

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR. CENTRAL

SEE COVER FOR BOOK SALE & AUTHOR VISIT

BEING A BETTER CONSUMER Wednesday, January 18, at 7:30 pm

Don't be a victim! Learn how to be better consumer about what you buy, where you buy it, etc. Presented by Ferris Kaplan, an Adjunct Professor at George Mason University.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

- 1) Free, on-going, drop-in **All Levels** ESL Workshop, Tuesdays, from 10 am to noon, **January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31.**
 - 2) Free, on-going, drop-in **Intermediate** ESL Workshop, Tuesdays, from 3 pm to 5 pm, **January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31.**
 - 3) Free, on-going, drop-in **All Levels** ESL Workshop, Thursdays, from 10 to noon, **January 5, 12, 19 & 26.**
- For info, call the adult services desk, 703-746-1702x3.

LATIN AMERICAN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussions in English. **Thursday, January 12,** 7 to 8:30 pm. For stories in Spanish and English, please contact the adult services / reference desk: 703-746-1702x3.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Thurs., Jan. 19, 7 pm, to discuss "Human Personality," by Simon Weil's *Selected Essays, 1934-1943.* Please call Bill Scouton, 703-931-3559, for more information.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

*sign-up required: call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk.

***LITTLE ONE-DERS,** Mondays, January 9, 23 & 30, at 10:30 or 11:15 am, ages 12 to 23 months, with an adult.

***TIME FOR 2's,** Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, or **Wednesdays,** January 4, 11, 18 & 25, at 10:30 am, for ages 24 to 36 months, with an adult.

***BABY RHYME TIME,** Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, at 11:30, for ages 0 to 11 months, with an adult.

***STORY TIME,** Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26, at 10:30 am or 3 pm, for ages 3 to 5 (children only).

***KIDS READ TO DOGS,** with PAL (People Animals Love), Thursdays, January 5 & 19, for 15-minute sessions which start at 5:30 pm. Please call 703-746-1702x5 or visit the children's desk to sign up.



FREE SUPERHERO MOVIE
Captain America (PG-13), Thursday, January 12, at 6:45 pm.

TALKING BOOKS SERVICE

Talking Book Service (TBS) is a free service for the blind, physically and/or visually impaired or learning disabled. This service is free and open to the public. Please call Loni McCaffrey for more information about Talking Books or about the next Friends of Talking Books meeting in November: 703.746.1760.

JAMES M. DUNCAN, JR. BRANCH

DUNCAN LOCAL AUTHOR SERIES
Monday, January 30, at 7:30 pm, (RESCHEDULED) local author Thomas Kaufman discusses his ever-thrilling book... *Steal the Show.* Please call 703-746-1705x3 for more info.

DUNCAN BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
Wednesday, January 18, 7 pm, to discuss *Saving Fish From Downing* by Amy Tan. Call Ruth Hailu at 703-746-1705x3 for more information about the group.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

BABY TIME, Mondays, January 9, 23 & 30, at 11 am, for ages 0 - 11 months, with an adult. Sign-up half hour before story time. Limited to 20 children.

STORIES & SONGS, Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, at 10 or 11 am, for ages 1 - 4, with an adult. Sign-up half hour before 11 am story time.

THURSDAY STORY TIME, Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26, at 11 am, for ages 3 to 5, without an adult.

MOTHER GOOSE TIME, Thursdays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 & 26, ages 12 - 24 months, 10 am, w/ adult. Limited to 25 children.

STORIES & SONGS IN SPANISH, Mondays, January 9 & 23, at 10 am, for ages 0 - 5, with an adult.

PAJAMA STORY TIME, Wednesday, January 11, at 7 pm, for ages 3 - 7, without an adult.

NATURE PROGRAM, Wednesday, January 18, at 3:30 pm. For grades K to 5 only.

DROP-IN BOARD & CARD GAMES, Monday, January 23, for grades 3 - 5, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

GERMAN STORY TIME, Friday, January 27, at 4 pm, for ages 2 to 5 with an adult.

ANIMAL SHELTER VISIT, Monday, January 30, at 3 pm. For grades K to 5 only.

ELLEN COOLIDGE BURKE BRANCH

WORLD SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussing the stories in *Short Shorts: An Anthology of the Shortest Stories*, edited by Howe & Howe. Next meeting: **Thursday, January 26,** at 7 pm. Please contact the adult services / reference desk, 703-746-1704, for the stories.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

TUESDAY TOTS, Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, at 11 am, ages 2 to 3, with an adult.

PAJAMA PARTY, Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26, at 7 pm, ages 3 to 6, with an adult.



For info on computer classes, contact
Burke's Adult Service / Reference Desk
703-746-1704x3



Don't forget our eBook Drop-in Workshops!
See cover for details on dates at libraries!

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Talking Books Service is a free service provided through Library of Congress for those with physical, visual or learning disabilities. A doctor's note is required to apply. For more info, call 703-746-1760.

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E-AUDIOBOOKS, AND ONLINE
RESOURCES OPEN ALL THE TIME,
SO CHECK IT OUT @
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LIBRARY CARD NUMBER READY**

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(which contains all this Library info herein) through the user-friendly
City of Alexandria's eNews Service. Visit <http://alexandriava.gov/eNews>

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS / Local History

Author and former Chief Historian for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park **Robert K. Krick** will give a free lecture on "Robert E. Lee and His Detractors in the Age of the Anti-Hero," **Saturday, Jan. 28,** 1 to 3 pm, at Beatley Central Library. Special Collections will also display a newly-acquired letter penned by Lee himself.

