



**Friends  
of the  
Greene County Library**



**NEWSLETTER  
MARCH/APRIL 2017**

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**THE BIG READ.** All book lovers are encouraged to participate in the **Big Read** during March by reading and discussing this year's selection, *Silver Sparrow*, by Tayari Jones. The story takes place in 1980s Atlanta and follows the lives of two teenage girls and their families. The girls have one thing in common: their father, a bigamist married to each of their mothers. The author will be interviewed by UVA Professor Lisa Woolfork at the **Northside Library** on March 17 at 6:00 pm.

**VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK.**

This annual five-day event (March 22-26) brings readers and writers together for a celebration of books, reading, and literary culture. On Thursday, March 23, the Greene County Library will host **Claudia Kalb**, author of *Andy Warhol was a Hoarder: Inside the Minds of History's Great Personalities*. The event will be held in the Greene Library Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served, and the book will be available for purchase. Save the date: **March 23, 7:00 pm.**

**Sunday, March 25, 8:00 pm, at the Paramount Theater** – Untold Stories of Women in Science. Authors Margo Lee Shetterly (*Hidden Figures*) and Dava Sobel (*The Glass Universe*) share the accomplishments of unsung women mathematicians and scientists – “human computers” – working with NASA and the Harvard College Observatory in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. These women helped to achieve some of America's greatest work in our understanding of the stars and our exploration of space.

There are many other programs and events during March that are highlighted in the *NEA BIG READ* brochure available at the library branches.

## PROGRAMS AT THE GREENE BRANCH:

**FIRST THURSDAY BOOK CLUB.** March 2, 7 pm: *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones. April 6, 7 pm: *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff.



**SECOND FRIDAY FILM SERIES.** March 10, 7 pm: Good Hair (2009) - Cris Rock explores the wonders of African-American hairstyles. April 14 film title not yet selected.

**STARLAB.** Educators from the Virginia Discovery Museum will bring the traveling astronomy program to Greene Library on Tuesday, **March 21, 4-5:00 pm.** Gaze at the Milky Way and starry constellations and enjoy a star-related story and craft. (Grades 3-6) Registration is required.

**LEGO MANIA.** Build up STEM skills with the library's LEGO collection. **March 29, 3:30-4:30 pm.** Grades K-5.

**AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES.** Wednesday, **April 19, 3:30 pm** – Screening of *Star Trek* (2009), rated PG-13. Free popcorn and drinks will be provided. Required registration begins March 8.

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**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD.** The *Greene County Record* on February 16 had a nice article that highlighted the Teen Advisory Board and its activities and programs. Kudos go out to Michelle Ehrich and the teens who contribute to the success of the TAB!

**SPRING BOOK SALE.** The annual Spring Book Sale put on by the JMRL Friends of the Library takes place **April 1-9**, from 10 am-7pm at the **Gordon Avenue Library** in Charlottesville. The Fall 2016 sale brought in \$114,000 which benefits JMRL library programs and facilities.

**SCHEDULED CLOSING.** The library will be closed on April 13 – Thomas Jefferson birthday.

**LISTEN TO GREAT AUDIOBOOKS.** Recent audiobooks reviewed in the *Book Page* publication: *The Whistler* by John Grisham; *Victoria* by Daisy Goodwin; *No Man's Land* by David Baldacci; *Conclave* by Robert Harris; and *The Trespasser* by Tana French. All of which are available at JMRL.

## COMMUNITY NOTES.

The **Greene County Visitor Center** in Ruckersville is a great place to pick up free resource material such as maps, travel brochures, various magazines, historical pamphlets, day trip information, etc., that not only cover Greene County, but include most of Virginia. Stop in to browse and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. The Center is in need of volunteers for 4-hour shifts, Mondays through Saturdays - if you are interested in volunteering one or two times a month, contact Michele Wallace at [mwallace@gcva.us](mailto:mwallace@gcva.us).

The **Greene County Historical Society** will hold its annual dinner on Sunday, March 19, at the Rosebrook Inn. Reservations are required by March 4 and the cost is \$27.00 per person.

The annual **Greene County Arts Festival** will be held on March 25 at the William Monroe High School. This free event features student art displays, vendors, music, and fun for all ages.

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## TEENS, TWEENS, AND KIDS PROGRAMS.

(See *Beyond the Books* and Library material for details on these programs.)

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**. (Grades 6-12). This group helps to plan teen programs and is the fun way to earn volunteer hours. **March 8; April 12.**

**Bibliophiles: A Teen Book Club**. (Grades 8-12). This group of teen book lovers meets to discuss titles chosen by the group. **March 22; April 26.**

**Rapunzels: Book Group for Tween Girls**. (Grades 4-8). This group reads and discusses great books and enjoys snacks, crafts, and games. **March 16; April 20.**

**Sharks: Boys Book Club**. (Grades 4-8). This group reads and talks about great books, does fun activities, and enjoys snacks. **March 16 & 30; April 13 & 27**

**Storybook Beat**. (For ages 3-5). Every **Thursday** at 10:30 am.

**Read and Rhyme Time**. (For ages 1-2). Every **Wednesday** at 10:30 am.

**LITERARY QUIZ.**  
(Answers Below)

1. Chili Palmer is one of this crime writer's fictional creations. Who is he?
2. Who wrote these "of" titles: *Anne of Green Gables*; *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*; *the Descent of Man*?
3. Before he died, this character in an eponymous Herman Melville short story worked in a Washington, D.C. Dead Letter Office. Who is he?
4. *Annie John*, by Jamaica Kincaid, concerns a young girl growing up on what island?
5. This 16<sup>th</sup> century English poet is esteemed for his plays *Tamburlaine the Great* and *Doctor Faustus*, but may be best remembered as a possible co-writer of some of Shakespeare's plays. Who is he?



“The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally got gin in the steam iron.” Phyllis Diller

“Just think of all those women on the *Titanic* who said, “No thank you” to dessert that night. And for what?!” Erma Bombeck

“Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.” Church Bulletin

Answers to Literary Quiz:

1. Elmore Leonard
2. L. M. Montgomery; Thomas Hardy; Charles Darwin
3. Bartleby the Scrivener
4. Antigua
5. Christopher Marlowe