

## Programming Spectacular!



**C. Bascom Slemple Memorial Library hosts Chief Meteorologist Dave Dierks as he reads *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs!***

On Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, a very rainy morning, chief meteorologist Dave Dierks from WCYB TV visited Slemple Library to talk about the weather. Afterward Dave was kind enough to pose for pictures and answer audience questions even though his station was monitoring the possibility of more severe weather. Dave turned the tables on the group by asking participants to describe the tornado that touched down near Slemple Library in March, 2008. He explained that rapidly changing weather conditions on that day allowed the tornado to form without any warning.

The presentation attracted a diverse audience, and viewers were especially impressed by Dave's ability to connect with different age groups. Concise weather definitions allowed both adults and children to easily follow the program. Hands-on demonstrations to reinforce basic meteorological concepts included Dave pulling an egg into a jar by heating then cooling the air pressure. Youngsters were thrilled by Dave's rendition of *Cloudy With a Chance Of Meatballs* and encouraged him to consider switching careers to become a librarian.

### **Cooks and Books A Good Time Was Had By All**

On July 28, the Friends of the J. Fred Matthews Memorial Library in conjunction with Saint Paul Tomorrow hosted the first Cooks and Books event at the Saint Paul Farmers' Market Pavilion, a fund raising event to benefit the Friends of the Library. The event netted a total of \$1,743 and will be used to support programs and events at the St. Paul library.



Participating authors in Cooks and Books were Doris Musick, Linda Hoagland, Jerry Vencill, Neva Bryan, James Campbell and Gary Swapisz. Mountain Rose Vineyard and Coltsfoot Winery offered wine samples along with delicious food samples from The Lyttle Farm of Copper Ridge, The Tavern on Main in Wise and Sue Blevins of S&C Catering. "Things couldn't have gone better," said Kathy Stewart, President of the Friends. "We are pleased as punch with the way the event has turned out, and plan on doing it again next year."

The Silent Auction was a success with the donations from Adriana Trigiani, Joanne Fluke, Lee Smith, Sharyn McCrumb, Debbie Macomber and generous donations from local friends and patrons.

### **Authors Visit Wise County Public Library**

The Wise County Public Library hosted Joseph Maiolo on June 16, 2012 for a reading/signing of his new book, *My Turkish Missile Crisis*, a memoir recounting Maiolo's time stationed at Cigli Air Base near the Turkish-Soviet border in October 1962. Several of his stories and a novella have won national awards. Maiolo was raised among the many relatives of a large Italian family in Norton, Va. Currently, he is a professor of English at the University of Minnesota Duluth.



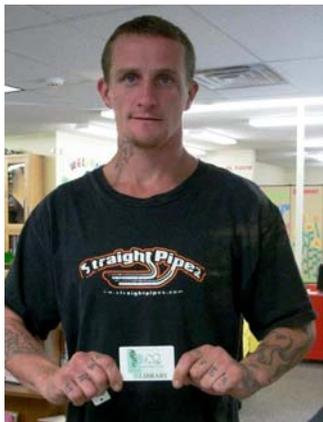
Local authors, James Hibbitts and Joe Roberts, Jr. were featured on August 4, 2012 for a book reading/signing of their new book entitled, *The Secret of Graveyard Hill*. It is a work of fiction but is based on one grain of truth in author James Hibbitts' life: He doesn't know the true cause of his mother's death. Hibbitts was born in Kentucky and now lives in Virginia. Joe Roberts, Jr. is a self-employed graduate of Appalachian State University and a veteran of the United States Navy. This event was held in collaboration with our programming partner, the Wise County Historical Society.



Start Here—Go Anywhere!

## September — National Library Card Sign-up Month!

There is no better time of the year than September to sign up for a library card! The summer has come to a close, the school year is in full swing, and winter is just around the corner, so start your fall off by signing up for your very own library card! Your library card is your ticket to joining the millions of Americans who now turn to the library on a regular basis as their source for books, movies, digital music, and downloadable eBooks. Lately, there has been a huge growth in the number of people who rely on the library for everything from finding a job to unlocking the secrets found in their favorite mystery book. Others have found the library as a place they can surf the Internet, access the latest DVD releases, or perhaps just sit and relax for awhile.



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If you don't already have a library card, then be sure to stop by your local branch of Lonesome Pine Regional Library sometime during the month of September. If you have one, but know a friend or young person who doesn't, then bring them to the library to get a card! It's quick, easy, free, and you'll open yourself to a whole new world of information, entertainment and opportunity. All during the month of September, the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries all across the country are celebrating the value of getting a library card – get yours today! Remember ... with your library card, Start Here— Go Anywhere!



## Library Board Elects 2012 Officers

The Library Board of Trustees has elected a new slate of officers for 2012. Remaining as Chairman for a second term is Mary R. Hylton. Mary has been an avid library supporter for many years and is an exceptional advocate for state and local funding of public libraries. Mrs. Hylton, a well-renowned retired educator of 48 years, has won numerous awards for her service to Southwest Virginia. "Dickenson County is God's gift to me. It has everything I need. Every person should strive to leave the world a little better than they found it. I hope I will."

Newly elected Vice-Chair/Secretary is Merry Lu Prior of Wise County. Mrs. Prior recalls being a book lover since early youth; her favorite library experience as a youngster occurred when a librarian asked her to read a book and let her know what she thought about it. Merry Lu felt honored that her opinion mattered, and today, she enjoys inspiring others toward a lifelong love of reading and appreciation of the arts.

**Lonesome Pine Regional Library & Books-by-Mail**  
124 Library Road, SW  
Wise, Virginia  
276-328-8325

**Serving Wise County & City of Norton:**  
Wise County Public Library, Wise  
C. Bascom Slep Memorial Library, Big Stone Gap  
Coeburn Community Library, Coeburn  
J. Fred Matthews Memorial Library, St. Paul

Katherine B. Redwine of Scott County is now serving as Treasurer. Her goal as a Trustee is to represent the people of Scott County with an enthusiastic voice, so that quality and enriching services may continue and new opportunities introduced. Katherine exclaims, "I am passionate about my faith, my family, public education, and public libraries. I am never alone while I am reading a good book!" Congratulations officers; we wish you a successful year of library service at Lonesome Pine!



**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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