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# The Information Junction



## *Adventure into the Wild with Reading Final Event Saturday, August 9th*

### *Monthly for the Kids*

#### **Imagination Works! Story and Craft Time**

- **CREWE Library**  
Mondays 10:30 to 11:30
- **BURKEVILLE Library**  
Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:30
- **BLACKSTONE Library**  
Fridays 10:30 to 11:30

Children are invited for stories, crafts and fun.

### *Monthly for the Adults*

- **Crewe Friends of the Library board meetings, 1st Thursdays, 4-5**
- **Blackstone Friends of the Library board meetings, 3rd Tuesdays, 4-5**

### *Save the Dates*

#### **Adventure into the Wild with Reading Final Event**

#### **Saturday, August 9th**

**Crewe Library 10 to Noon**  
**Blackstone Library 1 to 3**  
**Animal Demonstration,  
Games, Crafts and Fun!**



#### **Leaping Lizards and Silly Snakes**

The Nottoway County Public Libraries are presenting our final event of the Summer Reading Program. Enjoy live animal demonstrations, crafts, games and snacks. Join us on Saturday,

August 9th from 10 am to noon at the Crewe Library or from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Blackstone Library.

Children up to the age of 12 will learn more about lizards and snakes as well as have an opportunity to do crafts and play games.

The Friends of the Blackstone Library have also

donated books so that that each child may select a free book to take home to read.

Leaping Lizards and Silly Snakes will be the topic on Saturday, August 9th. So please mark your calendars now so that can join us for fun in the sun.

For more information contact your local library.

## *Summer Reading Challenge Ends Saturday, August 9th*

The final days are here for children ages 4 to 13 to turn in their reading challenge cards to win prizes. Reading challenge cards need to be turned into your local library by Saturday, August 9th at 2 pm.

The challenge is to read at least 10 books but there is no limit to the number of reading challenge cards each child may complete.

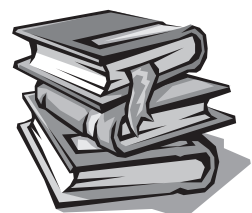
How to participate:

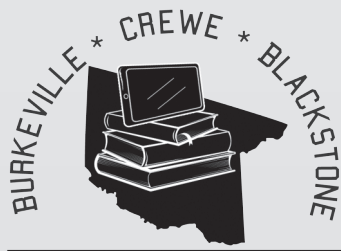
- Visit your local library
- Pick-up your Reading Challenge Card
- Select books
- Read your books
- Return your books to your library
- Have your Reading Challenge Card punched
- After having your

Reading Challenge Card punched 10 times turn it into the Librarian

- Receive your prize

Explore the many adventures available through reading.





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*Friends of the Library*

The Friends of the Library for both Crewe and Blackstone are non-profit, volunteer organizations which work to support the Nottoway County Public Libraries. They raise funds for library improvements and programs. To learn more call:

Blackstone 804-490-8342  
Crewe 434-645-7527

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# What's

## Library of Virginia

**Natural Virginia:**  
**Panoramic Photographs by**  
**Ben Greenberg**  
**Wednesday,**  
**August 20, 2014**  
**Time: Noon–1:00 PM**  
**Place: Conference**  
**Rooms, FREE**

Photographer Ben Greenberg and author Deane Dozier will discuss production of *Natural Virginia*, a collection of more than 100 images that range from the state's most well-known to its rarely explored landscapes. Some of the stunning panoramic shots in the book represent as many as 10 years of effort to get a

worthy picture of a particular location. Presented in conjunction with the Library's exhibition *Flora of Virginia*.

**Flora of Virginia**  
**Monday, March 17, 2014—**  
**Saturday,**  
**September 13, 2014**  
**Place: Exhibition**  
**Hall, FREE**

Discover the power of the flower. Delve into Virginia's natural environment through *Flora of Virginia*, an exhibition featuring hundreds of colorful illustrations from the Library of Virginia's collections. Learn fun facts

about Virginia's native plants. Examine the history of botanical description and illustration. Explore the personalities behind the folks who collected and described these plants. Try your hand at sketching a specimen at the drawing station. Check our Web calendar for information about exhibition-related events.

The Library of Virginia is located at 800 E Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219

More information about their services can be found at [www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov)

## New Books in Our Collection

The following is a selection of new titles that have recently been added to our collection.

