

APPOMATTOX REGIONAL LIBRARY  
SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 6, 2011

Rohoic Branch Library

6605 Courts Drive  
Prince George, Virginia 23825

2:00 p.m.

**APPOMATTOX REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Agenda**

December 6, 2011

2:00 p.m.

Call to Order.

Approval of Agenda.

Consent Agenda:     Minutes – October 18, 2011- Regular Meeting  
                          Statistical Report October – November 2011  
                          Financial Report. October – November 2011  
                          Bills for Review.

Communications.

Citizen Comments.

Report of the Library Director:

- R1.**   Staff update
- R2.**   State and Local budget update
- R3.**   Audit update
- R4.**   Rohoic Library Update
- R5.**   Beacon Update
- R6.**   Prince George Library lease update

Committee Reports:

New Business.

- Consideration of proposed FY 2012-2013 Local Budget Requests
- Consideration of Five Year Plan 2010 – 2015 update
- Consideration of closing Saturday, December 31, 2011

Unfinished Business.

Adjournment.

**Appomattox Regional Library System  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting  
October 18, 2011**

**Trustees Present:** Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Dragoo, Mrs. Tuggle, Mr. Crittendon, Mrs. Benjamin

**Trustees Absent:** Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Hale, Ms. Vartanian, Ms. Halupka

**Staff Present:** Mr. Firestine, Ms. Lawrence, Ms. McPherson, Ms. Turner

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Crittendon and seconded by Mrs. Benjamin.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as corrected.

**Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was adopted after a motion made by Mrs. Tuggle and seconded by Mr. Crittendon.

**Communications:**

Mr. Firestine informed the Board of an e-mail sent from Reverend Duckwall to several individuals regarding his concern about Banned Book Week. A member of the Friends of the Library, Cholly Easterling responded to Reverend Duckwall's e-mail and explained the meaning of Banned Books Week.

Mr. Firestine announced to the Board that Chandra McPherson is a representative on the Prince George Promise Committee, which is a partner of the America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth foundation founded by Colin Powell.

**Citizen Comments:** None

- R1.** Staff Update
  - Hired Charles Faison as the Learning and Leadership coordinator for Southside Community Partners.
  - Working to fill the open PTE LA1 position at McKenney and FTE Reference Librarian position in Hopewell
- R2.** Prince George Branch and Rohoic Update
  - Prince George
    - Furnishings complete
    - Artwork rail complete in meeting room
  - Rohoic
    - Drawings of the proposed Rohoic Elementary space distributed.

- Discussed shared space with Dinwiddie Parks and Recreation. Director will request that space not be shared due to access, staffing and business hour challenges.
  - The library could be the first tenant to move by the after July 2012.
- R3.** Smart Beginnings Update
- Submitted grants requests to Cameron \$50,000 and JRF \$25,000.
  - Reports completed for the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation to transfer fiscal agent duties from Hopewell Public Schools to ARLS
- R4.** Beacon Update
- Submitting a grant to the Industrial Revitalization Fund for \$600, 000.
  - City of Hopewell is proposing to bond \$5 million for the project
  - On Council agenda this evening is a request to purchase the Lab Corp building.
  - We have held more events since we hired an event and hospitality coordinator. Last weekend the hospital had a Cancer Awareness/Fundraiser tea fashion show, opened the theater for peak during Hooray, this coming weekend we are holding a Bridal vendor show.
  - ARLS and City to complete an agreement authorizing operations.
- R5.** Staff Development Day Review
- R6.** Southside Community Partners Update
- Branding contest for a new logo for the Connect Network complete.
  - Prototypes of a new website for Connect Southside due in November.
  - Circulation of NPRC books is up. That special collection as 800 titles/2300 books. Circulation is up 90% over 2010.
- R7.** Auditors Update
- Auditors are complete with tests and review of the books. They should be done before the end of the year.
- R8.** Janitorial Contract Award
- We had three bidders, Jan Pro – GS \$9,238, CS Diamond \$4,650, and Sunshine Cleaning \$5,867.60 per month for regular services
  - CS Diamond our current contractor was the low bid and could be awarded the contract.
  - Windows, carpet cleaning were priced separately.

**Committee Reports:** None

**C. 1.** The Development Committee will meet to discuss the updates of the 2011-2016 Strategic Plan.

**New Business:** None



**Unfinished Business:**

**U.1.** A motion was made by Mrs. Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Crittendon to begin negotiating the Prince George Library building lease agreement with Prince George County. The motion was approved by all.

**U.2.** A motion was made by Mrs. Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Crittendon to contract with the lowest responsible and responsive janitorial bidder CS Diamond for a 1 year term with the option to renew for 2 additional years. The motion was approved by all.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mrs. Tuggle and seconded by Mrs. Benjamin to adjourn. The motion was approved by all and the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

**Next Meeting: December 6, 2011, 2:00 p.m. at the Prince George Library.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Patricia C. Hale*

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**DIRECTOR'S EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**  
**October 15, 2011 through December 4, 2011**

October 15	Hopewell City Council Meeting
October 21-22.	Virginia Library Association Conference
November 4	Dinwiddie County Rohoic Library Project meeting
November 7	Virginia Manufacturing Association Regional Education Program Launch
November 11.	CALD meeting Richmond Public Library
November 28.	Southside Community Partners Advisory Council Meeting
December 2	Dinwiddie Holiday Open House
December 3	Prince George Holiday parade
December 4.	Hopewell Holiday parade

