

Library Enhancements in Pennington Gap & Wise!

You will notice some exciting enhancements to the facilities at the Lee County and Wise County Public Libraries! In April 2013, the Lee County Community Foundation funded the library's request to make renovations to the Pennington Gap meeting room. The meeting room is a highly used area both for children and adults. Last year, the room was used for 216 library-sponsored programs serving 6,854 attendees. In addition to our regular children's events, some of the groups who use the room include girl scout troops, St. Charles alumni, little leaguers, and education tutors.

The Lee County Community Foundation agreed that the intense and productive use of the meeting room warranted a much needed facelift. Grant funding was provided for the renovation project which included:

- ◆ Replacement of ceiling tiles
- ◆ Replacement of wood paneling with drywall walls
- ◆ Upgraded light fixtures
- ◆ Two replacement windows
- ◆ Built-in closet shelving
- ◆ Carpet replacement



We invite all of our Lee County constituents to visit the newly upgraded room which was completed in early November; we think you will find it much more attractive and inviting for group use. And, we express our heartfelt gratitude to the Lee County Community Foundation for bringing this project to fruition.

The Wise County Public Library is also seeing some much needed changes get underway, thanks to the generosity of the C. Bascom Slemph Foundation. The children's area is now beautifully equipped with new tables, chairs, and book display units that are being well loved by our youngsters.



Very soon, patrons will enjoy visiting a new circulation service desk which is the heart of the library connecting people with the loan of library materials, reference and computer assistance. The new circulation desk will be ADA-accessible, and will provide a section for staff to interact with young children as they check out their favorite books and other materials.

Remember to come visit at Wise to see the new children's area facelift and be watching for the new circulation desk to arrive. We are pleased to share these two upgrades with you as they unfold. The C. Bascom Slemph Foundation has been a staunch supporter of our libraries for many years and we remain grateful for the Foundation's love of public libraries in our area.

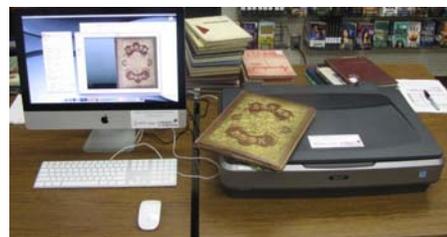


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Local Digital Resource Project

Local historical materials housed in our library branches have been the focus of a flurry of activity in our regional library headquarters this month. Lonesome Pine Regional Library has been tapped to participate in a pilot scanning program sponsored by the Library of Virginia which seeks to preserve and bring local historical collections to the forefront through digitization. On December 5, a team of archivists from the Photographic and Digital Imaging Division of the Library of Virginia visited Lonesome Pine. The team set up a scanning workstation and conducted training on the use of the scanner, provided guidance on organizing materials to be digitized and file-naming conventions, and conducted an assessment of items to determine priorities for scanning. The scanning equipment will remain at Lonesome Pine on loan through the end of February so that scanning of our local materials can continue. Once scanned, the Library will be able to make our unique local collections available online, bringing these “hidden” collections to light via our library’s webpage.

Materials that the public can look forward to viewing as a result of this project include high school yearbooks, architectural surveys, photographs, church and cemetery records, family genealogies, and local historical narratives from our four county region. Amy Bond, Library Director, underscored the project’s benefit to our area: “This project is of enormous value in preserving local history not only for today but for future generations. Our library system is pleased to participate in this important project.”



May Huling Wyman’s 1880 scrapbook: a treasure trove of calling, trading, greeting, and post cards

Lonesome Pine Regional Library is pleased to announce the arrival of *National Geographic Kids* brought to you via The Library of Virginia’s Find It Virginia initiative. Engage young students and broaden their horizons with reputable, authoritative, and age-appropriate content that brings them the world in a way they’ve never seen it before. Fun and substantive, *National Geographic Kids* will take them on amazing adventures in science, nature, culture, archaeology, and space. Fuel your child’s natural curiosity with *National Geographic Kids*. Excite them to learn and dare them to explore more!



Detailed Overview — Magazine

Introduce kids to the amazing, compelling, and surprising with *National Geographic Kids* magazine. Geared toward 6-14 year olds, this magazine offers endless opportunities for kids to explore their world and instills a love of learning, nature, and other cultures.

Detailed Overview — Books

Designed with children’s interests specifically in mind ... reference books entertain and teach, featuring National Geographic’s award-winning photos and maps. National Geographic Readers include oceanic animals, African wildlife, and other amazing topics. Other books feature sports, adventure, and exploration.

To Access *National Geographic Kids*, visit www.lprlibrary.org and click on the Find it Virginia icon.



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