



Meet

## Mark Powell

Author of

### Small Treasons

Powell is one of the finest of young Appalachian writers. His work includes "Prodigals," "Blood Kin," "The Dark Corner," "The Sheltering" and "Small Treasons." He has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, Breadloaf Writers' Conference, Sewanee Writers' Conference and was a Fulbright Fellow to Slovakia. He is the Writer-in-Residence at Appalachian State University.

## Sunday With Friends

Feb. 24 @ 3 p.m.

Community Center of Abingdon  
300 Senior Drive  
Abingdon, Virginia



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\$20 material fee. Snow date is Feb. 16. Register at [www.kingsportartguild.com](http://www.kingsportartguild.com).

• **FEB. 13 & 20: The Wednesday Art Gatherings** are held at The Arts Depot, Abingdon, Va., at 5:30 p.m. Call or visit the website for details on the project. \$20 276-628-9091, [www.abingdonartsdepot.org](http://www.abingdonartsdepot.org)

• **FEB. 15: Donna Bird** leads a "Portraits from Photographs" workshop at the Renaissance Arts Center, Kingsport, Tenn., from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Visit [www.kingsportartguild.com](http://www.kingsportartguild.com) for details and costs.

• **FEB. 21: Rock Painting** is held at the Glade Spring branch library, Glade Spring, Va., at 6 p.m. For adults 15 and older. Materials supplied. Free. 276-649-5626, [www.wcpl.net](http://www.wcpl.net)

## Youth & Family

• **ONGOING:** Impressions Fine Art, Kingsport, Tenn., offers **kid's art classes**. Drawing and painting for children ages 5-16 is led by **Anne Thwaites**. Home school classes for ages 5-8 are Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Home school classes for ages 9-16 are from 3-4 p.m. One-hour after school art classes for ages 8-16 are Fridays from 3:30-7 p.m. Classes are \$20

per hour. Saturday Sculpture with Patti Lawrence, for kids ages 8-14, is held every Saturday from 1-3 p.m. \$25 per class. Preregistration required. Register at the gallery or email [pattilawrence@charter.net](mailto:pattilawrence@charter.net).

• **FEB. 2, 9, 16 & 23: Chad Johnson** leads a **Children's Drawing Class** at The Henderson, Marion, Va., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open to 9-12 year olds. \$10 per class. Students learn different mediums in the craft of drawing. 276-706-4010, [www.thehenderson.org](http://www.thehenderson.org)

• **FEB. 2:** The Bristol Public Library, Bristol, Va., hosts its **Anime Theater** at 2 p.m. Watch anime movie and TV series, discuss anime and manga and have Japanese snacks. Free.

• **FEB. 4-28:** Hands On! Discovery Center, Gray, Tenn., holds **Art Studio Programs** during the month. Projects include wax-resist watercolor valentines, pattern plate rubbings and chenille stem coiled roses. Activities are self-guided with instructions provided. 423-434-4263, [www.visithandson.org](http://www.visithandson.org)

• **FEB. 4-28: Story time** continues at the Washington County Public Library, Abingdon, Va. Stories, songs, rhymes and fun for children is held Mondays at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Story

time is Feb. 6 and Feb. 20 at the Glade Spring branch library, Glade Spring, Va., at 11 a.m. Story time is held at Mendota Feb. 6, 13, and 20 at 10:30 a.m. Free. 276-676-6382, [www.wcpl.net](http://www.wcpl.net)

• **FEB. 5:** Create **Sand Art Bottles** at 5 p.m., at the Mendota branch library, Mendota, Va. Layer colored sand in bottles to make designs. Materials supplied. 276-645-2374, [www.wcpl.net](http://www.wcpl.net)

• **FEB. 6, 13, 20 & 27: The After-School Film Club** meets at the Glade Spring branch library, Glade Spring, Va., from 4-6 p.m. Use the green screen and editing equipment. 276-429-5626, [www.wcpl.net](http://www.wcpl.net)

• **FEB. 9: Needle Felting** is taught at the Mendota branch library, Mendota, Va. Tools and wool roving are available for use. Not suitable for small children because the needles are very sharp. 276-645-2374, [www.wcpl.net](http://www.wcpl.net)

• **FEB. 14 & 28: Story Time with the Curator** is held at William King Museum of Art at 2 p.m. A curator tells a story about art, artists or one of the exhibits. Free and open to the public. 276-628-5005, ext. 119 or [www.williamkingmuseum.org](http://www.williamkingmuseum.org)

## Russell County library celebrates The Big Read

The Russell County Public Library launches its NEA Big Read program 'Exploring Appalachia' with "Burning Bright" by Ron Rash with an Appalachian Open Mic Night on Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Russell County Conference Center. The kick-off event features music by local musicians in genres such as bluegrass, gospel, old-time and more. Free copies of "Burning Bright" will be available.

"Burning Bright" reflects contemporary life in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. The library hopes that choosing a title with stories set in our mountains will resonate with the community and provide enough distance to talk more objectively about who we are, about our culture and the commonality of the human spirit.

Russell County is one of 79 communities nationwide participating in the NEA Big Read from September 2018 through June 2019. From Feb. 9 through March 12, the county celebrates with a full calendar of free events and featured events.

A free orchestra concert is held at Lebanon High School Little Theatre March 2 at 7 p.m., presented by the Heart of Appalachia Community Orchestra with music inspired by Appalachian folk tunes.

A talk and reading by author Ron Rash, a native of the Southern Appalachians, is held at the Russell County Conference Center on March 7 at 7 p.m.

In addition, book discussions are held weekly at local restaurants and the libraries in Honaker and Lebanon.



Ron Rash

"Images of Appalachia," a film series, is held weekends at both libraries.

A national initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

The NEA Big Read in Russell County is presented in partnership with Heart of Appalachia Community Orchestra, The Lebanon News and Russell County Public Schools.

For more information on this event, contact Kelly McBride Delph, library director. You also can view a full calendar of events for the NEA Big Read in Russell County at [russell.lib.va.us](http://russell.lib.va.us)