libro, y ayúdenos a alcanzar nuestra meta!

¡NO TE QUEDES AFUERA EN EL FRÍO! COMO PARTICIPAR:

1. Regístrese en cualquier localidad de La Biblioteca del Condado de York, en la "Biblioteca Rodante" o en línea mediante el vínculo: www.yclibrary.beanstack.org.
2. Lea o escuche libros o revistas en formato electrónico, y luego registre su tiempo en "Beanstack".
3. Una vez que haya registrado sus primeras cinco horas, pase por cualquier localidad de La Biblioteca del Condado de York antes del 31 de Enero para recoger un premio.
4. Escoga como premio uno de los siguientes: un "Bolso de mano", un "Títere" o un "Cupón de Colaborador".
5. No es necesario que detenga su lectura después de 5 horas. Por cada 5 horas de lectura, recibirás una entrada para ganar un Gran Premio familiar.

JOY OF GARDENING SYMPOSIUM

Please join the Friends of the Library for the 14th annual Joy of Gardening Symposium, Saturday, March 2, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Gateway Conference Center in Richburg, S.C. They'll have a great selection of garden-related books and more available for purchase.

The symposium brings a wide range of experts to help you tackle your biggest gardening challenges and also includes lunch, door prizes, and a silent auction. For more, visit symposium.yorkmg.org.

HOLIDAY HOURS AND CLOSINGS

- **New Year's:** All York County Libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, and remain closed Tuesday, Jan. 1.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** All York County Libraries will be closed Saturday, Jan. 19, - Monday, Jan. 21.
- **Staff Development Day:** All York County Libraries will be closed Monday, Feb. 18.
- **New Lake Wylie Hours:** Effective January 1, Lake Wylie Library will begin new operating hours for Mondays through Thursdays, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.



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
Search the catalog, renew books, place holds, and more.

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York Librarian Spreads Musical Joy

By Jennifer Langford, York Library Circulation Assistant

Most people think of the library as a quiet place, but York Public Library has been making lots of noise! In December, I offered "Holiday Piano Lessons" for all ages, and each participant learned to play an easy holiday tune on a piano keyboard. Beginners were welcomed, and 2-year-olds up to seniors participated in the fun. Anyone browsing nearby could hear strains of "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas," "Jingle Bells," or "Up on the House-top," to name a few.

My dream would be to offer group lessons if we had multiple keyboards, but that wasn't in our budget. Last summer, a patron donated a used keyboard, and I kept trying to think of a way to use it for a music program for library patrons. I searched our catalog to discover a lot of piano music and method books and, with holiday time on the horizon, came up with offering 30-minute sessions to experience playing an easy, festive tune on the keyboard.

I was surprised but pleased at how well-received the programs were. The sign-up sheet filled up in no time and left me wishing I had offered more sessions. It's fun how ex-



Librarian Jennifer Langford helps a patron learn a holiday tune.

cited these patrons are about learning music. I'm presently researching options to offer small group piano lessons for beginners or intermediate players who let their skills fade.

There's a certain power in music, and it adds many benefits to your life. It can improve your mood, reduce stress, and increase your capacity for memory and cognition. "Stay tuned" for our 2019 program calendar if you'd like to add more music (and joy) to your life!

*"Ah, Music," he said, wiping his eyes. "A magic beyond all we do here."
- Dumbledore, J. K. Rowling's "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"*

Kick Off Your Book Club with a Book Club Kit!

Check out a Book Club Kit, and you're on your way to a great meeting! Kits contain 10 copies of the book and a discussion guide. Current YCL card-holders may have kits delivered to a YCL branch of their choice, but non-card-holders must visit the Rock Hill Main Library to request and pick up a kit. Kits check out for eight weeks with no renewals. Since holds cannot be placed on kits, two may be checked out at one time. Patrons will be responsible for damaged or missing items.

To search for a kit, visit yclibrary.org/book-club-kits and print a complete list sorted by author or title, search the catalog for a specific kit, or submit an online request. Please include 2 choices; if your first choice is checked out, we will fill your request with your second choice. A staff member will check availability and contact you to confirm the request. For more information or help, contact the Reference Department at 803-981-5825 or email bookclubkits@yclibrary.org.