



MINICON 2019

HERE THERE BE DRAGONS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13
3:00-8:00
AT THE RIPLEY
LIBRARY**



**WHETHER YOU'RE INTO DR. WHO OR
SUPERMAN, STAR WARS OR STAR TREK, ANIME
OR ALIENS, YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUR 5TH
ANNUAL MINICON.**

**JOIN US FOR FUN WITH EVERYTHING GEEKY:
COMICS, GAMING, CONTESTS, SPECIAL GUESTS,
CRAFTS, CLASSES, DOOR PRIZES, VENDORS,
CONTESTS, AND MORE!**

***BROCHURES, FLYERS, AND FURTHER
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT BOTH LIBRARY
BRANCHES.***



2019 MiniCon Events

Role Playing Games 3-5 and 6-8

Lego Build 3:00-7:30

Learn How to Draw Dragons with
Neil LoPrinzi 3:30, 5:30, and 6:30

Crafts 3:30-7:00

Dragon Games 3:30-7:30

Visit the Oracle 4:00- 7:30

Final Form Fusion Belly Dancers
4:30

Dragon Maze 5:00-6:00

Costume Contest 6:00

Dragon Races 6:30-7:30



Photo and Art Contest winners will
be announced at 7:30

*Additional events and times to be
announced.*

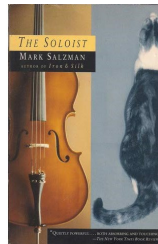
BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

Between the Lines

The Soloist

By Mark Salzman

Tuesday, April 9, at 6 pm at Ripley

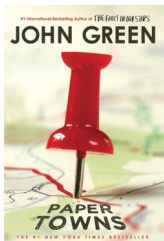


The Young(ish) Adult Book Club

Paper Towns

By John Green

Wednesday, April 24, at 6 pm at Ripley

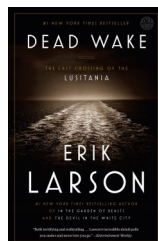


My Time

Dead Wake

By Erik Larson

Thursday, April 25, at 10 am at Ripley



What We're Reading

Take a recommendation from your librarians!

White Stag by Kara Barbieri

The Priory of the Orange Tree by
Samantha Shannon

Fire & Blood by George R.R. Martin

Shadow Captain by Alastair Reynolds

Catwoman: Soulstealer* by Sarah J. Maas

The Capture of Black Bart, Gentleman
Bandit of the Old West by Norman H.
Finkelstein

The Mason Jar Scientist: 30 Jarring
STEAM-Based Projects by
Brenda D. Priddy

*Available on eBook
through WVReads



DIRECTOR'S BOOK NOOK

With Director John Faria

Many patrons often ask, "How do you come up with ideas for your wonderful programs?" I tell them it's because we have a talented & creative staff that often brainstorms program ideas together at our staff meetings. We also come up with ideas for new programs, services, & technological innovations by attending conferences where we can receive continuing education credits & training. These conferences provide all of West Virginia's librarians an opportunity to brainstorm together & share ideas so we can provide greater library services to West Virginia patrons statewide.

This month our staff will all attend the West Virginia Library Association Spring Fling Conference in Morgantown, WV. During the conference, we'll be able to share some program ideas with our colleagues by leading two of the workshops. I'll be doing a presentation titled "Reading to Adults: Storytime Is Not Just for Children Anymore." This presentation will be about how the library has started doing poetry & short story readings for adults from classic & contemporary literature during cultural holiday programs such as Halloween & Christmas. In Carla Long's presentation on "The Pros & Cons of Cons," she'll explain to our colleagues how they can host a Comic-Con style program at their libraries based on her experience of putting together the MiniCon program here at the Jackson County Public Library in Ripley over the past five years.

Also, April is National Poetry Month. Starting at 12 noon on Saturday, April 6th, at the Ripley Library, Poet Judd Kirk will be doing poetry readings, after which local storyteller Susanna "Granny Sue" Holstein will conduct a poetry workshop. And all throughout the month of April, the Ravenswood Library will be sponsoring a "Poet Tree" that patrons can contribute to.

And speaking of MiniCon, since it's now April, it's time for MiniCon 2019. The theme of this year's MiniCon is "Here There Be Dragons." MiniCon will be on Saturday, April 13th, from 3:00 to 8:00 pm at the Ripley Library. Please look through the rest of the newsletter for further details about this & all of our other programs.

That's all for now 'til next month, & remember, keep reading!

John H. Faria

Library Director

Library Trustee

JCPL Board Meetings are once a month, and open to the public. We'd love for you to stop in and meet our library board and administrators!

Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 5:30 pm. The location alternates between our two branches.

Next Meeting: April 18 at 5:30 pm at the Ripley Library.

Taxes, by AARP



It's that time of year again! AARP will be at both library branches helping from February 1 to April 15. They provide **free** state and federal tax filing services for all ages.

Please contact either library branch with any questions, or for more information.

They will be at the Ripley branch on Wednesdays, from 10 am—2 pm, and at Ravenswood on Mondays and Fridays, from 12pm—4 pm.

