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Mauney Library ends Summer Reading with Zelnik the Magician

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"Zelnik the Magician" received a "You Got Mail" message, instructing him to find "the reading bug," which possesses the secret of being a "super-reader," at the start of Mauney Library's End-of-Summer Reading Program Friday morning at Central UMC. He had to find the bug before the "evil Captain Video Box," who would do away with reading.

"Reading, that's where you come in. You can find it and share the secret with everyone," Zelnik's computer said to him. "If you would like to get some of your friends to help that would be perfectly acceptable."

"Friends" were audience children who had participated all summer long. Through music, magic, library clues, and games they and Zelnik discovered that he had already caught the reading bug because he enjoyed what he was reading.

Christy Conner, Children's Librarian said Greg Zeleznik (Zelnik) out of Charlotte was one on a list of performers, "the state library gives us who have been seen before."

"Catch the Reading Bug" had consecutive Wednesday shows at Central (from other entertainers on the list) which united big and little kids. The program also had a bug museum, multiple computer programs, and a Mrs. Frizzle actress from "The Magic School Bus" book series.

"The theme was a great theme. We've had close to 600 register. It (the reading bug) has definitely been caught," Conner stated.

Another important ingredient to the Summer Reading program which Conner claims made this year possible were the teen volunteers. They ran the mobile "Summer Reading Store" where they came-up with the inventory list, prizes, etc.

"It takes manpower. They (the teens) have shown a strong work ethic," Conner said. "And during the month of August I will be taking all the teens out for the day as a thank you."

August also means a month in which Conner said that she's taking a break before beginning to plan programs for the school year.

REBECCA PISCOPO/HERALD Right, Mauney Library's "Catch the Reading Bug" program concluded Friday at Central UMC with participants being entertained by Zelnik the Magician.



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Zelnik the Magician leads "Catch the Reading Bug" participants to find the reading bug.





WINGS Cancer Support Group

Aug. 4 — 6 p.m.
A support group for patients with all types of cancer

CRMC Blumenthal Cancer Center For more information, please call 980-487-3025.

Daddy Boot Camp

Aug. 4 – 6 - 9 p.m.
Dad lead training for expectant fathers.
Women's Life Center Classroom
Fee: \$10
To register, please call 980-487-3983.

Prostate Cancer Survivor Support Group

Aug. 5 – 7 p.m.

"Loss in the Four Dimensions"

CRMC Center for Lifelong Learning,
Grover Building
For more information, please call
980-487-3182.

Breastfeeding Support Group & Mom to Mom Support Group

Aug. 6 — 10 a.m. - Noon

Open to all breastfeeding mothers and nursing babies and expectant moms who are interested in breastfeeding.

Women's Life Center Classroom

For more information, please call

980-487-3887 and 980-487-3983 to register.

Expectant Grandparents

Aug. 7 — 6 - 8 p.m.
Women's Life Center Classroom
To register, please call 980-487-3983.

Infant and Child CPR Class

Aug. 11 - 6 - 8 p.m. For parents and other infant/child caregivers. Women's Life Center Classroom Fee: \$10/person or \$15/couple To register, please call 980-487-3983.

Bridges

A special educational program to aid recovery during the post-operative period after a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Sessions offered Aug. 11 or 25 — 2 - 3 p.m. CRMC Blumenthal Cancer Center Register two weeks after mastectomy or lumpectomy by calling 980-487-3757.

Diabetes Support Group

Aug. 12 — 5:30 p.m.

"Getting the Most Out of Your Healthcare Provider Visit"

Hyacinth Thomas, NP, RN, CDE, CPT CRMC Auditorium

For more information, please call 980-487-3953.

OB Tour

Aug. 17 – 2 - 4 p.m.
A special tour for expectant parents.
Women's Life Center Classroom
To register, please call 980-487-3983.

Kangaroo Kapers

Aug. 18 — 6 p.m.

Provides children expecting a brother or sister a positive introduction to the hospital and to what life will be like with a new baby. Women's Life Center Classroom

Pre-registration is required. Please call 980-487-3983.

Early Bird Pregnancy Class

Aug. 19 — 6 - 8 p.m.
For couples who are in the early stages of pregnancy.
Women's Life Center Classroom
Fee: \$10 per couple
To register, please call 980-487-3983.

Lobby Blood Pressure Screen

Aug. 26 — 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. CRMC Lobby

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Aug. 26 — 6:30 p.m.

Video: "The Parkinson's Pyramid"

Life Enrichment Center

For more information, please call 980-487-3182.

Some programs may require pre-registration or appointments. Some require a fee.



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