Library Joins Safe Place Program

Partnership Seeks to Aid Local Youth in Crisis

York County Library is proud to announce our library system is now a service facility in partnership with the licensed Safe Place agency, Renew Our Community (ROC), a local 501(c)(3) faith-based organization in Rock Hill.

Safe Place is a national youth outreach and prevention program for young people in need of immediate help and safety. With nearly 20,000 Safe Place site locations across the U.S., this community-based program will make help readily available to youth ages 10–17 in communities across York County.

For more information about Safe Place or how it will work at your local library, visit nationalsafeplace.org or yclibrary.org.

How Safe Place Works

Youth in crisis or in need of immediate help will be able to identify the yellow, diamond-shaped Safe Place signs at library locations in Rock Hill, York, Fort Mill, Clover, Lake Wylie, and the Bookmobile, where they can use the following steps to get help:

• **Step 1:** A young person enters a Safe Place and asks for help.

• **Step 2:** The site employee finds a comfortable place for the youth to wait while they call ROC, the licensed Safe Place agency.

• **Step 3:** Within 30 minutes or less, a qualified Safe Place volunteer or agency staff member will arrive to talk with the youth and, if necessary, provide transportation to the agency.

• **Step 4:** Once at the agency, counselors meet with the youth and provide support. Agency staff makes sure the youth and their families receive the help and professional services they need.

For immediate help, use TXT 4 Help, a nationwide, 24-hour text-for-support service for teens in crisis. Just text the word “SAFE” and your current location (street address, city, state) to 69866.
Calendar of Events
March 2017

Book Clubs for Adults: Discuss great books with other book lovers. Registration is required to reserve a copy of the book. Visit yclibrary.org for details, times, and titles.

Friends Books on Main Children’s & Young Adult Book Sale: Browse a huge selection of bargain-priced used books, DVDs, and audiobooks. In honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday, all in-stock children’s and young adult books are 50% off Mar. 2-4! Open to the public in Old Town Rock Hill. Thursdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Friends Books on Main (206 E. Main St., Rock Hill)

Preschool Story Time: Story time for children ages 3-5 and caregivers. No registration required.
• Thursdays, Mar. 23-Apr. 27, 10-10:35 & 11-11:35 a.m., Main Library. Due to space limits, day cares and large groups should call 981-5888 for appropriate programs.
• Wednesdays, 10-10:45 & 11-11:45 a.m., or Fridays, 4-4:45 p.m., Fort Mill Library
• Wednesdays, 10-10:45 & 11-11:45 a.m., Fort Mill Library, & 10:30-11:15 a.m., Clover, Lake Wylie, & York Libraries

Once Upon a Lap: Stories, songs, fingerplays, movement activities, and play time for children ages birth-23 months and caregivers.
• Mondays, Jan. 23-Mar. 6, 10:30-11 a.m., York Library. Call 684-3751 to register. Limit 15.

Itty-Bitty Bookworms: Stories, songs, fingerplays, and movement activities for children ages birth-35 months and caregivers.
• Mondays, Jan. 23-Mar. 6 (Session 1) & Mar. 27-May 1 (Session 2), 4:30-5:35 p.m., Main Library. Call 981-5888 to register (starting Mar. 13 for Session 2). Limit 25.
• Mondays, Jan. 30-Mar. 13, 4-4:35 p.m., Fort Mill Library. Call 547-4114 to register. Limit 25.

Toddler Time: Stories, songs, fingerplays, and movement activities for children ages 24-35 months and caregivers.
• Tuesdays, Feb. 28-Apr. 4, 10:30-11 a.m., Lake Wylie Library. Call 831-7774 to register. Limit 12.

Read Across America Day Celebration: Stop by for a fun, quick book-related craft and choose a book for your personal library (while supplies last)! Ages 11-17. No registration required. Thu., Mar. 2, 4-6 p.m., Main Library

Genealogy Club: This small support group meets once a month to discuss genealogy research, techniques, and new sources while helping each other learn more about family history. For adults. Call 981-5847 to register. Limit 15. Sat., Mar. 4, 10-11:30 a.m., Main Library

Lieutenant Flipper’s Trial: In this one-act play, author Bob Rogers dramatizes the controversial treatment of Lieutenant Henry O. Flipper, the first African-American to graduate from West Point, who was later court-martialed and tried for embezzlement of government funds before his dismissal from the army. Copies of Rogers’ books will be available for sale and signing. Call 981-5845 to register. Limit 70. Sat., Mar. 4, 2-3:30 p.m., Main Library

Ultimate Toga Party: Calling all Percy Jackson fans! Compete in our statue-building contest, try your hand at some trivia, and create your own mythological creature. Snacks provided. Ages 11-17. Limit 15.
• Mon., Mar. 6, 5-6:30 p.m., York Library. Call 684-3751 to register.
• Wed., Mar. 8, 5-6:30 p.m., Clover Library. Call 222-3474 to register.