## Statistical Report

### Circulation Data All Locations:

Location	Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	% change 11/10 to 11/11
<b>Bookmobile</b>	2008	824	601	709	730	664	320	478	263	487	631	665	442	6,814	-
	2009	626	729	888	744	696	399	400	299	269	470	465	364	6,349	27.77%
	2010	408	398	682	437	347	277	161	283	264	474	461	270	4,462	
	2011	424	484	759	262	330	212	252	335	377	289	333		4,057	
<b>Burrowsville</b>	2008	212	123	231	181	259	190	247	275	207	286	193	538	2,942	46.89%
	2009	490	422	499	508	564	495	714	629	715	658	466	531	6,691	
	2010	552	528	680	507	526	585	616	584	607	575	610	553	6,923	
	2011	582	453	902	671	659	748	587	809	589	662	896		7,558	
<b>Carson Depot</b>	2008	2,132	2,290	2,368	2,153	1,875	2,268	3,134	2,316	2,470	2,400	2,214	2,262	27,882	8.92%
	2009	2,317	2,226	2,303	1,959	2,399	2,743	3,256	2,356	2,499	2,343	1,675	2,193	28,269	
	2010	2,456	2,152	2,619	2,532	2,408	2,822	3,522	3,293	2,336	2,806	2,198	1,936	31,080	
	2011	2,105	2,494	3,000	2,926	2,496	2,997	3,761	3,010	2,366	2,739	2,394		30,288	
<b>Dinwiddie</b>	2008	3,116	2,855	2,671	2,914	2,478	2,628	3,376	3,136	3,196	3,285	2,848	2,797	35,300	5.03%
	2009	2,745	2,829	2,889	3,316	2,779	3,475	4,167	3,937	3,314	3,646	3,322	3,089	39,508	
	2010	3,262	2,807	3,240	2,819	3,157	4,097	4,370	4,450	3,362	3,280	3,020	2,500	40,364	
	2011	3,338	3,382	3,779	3,018	3,275	4,106	4,277	3,474	3,118	3,328	3,172		38,267	
<b>Disputanta</b>	2008	1,495	1,130	1,358	1,521	1,154	1,496	1,531	1,116	1,279	1,312	1,061	949	15,402	21.95%
	2009	1,025	1,050	894	810	944	1,101	1,412	2,588	1,377	838	736	856	13,631	
	2010	897	785	1,182	893	895	1,044	1,318	1,108	795	709	802	753	11,181	
	2011	887	691	932	825	988	1,065	1,195	1,654	1,076	931	978		11,222	

Location	Years	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	% change 11/10 to 11/11
<b>Hopewell HQ</b>	2008	20,431	19,302	19,865	18,905	18,456	19,061	23,104	18,875	17,244	17,442	17,006	17,073	226,764	3.80%
	2009	18,949	17,390	19,365	18,930	17,760	23,250	25,896	23,202	19,777	19,756	17,114	17,389	238,778	
	2010	18,724	29,011	21,779	19,177	18,501	23,429	28,799	25,295	20,390	20,279	19,837	17,787	263,008	
	2011	20,809	20,686	21,989	20,432	20,361	24,557	26,300	24,086	21,014	22,127	20,590		242,951	
<b>McKenney</b>	2008	1,705	1,590	1,491	1,391	1,623	1,833	2,248	1,838	1,762	1,868	1,463	1,529	20,341	6.89%
	2009	1,578	1,461	1,674	1,690	1,848	2,361	2,801	2,634	2,186	2,006	1,868	1,695	23,802	
	2010	1,654	1,299	1,838	1,512	1,724	2,293	3,072	2,048	1,727	1,986	1,612	1,266	22,031	
	2011	1,542	1,394	1,537	1,486	1,368	1,544	2,241	1,863	1,930	1,726	1,723		18,354	
<b>Prince George</b>	2008														
	2009														
	2010														
	2011							1,730	5,030	4,666	4,865	4,630		11,459	
<b>Rohoic</b>	2008	2,223	3,276	2,723	1,273	2,303	2,679	3,384	1,397	3,089	2,940	2,531	2,242	30,060	12.27%
	2009	2,637	2,402	1,111	2,574	764	2,815	2,920	3,822	2,914	2,333	1,711	1,647	27,650	
	2010	1,886	1,910	2,643	2,279	1,933	2,455	3,034	2,818	2,670	2,597	2,201	1,641	28,067	
	2011	1,972	1,970	2,494	2,123	2,383	2,800	2,971	2,928	2,307	2,571	2,471		21,948	
<b>ARLS Totals</b>	2008	32,138	31,167	31,416	29,068	28,812	30,475	37,502	29,216	29,734	30,164	27,981	27,832	365,505	20.97%
	2009	30,367	28,509	29,623	30,531	27,754	36,639	41,566	39,467	33,051	32,050	27,357	27,764	384,678	
	2010	29,839	38,890	34,663	30,156	29,491	37,002	44,892	39,879	32,151	32,706	30,741	26,706	407,116	
	2011	31,659	31,554	35,392	31,743	31,860	38,029	43,314	43,189	37,443	39,238	37,187	0	386,104	

