

**WEATHER FOR FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
PARTY ON "THE FARM":  
RAINY OUTSIDE, SUNNY INSIDE**



It was a grey, rainy day outside, but joy and vitality within.

The occasion was the library's first anniversary and library card party for children and families. The theme was "The Farm", and there was music by Farmer Jason, arts and crafts (featuring necklaces that could hold new library cards), games and refreshments. All was underwritten by the Friends of the Chatham Community Library,

Forty-eight children's library cards were issued that day and almost 500 children's books were circulated.

What a perfect investment by the Friends in the future!



**TAKE A WALK  
ON THE WILD SIDE  
WITH AUTHORS J&P VOELKEL**

Children in 5th through 8th grades are invited to join in at the library on Wednesday, March 21 at 4 pm when authors J&P Voelkel will present a high-energy, interactive, multi-media event, based on the mysterious *The Jaguar Stones* series. Their visit covers the Maya (including a debunking of the myths about 2012), interviews with archaeologists, rainforest ecology, wilderness survival, and thoughts on writing — all served up with a dash of rock 'n' roll.

[www.jaguarstones.com](http://www.jaguarstones.com)

**Dream Big  
READ!**

June 19, 7 p.m.  
(kick-off event)  
**HOBEY FORD**  
[www.hobeyford.com](http://www.hobeyford.com)

June 29, 1 p.m.  
**THE ROCKSTAR MAGIC  
OF CHRIS & NEAL**  
[www.mychildsmagicians.com](http://www.mychildsmagicians.com)

July 4  
No event scheduled.

July 13, 1 p.m.  
**BRIGHT STAR THEATER**  
<http://brightstartheatre.com>

July 20, 1 p.m.  
**FLOW CIRCUS**  
(a big huge hit last year)  
[www.flowcircus.com](http://www.flowcircus.com)

July 24, 7 p.m.  
**SHARON CLARKE**  
[www.sclarkestorylady.com](http://www.sclarkestorylady.com)

August 3, 1 p.m.  
**RAGS TO RICHES THEATRE**  
[www.rags-to-riches.org](http://www.rags-to-riches.org)

August 6-10  
Time and performer  
to be announced

## Children's Summer Reading Program Features Fun Readings, Crafts and Live Entertainment

by Dale Chodorow

"Dream Big: Read" is the theme of the 2012 Children's Summer Reading Program (CSRP) at the Chatham Community Library, which will run from mid-June to mid-August. All programs are free of charge, and the theme will be printed on an assortment of "reminder" items available to the young participants and their parents or guardians.

The CSRP has three main components: The first is a reading contest in which kids will get logs to track their reading over the summer. The more they read, the more chances they get to win prizes. Last year, fun prizes were donated by many local businesses.

The second is a weekly hour-long program every Tuesday at 11 a.m., which typically is a short-story presentation or lesson with an associated craft involving the overall theme.

The third is once-a-week performances given by accomplished local talents, all of whom are dedicated to entertaining kids. All of their performances will reinforce the theme, although they might not directly reflect it. As of this writing, they include the schedule list at left.

Major support for the Children's Summer Reading Program comes from the Friends of the Chatham Community Library (FOTCCL), which donated more than \$4,200 last year, primarily for performance fees with the remainder for supplies, such as paper, glue, scissors and other "crafty things".

For more information on participation in the CSRP, visit the Library's website at [www.chathamnc.org/library](http://www.chathamnc.org/library), or call (919) 545-8085.



Hobey Ford



Sharon Clarke



Flow Circus



Rags to Riches



Bright Star Theater