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The Saline County Library Newsletter



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Concert Series Begins with Classical Guitarist

Classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will kick off the Saline County Library's "Get Tuned in @ Your Library" year-long concert series with a performance at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 at Herzfeld Library in Benton. Fletcher's seventh annual appearance at the Saline County Library is part of his current tour that includes a March 27 performance at Weill Recital hall at Carnegie Hall.

Selections from Fletcher's 2008 Tower Hill Records album, "Music of the Baroque", will comprise much of the afternoon's program and other repertoire will include works of J.S. Bach, New York-based guitarist and composer Nikita Koshkin, Isaac Albéniz



"We are happy to have Peter Fletcher back at the Saline County Library," said Library Director Erin Waller. "It is a patron favorite and grows every year as people realize what an amazing talent he brings."

Fletcher, a classical guitarist since age seven, is well known for recording music never before played on the classical guitar, an instrument that tends to have a limited pool of music

without employing transcription techniques.

He plans to release a new CD every year "to increase [his] audience and to expand the repertoire of the classical guitar." He hopes to reach young audiences, in particular.

"I have always hoped that classical guitar might inspire young people to become more interested in classical music," Fletcher noted.

In addition to his 2008 album release, Fletcher has five other albums. His music will be available for purchase at the event, which is open to the public.

Seating is limited, but registration is not required. For more information regarding Fletcher's concert or the 2010 Get Tuned in @ Your Library concert series, contact Herzfeld Library at 778-4766, or visit either library location.

Children's Department Transforms into Camp Half Blood

The Saline County Library will transform into Camp Half Blood, a well known world to fans of the Percy Jackson book series, from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at Boswell Library in Bryant and from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 at Herzfeld Library in Benton. The program is open to anyone interested and no registration is required.

"We plan to have stations set up that represent different houses in the books," Head of Children's Services Randi Eskridge said. "Each house will 'house' a different activity, from testing your marksmanship to learning to forge a sword."

Eskridge added that a special Hermes house station will allow participants that

bring an extra shirt to make their own Camp half Blood t-shirt and all participants will receive a bead at each station to make a Camp Half Blood necklace.

During the program, a quizbowl tournament will test competitors' knowledge of the Percy Jackson series.

For more information, call 778-4766.

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Upcoming Programs for Adults

* Quick Bits

Contemporary Portrait Artist Michael Worsham Displays Work

The works of Little Rock portrait artist Michael Worsham will be displayed throughout February at Herzfeld Library in Benton.

Worsham is a Little Rock native and spent much time with his father creating pencil drawings of cars as a child. His favorite medium is now oil on canvas, which he uses to recreate portraits of people.

"I consider myself a figurative painter," he said. "Loving portraiture, I use informal compositions that are more interesting than traditional poses. Some of my work also displays a sense of humor."

Worsham will earn a master's degree in studio art this year from UALR and hopes to become a teacher. Many of his works will be available for purchase throughout the display.

Stargazing Presentation

Join Dr. Tony Hall of UALR for a stargazing and astronomy presentation at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 at Herzfeld Library and at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at Boswell Library. Telescopes and star charts will be provided for participants, and hot drinks will be served. No registration required.

Used Book Sale

Friday, Feb. 19: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 20: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Funds raised from the two-day sale will be applied to 2010 general programming for both branches of the Saline County Library.

Benton Book Club:

Monday, Feb. 8 at 5:30 p.m.— *A Most Wanted Man* by John le Carré

Bryant Book Club:

Monday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.— *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See

Library Holidays

- Both branches of the Saline County Library will be closed Monday, Feb. 15 for Presidents' Day. They will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16.
- Both branches will also be closed for cleaning and staff development Thursday and Friday, February 25 and 26. They will reopen Saturday, Feb. 27 at 9 a.m.

Upcoming Programs for Children and Teens

UnValentine's Day Coffee House

Teens 13-18 are invited to an UnValentine's Day Coffee House at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8 at Herzfeld Library in Benton and at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 at Boswell Library in Bryant. No registration is required. Poetry, songs, skits and other original performances will be given and treats including coffee, hot

chocolate and other UnValentine's goodies will be available.

Young Adult Librarian Jill Martin said additional activities will be available, including cardmaking and a star-crossed lovers quiz.



Look Who's Hiding in the Library:

Find the hidden book character at either library location and receive a small prize and your name entered in the monthly grand prize drawing.

Visit

www.saline.lib.ar.us

to find specific

times for the

following: Preschool

Story Time, Toddler

Time, Get Propped Up on Reading

Story Time, Home School Story

Time, and Family Story Time.



Arkansas Room Presents "History of the Ralph Bunche Community"

Black History Month

The Local History/Genealogy Department of the Saline County Library will host "History of the Ralph Bunche Community" from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 at Herzfeld Library in Benton. An accompanying reception will be held from 6-6:30 p.m. at the same location. Various representatives

of the Ralph Bunche Community will be on hand for the reception and presentation, which will include several photos.

This program is in celebration of Black History Month. Registration is not required. Please call 778-4766 for more information.

Recurring Events for Adults

Master Gardeners

The Saline County Master Gardeners and presenter Jim Thompson will discuss wheat: grinding it, baking with it and how to get the most nutrients from it at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1 at Herzfeld Library in Benton. The event is open to the public.

Watercolor Class

Carolyn Voss will teach watercolor (swans in opaque watercolor) at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Boswell Library and at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 at Herzfeld Library. Please sign up by calling 847-2166 or 778-4766.