**Turnover Rate and Collection Circulation Analysis:**

JUL 2011 to NOV 2011	Circulations at this location	Circulations at other locations	Total Circulations	Total Items	Turnover Rate*	Average Publication Year
Hopewell	90,245.	7,531.	97,776.	89,910.	1.09	2,001.
Bookmobile	1,362.	517.	1,879.	4,206.	0.45	1,999.
Burrowsville	877.	1,012.	1,889.	8,884.	0.21	2,001.
Carson	5,288.	1,794.	7,082.	9,818.	0.72	2,004.
Dinwiddie	6,910.	1,612.	8,522.	11,597.	0.73	2,001.
Disputanta	1,634.	1,248.	2,882.	7,648.	0.38	2,001.
McKenney	3,910.	1,349.	5,259.	9,305.	0.57	2,002.
Prince George	13,224.	2,799.	16,023.	29,491.	0.54	1,999.
Rohoic	5,374.	1,514.	6,888.	12,686.	0.54	2,000.
<b>Totals</b>	<b>128,824.</b>	<b>19,376.</b>	<b>148,200.</b>	<b>183,545.</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>2,001</b>
*Turnover Rate is Total Circulations / Total Items (higher is better)						

**New Patron Cards:**

New Patron Cards	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Hopewell Main Lib.	366	369	314	237	213							
Bookmobile	32	15	42	21	12							
Burrowsville	1	4		1	2							
Carson Depot Library	19	16	7	11	11							
Dinwiddie Library	61	35	37	36	25							
Disputanta Library	10	13	13	16	4							
McKenney Library	10	6	7	8	3							
Prince George Lib.	207	266	118	190	125							
Rohoic Library	66	34	46	36	40							
<b>Total</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Patron Visits and Program Statistics:**

<b>PATRON VISITS</b>	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2011-2012</b>													
Hopewell HQ	17,815	15,746	16,592	15,706	13,662								79,521
Bookmobile	101	115											216
Burrowsville Branch	211	271	178	211	272								1,143
Carson Branch	1,087	731	642	727	589								3,776
Dinwiddie Branch	1,240	937	778	894	867								4,716
Disputanta Branch	381	967	397	318	364								2,427
McKenney Branch	450	385	343	386	306								1,870
Prince George	1,123	3,140	3,071	2,381	2,864								12,579
Rohoic Branch	942	810	782	770	731								4,035
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,350</b>	<b>23,102</b>	<b>22,783</b>	<b>21,393</b>	<b>19,655</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110,283</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TRAN.</b>	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	<b>TOTAL</b>
# Meeting room users	612	634	737	920	730								3,633
# of Meetings	71	71	83	184	101								510
Book Group (County)	34	52	23	16	12								137
Book Group (HQ)	245	21	64	12	12								354
Comp Class (Cty)	0	0	0	0	0								0
Comp Class (HQ)	13	19	18	18	12								80
Adult Program (Cty)	0	6	55	64	52								177
Adult Program (HQ)	53	62	83	92	43								333
Non-SRP Child Program	0	18	161	342	217.								738
Non-SRP Teen Program	0	17	0	60	44.								121
Family SRP	690	415	0	0	0.								1,105
SRP Child	354	84	0	0	0								438
SRP Teen	93	0	0	0	0								93
Microfilm Usage	24	18	12	8	4								66
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,785</b>

**Reference and Other Transaction Statistics:**

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**Technical Services Statistics:**

<b>Technical Services Report</b>	<b>New Titles Received</b>	<b>New Items Received</b>	<b>Titles Cataloged</b>	<b>Items Cataloged</b>	<b>InterLibrary Loans</b>
January	542	844	566	779	88
February	534	764	685	841	94
March	775	1195	864	1222	82
April	1061	1854	737	1199	83
May	893	1178	664	964	59
June	548	871	1088	1547	44
July	458	650	784	1077	46
August	620	811	718	1083	43
September	1135	1553	776	1034	26
October	634	916	529	764	21
November	658	995	714	1049	28
December					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7858</b>	<b>11631</b>	<b>8125</b>	<b>11559</b>	<b>614</b>



**Appomattox Regional Library System**  
**Revenues and Expenses**  
**October 1, 2011 – November 30, 2011**

	<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2012 Projected</b>	Prev. Total	Monthly	Total	Percent	Balance
FND#	<b>11/30/2011</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	Receipts	Receipts	Receipts	Received	Due
100	Carry Over from 2010	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 20,000
101	Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
102	Hopewell	\$ 551,274	\$ 275,549	\$ -	\$ 275,549	50.0%	\$ 275,725
103	Dinwiddie	\$ 251,234	\$ 125,617	\$ -	\$ 125,617	50.0%	\$ 125,617
104	Prince George	\$ 543,713	\$ 271,856	\$ -	\$ 271,856	50.0%	\$ 271,857
105	State Funds	\$ 328,542	\$ 164,133	\$ -	\$ 164,133	50.0%	\$ 164,409
106	Interest	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 350
107	Fines/Fees/Lost	\$ 21,439	\$ 7,708	\$ 1,919	\$ 9,627	44.9%	\$ 11,812
108	Copying Receipts	\$ 13,378	\$ 5,723	\$ 1,484	\$ 7,207	53.9%	\$ 6,171
109	Endowment Funds	\$ 16,495	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 16,495
110	E-Rate Refunds	\$ 42,000	\$ 31,366	\$ -	\$ 31,366	74.7%	\$ 10,634
111	Gifts	\$ 5,000	\$ 870	\$ 100	\$ 970	19.4%	\$ 4,030
112	Funds Non-Profit Res Prog	\$ 195,922	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 195,922
113	Grants	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 10,000
114	Beacon	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,738	\$ 20,435	\$ 22,173	44.3%	\$ 27,827
115	Smart Beginnings	\$ 107,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 107,050
116	Other	\$ 17,388	\$ 7,136	\$ 1,264	\$ 8,400	48.3%	\$ 8,988
	<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 2,173,785	\$891,696	\$25,202	\$916,898	42.2%	\$ 1,256,887

