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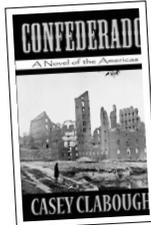
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Local Writers, Local Writing

**Casey Clabough and James Young
Read from their Area-based Writings and
Discuss How Such Writing is Created**

Tuesday, June 26, 11:00 am - noon



Join us as Lynchburg College professor Casey Clabough, author of the new novel *Confederado*, and writer James Young read from their work and discuss creative writing.

Clabough's novel brings alive the story of the Brazilian Confederados – a little known piece of history from the American Civil War. Using original sources, diaries, letters, and contemporary news to expand upon an account originally heard from a family member, Clabough presents a fascinating narrative.

Both authors will field questions on their locally-based material as well as topics such as process, revision, and publication. This program is free and open to the public and will take place in the Community Room.

Update on Storytime Room

The suspense is building! . . . But you'll need to be patient just a bit longer. The finished exterior design of the new Storytime Room is almost ready to be released. The concept development took about six months and the timetable laid out by CJMW Architects has the project going to bid in late summer, with groundbreaking this fall, and the ribbon cutting next spring.

**Library Funds Restored in
2012-2013 City Budget**

After a very rigorous FY13 budget review, City Council voted to restore the Branch Library to its 40-hour per week schedule by funding a vacant full-time Librarian position at the Main Library. When this position was frozen after Ken Morrison's unexpected death in December, the Main Library staff was stretched thin and the Branch Library staff was called in to help cover the Adult Reference Desk's 52-hour/week schedule.

Special thanks are due to the citizens who spoke for the Branch library at the public hearing: Governor's School student Dustin Lape, Branch user George Garner, and Friends of the Library President Michelle Jackson.

The Branch Library will return to normal hours as soon as the new librarian joins our staff.

**Gifts to
the Library**

The Friends of the Library gratefully acknowledges gifts from the following individuals:

- Ms. Patricia Byrd
- Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Schewel
- in honor of Gordon Leggett

CyberSecurity – Protect Yourself Online

“Protech” Your Self From Identity Theft • Friday, June 15, 11:00 am - noon

“Protech” Your PC • Friday, June 29, 11:00 am - noon



Jonathan Harris, owner of Protech Computer Innovations, LLC, will host two free “how-to” classes on keeping yourself and your computer protected online. Harris holds an AAS in Electronics Technology and has eight years of experience in both system administration and computer repair/troubleshooting. Participants are welcome to bring their own laptops. Please call 455-6318 to register. Both classes will be held in the Community Room and are free and open to the public.

“SPEAKING OF BOOKS” at the Main Library

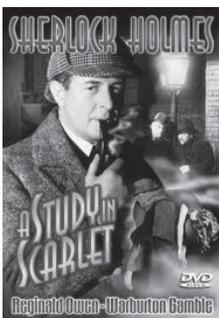
Come “talk books” at the Main Library. Readers gather on the third Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm for lively conversation about a selected title. No registration is necessary and light refreshments are served. Call Elisa Rollins at 455-6310 for further information. The next three books we are discussing are:



***Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* by Fannie Flagg**

June 20

Kick-off summer by returning with Flagg to Elmwood Springs, Mo. When octogenarian Elnor Shimfissle dies from falling off a ladder after accidentally disturbing a hornets' nest while picking figs, dozens of townspeople reflect on how Elnor's life and death affected them. Flagg is an expert at blending pathos with Southern sass, proving that heaven is actually right here, right now, with people you love, neighbors you help, and friendships you keep.



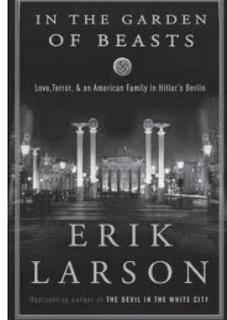
***A Study in Scarlet* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

July 18

In Doyle's first Sherlock Holmes mystery, Holmes and Dr. Watson are summoned to a south London house where they find a dead man whose contorted face is a twisted mask of horror. The body is unmarked by violence but a mysterious word has been written in blood on the wall. The police are baffled but when Holmes applies his brilliantly logical mind to the crime, he uncovers a tragic tale of love and deadly revenge.

***In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson**

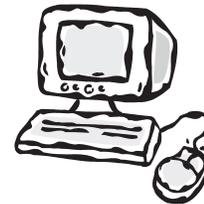
August 15



Set in 1933 Berlin during the first years of Hitler's reign, Larson tells the true stories of William E. Dodd, America's first ambassador to Hitler's regime, and his scandalously carefree daughter, Martha. Ambassador Dodd, an unassuming, scholarly man, is an odd fit among the extravagance of the new Nazi elite. But Martha is entranced by the glamorous parties and the handsome young men of the Third Reich. As evidence of Jewish persecution

mounts, the Dodds experience Hitler's terrifying obsession for absolute power, which culminates in “the Night of Long Knives.” Erik

Larson has crafted a gripping narrative with a climax that reads like a political thriller.



