

Summer Literacy Fun Reading Programs

Summer activities are buzzing in uptown Wadesboro thanks to Anson County Partnership for Children and Hampton B. Allen Library.

The Hampton B. Allen Library is offering their summer programs for children, A Universe of Stories on Fridays at 1 p.m. "We hope this year's theme will help kids, teens, and even adults to use their imagination and get excited about deeper learning," said Destiny Dows, Children's Librarian.

The kick-off event on June 21 featured Joy the Clown. All summer long the library will host ten programs on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and adult programs on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The library hopes, as always, to be a hub of information and a place for the community.

Every Tuesday at 4 p.m. the Anson County Partnership for Children hosts storytime events in the Early Childhood Resource Center to foster learning, imagination and play in young children. Guest readers will include Justin Jones of Epic Science to perform science experiments, Aimee Colf with Cooperative Extension to educate on germination of plants, Robyn Woods painting inspirational rocks and speaking on compassion, and the Wadesboro Police Department to discuss citizenship.

"These storytime sessions improve literacy and critical thinking skills in many ways. Reading books aloud strengthens vocabulary and print awareness, introduces character development, sequencing, and other story elements, models oral communication such as the use of pitch and inflection and encourages reading as an enjoyable activity," said Caroline Goins, Executive Director of Anson County Partnership for Children.

Studies show children not involved in educational summer activities have significant learning loss. By the end of sixth grade children who lose reading skills during the summer are on average two years behind their peers. The library and Partnership are working to fight against learning loss in the summer and encourage parents to do the same.

Parents can encourage children to read during the summer by:

- Finding books about subjects your children are interested in, whether it's dinosaurs, superheroes or princesses.
- Making reading interactive by asking questions, using sound effects, etc.
- Making reading part of daily life by reading grocery lists, recipes and travel directions, etc. together.
- Visiting literacy-rich places like our local library, Little Free Libraries, and the Partnership's Resource Center
- Setting an example by personally reading. Remember, actions speak louder than words.

"The community can help our programs grow by participating in and spreading the word about our activities this summer," said Goins. Don't miss out on future events from Anson County Partnership for Children and Hampton B. Library. The Partnership will post upcoming events on their website, ansonchildren.org, and their Facebook page. Keep in touch with Hampton B. Library by dropping in and picking up their event calendar.

July 4 is Free Fishing Day

Thursday, July 4 is Free Fishing Day in North Carolina. From 12 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. everyone in North Carolina can fish for free in any public body of water, including coastal waters, without having to purchase a fishing license or additional trout fishing privilege.

Although no fishing license is required, all other fishing regulations apply, such as length and daily possession limits, as well as bait and tackle restrictions.

Information is available at www.ncwildlife.org.

Free Fishing Day always falls on July 4. It was started in 1994, and is sponsored by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and authorized by the N.C. General Assembly. To give anglers a better chance of catching fish, the Commission stocks a variety of fish in waters across the state - including trout and channel catfish. The agency also provides access to fishing sites across the state, including public fishing areas and boating access areas. The interactive fishing and boating maps on the Commission's website list more than 500 fishing and boating areas, many of which are free, that are open to the public. The maps are available at www.ncwildlife.org.

On all other days of the year, a fishing license is not required for anglers 15 years and younger, but anyone age 16 and older must have a fishing license to fish in any public water in North Carolina, including coastal waters. Purchasing a license online is quick and easy at www.ncwildlife.org. Other ways to purchase a license are:

- Call the Commission at 1-888-248-6834. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
 - Visit a local Wildlife Service Agent www.ncwildlife.org/WildlifeServiceAgentMVC.
- Information on fishing in public, inland waters, visit the Fishing page www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing.

NC's 2018 Juvenile Crime Rate Dips to Lowest Rate Recorded

North Carolina's juvenile crime rate fell to its lowest point since the state began recording juvenile crime data - 16.18 complaints per every 1,000 kids - according to the latest report from the Department of Public Safety's Juvenile Justice section.

"As Attorney General and now as Governor, I've seen firsthand the work of law enforcement and Juvenile Justice officials to reduce juvenile crime and promote safer communities. We will continue to work to identify at-risk young people, increase opportunities across our state and build a safer North Carolina," said Governor Cooper.

"These results speak to the outstanding work of juvenile justice professionals throughout the state, and the strong partnerships we've built with law enforcement, community-based programs and organizations," said William Lassiter, deputy secretary for Juvenile Justice. "With our improved understanding of youth behavior and the underlying issues/factors that may trigger criminal behavior, we're using a proactive approach to recognize at-risk youth and provide them with help to keep them from entering the juvenile justice system in the first place."

Data presented in the Juvenile Justice Section's 2018 Annual Report shows the percentage of the state's juvenile justice system from 2010-2018:

- The juvenile crime rate has fallen by 41%, from 27.55 complaints per every 1,000 kids to 16.18 complaints per every 1,000 kids in 2018.
- The annual number of school-based complaints have dropped 35%, though the percentage of school-based complaints versus non-school-based complaints has held steady, at 44%
- The number of children admitted to juvenile detention centers has decreased by 62%; and
- The number of children committed to youth development centers has gone down by 46%.

Additionally, data from 2018 reveals that:

- Minor offenses, infractions and status offenses accounted for more than 70% of all juvenile complaints in 2018;
- The top five juvenile offenses in 2018 were simple assault, larceny, disorderly conduct at school, communicating threats and truancy.
- Juvenile at Risk Prevention Council (JCPC) programs - found in all 100 counties - served more than 21,000 youths in 2018. Nearly 11,000 of those children served (52%) were classified as at-risk, without involvement in the juvenile justice system. The top three service types provided through JCPC programs were restitution/community service, interpersonal skill building and teen court.

Additional information can be found in the Juvenile Justice Section's 2018 annual report, which can be read at:

www.ncdps.gov/documents/juvenile-justice-section-2018-annual-report.



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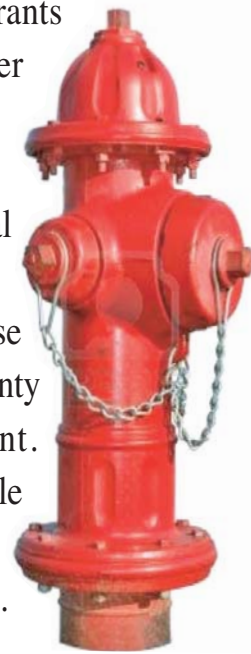
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