**Adults Fiction**  
*Midnight Crossroads*  
By Charlaine Harris

*Save the Date*  
By Mary Kay Andrews

**Young Adults Fiction**  
*Alliens and Assassins*  
By Justin Somper

**Other Bound**  
*By Corinne Duyvis*

**Juvenile Fiction**  
*Viotel Mackerel's Possible Friend*  
By Anna Branford

**Non-Fiction**  
*Zoobots*  
By Helaine Becker

**Easy Fiction**  
*Hello, Mr. Hulot*  
By David Merveille

*The Lion and The Bird*  
By Marianne Dubuc

*Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine*  
By Gloria Wheelan

It is important to us that we have books that our patrons are interested in. Please ask your librarian about placing a request for a book you would like to see us add to our collection.

## Barry's Book Review

### What's a Ghoul to Do? By Victoria Laurie

This month's book review is a book by Victoria Laurie entitled *What's a Ghoul to Do?* The author has written a number of books similar to this one including: *Ghouls Gone Wild* and *Ghouls Just Want to Haunt and Have Fun*. Ms. Laurie's books are what might be called fun ghost stories. They are definitely not scary or particularly violent. They make a good summer read at home or at a vacation spot.

Actually, the main characters of the story are ghost busters. Perhaps that is why I enjoyed this light read. I really enjoyed the movie, *Ghostbusters*, several years ago and haven't seen much in the literary world that plays off of the same theme. The two main characters are a woman named MJ who is a psychic medium and her business partner, Gilley, who occasionally used his computer hacking skills to provide information for the case at hand. MJ is able to talk to ghosts and is able to encourage those that are troubled to cross over to the other side which they sometimes are reluctant to do. If the characters are bad people, she is also to push them into a sort of portal which keeps them bothering both humans and ghosts.

The story begins with MJ being called to figure out why a real estate agent is having trouble selling a house. It turns out there was a double murder there and prospective buyers hear and see and feel weird things while there. After the medium is able to convince one of the ghosts to leave and force one into a portal, the house is no longer haunted and the agent feels comfortable showing it.

The principal plot of the story is that a physician contacts the ghost busters and tells them he doesn't feel his grandfather's death was a suicide as ruled by the coroner. When MJ and Gilley investigate the situation, they find that, indeed, the grandfather was pushed off his roof and did not jump. There are several other subplots to the novel, but ultimately the book has a satisfying ending.

I found this novel easy to read and very entertaining. It is part mystery, romance and comedy. If you think you might enjoy a light read about ghost hunters, then this book is for you. Ms. Laurie writes a fine story with action, mystery, romance and mixes the paranormal with everyday situations which help make the reader feel he or she is right there with the action.

It is currently available as an ebook which may be checked out by going to the library's webpage. The *Psychic Eye* mysteries by the same author also make for a good read.

## Nottoway County Public Library System

### Crewe Library

Susan Howe, Manager  
(434) 645-8688  
400 Tyler St., Crewe, VA 23930

Mon/Thur 10-6

Tue/Wed 10-8

Sat 10-2

Closed Sunday and Friday

### Blackstone Library

Joyce Norton, Manager  
(434) 292-3587

415 S. Main St., Blackstone, VA  
23824

Tue/Thur 12-6

Wed 12-8

Fri/Sat 10-2

Closed Sunday and Monday

### Burkeville Library

Agnes McCormick, Manager  
(434) 767-5555

114 Agnew Street Burkeville, VA  
23922

Mon/Thur 9:30 - 5

Tues 9:30 - 2

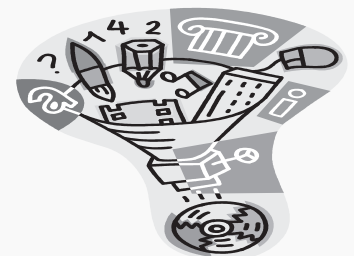
Fri 10—2

Sat 9 - Noon

Closed Sunday and Wednesday

### Administrative Office

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## August 2014 Calendar

Take a **LOOK** at our  Books.

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CREWE Library 10 am to Noon  
BLACKSTONE Library 1 pm to 3 pm  
Leaping Lizards and Silly Snakes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
<p>Children are invited to participate in our Summer Reading Challenge</p> <p>Pick up a card at any library.</p>										
4	Stories & Crafts 10:30-11am  CREWE	5	Stories & Crafts 10:30-11am  BURKEVILLE		7	Friends of the Library Crewe, 4-5 pm Free ESL 7-8 pm BLACKSTONE	8	Stories & Crafts 10:30-11am  BLACKSTONE	9	Adventure into the Wild with Reading CREWE 10-Noon BLACKSTONE 1-3pm Lizards and Snakes
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**Children's Program**



**Adult Program**