	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2012 Projected</b>	<b>PREV</b>	<b>MONTHLY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
FND#	<b>11/30/2011</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>MONTH</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>SPENT</b>		
	<b>Personnel</b>						
200	M.L.S. Salaries and Wages	\$ 470,645	\$ 132,956	\$ 33,239	\$ 166,195	35.3%	\$ 304,450
201	Non M.L.S. Salaries and Wages	\$ 457,616	\$ 145,829	\$ 33,593	\$ 179,422	39.2%	\$ 278,194
202	South Com Part Wages/Bene	\$ 146,282	\$ 28,492	\$ 10,211	\$ 38,703	26.5%	\$ 107,579
203	Smart Beginnings Wages/Bene	\$ 58,562	\$ 6,678	\$ 3,339	\$ 10,017	17.1%	\$ 48,545
204	Beacon Wages	\$ 25,000	\$ 62	\$ -	\$ 62	0.2%	\$ 24,938
205	Benefits for Staff and Retirees	\$ 290,383	\$ 105,029	\$ 27,240	\$ 132,269	45.5%	\$ 158,114
	<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$ 1,448,488</b>	<b>\$ 419,046</b>	<b>\$ 107,622</b>	<b>\$ 526,668</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>\$ 921,820</b>
	<b>Books &amp; Materials</b>						
300	Books	\$ 92,000	\$ 32,462	\$ 7,855	\$ 40,317	43.8%	\$ 51,683
301	Standing Order Books	\$ 35,000	\$ 15,876	\$ 1,816	\$ 17,692	50.5%	\$ 17,308
302	Print Newspapers Periodicals	\$ 14,276	\$ 1,515	\$ 158	\$ 1,673	11.7%	\$ 12,603
303	Audiovisual Materials	\$ 25,000	\$ 16,092	\$ 3,539	\$ 19,631	78.5%	\$ 5,369
304	Electronic Materials	\$ 4,900	\$ 2,226	\$ -	\$ 2,226	45.4%	\$ 2,674
305	Microforms	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 1,100
306	Binding	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 500
307	Materials for Non-Profit Center	\$ 6,500	\$ 1,575	\$ -	\$ 1,575	24.2%	\$ 4,925
308	PG Restricted Hoover Gift	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,448	\$ 146	\$ 2,594	25.9%	\$ 7,406
309	Cameron Gr Family Resource Bks	\$ 2,001	\$ 112	\$ -	\$ 112	5.6%	\$ 1,889
	<b>Total Books &amp; Materials</b>	<b>\$ 191,277</b>	<b>\$ 72,306</b>	<b>\$ 13,514</b>	<b>\$ 85,820</b>	<b>44.9%</b>	<b>\$ 105,457</b>
	<b>Capital Expenditures</b>						
400	Library Non-Computer Equipment	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,283	\$ -	\$ 3,283	82.1%	\$ 717
401	Computer Hardware	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,916	\$ 5,577	\$ 7,493	187.3%	\$ (3,493)
	<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,199</b>	<b>\$ 5,577</b>	<b>\$ 10,776</b>	<b>134.7%</b>	<b>\$ (2,776)</b>
	<b>Contractual</b>						
500	Lyrasis I.L.L. Services	\$ 3,000	\$ 449	\$ 449	\$ 898	29.9%	\$ 2,102
501	Software Licensing Contracts	\$ 3,000	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	6.7%	\$ 2,800
502	Audit	\$ 14,500	\$ -	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	43.1%	\$ 8,250
503	SAMs Computer Syst Mntnce Cntrct	\$ 6,781	\$ 5,745	\$ -	\$ 5,745	84.7%	\$ 1,036
504	Cataloging MARC Records	\$ 5,990	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 5,990
505	Unique Management	\$ 9,000	\$ 2,130	\$ 957	\$ 3,087	34.3%	\$ 5,913
506	Computer Support Service Calls	\$ 14,708	\$ 4,058	\$ 369	\$ 4,427	30.1%	\$ 10,281