Benton Computer Class

Brad Crumby will teach "Social Networking with Facebook and Twitter" at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 at Herzfeld Library. Registration is required. Please call 778-4766 or 847-2166 to sign up.

Art Display

The works of contemporary portrait artist Michael Worsham will be on display throughout the month of February at Herzfeld Library in Benton. The display is open to the public. Call 778-4766 for more information.

Bryant Computer Class

Brad Crumby will teach "Introduction to Computers" at 9:30 a.m. or 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 at Boswell Library in Bryant. Registration is required. Please call 847-2166 or 778-4766 to sign up.

On Display:

Come view the Harry Potter display at Boswell Library in Bryant and Black History display at Herzfeld Library in Benton. To submit a display idea, call 778-4766 or 847-2166 or visit www.saline.lib.ar.us.

Steve the Genealogist

Steve Perdue helps individuals with local history and genealogy questions on the third Thursday of each month at Boswell Library in Bryant. He will resume with the regularly scheduled genealogy help in March. Please call 778-4766 for more information.



Craft Classes

The art of lotion-making will be taught at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17 at Herzfeld Library in Benton and at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 at Boswell Library in Bryant. The class is open to adults 18 years and older. Space is limited, so registration is required. Please call 778-4766 or 847-2166 to sign up.



*Visit www.saline.lib.ar.us for story time information.

Recurring Events for Children and Teens

Benton Kids Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 9 @ 3:30 p.m. Second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. for ages 10-12-Herzfeld Library in Benton

Bryant Kids Advisory Board

Monday, February 1 @ 4 p.m. First Monday of each month at 4 p.m. for ages 10-12- Boswell Library in Bryant

Benton Teen Advisory Board

Monday, February 1 @ 4 p.m. First Monday of each month at 4 p.m. for ages 13-16- Herzfeld Library in Benton

Bryant Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 9 @ 4 p.m. Second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. for ages 13-16- Boswell Library in Bryant

Puppet Players Practice

Tuesday, February 9 @ 4:30 p.m. Ages 10-18 meet at 4:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Herzfeld Library in Benton

Benton Creative Outlet

Monday, February 22 (adjusted date due to Presidents' Day) @ 4 p.m. Ages 13-18 can participate in a different craft each month (third Monday) from 4-7:30 p.m. at Herzfeld Library in Benton

Bryant Creative Outlet

Tuesday, February 23 @ 4 p.m. Ages 13-18 can participate in a different craft each month (fourth Tuesday) from 4-5:30 p.m. at Boswell Library in Bryant

Puppet Players Performance

Tuesday, February 16 @ 4 p.m. This month's theme is penguins! A puppet show for all ages is performed on the third Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. downstairs at Herzfeld Library in Benton

***Regular story times are held at both branches of the Saline County Library. They include Preschool Story Time for ages 3 and up, Toddler Time for ages 1 to 3, Home School Story Time for home-schooled students, Family Story Time for all ages, and Get Propped Up on Reading Story Time. Please visit www.saline.lib.ar.us for more information, or you can pick up a flyer at either library location.**

Benton Events– Black
Bryant Events– Gray
System-wide Event– italics

*All story times are not listed.
 Please visit www.saline.lib.ar.us for a complete listing of story times.

FEBRUARY 2010

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bryant KAB-4 p.m. Benton TAB- 4 p.m. Bryant Book Club- 1p.m. Master Gardeners- 6:30 p.m.	2 Preschool Story Time-10:30 a.m. Watercolor- 6 p.m. Family Story Time- 6:30 p.m.	3 Preschool Story Time- 10:30 a.m.	4 Preschool Story Time- 10:30 a.m. Watercolor- 6 p.m. Introduction to Computers- 9:30 a.m. or 4 p.m.	5	6 Get Propped Up on Reading Story Time- 10:30 a.m.
7	8 UnValentine's Day Coffee House- 4:30 p.m. Benton Book Club- 5:30 p.m. Stargazing- 6:30 p.m.	9 Puppet Players Practice-4:30 p.m. Kids Advisory Board- 3:30 p.m. Bryant TAB- 4 p.m. Stargazing- 6:30 p.m. Camp Half Blood- 6 p.m.	10 Preschool Story Time- 10:30 a.m.	11 UnValentine's Day Coffee House-4p.m. Social Networking with Facebook & Twitter- 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Camp Half Blood- 5:30 p.m.	12	13 Peter Fletcher in Concert- 1:30 p.m. Get Propped Up on Reading Story Time- 10:30 a.m.
14	15 Libraries Closed for Presidents' Day	16 Puppet Show- 4 p.m. Family Story Time- 6:30 p.m.	17 Preschool Story Time- 10:30 a.m. Lotion-making Class- 6 p.m.	18 Preschool Story Time- 10:30 a.m. History of the Ralph Bunche Community-6p.m. Bobby Davidson Harmonica- 4 p.m. Lotion-making Class- 6 p.m.	19 Used Book Sale	20 Used Book Sale Get Propped Up on Reading Story Time- 10:30 a.m.
21	22 Toddler Time I & 2 10 & 11 a.m. Toddler Time- 10a.m Creative Outlet- 4 p.m. Movie Monday- 4 p.m.	23 Family Story Time- 6:30 p.m. Preschool Story Time-10:30 a.m. Creative Outlet- 4pm	24 Preschool Story Time- 10:30 a.m.	25 Libraries Closed	26 Libraries Closed	27 Get Propped Up on Reading Story Time- 10:30 a.m.
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