

Join Us As We Celebrate Book Week 2005

National Children's Book Week will be celebrated Nov. 14 thru 20 with the theme:

Tackle a Good Book

Family Story Time will be held Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. with special guest reader, Coach David Ironside from Campbell High School. Stop by the Youth Services Desk to register for this event or to pick up our *100 Yards of Reading* Children's Challenge. Children completing the challenge will receive an Atlanta Falcons pencil. Children completing the challenge who are in attendance on November 15th at Family Story Time, will have their names entered into a drawing for several sports related prizes – including the grand prize – a Keith Brooking autographed football with a certificate of authenticity donated by the Atlanta Falcons in support of Children's Book Week.



2005 Eason Award Winner

Lisa Tarr and Sarah Lightsey were awarded the Georgia Library Association 2005 Eason Associates Program Award Thursday, October 13, 2005 for developing and implementing exceptional children's reading enrichment programming. This award acknowledges our Youth Services Department's innovative bilingual story hour held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The bilingual program is open to library patrons ages three and up and targets families learning and/or improving English and Spanish. The stories—which range from American classics to traditional Hispanic tales, and include popular children's literature—are read in English and Spanish.



Sam's Club Marietta & Wal-Mart Grants

Youth Services is also celebrating the award of two major grants that we received this Fall. We are so very honored to receive a 2005 Literacy Grant from Sam's Club of Marietta. This \$2,500 grant for the upgrade and addition of new dinosaur, solar system and human body books allows us to add more than 100 books to our collection. A \$1,000 Good Works Grant from Wal-Mart of Marietta was received on October 24th at the grand opening ceremonies of the new Super Wal-Mart. This money will be used to purchase additional bilingual books in addition to updating our collection of sports books.

Even with all the recognition, awards and grants we have received this fall, the greatest reward remains the children. During September we saw more than 600 children in programs. At the time of publication, our October program will exceed this. Our goal is to keep Smyrna kids and parents excited about reading by offering a comprehensive programming schedule that consists of 10 weekly programs.


Youth Services Librarian

Monthly calendars are posted at the Youth Services Desk or check out www.friendsofsmyrnalibrary.org for details. For further information about the Youth Services Department, please call Lisa Tarr or Sarah Lightsey at 770-431-2860 x3.