507	Other Computer Sftwre Services	\$ 2,000	\$ 392	\$ -	\$ 392	19.6%	\$ 1,608
508	Telecomm Internet Line Charges	\$ 40,357	\$ 10,970	\$ 3,778	\$ 14,748	36.5%	\$ 25,609
509	Security Guard Service	\$ 27,531	\$ 7,138	\$ 2,830	\$ 9,968	36.2%	\$ 17,563
	<b>Total Contractual</b>	\$ 126,867	\$ 31,082	\$ 14,633	\$ 45,715	36.0%	\$ 81,152
	<b>Facilities, Maint, Operations</b>						
600	Equipment Repair and Maintenance	1500	\$ 1,287	\$ 10	\$ 1,297	86.5%	\$ 203
601	TLC Maintenance Contract	22112	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 22,112
602	Facilities and Storage Rent	76650	\$ 30,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 36,000	47.0%	\$ 40,650
603	Supplies	32000	\$ 15,940	\$ 500	\$ 16,440	51.4%	\$ 15,560
604	Travel and Wrksop, Conference Fees	5500	\$ 1,326	\$ 1,654	\$ 2,980	54.2%	\$ 2,520
605	Training-Education	3500	\$ 1,277	\$ -	\$ 1,277	36.5%	\$ 2,223
606	Utilities	6500	\$ 1,515	\$ 112	\$ 1,627	25.0%	\$ 4,873
607	Telephone (Voice)	27353	\$ 10,544	\$ 2,255	\$ 12,799	46.8%	\$ 14,554
608	Insurance	12937	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 12,937
609	Vehicle Maintenance and Fuel	14000	\$ 4,761	\$ 13	\$ 4,774	34.1%	\$ 9,226
610	Job and Contract Advertising	2500	\$ 1,003	\$ -	\$ 1,003	40.1%	\$ 1,497
611	Promotional Advertising	2000	\$ 704	\$ -	\$ 704	35.2%	\$ 1,296
612	Org/Association Dues	3190	\$ 910	\$ -	\$ 910	28.5%	\$ 2,280
613	Postage	6500	\$ 1,719	\$ 49	\$ 1,768	27.2%	\$ 4,732
614	Janitorial	72727	\$ 20,039	\$ 644	\$ 20,683	28.4%	\$ 52,044
615	PG Library Startup	2000	\$ 1,735	\$ -	\$ 1,735	86.8%	\$ 265
616	Other Building Maintenance	8500	\$ 2,535	\$ 319	\$ 2,854	33.6%	\$ 5,646
	<b>Total Facilities, Maint &amp; Ops</b>	\$ 299,469	\$ 95,295	\$ 11,556	\$ 106,851	35.7%	\$ 109,350
	<b>Program, Activites &amp; Other</b>						
617	YS Summer Reading Program	5500	\$ 406	\$ -	\$ 406	7.4%	\$ 5,094
618	YS Programming Supplies	4500	\$ 158	\$ 76	\$ 234	5.2%	\$ 4,266
619	Adult Programming Supplies	2600	\$ 774	\$ 49	\$ 823	31.7%	\$ 1,777
620	Endowment	2500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 2,500
621	Funds for Local History Collection	3500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 3,500
622	Locality State Reduction	4638	\$ 4,723	\$ -	\$ 4,723	101.8%	\$ (85)
616	Beacon	25000	\$ 9,864	\$ 1,379	\$ 11,243	45.0%	\$ 13,757
617	Smart Beginings Prog	48212	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 48,212
618	Reserve	1000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 1,000
619	Misc. Professional Serv. And Other	12234	\$ 2,416	\$ 197	\$ 2,613	21.4%	\$ 9,621
	<b>Total Prg, Act, Other</b>	\$ 109,684	\$ 18,341	\$ 1,701	\$ 20,042	18.3%	\$ 391,610
	<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 2,183,785	\$ 641,269	\$ 154,603	\$ 795,872	36.4%	\$ 1,497,263

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11/23/11	34243	Treasurer of Virginia	6,986.45
11/23/11	34244	Treasurer of Virginia	190.48
11/23/11	34245	Verizon	797.65
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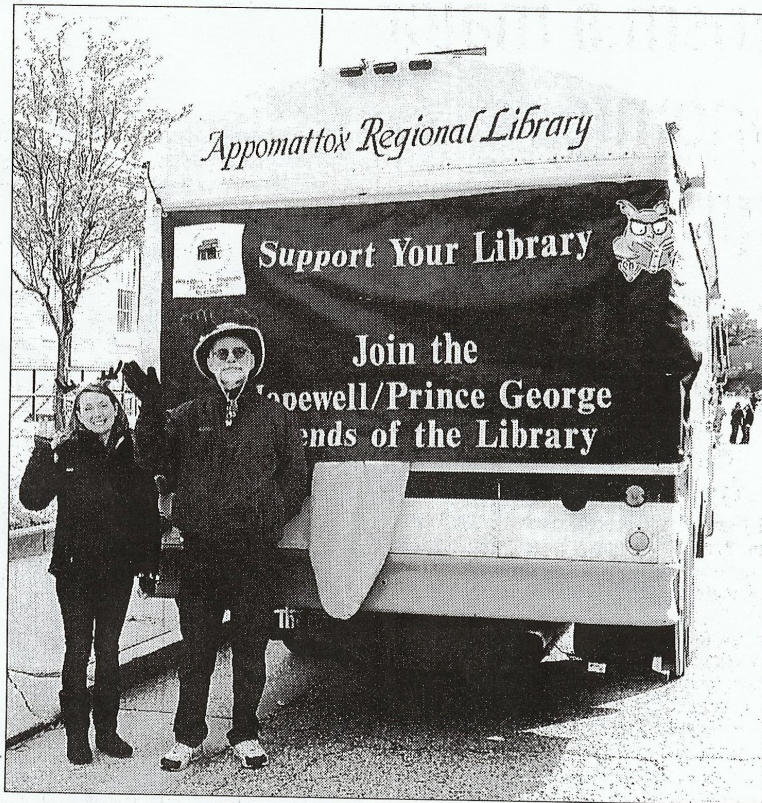
## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

PRINCE GEORGE — The celebration continues after the parade in Prince George and the public is invited to stop by the Prince George Library for a Holiday Open House on Sat., Dec. 3 from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The Prince George Christmas parade begins at 3 p.m. at Beazley Elementary School and people are invited to the library immediately after for refreshments and fun. Food and drinks will be provided by the Hopewell/Prince George Friends of the Library and served by Prince George Girl Scouts starting at 3:30 p.m.

At 4 p.m. families can make their own holiday craft before enjoying a classic holiday movie at 4:30. The library will have live music throughout the afternoon and ornaments commemorating the library's 2011 opening will be available for \$10 with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Prince George Promise youth initiative.

