

MEDIA ADVISORY

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St. Johns Reads 2018: The Library System commemorates the “War to end all wars” with “*Dead Wake*”

ST. JOHNS COUNTY— December, 2017 — The St. Johns County Public Library System is pleased to announce the next book for our annual community-wide reading program, St. Johns Reads. Erik Larson’s book, *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* will be the focus of library programming throughout February 2018.

The concurrent story of the last voyage of the *Lusitania* and the German U-Boat that sunk the British liner is the latest of “dual-stories” told by Larson. The St. Johns Reads Committee felt this tale was especially relevant as 2018 marks the centennial of the end of World War I, the “war to end all wars.” The sinking of the *Lusitania* is often cited as one of the reasons the United States finally entered what was primarily a European conflict.

This is the 13th year that the Library System has hosted St. Johns Reads. As in years past, a variety of programs will be staged at all library locations throughout the month of February.

The period of 1914-1918 saw great societal change in fashion, art, technology, and music. To highlight the changes over the last 100 years, the Library System is hosting food and art programs, movies, lectures, children’s programs and much more.

You can visit the Library’s website for a full listing of events, or pick up a program at your local library.

To read *Dead Wake*, or to learn more about St. Johns Reads 2018, contact your local library or visit our website at www.sjcpls.org.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

To learn more about these specific events, contact your local library or visit our event calendar at sjcpls.org

Anastasia Island Branch:

1/30, 2:00 pm: Digging Up the Past with Brendan Burke
2/2, 1:30 & 3:30 pm: Kids Art Lab: Cubism
2/6, 3:30 pm: Movie Club—The Light Between Oceans
2/8, 1:00 pm: Dead Wake Book Discussion
2/10, 1:00 pm: Painting Acrylic Seascapes
2/17, 1:00 pm: Springtime at Downton
2/27, 2:00 pm: Andrew Nagorski— Hitlerland

Bartram Trail Branch:

2/2, 11:00 am: Books & Bites: A Passenger's Palate
2/7, All Day: Teddy Bear Sleepover
2/10, 2:00 pm: The Digital Disaster Plan
2/12, 10:30 am: Crafty Women— Anchors Aweigh
2/13, 7:00 pm: Dead Wake Book Discussion
2/17, 10:30 am: Painting Acrylic Seascapes
2/20 5:00 pm: War Horse
2/21, 4:00 pm: Kids Art—Gustav Klimt
2/27, 6:00 pm: Cruise Preparation with Heather Plawecki
2/28, 3:00 pm: Set Sail: The United States Navy Band

Hastings Branch:

2/15, 11:00 am: Dead Wake Book Discussion
2/16 6:00 pm: Storytelling Sims "WWI In Florida"

Main Library:

1/20, 2:00 pm: Painting Acrylic Seascapes
1/31, 1:00 pm: Storytellers—Spirits, Mediums and the Early 20th Century
2/6, 2:00 pm: Books & Bites: A Passenger's Palate
2/14 11:30 am: Brown Bag Lunch—Dressing Downton Abbey in the Era of the Lusitania
2/17, 10:30 am: Dead Wake Book Discussion
2/27 12:45 pm: On Deck: The St. Augustine String Quartet

Ponte Vedra Beach Branch:

2/6, 4:30 pm: Crafternoons for Kids
2/8, 2:00 pm: Books & Bites: A Passenger's Palate
2/10 2:00pm: Teddy Bear Sleepover
2/12, 6:45 pm: Shall We Dance? Wartime Waltzing
2/21 6:30pm: Wartime Melodies: The Jacksonville Symphony's String Quartet
2/24, 1:00 pm: Springtime at Downton
2/27, 3:00 pm: Dead Wake Book Discussion

Southeast Branch:

2/1, 6:30 pm: European Politics and Their Influence on Early 20th Century Art

2/3, 10:30 am: Stained Glass Class

2/5, 2:00 pm: From a Great White Fleet to a Great World War

2/7, 1:00 pm: Stained Glass Class

2/8, 6:30 pm: Militarization of British Youth to (or During) the War

2/10 10:30 am: Letters for Heroes

2/12, 1:00 pm: Watercolor Class: Painting Poppies

2/12, 6:30 pm: Raising Backyard Chickens

2/16, 4:00 pm: Submarine STEM Class

2/20, All Day: Teddy Bear Sleepover

2/22, 6:45pm: Dead Wake Book Discussion

2/24, 10:30 am: All Quiet on the Western Front

2/24, 2:00 pm: War Horse

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*The St. Johns County Public Library system serves the community by providing access to technology, facilities, collections, programs and services that help people meet our mission: **Connect, Learn, Enjoy @ Your Library**. For more information on the St. Johns County Public Library System, visit sjcpls.org.*