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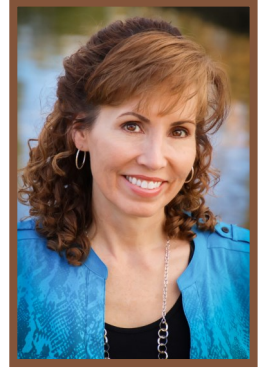
*St. Johns  
Reads 2019*



Before We Were Yours

By: Lisa Wingate

# Grand Finale



The Library System is excited to announce that Lisa Wingate will be making a personal appearance at the World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Resort on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 2 pm. Her appearance is funded in partnership with the seven Friends of the Library Groups and a grant from the Florida Humanities Council through the National Endowment for the Humanities. The author of 30 books, Ms. Wingate will be reading from *Before We Were Yours*, discussing her work and her process for researching and writing. Books will be available for purchase and signing by Ms. Wingate, courtesy of the Bookmark Independent Book Store in Neptune Beach. The address of the World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Resort is 500 South Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL 32092. Questions? Call (904) 827-6928 or visit our website at [sjcpls.org](http://sjcpls.org).

We encourage you to fill out a program evaluation at each St. Johns Reads program you attend. These evaluations will be used in a special drawing at the Grand Finale Event for a signed copy of *Before We Were Yours*. You must be present to win.

## Find the Music

### The History of Jazz with Dr. Albert Dorsey

American jazz music came into its own during the Great Depression, when the story in *Before We Were Yours* begins. Join us as Dr. Albert Dorsey of UNF treats us to a brief survey of the history of jazz, highlighting a few of the most important innovators and their influences. (Main)

### The United States Navy Band

Join us for a musical afternoon with the United States Navy Band from NAS Jacksonville. (Bartram Trail)

## Home to Kingdom Arcadia

All are invited to join in the discussion of this year's St. Johns Reads Selection, *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. *Before We Were Yours* is a story told from dual viewpoints: a 12 year old girl in 1939 Tennessee struggles to keep her siblings together after having been taken away from their parents; a successful prosecutor with a bright future returns to South Carolina to care for her ailing father and starts to uncover the mysterious past of her grandmother. A brutal tale told with deep emotional connections and tenderness, the book is energized by the journey to where these two stories intersect. (All Branches)

## Sisters' Day Adventures

### Dragonfly Rocks

If you enjoy rock painting and this year's St. Johns Reads choice, this program is perfect for you. Participants will add their own flare to this touching symbol from the book. All supplies provided. (Anastasia Island)

### Friendship Bracelets

Learn to make your own colorful bracelets! Join us for a fun and easy craft inspired by the bonds of friendship and family in *Before We Were Yours*. (Southeast)

### Painting Beach Scenes

Avery spends time at the beach on Edisto Island trying to track down mysteries in her grandmother's past. Create a beautiful beach scene in this free beginner-level painting class for adults, taught by local artist Kasha Fahy.

(Bartram Trail & Main)

### A Dazzle of Dragonflies

Dragonflies, a prominent and recurring symbol in *Before We Were Yours*, are said to symbolize our ability to overcome hardship and to help remind us to take time to reconnect with our own strength, courage, and happiness. Join us to create a framed daily reminder for your home crafted from buttons. (Bartram Trail, Main & Southeast)

All programs listed above have limited space. Registration is required. Please contact the specified branch for details.

# Stay Current

## Council on Aging Forum on Elder Care Options

Join us for an informative forum hosted by the St. Johns County Council on Aging with representatives from their member providers and the Council on Aging. Find out what resources are available for seniors in our county such as prescription programs and nursing home assistance. Program held at the Hastings COA Center located in the Lords Temple Church 40 Gilmore Street, Hastings, FL 32145

## St. Johns Riverkeeper

The Bartram Trail Branch Library welcomes Riverkeeper Ben Williams for an hour of science, history and preservation of our greatest resource, The St Johns River. (Bartram Trail)

## The Storytelling Sims

The Storytelling Simms from the St. Augustine Tale Tellers will regale us with tales of the Depression Era in Florida and the early days of adoption in our state including the Orphan Trains and orphanages in North Florida during this time period. (Hastings)

# Taste of the Old South

## Books & Bites: A Scandal in Memphis

Join us as we unravel the scandal surrounding Georgia Tann and the Tennessee Children's Home. Books & Bites, a delightful cooking demonstration presented by St. Johns County Librarians, combines our love of literature and food. Sample Southern cuisine while learning about the many children affected by power and greed in Memphis. Registration required. (Anastasia Island, Bartram Trail, & Southeast)