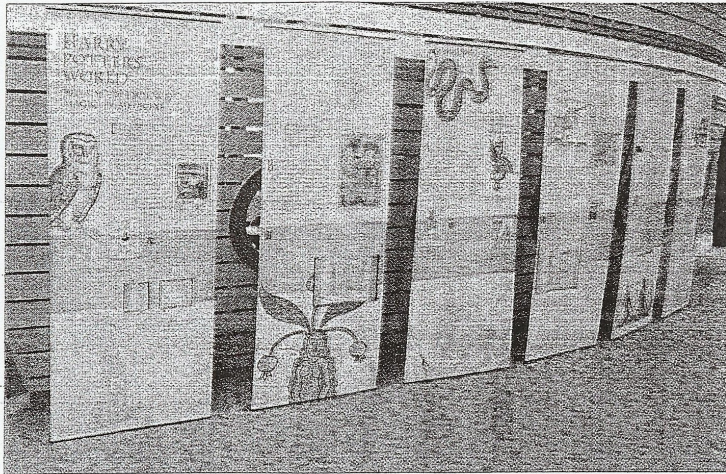
The Appomattox Regional Library System continues its holiday celebration with open houses in Burrowsville and Dinwiddie later in the month and live music and crafts in Hopewell on the Dec. 6. Call 804-861-0322 or visit the library website at [www.arls.org](http://www.arls.org) for more information on the Prince George Library Holiday Open House and more upcoming events.



Library staff members prepare bookmobile for Prince George Holiday Parade. The public is invited to stop by the Prince George Library after the parade on Dec. 3 for refreshments, music, movie and a craft. This event is free.

Senior Citizens





The exhibit is on display at the Hopewell Library.

PHOTO BY SARAH STEELE WILSON

## Council seeks Beacon funding

BY ELLIOTT ROBINSON

HOPEWELL — City Council gave Appomattox Regional Library System Executive Director Scott Firestine its full support to apply for a grant up to \$600,000 to aid in renovating the Beacon Theatre. Firestine and ARLS, for the moment, are operating the facility on behalf of the city.

The grant is the 2012 Industrial Revitalization Fund Grant through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The funding comes from \$3 million total that the General Assembly allocated for the 2012 fiscal year to redevelop large-scale non-residential structures.

"Remnants of past economic vibrancy and local economies in transition, these structures are no

## FUNDS

to stimulate this projects across the state. It is a one-time allocation.

Hopewell intends to use \$600,000 of the \$5 million cap for the Beacon renovations as its match. The grant itself would allow the city to borrow less money to fund the project.

Also in the meeting, Vice Mayor K. Wayne Walton questioned if borrowing would be necessary at all for the Beacon project as \$9 million of uncommitted funds sits in the city's capital fund account. City Manager Dr. Edwin Daley said that some of that money would go to other needed projects in the city.

The grants are point-based in part. Localities with the maximum of 20 application points for distress scores include Hopewell and Petersburg. Other nearby localities that do not receive any points toward the distress score include Colonial Heights and Prince George County. Firestine said Prince George has applied for a grant for the proposed Carson Fire

## Harry Potter comes to Hopewell

BY SARAH STEELE WILSON

HOPEWELL — It's been over a decade since the world first fell in love with a young British wizard, but his hold on the hearts of so many shows little sign of weakening. The series of seven books and their screen adaptations dramatizing his

adventures are still popular using materials from the National Library of Medicine, explores Harry Potter's world and its roots in Renaissance science.

"We actually applied for a grant to receive the exhibit over two years ago, so it's been a project in the making for awhile," Dee Dee Whitman, Youth Services Manager for the

it. It's cool because it talks about potions and herbology, some medieval science through the lens of Harry Potter so it's a really interesting little display," Whitman said.

The library is hosting a series of Harry Potter themed event this holiday season, including Harry Potter movie Mondays at 5 p.m. every





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## BOOKS

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of a \$50,000 grant to the Petersburg  
ids are for a job skills program.

Wayne Crocker, director of library  
services for the city, said that it is in  
fact only through a grant from the  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation a  
couple of years ago that the branch is  
still open.

Crocker said that two years ago  
there was no money budgeted for the  
A.P. Hill Branch Library, located on  
the second floor of the A.P. Hill Com-  
munity Center on Halifax Street.  
Before that budget was finalized, the  
grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates  
Foundation was received.

"The No. 1 variable was service to  
low-income residents," Crocker said.

## Beacon may never make money

*But the theater could  
become self-sustaining*

BY MARKUS SCHMIDT  
STAFF WRITER

HOPEWELL — The Beacon Theatre might never  
generate revenue for the city, said Scott Firestine,  
director of the Appomattox Regional Library System,  
who is in charge of the committee overseeing the ven-  
ue's restoration.

But Firestine said yesterday that he expects the the-  
ater to become self-sustaining in the near future.

"Since May, the Beacon has generated \$3,000 from  
renting it out [for private functions]," he said. The  
cost for the city was \$23,000 during that time, but  
Firestine said most of that was one-time expenses.

"We had to pay for some necessary repairs and we  
had to purchase new chairs and tables, totaling  
\$14,000," Firestine said. "We don't expect to see these  
expenses next year."

The city officially took ownership of the Beacon on  
April 19 — three weeks to the day after a Circuit Court  
ruling that the former owner Hopewell Preservation  
Inc. was to turn over the deed after violating a 13-year-  
old funding agreement. Shortly after, City Council put  
the restoration effort under the responsibility of the  
library system.

Firestine's vision is to fully restore the theater for  
public use by 2016, which marks Hopewell's 100th  
anniversary. Two weeks ago today City Council gave  
Firestine full support to apply for a \$600,000 grant

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from the Virginia Depart-  
ment of Housing and Com-  
munity Development to aid  
Phase 2 of the renovation  
efforts.

