

# Lonesome Pine Regional Library

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LIBRARY UPDATE

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## Haysi Community Library Dedication

The Haysi Community Library turned a happy new chapter in its history with the dedication of the new building on July 31, 2008. Joining in the celebration were 140 community members and well wishers. Mr. Larry Yates, Mayor of the Town of Haysi and Chair of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board of Trustees, was honored for his dedication to the facility's renovation and relocation. Mr. Delano Sykes of the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors and Ms. Elizabeth Lewis from The Library of Virginia were guest speakers. In a gesture emphasizing the community spirit of the project, Ms. Lewis asked everyone in attendance to "Raise your right hand. Now put it over your left shoulder and pat yourself on the back." During her address to the citizens of Haysi, Amy Bond, Regional Library Director, further expressed the sentiments of the Regional Library Board and staff,



*Supervisor Delano Sykes*

"This is truly a community library; you built it with your support through donations of time, talents, and hard work. You built it with generous personal donations and fundraisers. You built it with faith and perseverance, knowing that

the day would come when this new library would be a reality." And, indeed, July 31, 2008 will long be remembered as the day the Haysi Community Library was dedicated to the people of the Town of Haysi and surrounding communities in Dickenson County ... may it serve you well!



*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony—Delano Sykes, Dickenson County Board of Supervisors; Cassidy Owens, Sandlick Elementary School; Shirley Hawkins, Branch Manager; Larry Yates, Mayor and Library Board Chairman; Bill Thompson, Architect, Thompson & Litton*

## A "Buggy" Summer Reading Program

"*Catch the Reading Bug*" ended up being more "buggy" than we ever imagined. Children and teens enjoyed celebrating this year's summer reading theme with storytellers, magicians, musicians, live "buggy fear factor" and more.

Storyteller **Kathy Coleman** of Afton, Virginia brought her own special brand of entertainment as she shared stories of an Appalachian childhood. Ms. Coleman wove an oral patchwork as she told stories about her grandmother, quilting, and the fine art of playing the juice harp, which she enthusiastically demonstrated!

**Judy Farlow** is an award-winning storyteller from Gray, TN. Judy created the busy, buzzy character of Honey Bea and brought along several of her Buggy Buddies. Her puppet friends Caterpillar and Charlie the butterfly captivated the audience. Especially popular was the classic *The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*. Children and parents agree—Honey Bea is one sweet performer.

**Eric Richardson** is an elementary school teacher from West Virginia who has been entertaining audiences for over fifteen years with his award-winning magic. Eric does a great job involving the children into his shows and is dedicated to providing family-friendly fun for all ages. He featured skits from Lewis the invisible bug to Bonnie and Clyde the magic ladybugs.

**Charlie Engle**, branch manager of the J. Fred Matthews Memorial Library in St. Paul, is well known for his storytelling and musical accomplishments. Children particularly enjoyed his special adaptations of "The Wide Mouth Frog" and "Fubba Wubba." For the finale of Summer Reading, Charlie agreed to eat some real bugs if the kids read over 2008 books -- and of course they did!

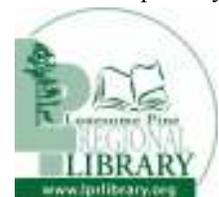
During the infamous "*buggy fear factor*" events, children enjoyed challenges from eating "chocolate covered slugs" (green



*BEFORE—Eating the cricket AFTER—Eating the cricket*

beans dipped in chocolate) to "fried worms" (frankfurters) and "maggot and fly bites" (raisins and rice in gelatin squares). Some older kids were even brave enough to join the "**I ATE A BUG CLUB**" by eating real insects ordered from a specialty food company. Yummy!

**Start Here—Go Anywhere!**



## Libraries Update Microfilm Services

Library customers are now enjoying new digital microfilm scanners in the Big Stone Gap, Pennington Gap, Clintwood and Wise locations. The new easy-to-use machines offer advanced capabilities for high-volume image processing and flexible printing. Researchers, genealogists, and local history enthusiasts are enjoying the quality of information retrieval and print manipulation offered with digital technology. Local author and Southwest Virginia Museum Director, Sharon Ewing, whose new book *Images of America: Big Stone Gap* comes out in early August, shares how much the new scanner contributed to her research, "Before the library in Big Stone Gap got the new microfilm scanner, I spent hours turning a knob on the old machine, and no matter how I inserted the film, it was always the wrong way. The new scanner is so much easier to use and is a wonderful timesaver." Feel free to stop by for a demonstration ... And happy searching!



*Author Sharon Ewing enjoys the newest digital microfilm scanner*

## Library Building Improvements—St. Paul and Coeburn

The J. Fred Matthews Memorial Library in St. Paul has had a "mini" face lift. New handrails were added to the entrance walk in front of the building. The rails have added a whole new look to the library, making it even more welcoming than before.

A bequest from the Robert Charles Hancock Estate provided for new lighting installation in both the main library area and in the Children's room. It is amazing how much brighter the library looks.



Future plans are being made to renovate the employee restroom. The Friends of the Library are in the process of selecting new seating area furniture, and the group is providing funding for much needed landscaping work.

The Friends are a great help to the library as are the employees of the Town of St. Paul who built the new handrails, repaired the roof, and repaired plaster. Sincere appreciation is expressed to everyone who helped with these improvements.

Coeburn Community Library has a new roof thanks to the Town of Coeburn. Work on the building began in earnest during the summer and was completed on July 25. Stop by and see what a big difference the new roof has made. Sincere appreciation is expressed to the Town of Coeburn for this welcome improvement!



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