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Splash-dive into Summer Reading!

What's summertime without leisurely reading... and cool, clear water?

This year's Summer Reading Program for children revolves around the theme "Make a Splash — Read!" Laura Moran, coordinator of programming for WSPL, says children will paint, video, tell stories, create a play and learn about the habitat of the beautiful Delaware River.

Summer Reading Program is free and open to children ages 5 to 16. Pre-registration is required. Registration will take place from June 1 to June 30. Stop by your local library branch to pick up a registration packet, which includes everything you need to register your child. Fill out the forms and leave them at the branch where your child will participate. Read through the rest of the registration materials with your children so he or she will know what to expect.

The program will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., from July 6 to August 7, Tuesdays in Jefferson-



ville, Wednesdays in Narrowsburg and Thursdays in Callicoon. A grand finale

performance showcase is planned for Saturday, Aug. 7.

Guest mentors from NACL theater, the National Park Service and the Museum of Modern Art will make this year's Summer Reading Program unique.

The program asks that each child set a weekly reading goal of their own and sign a contract sharing that goal. Parents sign off on time read.

What's New

New DVDs in our branches

Up in the Air

Black History: A Retrospective

The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus

Tokyo Sonata

Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark

Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom

Avatar

Precious

Summer Hours

Daybreakers

New Adult Books

Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest by Stieg Larsson

Private Life by Jane Smiley

61 Hours by Lee Child

War by Sebastian Junger

Innocent by Scott Turow

Pregnant Widow by Martin Amis

Map of True Places by Brunonia Barry

Dead in the Family by Charlaine Harris

For children age 5 and under: The National Park Service will visit two of our branches for Summer Storytimes in July and August: Wednesdays in Narrowsburg, and Thursdays in Callicoon, both at noon.

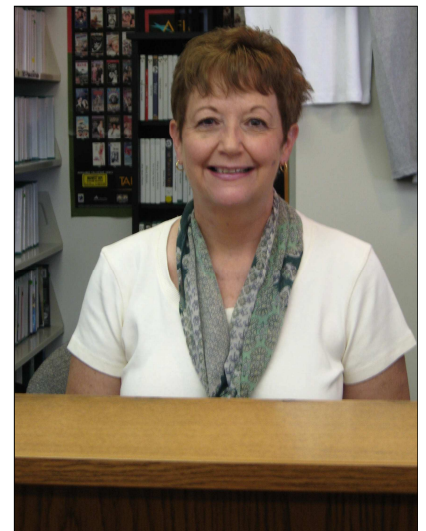
Volunteer spotlight on Jackie Robisch

By Kathy Daley

Once upon a time, a girl from northern New York State traveled to Oneonta to study teaching. There she met a boy from Hortonville, N.Y., who also loved books and learning and the time-honored field of education. Jackie fell in love with and married Keith Robisch, and the couple went on to affect the lives of hundreds of local students throughout the years.

Jackie Robisch — former local teacher, former local principal — is also a Friday volunteer at the Jeffersonville WSPL branch. Retired, she is still doing what she enjoys: helping others.

"I just love being at the library,"



Jackie Robisch at the circulation desk in Jeffersonville.

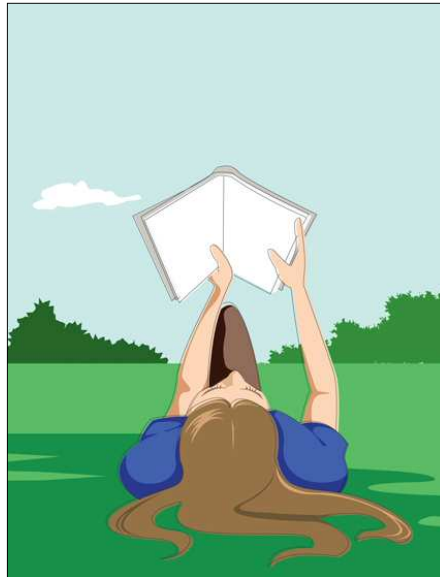
she says. "I love meeting people and helping them find the books they want." (Continued on back page)

