

Larry D. Yates Children's Area Dedication

On December 31, a large crowd of library supporters gathered at the Haysi Community Library to usher in the New Year and to dedicate the Larry D. Yates Children's Area. Fellow Trustee Brenda Johnson of Norton commended Mr. Yates for his untiring efforts to bring the relocation of the Haysi Library to fruition. "Larry is an exceptional man - a very exceptional man," said Johnson, "He is the Chairman of our Board; he a leader, and without Larry Yates this beautiful facility would not be here. The Library Board is lucky to have him, and the people of Haysi are lucky to have him in the community."

Ms. Johnson selected the Dr. Seuss classic, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* as a fitting representation of Larry's journey to relocate the library. She recalled all the places Larry had gone from digging water lines to driving a truck hauling books, to managing crews of volunteers. "Instead of just wishing the community had a new library for the children,

instead of just wishing the kids didn't have to cross a busy street to get to the library, Larry did something about it. And, his camaraderie, his optimism, hard work, and laughter brought the people of Haysi together to finish what we enjoy today. Thank you Larry for taking us on a wonderful journey that will continue forever."



Larry D. Yates

Winter Reading Program — Snuggle With a Book

Lonesome Pine Regional Library announces that it is participating in **Snuggle with a Book**, a winter reading program sponsored by the Library of Virginia. The winter reading program will focus on children 18 months to four years old. 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. The program will begin in January and run through February 2009. Joining the Library of Virginia in supporting the winter reading program are Smart Beginnings and Read Aloud Virginia.

"We are very excited to offer such a unique reading program during the cold month of January - what a perfect time to 'snuggle,' said Julie Short, Assistant Director. "Children and parents will love snuggling up together to share grand adventures through the pages of delightful picture books. Our goal is to engage families in 'reading for fun' that ultimately leads to a lifelong love of books."

And most importantly, reading to children lays the framework for future literacy. "Reaching out to parents about the importance of reading to young children is critical to

ensuring that Virginia's children have the early experiences with language that translate into success when a child enters school," said Sandra G. Treadway, Librarian of Virginia. "**Snuggle with a Book** provides the opportunity to engage parents and children in reading and in the many programs and activities offered by the state's public libraries."

The **Snuggle with a Book** winter reading program builds on the special relationship public librarians have with children and them to the outcome of creation of children are they begin year. Winter times, and nounced in the adults who bring library. The desired the program is the communities where ready to learn when their kindergarten program dates, locations will be an each participating branch library, on the library's website, and through local media outlets in early January 2009. Make plans now to **Snuggle with a Book** at your local library!



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Breast Cancer Library Outreach Program



Lonesome Pine Regional Library is pleased to be a recipient of a \$500 monetary award from the 2008 Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation's Library Outreach Program.

These funds have been used to purchase breast cancer related books and materials. The Foundation strongly encourages both women and men to explore this important collection.

According to the Foundation, every woman is at risk with nearly 90% of all diagnosed women having no family history or risk factors. This year in the United States, nearly 182,460 new cases will be diagnosed among women, and it is estimated that of those, 4,680 will be within Virginia.

The Foundation also reminds us that breast cancer is not just a woman's disease. Since men have breast tissue, they are also at risk; surprisingly, an estimated 450 men will die of breast cancer in the upcoming year. While there is no known cause or prevention, education is key to recognizing symptoms, choosing treatment plans, and coping with the physical and emotional affects of this disease.

To checkout the new titles at your local branch, enter the search "Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation" in our online card catalog. For more information on the Foundation's mission to Educate · Advocate · Eradicate, visit the website at www.vbcf.org or call 1-800-345-8223.



Connecting Libraries, Underserved Teens, and Books

Lonesome Pine Regional Library is pleased to announce that Scott County Public Library and Wise County Public Library have been awarded grants from the American Library Association to participate in the Great Stories CLUB. The Great Stories CLUB is organized by the American Library Association Public Program Office, in cooperation with the Young Adult Library Services Association. Major funding for the Great Stories CLUB has been provided by Oprah's Angel Network.

The Great Stories CLUB is a reading and discussion program that targets underserved, troubled teen populations. The program reaches teens through books that are relevant to their lives, inviting them to read and keep the books, and encourages them to consider and discuss each title with a group of their peers. It seeks to show that reading can be a source of pleasure, a tool for self-exploration, and a meaningful way to connect to the wider world. Its ultimate goal is to inspire young adults who face difficult situations to take control of their lives by embracing the power of reading.

The CLUB theme for early 2009 is **Breaking Boundaries**. Boundaries can take many forms in life. They often make life difficult by dividing us and preventing us from seeing the essence of one another. The award-winning stories that will be featured in the CLUB are about teens who overcame boundaries in their lives:

- ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie, 2006**
- ***Black and White* by Paul Volponi, 2005**
- ***Luna* by Julie Ann Peters, 2006**

The Scott County Public Library will partner with the Scott County Department of Social Services, while the Wise County Public Library will work in conjunction with Lonesome Pine Office on Youth to present a series of three programs for teens in their respective counties. To learn more about the ALA Great Stories CLUB, visit, www.ala.org/greatstories.

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