Are You Good To Go? Your End of Life Healthcare Choices: Doug Rice of Compassion & Choices presents a workshop on the importance of advance directives, such as healthcare powers of attorney and living wills, along with options for care at end of life. Call 547-4114 to register. Limit 35. Mon., Mar. 6, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fort Mill Library

Baby/Toddler Playdate: Bring your baby or toddler to meet new friends at this informal gathering. Toys and games provided. Caregivers must be present. Limit 25.
• Ages birth-23 months: Tuesdays, Mar. 7 & 21, 9:15-10:15

New Business Hours for Lake Wylie Library
Effective March 20, Lake Wylie Library will extend its weekday operating hours to 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Monday–Thursday.

Teen Tech Week: Parent-Teen Game Night: Put work and school stress aside and enjoy a family evening of gaming with a variety of technologies! Dinner will be provided! Ages 11-17. Limit 25, with parent/caregiver(s). Call 981-5830 to register. Tue., Mar. 7, 6-7:30 p.m., Main Library

Spin-Off: STEAM Studio: Use perler beads and bamboo skewers to design a spinning top as you investigate color mixing. Ages 5-11. Call 981-5888 to register. Limit 30. Thu., Mar. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Main Library

Family Story Time: Choose Your Own Story Time: Choose the stories, songs, and activities you want. Bring your favorite book to share on our Show & Tell Stage! All ages, accompanied by adult. No registration required. Thu., Mar. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m., York Public Library

Library Board Meeting: The monthly meeting is open to the public. Thu., Mar. 9, 5-6 p.m., Main Library
Goldilocks & the 3 Bears, by Children’s Theatre of Charlotte: Lost and hungry, Goldilocks finds a cottage in the woods. The 3 bears come home to find their porridge eaten, chairs jumped on, and beds occupied! A funny, familiar fairy tale will have the whole family “growling” for more. All ages. No registration required. Sat., Mar. 11, 11-11:45 a.m., Lake Wylie Library, & 3-3:45 p.m., Main Library

Fandom Hangout: Join fans of anime, Dr. Who, Minecraft, and more to share your work, participate in planned activities, or just hang out! Appropriate cosplay welcome. Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register. Starting Mar. 1. Limit 35. Mon., Mar. 13, 4:30-6 p.m., Main Library

Chess Club: Play chess in a relaxed atmosphere. Don’t know how to play? This is your chance to learn! Ages 11-17. No registration required. Tuesdays, Mar. 14 & 28, 4:30-6 p.m., Main Library

Family Story Time: Lions, Lambs, & Leprechauns: Leap into March with a rainbow of books, crafts, and songs about lions, lambs, and leprechauns. Ages 11 and under, accompanied by adult. Call 981-5888 to register (starting Mar. 4 for the second program). Limit 30. Tue., Mar. 14, 6-7 p.m., & Sat., Mar. 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Main Library

- Wed., Mar. 15, 3:15-4:30 or 5-6:15 p.m., Main Library
- Thu., Mar. 16, 4-5 p.m., Lake Wylie. Call 831-7774 to register, starting Mar. 2. Limit 15.

Wed., Mar. 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Fort Mill Library

Sports Movie Night: Wear your favorite jersey for a fun sports-inspired movie, rated G or PG. All ages, accompanied by adult. No registration required. Call 222-3474 or visit yclibrary.org for movie title and details. Wed., Mar. 15, 4:30-6 p.m., Clover Library


STEAM Team: Visit STEAM-inspired stations for innovative, engaging activities, including robotics! Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register, starting Mar. 2. Limit 25.
Thu., Mar. 16, 5-7 p.m., Main Library

Mad Hatter Tea Party & Movie Afternoon: Watch Alice Through the Looking Glass and enjoy items from the Mad Hatter’s tea party menu! Appropriate costumes are welcome. Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register, starting Mar. 3. Limit 35.
Fri., Mar. 17, 2-4 p.m., Main Library

Library After Hours: What happens in the library after hours? Now’s your chance to find out! A signed parental permission form and emergency contact information are required. Ages 11-17.
- Fri., Mar. 17, 7-10 p.m., Fort Mill Library: Join us for Nerf battles, crafts, and other cool games! Call 547-4114 to register, starting Mar. 3. Limit 25.
- Fri., Mar. 31, 7-10 p.m., Main Library: Join us for scavenger hunts, video games, Nerf battles, robotics, and more! Call 981-5830 to register, starting Mar. 17. Limit 45.

