

**Pulaski
County Public
Library**

Youth Services @ your library

A Note from Miss Jena

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Happening:

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Dear Library Patrons,

Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter, which will keep you up to date on what's happening in the Pulaski County Public Library system's youth services department.

My name is Jena Hardy and as of September, I have served as the library's youth services coordinator. Since then, I have had the pleasure of meeting many library patrons of all ages, and in the future, hope to see many more stop by and visit me in the children's room!

This is the first issue of "Youth Services @ your library" and I hope you will look forward to reading it in the months to come. If you would like to receive this newsletter directly via email, contact me at jchardy@pclibs.org and I'll add you to my list! Or, you can view the newsletter at our website, www.pclibs.org.

Feel free to contact me with questions, comments and suggestions at the email address listed above, or give me a call at 994-2458. I am always open to new ideas!

Happy 2010!

Visit us!

Pulaski Library
60 W. Third St.
Pulaski, VA 24301
(540) 980-7770

Dublin Library
300 Giles Ave.
Dublin, VA 24084
(540) 674-2856

Pre-School Story Time!

Pre-School Story Time is held Tuesdays at the Charles and Ona B. Free Memorial Library in Dublin at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at the Pulaski County Library at 10:30 a.m. Along with reading stories, we play games, learn songs, rhymes and fingerplays, and even stretch our creative muscles with coloring and crafts. Occasionally, we even have special visitors!

Pre-School story time is free and open to the public, and held weekly unless otherwise announced. If Pulaski County Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, story time will be canceled for that day.



Pictured at left, a child smiles as she decorates a cookie during a recent pre-school story time at the Pulaski County Library. The theme that week was “Cookies,” in celebration of National Cookie Day. The children listened to such stories as “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” by Laura Joffe Numeroff, learned rhymes about visiting the bakery, and decorated their own cookies.

Pokemon Club

Calling all Pokemon fans!

Twice a month, you can join us at the Pulaski County Library for our Pokemon Club!

Trade cards or bring your DS to battle!

Pokemon Club is held the first and third Tuesday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m.

Winter Reading Program

We will kick off the 2010 Winter Reading Program, themed "Snuggle Up with Peter Rabbit," in February. The Winter Reading Program is a one-month program geared toward children age 18 mos. to 4 years. It is designed to instill a love of reading in young children by having the child's parent or other special adult read to them.

Simply keep track of how many books you read to your child and then visit the library, where your child will receive a sticker for each book they've listened to. At the end of the month, your child will receive a certificate for participating.

To register, stop by the library any day starting Jan. 27. You will receive a book log to keep track of books read, as well as a book booster sheet, which is filled with age-appropriate activity suggestions that will help encourage and develop your child's literacy skills.

Peter Rabbit



Fancy Nancy Valentine Tea Party

On Thursday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m., we will host a Fancy Nancy Valentine Tea Party! Guests are encouraged to dress in their fanciest attire and are welcome to bring their own Fancy Nancy dolls. We will read Fancy Nancy stories, make fabulously fancy Valentines, eat delectable treats and even put on a glamorous fashion show!

The Great Scavenger Hunt Contest!

Are you a trivia nut?? Test your skills with "The Great Scavenger Hunt Contest," hosted by YA author Kay Cassidy!

Here's how the hunt works: Go to www.kaycassidy.com/hunt and look at the list of participating books. Choose the book you want to read and print out the trivia challenge. Read the book and then answer the trivia challenge questions and give the completed page to Miss Jena. If you get 8 out of 10 of the questions correct, she'll enter you into the contest, in which Kay Cassidy chooses a winner each month. Prize is a \$50 gift card to the bookstore of your choice.

This contest is geared toward middle grade/tweens and teens. A list of participating books is available at the above mentioned website, as well as at the Pulaski County Library. While we do not have all of the books on the list in our collection, we will gladly request books for you through interlibrary loan.

Youth Photography Contest Winners

Winners of our first Youth Photography Contest include:

Best in Show- "Blue Butterfly" by Michael Edwards, Dublin Middle School

Middle School category

First Place- "Tunnel Vision" by Meredith Smith, DMS

Second Place- "Mabry Mill" by Sarah Porterfield, home school student

Honorable Mention- "Princess" by Sarah Porterfield; "Fruit in a Hand-made Bowl" by Johanna Burcham, Northwood Baptist School

High School category

First Place- "Pool Fun" by Stacy Carr, Pulaski County High School

Second Place- "Pines in the Sun" by Zane Yopp, PCHS

Third Place- "Birthplace of Liberty" by Schuyler Burcham, Northwood Baptist School

Honorable Mention- "Raydar" by Danielle Venable, PCHS; "A Walk on the Beach at Sunrise" by Katelyn Armbrister, PCHS



Pictured at left is Michael Edwards, a student at Dublin Middle School. His photo, "Blue Butterfly," was voted "Best in Show" by four judges in the library's Youth Photography Contest. As Best in Show winner, he received a gift card to Barnes and Noble.

Judges included Mike Williams, editor and publisher of the Pulaski County Patriot, Lee Spiegel, director of PCPC (Pulaski Community Partners Coalition), Eva Thornton, assistant director of the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley and Jessica Stoots, children's education director for the FACNRV.

This is the first year that we've hosted a Youth Photography Contest. We hope to make it an annual event.