Free Computer Classes

Get connected to technology with free computer classes offered at the Main Library from June through August. Each class provides participants with instructional materials and hands-on experience. Topics range from using the mouse, Microsoft Word 2010 and Excel 2010, internet browsing, email accounts, file management, digital photos, online searching, using Craigslist, to social networking. Registration for each class is required. Call 455-6318 for details and registration or check the library website for a complete schedule of upcoming classes.

The 2012 Summer Reading Program is coming to the Lynchburg Public Library beginning Monday, June 18 through Wednesday, August 1. Reading logs and specific program information are available on-line at www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary or call 455-6320.



MAIN LIBRARY
2315 Memorial Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 am-5:30 pm
Tues., Thurs.
9:30 am-8:00 pm

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
455-6336

Reference and
Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

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AND LAW LIBRARY**
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455-3820

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Tues. & Thurs.
9:30 am-1:00 pm
Friday-closed

**BOTH LIBRARIES
CLOSED**

Wednesday, July 4
Independence Day

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on Facebook, or at our blog
<http://lynchburgpubliclibrary.wordpress.com>



Summer Vacation Loans



Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, you may borrow most of your materials for an extended loan period -- 5 weeks instead of the normal 3 weeks. Note that the extended vacation loan is not available for DVDs, videos and Adult Collection new books.

Please remember to request the vacation loan **before** a staff member begins checking out your items. Happy reading this summer!

Birthday Party for Old Glory Thursday, June 14, 1:00 pm

The Lynchburg Public Library and the James River Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution invite you to celebrate Flag Day on June 14 at 1:00 pm.

Although you see the American flag flying everywhere, how much do you know about the Stars and Stripes? For example, how many times has the design of the American flag changed? Did it ever have 15 stripes? Were the stars ever arranged in a circle? How many stars were displayed on the Union flag during the Civil War? Come learn

the answers to these questions and more.

Boy Scout Troop 70 will present the colors and a demonstration on how to fold the



American flag. Children will have an opportunity to make a Stars and Stripes windsock. Cupcakes and door prizes will be offered to make this event a real birthday celebration.

Please bring any old flags that you would like to have disposed of properly. Call 455-6320 for more information.

Volunteers Make A Difference at the Lynchburg Public Library



As part of National Volunteer Appreciation Week, the Lynchburg Public Library recognized the contributions of its volunteers on May 24 at a luncheon held in their honor. This is the seventeenth year of the Volunteer Program at the library due to the continued support of the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library. In 2011, 86 volunteers performed 3,000 hours of service in the Adult Services, Youth Services, Circulation, Outreach, and Technical Services Departments.

Ramona Battle, Sylvia Denny, Josh Duncan, Noel Fugate, Margaret Hinton, Robert Lightle, Mac Mauldin, Vaun Snead, and Audrey Webster contributed 100 hours or more, earning a bronze President's Volunteer Service Award pin and certificate. Mary White contributed over 300 hours of service, earning a silver President's Service Award pin and certificate. We have volunteers of all ages, and their dedication and commitment to providing outstanding service to our patrons are a great support to the library and its staff.

This summer 20 to 25 student volunteers will assist the Summer Reading Program for youth. If you would like to volunteer at the Lynchburg Public Library, please complete an application available at either library or on the our website, or contact Melody Carlton at 455-6306.

On the Conference Trail...

Ona Dowdy, Circulation Supervisor, recently attended "Communication 2012," the 20th annual Virginia Library Assoc. Paraprofessional Conference in Richmond. Ona is a long time member of the VLAPC's Executive Board. One of several sessions she attended focused on Edgar Allan Poe and the Poe Museum.

Due to a reciprocal agreement with the New York State Library Assistants' Assoc., Ona will represent VLAPF at the 34th annual NYSLAA conference, "Library Assistants: Keeping Libraries Afloat," in June.

Going on Vacation? Suspend Your Request Until You Return!

Are you afraid you're going to miss that book you've been waiting weeks to read while you are away on vacation? Then suspend your request during the time you'll be away. Your request will automatically reactivate on the date you choose, resuming your place in the queue.

Here's what to do: After logging in with your library card number on the Catalog page of our website, click on Your Library Records. Click on Hold Requests and then check the box next to the item(s) you want to change. Change the date using the dropdown boxes at the top to the date when you want your request to be reinstated. Click on Change Status. The status column for that book will then read "suspended." If you need assistance, just call the Circulation Desk at 455-6300.

Hats off to AARP Volunteers

This spring, volunteers from the AARP assisted 2,416 citizens with their 2011 tax returns at both the Main (1,239 clients) and Branch (289 clients) Libraries. All but 70 were e-filed.

In addition, do-it-yourselfers picked up 28,600 federal tax forms and 8,740 booklets thanks to the efforts of circulation staffer Deborah Beasley, who ordered the forms and kept the distribution racks well-stocked. We also provided over 750 copies of Virginia state tax forms (at cost) since the state no longer provides paper copies.

Upcoming Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Library Board	Tuesday, June 12	4 pm	Community Room
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Visitors are always welcome at Board Meetings.



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