Beaded Garden Ornament: Beautify your spring garden! Use instructions and supplies to make a beaded garden ornament. Call 547-4114 to register. Limit 20.
Mon., Mar. 20, 1-2 p.m., Fort Mill Library

Teens Create & Share: Bring your sketchbook, notebook, instrument, or device to share your ideas and creations in a relaxed atmosphere. Ages 11-17. No registration required. Mon., Mar. 20, 4:30-6 p.m., Main Library

Mon., Mar. 20, 5-6 p.m., Clover Library

Karaoke Lounge: Show off your singing skills (or lack thereof) in a laughter-filled afternoon of music and snacks! Don’t wanna sing? Just come for the fun! Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register, starting Mar. 7. Limit 30.
Tue., Mar. 21, 1-2 p.m., Main Library

Friend Squad: Meet new people in a supportive environment. Peer volunteers will host activities to help you get to know others your age. Teens of all abilities are welcome. Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register, starting Mar. 8. Limit 25.
Wed., Mar. 22, 4:30-6 p.m., Main Library

Red Cross Blood Drive: Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Red Cross joins York County Library to help meet this need by sponsoring a blood drive. Call 981-5847 to schedule an appointment. Fri., Mar. 24, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Main Library

Teen Advisory Board Meeting: Make a difference on the Teen Advisory Board. Help select materials for the Young Adult Collection and plan events for teens. Participants will receive volunteer time. Ages 11-17. No registration required. Mon., Mar. 27, 5-6:30 p.m., Main Library

Marshmallow Madness: This sticky event will be filled with gooey games and crafts. Ages 11-17. Limit 25.
- Tue., Mar. 28, 5-6:30 p.m., Fort Mill Library. Call 547-4114 to register, starting Mar. 14.
- Thu., Mar. 30, 5-6:30 p.m., Lake Wylie Library. Call 831-7774 to register, starting Mar. 16.

 Wed., Mar. 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Fort Mill Library

Thu., Mar. 30, 6-7:30 p.m., Main Library
York County Libraries Work to Improve Accessibility

The York County Library administration and Board of Trustees are working on a variety of ways to make our materials and services more accessible to you — our patrons. Take a look at some of the changes now in effect:

• Forgot your library card? No problem! Just show us your picture ID and we’ll be happy to check out your materials to you.

• Passing through York County and need to use a computer to print out a boarding pass, check directions, or send an email? Just stop by any York County Library location to use a computer at no charge with our courtesy access.

• Lost or damaged a book or other library materials? Although you will still need to pay the replacement cost for the item, the additional $10 processing fee has been eliminated.

• How much money do you save using the library? Check our new, improved receipt when you borrow materials to see what a great value your library is!

• We listened when Lake Wylie patrons asked for an additional hour to be restored to the weekday operating hours. Beginning March 20, Lake Wylie Library will be open from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Monday – Thursday.

Watch for more changes coming soon to make our services more readily available to you. Let us hear your thoughts and ideas on ways to improve your library experience.

New! 'A Good Yarn' Stitching Club

Do you have an itch to knit, crochet, embroider, or enjoy any other needle craft? Would you like to work on your stitching projects with like-minded folks, asking questions and sharing experiences? Then join our new drop-in stitching club! All ages and skill levels are welcome! The group will meet the first Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Main Library in Rock Hill, with the first meeting scheduled for March 7.

York County Library

York County Main Library
138 East Black Street, Rock Hill
803-981-5858

Children’s Department: 803-981-5888
Young Adult Department: 803-981-5830
Reference Department: 803-981-5825

Clover Public Library
107 Knox Street
803-222-3474

Fort Mill Public Library
1818 Second Baxter Crossing
803-547-4114

Lake Wylie Public Library
185 Blucher Circle
803-831-7774

York Public Library
21 East Liberty Street
803-684-3751

Bookmobile
Serving over 50 locations.
803-981-5842 or 803-981-5870

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