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Author Tours Nottoway County

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Last week, Richmond native Thornton Cline returned to Nottoway County to share his recently published book, *The Amazing, Incredible Shrinking Ukulele* with the children of the area. Cline has previously appeared at a special story time presentation in the Blackstone Library and has been the featured author at a Literary Guild event sponsored by Blackstone's Friends of the Library. Cline, a resident of Hendersonville, Tennessee, has been nominated for several Dove and Grammy Awards and has twice been honored as "Songwriter of the Year."

Mr. Cline is an instructor at Cumberland University (TN) and as an educator, he feels strongly not just about music, but also about the importance of libraries. After making plans to visit the Richmond area, Cline contacted the Nottoway County Public Library System to offer his time. The library's administration was delighted to have the chance to have a visiting author and quickly set to work to see how to effectively reach a wide audience.

Rather than limit the *Ukulele* presentation to only those children who would be able to visit one of the library branches, Jackie Zataweski and Grace McDonald, the library system's Director and Assistant Director, respectively, contacted local schools to offer Mr. Cline's services. Cline's tour of Nottoway's schools started with a Parents' Night event at Burkeville Elementary School and was followed the next day by presentations made at Kenston Forest School for students of the Lower School and the Early Learning Center. Thursday morning saw Cline in front of an auditorium full of students at Blackstone Primary School, and the tour wrapped up with presentations to classes at Crewe Primary School.

Cline's first children's book, *The Amazing Incredible Shrinking Violin*, reached number one on the Amazon Bestselling list for children's music books in February of last year and a second, Spanish edition, is going to be released early in 2017. Information about his children's series as well as Cline's adult novels and non-fiction books can be found at www.thorntoncline.com/.

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