



# CHILDREN'S NEWS

## March Calendar of Events

Jump into spring with story times at the library. Sign-ups for the **Spring Story Times** begin March 5. Sessions begin on March 20 and run for five weeks. Please be sure to register in advance, either in person or by phone.

- **Toddlers:** Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
- **Three Year Olds:** Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
- **Four Year Olds and Up:** Thursday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

**Reading Buddies** will continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. through mid-May.

**March Reading Buddies:**

- Monday, March 12
- Monday, March 26

The book group for **3rd, 4th, and 5th graders** meets every other Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

- Thursday, March 1
- Thursday, March 15
- Thursday, March 29

The **Middle School book group** meets on the fourth Monday of the month. We'll be discussing **tales of mystery or suspense** at our next meeting: 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 26.

Also for students in middle school and high school: We'll

celebrate the first ever **Teen Tech Week**, March 4-10, by launching a new series of teen-created podcasts. If you are interested in being a part of this program, please see Cheryl and pick up a release form. Stay tuned for more information.



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To learn more about these or other programs, stop by the Children's Room or call us: 926-4729.

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### Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ Spring Story Times
- ☺ Reading Buddies
- ☺ Book Groups
- ☺ Teen Tech Week
- ☺ "Stuff Made with a Little Help from the Library" Display
- ☺ You Wouldn't Want to...
- ☺ ALA Awards
- ☺ Read Across America

## Stuff Made with a Little Help from the Library

Reminder: If you are a crafty type or an arty type or a science type, and you have used a library book to help you come up with ideas or learn how to create something, don't forget to pick up an application for our upcoming display. We're looking for projects made with the help of library books. (Small items only,



please. This is for the display case in the downstairs foyer.)

**Entry deadline: April 14.** We'll make our selection before the April vacation, and the display will go up for the month of May. Exhibition is open to Hampton students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

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# You Wouldn't Want to...

By Paulina Shadovens

Have you ever wondered what it was like to be an Aztec sacrifice? Or a Roman gladiator? Or a passenger on the Titanic? If you have, then the "You Wouldn't Want to..." series is sure to snag your imagination—and make you very grateful for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Using fun, cartoon-y illustrations and short, fact-filled text, these books give readers a glimpse into what life was really like for people at different points in history. For example, in *You Wouldn't Want to be Cleopatra*, we learn that she was actually Greek, that she spoke nine languages—and that she killed off her brother so she alone would rule Egypt. What was bad about being Cleopatra? Pretty much everything. She came from a family that tended to kill each other, both her Roman boyfriends ended up dying, she herself committed suicide by snake-bite rather than be captured by the enemy, and her sons and daughter were forced into golden chains so

heavy that the children couldn't walk. (The good thing about being Cleopatra was that she could afford lots of goodies, such as a golden barge with silver oars.)

Jack Sparrow and company have made the pirate life look like a good time, but *You Wouldn't Want to be a Pirate's Prisoner* tells a different story. Real pirates could think up lots of awful ways to get you to tell them where treasure lay or where the royal navy was sailing. If the torture didn't get you, disease or bad weather or spending all your time with rats just might. And what happened to you if you were left on a deserted island?

Think knights look romantic? It was HOT in that armor. And smelly. And once you fell down, the weight of your armor kept you from getting up (a real problem in battle).

So the next time you have to write a report for history (or you just want a

really interesting, if disgusting, read), check out some of these titles:

- *You Wouldn't Want to be a Pirate's Prisoner*
- *You Wouldn't Want to Be a Medieval Knight*
- *You Wouldn't Want to Sail on the Titanic*
- *You Wouldn't Want to be Cleopatra*
- *You Wouldn't Want to be a Sumerian Slave*
- *You Wouldn't Want to be a Roman Gladiator*
- *You Wouldn't Want to be a Victorian Servant*
- *You Wouldn't Want to be an Aztec Sacrifice*
- *You Wouldn't Want to be in a Medieval Dungeon*
- *You Wouldn't Want to be on Apollo 13*

Bet your life seems pretty good now, doesn't it?

The American Library Association has announced the 2007 award winners for top books for children and young adults. Here are just a few of interest:

- The John Newbery Medal for most outstanding contribution to children's literature goes to **The Highest Power of Lucky**, by Susan Patrone.
- The Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children goes to **Flotsam**, illustrated by David Wiesner.
- The Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature goes to **American Born Chinese**, by Gene Luen Yang, the first graphic novel to win the award.



**CELEBRATE READING  
READ ACROSS AMERICA**  
The party begins with  
Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2  
and could last a lifetime.