"The funding comes from  
the 2012 Industrial Revital-  
ization Fund Grant," Fire-  
stine said. "The total grant  
is \$3 million and was put  
forward to help localities in  
distress."

Only larger, non-residen-  
tial projects qualify for the  
one-time grant.

"The Beacon fits the  
measure for that pretty  
well," Firestine said. He  
added that if the applica-  
tion is approved, the money  
will go toward the expected  
\$5 million budget for the  
renovation.

The city's ownership of  
the Beacon remains con-  
troversial among many citi-  
zens who believe that the  
city should not spend more  
money on what they con-  
sider a dying downtown  
area.

But Firestine continues  
to stand by the Beacon ren-

ovation.

"The theater used to be  
an entertainment corner-  
stone for the city," he said.  
"And it still is a gateway for  
what once was a vibrant  
downtown."

This week, the city will  
also begin the search for  
contractors willing to enter  
a public-private-partner-  
ship with the city over the  
Beacon Theatre.

City Manager Ed Daley  
said that one contractor  
had already made an offer.

"Law requires that we  
advertise and give other  
possible contractors the  
chance to submit a propos-  
al," he said.

After the procurement  
phase, all offers will go  
before City Council for fur-  
ther evaluation before a  
decision will be made.

But Firestine said yester-  
day that a public-private-  
partnership agreement is  
not written in stone.

"I told City Council if  
someone offers \$5 million  
to buy the Beacon, they  
should go for it," he said.

• Markus Schmidt may  
be reached at 804-722-5172 or  
mschmidt@progress-index.  
com.



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# ARLS, VMFA presenting 'Stranger than Fiction: Great Art Heists in History'

*Learn of boat getaways, bear spray and more Nov. 10*

The Appomattox Regional Library System is partnering with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) to bring you Stranger than Fiction: Great Art Heists in History. Come to the Hopewell Library on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. to discover what Japanese gangsters, bear spray, and daring boat getaways have in common with noteworthy art thefts. During this lecture, you will travel the globe learning why museums from Amsterdam to

Zimbabwe have been targets for thieves and what tools the thieves used to elude detection. Find out who got caught ...and who did not! The lecture will be presented by Anne Kenny-Urban, VMFA's Budget Director. Ms. Kenny-Urban has worked in a variety of capacities in the art world. Previous employers include: Christie's auction house in New York, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Field Museum of Natural History. A native Richmonder, Ms.

Kenny-Urban earned an AB in comparative literature from Princeton University as well as a diploma from the Christie's Fine Arts Course in London. In addition, she holds a masters degree in art history from the University of Chicago and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. This program has been organized by the VMFA Office of Statewide Partnerships and is funded, in part,

by the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund. The event is free to the public. The library has added several new titles to its collection that illuminate some of the most famous art heists. We invite you to check them out prior to hearing Anne Kenny-Urban. For more information about this program and other resources at the Appomattox Regional Library System, please call (804) 458-6329 extension 1005 or visit our website, [www.arls.org](http://www.arls.org).

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# Holiday events in PG

## *Library to host Holiday Open House following the county parade Dec. 3*

PRINCE GEORGE—The celebration continues after the parade in Prince George. Stop by the Prince George Library for a Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m.

The Prince George Christmas parade begins at 3 p.m. at Beazley Elementary School and the public are invited to the library immediately after for refreshments and fun. Food and drinks will be provided by the Hopewell/Prince George Friends of the Library and served by Prince George Girl Scouts starting at 3:30 p.m.

At 4, families can make their own holiday craft before enjoying a classic holiday movie at 4:30. The library will have live music throughout the afternoon and ornaments commemorating the library's 2011 opening will be available for \$10 with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Prince George Promise youth initiative.

The Appomattox Regional Library System continues its holiday celebration with open houses in Burrowsville and Dinwiddie later in the month and live music and crafts in Hopewell on Dec. 6. Please call 804-861-0322 or visit the library website at [www.arls.org](http://www.arls.org) for more information on the Prince George Library Holiday Open House and more upcoming events.

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### **Holiday events set for Dinwiddie library**

DINWIDDIE — The Friends of the Library, Dinwiddie (FOLD) will host the annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 2, from 2-6 p.m. at the Dinwiddie Branch of the Appomattox Regional Library System. The Friends will have refreshments and door prizes and holiday ornaments from past years will be available for \$7.

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On Saturday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m., following the Dinwiddie County Christmas Parade, the Dinwiddie Branch Library will offer an open house with a children's craft. This event is in partnership with the county's Christmas illumination and tree lighting at the Dinwiddie Courthouse.

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The public is also invited to the McKenney Branch Library of the Appomattox Regional Library System on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a holiday open house. This open house is part of a day of town activities in McKenney that will include a holiday bazaar opening at 10 a.m. and the town parade beginning at 2 p.m. Those attending the open house at the McKenney library will join the library staff for refreshments and a children's craft.

The open houses are free and open to the public.

For more information on these and other events and resources at the Appomattox Regional Library System, please visit [www.arls.org](http://www.arls.org) or call 804-458-6329.



8 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Virginia are in three areas of the state: HISTORIC ALL HALLOWS p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

# Be a friend of the library and get a chance to win a Nook

The Hopewell/Prince George Friends of the Library (FOL) are holding their fall membership drive through the month of October. On Nov. 1, a drawing from all the current FOL members will find one member the proud owner of a NOOK electronic reading device, compliments of the FOL.