## Healthy Southern Cuisine with Chef Warren Caterson

Join us as award-winning cookbook author and chef Warren Caterson presents Healthy Southern Cuisine— Classic Dishes You Can Enjoy Every Day! Learn kitchen tips and cooking hints that will transform traditional southern entrees and sides into healthier meals that retain the flavors of the past. (Main & Southeast)

# The Ties That Bind

## Foster Care and Adoption

Join Michael Forster from the St. Johns County Family Integrity Program for a discussion on fostering and adoption in our county. Mr. Forster will discuss options available for grandparents and prospective adoptive and/or foster parents in the community. (Hastings & Southeast)

## Genealogy 101— An Introduction to Family Research

New to family history and ancestry research? Curious about your family tree? Genealogist Denise Olson from the Saint Augustine Genealogical Society will lead a genealogy research class for beginners. All are welcome. (Southeast)

## What Can You Learn from Your DNA? with Special Guest Connie Bradshaw

Just like in the story of the illegally adopted siblings in *Before We Were Yours*, our roots can be a mystery. Join genetic genealogy specialist Connie Bradshaw as she helps you make sense of the mystery of your roots. (Bartram Trail & Main)

# For the Little Ones

## Special Storytime with the St. Johns Riverkeeper

Come join us for a St. Johns Reads event featuring a St. Johns Riverkeeper. We will learn about the rich history, diverse ecology, and fascinating culture of our mighty St. Johns River through stories and hands-on exploration of artifacts. (Bartram Trail)

## Stuffed Animal Project

Learn about the benefits of pet rescue and adoption and take home your very own stuffed friend for which to care. In partnership with Swamp Haven Rescue. Registration required. (Southeast)

## St. Johns Reads Inspired Storytime

Children are invited to a storytime inspired by this year's St. Johns Reads selection. (Bartram Trail & Ponte Vedra)

# Schedule of Events

## Anastasia Island Branch:

- 2/7, 1:00 pm: Dragonfly Rocks
- 2/9, 2:00 pm: Books & Bites: A Scandal in Memphis
- 2/14, 6:45 pm: Book Discussion

## Bartram Trail Branch:

- 1/8, 7:00 pm: Book Discussion
- 1/22, 6:30 pm: St. Johns Riverkeeper
- 1/31, 11:15 am: Special Storytime with St. Johns Riverkeeper
- 2/1, 10:00 am: Book Discussion
- 2/2, 11:00 am: Painting Beach Scenes
- 2/7, 11:15 am: St. Johns Reads Storytime
- 2/9, 2:00 pm: What Can You Learn from Your DNA?
- 2/13, 3:00 pm, The United States Navy Band
- 2/15, 11:00 am: Books & Bites: A Scandal in Memphis
- 2/22, 10:30 am: A Dazzle of Dragonflies

## Hastings Branch:

- 2/8 6:00 pm: The Storytelling Sims
- 2/13, 11:00 am: Book Discussion
- 2/20, 10:00 am: Council on Aging Forum on Elder Care Options
- 2/21, 6:00 pm: Foster Care and Adoption

## Main Library:

- 1/12, 10:00 am: Book Discussion
- 1/26, 10:30 am: Painting Beach Scenes
- 2/5, 2:00 pm: A Dazzle of Dragonflies
- 2/6, 4:30 pm: The History of Jazz
- 2/13, 11:30 am: What Can You Learn from Your DNA?
- 2/20, 2:00 pm: Healthy Southern Cuisine

## Ponte Vedra Beach Branch (Held Offsite):

- 1/10, 10:45 am: St. Johns Reads Storytime
- 2/20, 11:15 am: Book Discussion

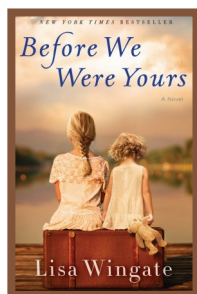
## Southeast Branch:

- 2/2, 2:00 pm: Friendship Bracelet
- 2/7, 5:30 pm: Foster Care and Adoption
- 2/9, 12:00 pm: Stuffed Animal Project
- 2/12, 6:00 pm: Books & Bites: A Scandal in Memphis
- 2/16, 10:30 am: Genealogy 101: An Introduction to Family Research
- 2/19, 12:00 pm: Healthy Southern Cuisine
- 2/21, 2:00 pm: A Dazzle of Dragonflies
- 2/28, 6:45 pm: Book Discussion

## World Golf Village:

2/23, 2:00 pm Grand Finale with Author Lisa Wingate

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