

# Lonesome Pine Regional Library

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LIBRARY UPDATE

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## The Big Read, 2010 “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer”



Lonesome Pine Regional Library is once again excited to celebrate The Big Read, through a grant awarded from the National Endowment for the Arts. The Big Read in Southwest Virginia will focus on childhood escapades brought to life in Twain’s *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

“Our library system is thrilled to once again share the joy of reading through a region-wide exploration of Twain’s classic. What greater honor could we imagine than to share this acclaimed work of American literature with the wonderful people in our area,” says Julie Short, Lonesome Pine’s The Big Read Coordinator.

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* celebrates imagination and evokes the spirit of childhood in a way that resonates with all. As Twain wrote, “... part of my plan has been to try to pleasantly remind adults of what they once were themselves, and of how they felt and thought and talked, and what queer enterprises they sometimes engaged in.”

Below is a preview of many fun events coming your way March 25—May 15; details will soon be announced, so visit our website in late February for a complete schedule of events and locations:

- Family Dinner Theatre featuring the Barter Players
- Storytelling Fun with Donald Davis
- Community Sociables featuring food, music, games
- The Life and Times of Twain Panel Discussion
- Caving in Southwest Virginia
- Gardening Extravaganza
- School House Memorabilia
- Scrapbooking with Twain
- The “yuck” of Home Remedies
- Family Game Night
- Graveyard Goosebumps
- Book and a Movie



The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museums and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

## Early Learning Stations for Young Computer Users

Expanding upon our library vision to be “the best place to discover, to learn, to imagine to smile,” Lonesome Pine Regional Library is excited to announce the addition of Early Literacy Stations developed with our youngest computer users in mind.



An Early Literacy Station is a computer workstation loaded with more than 45 educational software titles for kids ages 2-8. The

workstations have a colorful keyboard, a tiny mouse and an engaging LCD screen. These are safe, standalone computers not connected to the Internet that are engaging, age appropriate, and academically relevant for children. Kids are captivated by the imaginative interface and start to explore immediately. And, did we mention, the workstations are fun!

Discover the Early Literacy Stations at our libraries in Wise, Big Stone Gap and Pennington Gap. The computers were provided by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Library of Virginia.

## Lee County Public Library Installs Electronic Door Openers

Thanks to funding from the Lee County Community Foundation, the Lee County Public Library in Pennington Gap now has easy open electronic doors. For the benefit of library visitors who require ADA access and for those who are pushing strollers or are carrying things and just may have their hands full, these doors are a great convenience. Thank you Lee County Community Foundation!



Library Trustee, Melanie Jorgensen shares a proud moment with workmen as the electronic door project gets underway!

*Start Here—Go Anywhere!*



## 1-2-3 Read Child Development Resources

1-2-3 Read Child Development Resources has provided Lonesome Pine Regional Library branches a set of seven board books and curriculum modules designed for early childhood professionals.

Read~A~Book is a distance learning self-study program for early childhood professionals offered by the Virginia Department of Social Services. The program allows early childhood professionals to earn training credit hours by reading children's literature and books on early childhood education and child development. The modules developed by 1-2-3 Read may be used as resources for Read~A~Book. The Virginia Department of Social Services Division of Child Care and Development provides more information including forms and samples of completed projects on their Web site at [www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/readbook.cgi](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/readbook.cgi)

Childcare providers are invited to stop by their local libraries to borrow the 1-2-3 Read resources. To view or request these resources visit our website, entering "1-2-3 Read" in the search box.



## Winter Reading - Snuggle Up with Peter Rabbit

Lonesome Pine Regional Library is participating in **Snuggle Up with Peter Rabbit**, a winter reading program sponsored by the Library of Virginia. The winter reading program focuses 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.



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From the Library of Virginia, our participating libraries have received creative reading logs, activity sheets, posters, and activities to help children develop reading skills. According to Director Amy Bond, "This year's winter reading theme captures the imaginations of young children who relate to the gentle personification of the animal characters as portrayed in the author's verse and illustration."

Reading to children lays the framework for future literacy. A study, published in the Archives of Disease in Childhood, found young children who had been read aloud to were more likely to enjoy reading. Language and literacy skills were both improved by parents reading to children. The benefits also continued throughout school, the research found.

"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.

The **Snuggle Up with Peter Rabbit** winter reading program builds on the special relationship public librarians have with children and the adults who bring them to the library. The desired outcome of the program is the creation of communities where children are ready to learn when they attend kindergarten.

**Lonesome Pine Regional Library & Books-by-Mail**  
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### Serving Wise County & City of Norton:

Wise County Public Library, Wise  
C. Bascom Slemper Memorial Library, Big Stone Gap  
Coeburn Community Library, Coeburn  
J. Fred Matthews Memorial Library, St. Paul

### Serving Dickenson County:

Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library, Clintwood  
Haysi Community Library, Haysi

### Serving Lee County:

Lee County Public Library, Pennington Gap  
Rose Hill Community Library, Rose Hill

### Serving Scott County

Scott County Public Library, Gate City

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