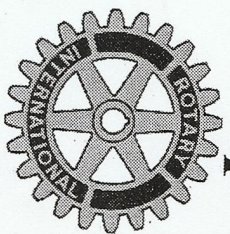

While dues are only 10 for an individual membership, each membership helps provide support for many of the programs offered by the Appomattox Regional Library. In addition to uses, the FOL's main fundraiser is the reader's Friend Book store, where they offer a wide variety of gently used hardback and paperback books, DVD's, and books on tape at bargain prices. Run by FOL volunteers, the Reader's Friend Book Store is on the main floor of the Appomattox Regional Library in Hopewell, and is open from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

As in years past, FOL members have helped provide additional funding for the popular Summer Reading Program; purchased books to be used as prizes for the parent-child Winter Reading Program; donated \$10,000 towards the new Prince George branch of the Appomattox Regional Library, which opened in July; purchased a new Public Address system for the library as well as a variety of electronic games and equipment to be used for Family Game nights at the library. FOL donations help the library staff continue to offer quality programming even during tight economic budgets by providing 'a little extra.' Envelopes for FOL membership can be found at the Appomattox Regional Library, or you can call (804) 458-6329 ext 2001 for more information. Remember to get your FOL membership submitted by Oct. 31 to be qualified for the NOOK drawing.

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## 2011 Hopewell

# Rotary Seafood Bash

When: Thursday, October 20, 2011

Time: 4pm until 8pm (Serving time 5-7)

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# Library to host pumpkin fun party



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Have a great costume? Think you can win? Come on down to the Pumpkin Fun Party at the Hopewell Library on E. Cawson Street this Friday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m.

ARLS is sponsoring a pumpkin fun party, and you're invited! Bring your own pumpkin to the Hopewell Library on October 28, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. and we'll provide all the decorating materials you need (paint, paper, markers and more). A small number of donated pumpkins will be provided, so plan

to arrive early to pick one of your own. Children and parents are encouraged to dress up and compete for a very special prize in our costume contest. We'll also serve warm apple cider and tasty treats.

This free event is intended for area youth and families as part of the fall programming

series which includes our regular story times on the following days:

- Monday: Hopewell at 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday: Prince George at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday: Dinwiddie at 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday: Hopewell at 10:30 a.m.
- Friday: Carson at 10:30 a.m.

To find out more about youth and family programs call 804-458-6329 ext. 1013 or visit our website at [www.arls.org](http://www.arls.org).

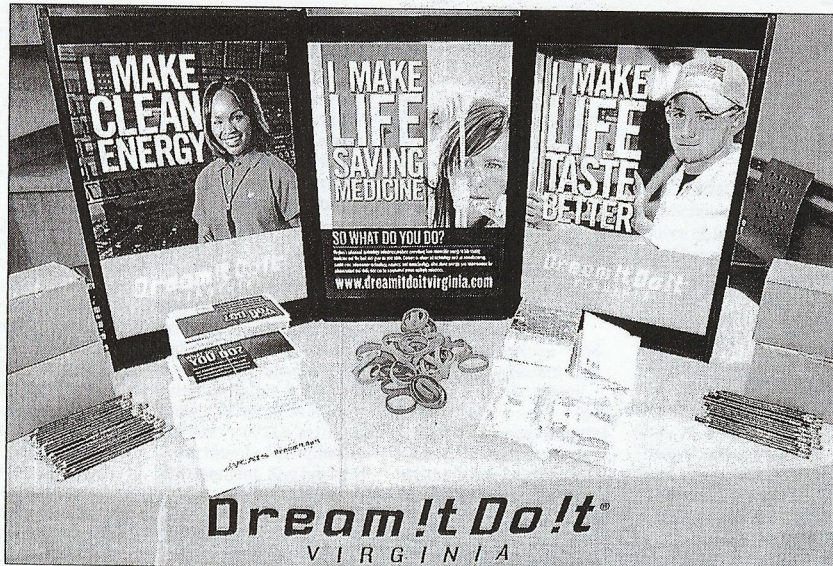
### First Baptist Church to hold appreciation day

An appreciation service for Rev. Dr. Floyd

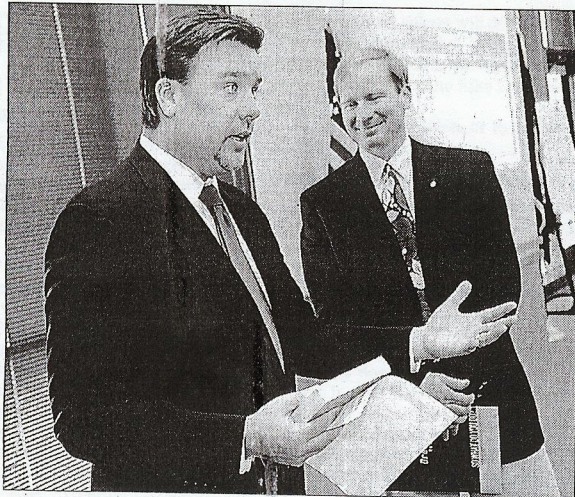
## Crater Health District offices



## 'DREAM !T DO !T VIRGINIA'



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Representatives from the Virginia Manufacturers Association announced the addition of a central Virginia 'Dream!t Do!t Virginia' website during an event Monday, Nov. 7 at the Appomattox Regional Library in Hopewell. The group also donated books and flash cards to the library. The award-winning website aims to connect young people to cutting-edge industrial jobs and offer other career resources. Brett A. Vassey, president and CEO of the Virginia Manufacturers Association, left, speaks during the event as Scott Firestine, director of the Appomattox Regional Library, listens.