

## Recovery Act — Improvements for St. Paul

Thanks to a grant application submitted by the Town of St. Paul, many needed and exciting improvements are on the way for the J. Fred Matthews Memorial Library. On May 28, Senator Jim Webb announced more than \$18 million for Virginia, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act), that will create jobs and improve needed infrastructure in rural communities across the state—and one of the recipients is the Town of St. Paul!

“The funds announced today will help support rural communities’ efforts to protect and serve their residents by providing essential public services,” said Senator Webb.

“The projects selected are designed to spur economic growth and help rural communities provide greater access



Mayor H. Kyle Fletcher, Debora Baca, Town Treasurer/Clerk, Charlie Engle, Library Branch Manager

to health care and finance libraries, schools and infrastructure.” The Town of St. Paul will receive \$22,890 in funding to purchase equipment for the library, including computers, printers, equip-

ment and furniture. The Town will also be contributing \$7,630, bringing the project total to \$30,520.

Branch Manager, Charlie Engle, who has worked diligently to lend his support in this effort is excited to see the funding come to fruition, “The grant comes at a very good time, we continue to see an increase in our public computer use and our equipment desperately needs updating. The funds from this grant will help us provide much better service to our patrons.”

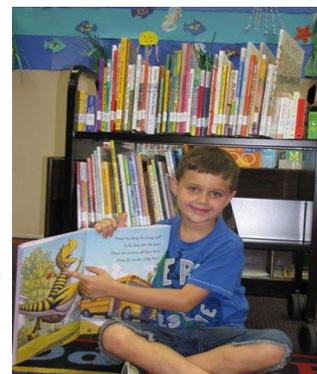
The Regional Library Board and administration eagerly await implementation of the grant as Director Amy Bond relates, “I am thrilled that the St. Paul Library will be the recipient of these funds. This grant award shows the tremendous support given by the Town of St. Paul on behalf of the J. Fred Matthews Library. Guided by a strong spirit of community and positive collaboration, the Town, the Lebanon USDA Rural Development Office and the Library worked together to secure this funding. It is a great success for everyone involved and it is especially a boon for the residents of St. Paul and the surrounding communities who will benefit from the new computers, equipment, and furnishings that this grant award will make possible. This is an exciting time for the St. Paul Library. The new equipment and furnishings will help insure that the St. Paul Library has what it takes to deliver first-rate library service in a well-equipped facility.” We offer a hearty congratulations to the residents of St. Paul!

## Lonesome Pine—1 of 40 Virginia Libraries to Receive Gift

Lonesome Pine Regional Library is pleased to announce that the System has just received a gift of 100 new children’s books, ranging from pre-kindergarten through early readers. The 100 books will be shared by the libraries in the Lonesome Pine Library System. These books were a donation from the Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation in New York City, interested in fostering early reading, a love of books, and encouraging parents and children to read together. “This generous gift comes at a time when Virginia’s libraries are struggling with declining budgets at the same time they are experiencing in-

creased visitation, said Sandra G. Treadway, Librarian of Virginia.

Lonesome Pine’s Programming Specialists and Managers invite parents, caregivers, and children to visit their local library branch to explore and enjoy the delightful books from this new collection.



Aiden Brock Fultz

*Start Here—Go Anywhere!*



## Bestselling Author Debuts Newest Book at Lonesome Pine

On the June 22 release date of her ballad novel, New York Times Bestselling Author, Sharyn McCrumb, debuted, *The Devil Amongst the Lawyers*, in a booktalk program and auto-graph session at the J. Fred Matthews Memorial Library in St. Paul, Virginia. McCrumb announced that this is her first book set almost entirely in the past, and she was pleased and honored to present her first literary program on the title in a Wise County library.



“In *The Devil Amongst the Lawyers*, it is 1935 and a beautiful young mountain woman has gone on trial for the murder of her father. Because the defendant was attractive and educated, the national media made a cause célèbre of her case. In order to emphasize her status as ‘victim,’ the

reporters depicted the citizens of Wise County as ignorant rustics. The newspaper reporters’ manipulation of the case, their misrepresentation of the culture in their coverage perpetuated stereotypes that have tainted the image of the region for 75 years.”

Based on the trial of schoolteacher Edith Maxwell, McCrumb said she stuck to the Maxwell story as much as she could and that many of the judge’s quotes in her fictional work are straight from the trial transcripts. She explained that the major theme of the book involves the stereotyping of rural areas. The first question McCrumb had to ask herself when beginning her research was, “What kind of world was it? The secret to time travel is that you have to ‘unlearn’ things; never assume you know the past.” McCrumb encourages readers to visit their local library branch to checkout this regional book.

Lonesome Pine Regional Library offers special appreciation to the Friends of the St. Paul Library for hosting a lovely reception and book signing!

## Another Lonesome Pine Employee Headed to Grad School

Lonesome Pine Regional Library is pleased to announce that Library Assistant, Kimberley Dawn Rose, has been accepted to Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Kim, the daughter of Larry and Diana Rose of Haysi, Virginia, will begin her Master of Science in Library Science program on August 30. “The thought of going back to school after all these years makes me a little nervous. It will definitely be a different kind of experience now. I’ve never taken online courses before, only traditional ones; but, hopefully I’ll be able to make the adjustment.”

Kim will begin her course of study by embarking upon Cataloging and Classification, and plans to concentrate on library management with an expected graduation date of 2016 or earlier. A dedicated library employee since 1997, Kim hopes to continue in our region, “My plans are to stay within

the Lonesome Pine Regional Library system. I love being surrounded by books all day. I’ve always been an avid reader, and it’s fun to be able to share that passion with others. I’m sure going back to school will be a challenge, but I’m looking forward to learning new things and exploring new ideas.” Lonesome Pine offers its hearty congratulations and best wishes as Kim embarks on this new endeavor!



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J. Fred Matthews Memorial Library, St. Paul

**Serving Dickenson County:**  
Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library, Clintwood  
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