At the stream, by the lake: summer reading favorites

Staff weigh in on bookin' it in summertime

Director Susan Scott: I always liked to read something a little lighter in the summer, something nostalgic and youthful. Megan McCafferty's *Sloppy Firsts*, a book I read many summers ago, was an enjoyable read. The expression of young adulthood life and the inevitable evolution into adulthood was compelling. Told through a young girl's voice, the narrator's intelligence and emotional growth are unsparingly bared. And if you can't get enough, McCafferty follows up *Sloppy Firsts* with four more entries in the series.

Jeffersonville-Callicoon Branch Manager Jen Rhoades : Growing up, summer was always a perfect time to read fantasy books, and let my imagination take me to far off, exotic, and fantastic locales. One of my favorites, and a great one to read or revisit at any age, is Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. I loved taking a trip with Alice, as she meets a cast of incredibly humorous, zany characters on her way to an elusive garden -- with the characters speaking in riddles, playing with



words, and bursting into a variety of strange poems, songs and dances along the way.

Narrowsburg Branch Manager Penelope Morgan-Lohr: I'm currently on a Jane Austen jag. Re-reading or reading for the first time, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense & Sensibility*, *Emma*, and a biography *Jane Austen the Woman*, by George Holbert Tucker. Wow ... what a contrast to the

world of 2010, but her insights into the human dilemma are still right on target.

Senior Library Clerk Jennifer Olsen: *The Richest Season* by Maryann McFadden is a great summer book, taking place as it does on Pawley's Island in South Carolina. Corporate wife Joanna Harrison walks away from a comfortable but lonely life, packing a few things in her car, and setting out a courageous journey to leave it all behind. On the way, she finds herself. What I really liked about the book was that Joanna is doing something we'd all like to have done at some point in life: give up the comforts of daily existence for the unknown, and truly find richness in life.

Library Clerk Kathy Daley: When I go away on vacation, I carry along a book that's set in that geographic location. Once I rode a bus to Nebraska, toting *Oh Pioneers* by Willa Cather. In Cape Cod, I read *A Sea May Cape Cod Mysteries* by Phoebe Atwood Taylor. Probably my favorite vacation setting is coastal Maine, where I reread *The Country of the Pointed Firs* by Sarah Orne Jewett, a 19th century writer who captures the look and feel of fishing villages, craggy old sea captains and strong and unforgettable women characters.

Volunteer Sheila Coleman named Senior of Year for Town of Callicoon

Sheila Coleman's whopping 241 hours of volunteer service in 2009 netted her a Retired Senior Volunteer Program Senior of the Year award. A WSPL volunteer, Sheila also contributes her time to Catholic Charities and to Catskill Regional Medical Center, where she helps on the skilled nursing unit and assists recreation staff with bingo and other activities.

RSVP gave out the awards at a May 10 ceremony at the Villa Roma before a crowd of 275.



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Jackie taught at the Delaware Valley Elementary School for 25 years, and was principal of that Callicoon school for seven years. When the Sullivan West Central School District formed, she signed on as principal of Sullivan West Elementary School in Jeffersonville for two years before her retirement.

Her husband taught reading at Delaware Valley and Sullivan West for 30 years.

An interest in public libraries is "all in the family" for the Robisches. He is a trustee for Western Sullivan Public Library. She served on the Board of the Callicoon li-

brary when it was an independent entity.

Now the Robisches spend winters on an island off the coast of Georgia, and enjoy travels to England, France, Italy, Germany, Ireland and Mexico.

Jackie recently accepted an award from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) for her work with literacy and children. She reads to youngsters in the Sullivan County WIC program and volunteers with Literacy Partners of Sullivan West, raising funds to buy two free books for each elementary student in the District. Her award? Senior of the Year from the Town of Cochection. A great 2009 finish to the ongoing Robisch love story.