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### Story Writing Contest, Storybook Ball and Star Wars Fest at Wake Libraries in April

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Story Writing Contest**

Children ages 7-11 are invited to participate in [West Regional Library's](#) 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Story Writing Contest. Participants are invited to submit one entry. Original stories must be handwritten on 8.5 x 11 inch paper and should not exceed three pages. Both sides of the page may be used, and illustrations are excluded from the total page count. Entries will be accepted April 1-24, and prizes will be awarded at a reception on May 21. Children who want to participate in the contest can learn tips and techniques for telling their best story at two upcoming workshops.

Date	Topic	Location	Contact
April 3, 6:30 p.m.	Learn three different techniques to draw your readers into your story.	<a href="#">West Regional Library</a>	919-463-8500
April 10, 6:30 p.m.	Learn to move narration from simply "telling" what happened, to "showing" how events unfold.	<a href="#">West Regional Library</a>	919-463-8500

**Storybook Balls**

Kids ages 3 years old and up and their families are invited to the Storybook Balls. Join us when the library is usually closed for a magical evening of dancing, crafting, stories and more. Come as your favorite storybook character or dressed in your royal best.

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April 8, 6:30-8 p.m.	<a href="#">North Regional Library</a>	919-870-4000
April 8, 6:30-8 p.m.	<a href="#">West Regional Library</a>	919-463-8500
April 22, 6:30-8 p.m.	<a href="#">Cameron Village Regional Library</a>	919-856-6710

### **An Evening with Lee Smith**

Meet celebrated North Carolina author [Lee Smith](#), best-selling author of “Fair and Tender Ladies,” “Guests on Earth,” and most recently, her memoir, “Dimestore.” Smith will discuss her characters, writing style and life, followed by a book-signing. Registration is requested.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
April 18, 7 p.m.	<a href="#">Cameron Village Regional Library</a>	919-856-6710

### **Star Wars Fest**

A short time from now, in a library not too far away...

May the Force be with you as Wake County Public Libraries celebrates Star Wars and reading! This spring there will be a variety of Star Wars-themed school age and family events to enjoy at your local library.

Visit one of our regional libraries the last weekend in April or the first weekend in May for a Star Wars Fest. Libraries will feature a viewing of Star Wars: The New Yoda Chronicles, as well as crafts and games that Jedis and Stormtroopers of all ages can enjoy. Adults are invited to a Sci-Fi Drop-In Program.

During the first week in May, visit one of our community libraries to participate in a Super Special Star Wars Celebration. There will be crafts, games, trivia and books featuring your favorite Star Wars characters.

For more information about Star Wars Fest, contact Carol Laing at [carol.laing@wakegov.com](mailto:carol.laing@wakegov.com). To learn more about all of the programs and events happening at Wake County Public Libraries visit [www.wakegov.com/libraries/events](http://www.wakegov.com/libraries/events).

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