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# Well, we dug it.

CPL wrapped up its summer reading program Friday, July 12th with a finale celebration that included cake, popsicles, and reading prizes! 200 children registered to participate in a variety of "Dig Into Reading" themed activities beginning with the arrival of The Junie B. Jones Stupid Smelly Bus Tour. Our most memorable programs were "Dress like a pirate day", worm races, and the day we ate bugs! Our outdoor movie nights, middle school lock-in, and art camp were also big hits. Participants read over 2000 books during the four week program. At the finale students had the chance to cash in the points they received for reading prizes including book fair bucks to use at the Scholastic Book Fair. The McWane Science Center took the children back to a time when dinosaurs roamed the earth by showing them life-sized examples of dino footprints and fossils. WCPL would like to thank all the people that helped make the summer reading program a huge success. Donations were give by the Town of Chatom, Acceptance Loan in Jackson, B&F Drugs, Reflections, Dreamers, Jordan Mini Mart, Wal-Mart, Capstone Bank, Subway, Chatom Motor Company, Sheffield's Furniture, Hearn Ford, South Alabama Gas, Washington County Vet Clinic, Carla Tate, Grasshopper's Country Kitchen, Gayle Thompson, Friends of the Library, Tate's Service Station and ThyssenKrupp.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4  Barack Obama's  Birthday	Neil Armstrong's Birthday	6	7 BOOK CLUB 12 Noon	8	9 Spelling Bee 6pm	10
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## DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

This week, a visitor at the library mentioned that they are "completely finished with all of their Christmas shopping!" Whaaaaaaat? WOW! I was amazed at this person's ability to plan and avoid the temptation to procrastinate such purchases until after Thanksgiving, when everything goes on sale (like I do). This conversation also made me start to think about what I'll be buying and from where?

Time passes so quickly and the Holiday Season will be upon us in a blink! For all of the early birds who have already begun to make a list and check it twice, I encourage you to try and shop for as many gifts as you can with local stores and businesses. AAAAAND there is a Tax-Free Holiday weekend across Alabama August 4-6, 2013, so capitalize on more than just back-to-school shopping this year!

Volunteering with the Chamber of Commerce has been a good reminder of the important role that small local businesses hold in a community. Each year, local businesses in small towns throughout our communities are inundated with requests for donations and sponsorships to support many worthwhile activities and services that take place in our county. The generosity of these businesses makes it possible for non-profit organizations, schools, churches, and service agencies to remain active and working to make our home area a better place to live.

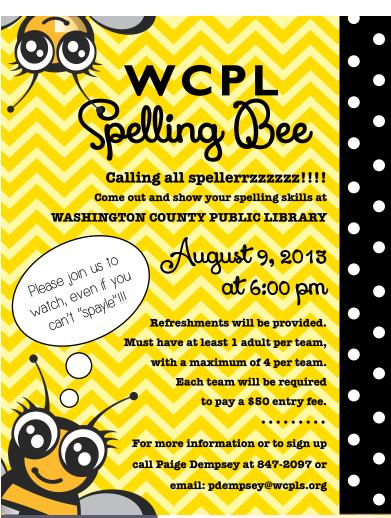
More support for local businesses = more full time jobs for our citizens, more tax money that can be used for special projects and infrastructural improvements, better schools, better hospital services, and a better quality of life. If we all do a little more to support the businesses in our county, we will all reap the many benefits that follow!

So get that shopping list out and start planning a new way to get more bang for your buck...SHOP LOCAL and invest in the success of our local county business so they can continue giving to help others!

#### Great gift ideas that can be purchased now from WCPL!...(I never said I wasn't shameless!)

- Collector's "stamped" copies of Junie B. Jones Children's Series (\$5-\$15)
- Autographed copies of books by Alabama Author, Watt Key (\$7-\$15)
- Autographed copies of various Alabama Authors (\$10)
- Washington County Historical Afghans (\$50)

Happy Shopping!



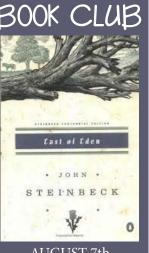
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Hey, it's me again, Potter, the library kitty.

As some of you know, the library is preparing for the 2nd annual Spelling Bee, which will take place on Friday, August 9th at 6:00 p.m. Paige and the rest of the library staff are busily putting things together. They've asked me to help them with the spelling words for the Bee. I can't use the official word list here, but I decided to test your knowledge of words with a few words that you the reader might not be familiar with.

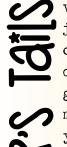
Here's some I especially like--

dapifer - (phrase) bearer of meat to table; steward vade mecum - (noun) a favorite book carried everywhere jess - (noun) ringed strap round hawk's leg olamic - (adjective) infinite, eternal quo vadis - (phrase) whither goest thou? giaour - (noun) infidel; Christian. mammothrept - (noun) a spoiled child yestreen - (noun) the night before sanguisugent - (adjective) bloodsucking;

xenodocheionology - (noun)jocular, love of hotels and inns.

Well, how did you do?

Don't forget to come to the spelling bee and see how you measure up with the teams that will be competing.







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