Special Collections/Local History houses many unique resources for those interested in Alexandria history, Virginia history, genealogy and the Civil War. For more information on services, materials, events, or classes, call 703-746-1706.

KATE WALLER BARRETT BRANCH

"LET'S TALK BOOKS," **Mon., Jan. 9,** 7 pm, to discuss *The Ballad of Tom Dooley* by Sharyn McCrumb. Please call Heather Martyn, 703-746-1703x4, for more information.

SPOT AND AVOID FRAUD!

Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 pm

Come to this presentation with the Investor Education Foundation and United States Securities and Exchange Commission to learn how to protect yourself and others from financial and investment fraud.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

MOTHER GOOSE TIME, Tuesdays & Wednesday, January 17, 18, 24, 25 & 31, at 10:15 am, for ages 12 to 24 months. Select one program per week to attend.

STORIES TO GROW ON, Tuesdays & Wednesday, January 17, 18, 24, 25 & 31, at 11 am, for ages 2 & up. Select one program per week to attend.

STORY TIME, Thursdays, January 19 & 26, at 4 pm, for ages 3 & up, without an adult. Select one program per week to attend.

READ, SING & PLAY, BABY! Mondays, January 23 & 30, at 4 pm, for ages 0 to 11 months. Select one program per week to attend.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Library is closed for New Years Day, Sunday, January 1; The Day After New Years Day, Monday, January 2; and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 16.

BE A FRIEND

The Alexandria Library has a Friends group for each branch. Membership contribution to a Friends group enhances library services and provides needed funds to supplement Library resources. Please call a branch for more information.

HOMEBOUND VISITS

Free home delivery of library materials is available to Alexandria residents unable to visit the library. Please call 703-746-1730 for more information.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Alexandria Library Foundation is a tax-exempt, private, nonprofit organization formed to enhance the Library's services. We are pleased to offer the option for donors to endow certain areas or fixtures of the Library. For info on how to make a tax-deductible gift, call 703-746-1701.

SIGNING FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

Signing is available at all library sponsored programs if it is requested and five days notice is given. Please call 703-746-1760 for more information.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

This service allows for materials such as books or journal articles that are not in Alexandria Library branches to be borrowed from other libraries in the continental US. A nominal, non-refundable fee is charged for this service.

STORIES ALIVE ON COMCAST

Please tune into Alexandria Comcast Cable Channel 69 for children's stories "live" on Mondays nights at 5 pm and Wednesdays nights at 6 pm.

Please report missing items to staff.



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5005 Duke Street, 22304
703-746-1702 Fax: 703-746-1763
Mon-Thurs 10am-9pm; Fri 10am-6pm;
Sat 10am-5pm; Sun 1pm-5pm

TALKING BOOK SERVICE

For Blind and Physically Handicapped
5005 Duke Street (Second Floor), 22304
703-746-1760 Fax: 703-746-1738
TTY (Hearing Impaired): 703-746-1790
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm

KATE WALLER BARRETT BRANCH LIBRARY

717 Queen Street, 22314
703-746-1703 Fax: 703-746-1708
Mon 1pm-9pm; Tues 10am-9pm; Wed 10am-7pm;
Thurs 10am-7pm; Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-5pm

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Local History & Genealogy
717 Queen Street, 22314
703-746-1706 Fax: 703-746-1720
Mon 1pm-9pm; Tues 2pm-9pm;
Wed 10am-7pm; Fri 10am-6pm; and the
first Saturday of the month, 10am to 5pm

JAMES M. DUNCAN, JR. BRANCH LIBRARY

2501 Commonwealth Avenue, 22301
703-746-1705 Fax: 703-746-1785
Mon 10am-9pm; Tues 10am-7pm; Wed 1pm-9pm;
Thurs 10am-7pm; Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-5pm

ELLEN COOLIDGE BURKE BRANCH LIBRARY

4701 Seminary Road, 22304
703-746-1704 Fax: 703-746-1775
Mon 10am-9pm; Tues 10am-7pm; Wed 10am-7pm;
Thurs 1pm-9pm; Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-5pm

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Calendar of Events

January 2012

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Did you receive an *eReader* for the Holidays?

Do you want to learn how to read our *free eBooks*?

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My Help! can walk you through setting up most devices, but if you want help from our staff (or just want to know more), you can come (with or without a device) to a drop-in workshop.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday
January 24 at 7 pm	January 25 at 7 pm	January 26 at 7 pm	January 30 at 7 pm
Barrett Branch Library	Duncan Branch Library	Beatley Central Library	Burke Branch Library
717 Queen Street	2501 Commonwealth Ave.	5005 Duke Street	4701 Seminary Road
703.746.1703	703.746.1705	703.746.1702	703.746.1704

FRIENDS OF BEATLEY LIBRARY PRESENT



Fiction Only Book Sale: Saturday, January 14, from 10 am to 4:30 pm



Local author **Brooke C. Stoddard** talks about his book *The World in Balance: The Perilous Months of June - October 1940*, Wednesday, January 25, 7 pm

Alexandria Library is CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 16