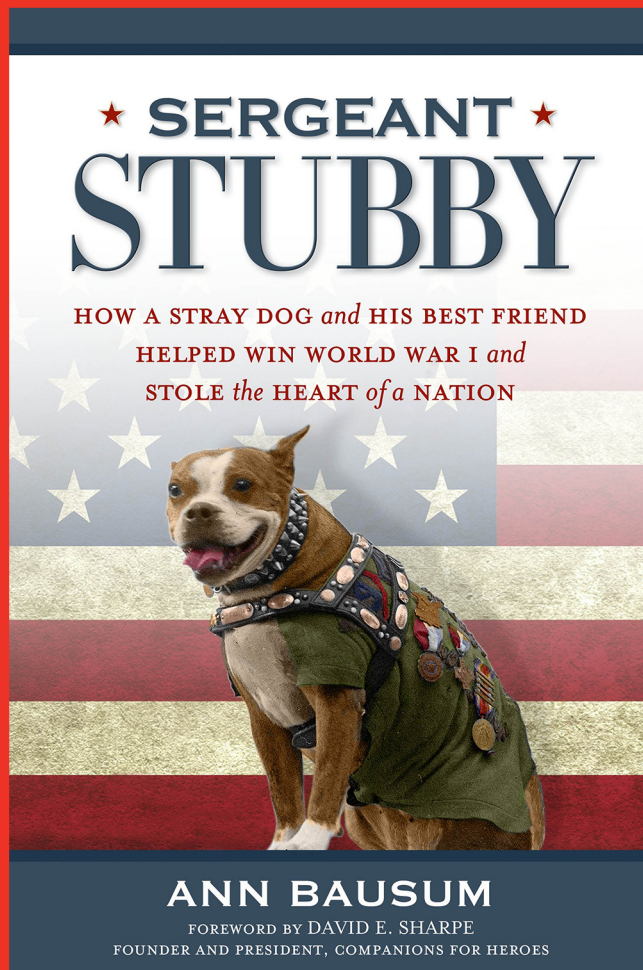


all alexandria reads

2018

The Alexandria Library
invites you to read



SERGEANT STUBBY

How A Stray Dog and His Best Friend Helped Win World War I and
Stole the Heart of a Nation

by Ann Bausum

AUTHOR TALK WITH ANN BAUSUM

Thursday, April 5 at 7 PM | Lee Center (1108 Jefferson Street)

About All Alexandria Reads

Facilitated by the Alexandria Library, this program is designed to create shared experiences through reading. Everyone is invited to read the featured title and selected books for younger readers. Join the events and discussions that relate to the themes of *Sergeant Stubby*.

About *Sergeant Stubby: How a Stray Dog and His Best Friend Helped Win World War I and Stole the Heart of a Nation*

"Is the appeal of this book greater for dog lovers or military-history buffs? It's a toss-up, because the book's charm simply radiates off the page in all directions."
--Booklist

"Bausum's narrative is solidly researched...and effectively illustrates a meaningful relationship in which a special dog helped a soldier 'see beyond the horror and uncertainty of combat to the beauty of just being alive'."
--Publishers Weekly

Similar "Read-Alike" Books For Younger Readers

Picture Books

Shaggy Dogs, Waggy Dogs
by Patricia Hubbell

Rags: Hero Dog of WWI: A True Story
by Margot Theis Raven

Chapter Book

Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I's Bravest Dog
by Ann Bausum

Young Adult (YA)

Leviathan
by Scott Westerfield

Library Events

BEATLEY CENTRAL 5005 Duke Street

Pet Crafts with the Mobile Art Lab TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2 PM

Join the Mobile Art Lab to make a fun pet-themed craft (ages 8+).

How much is "A Helpin?" THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 7 PM

Join oral historian, Anne Bolen, as she shares how to preserve family recipes.

Operation Gratitude® MONDAY, APRIL 2, ALL DAY

Stop by today and any Monday in April to write a thank you letter to a veteran, new recruit, first responder or member of the military (all ages).

A Day in the Life of a K-9 Team WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 4 PM

Join a K-9 team from the Alexandria Police Department to learn about their job (all ages).

Profiles of Honor Mobile Museum SATURDAY, APRIL 7, ALL DAY

Profiles of Honor brings to life the state's integral role in WWI and WWII, highlighting stories of Virginians who served in both conflicts.

Paws Dogs Meet and Greet SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1 PM

Meet adorable trained therapy dogs and learn about some of the jobs they do (all ages).

National Pet Day Craft Night TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 7 PM

Join us for National Pet Day to make pet beds, tags, and treats for our furry friends (ages 12+).

Make & Take: Pretend Pooches WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 7 PM

Can't convince your parents to let you get a dog? Make a balloon puppy or paper bag dog puppet for hours of pet-filled fun – no pooper-scooper required (all ages).

Knit-a-thon FRIDAY, APRIL 13, ALL DAY

Soldiers during WWI loved receiving knitted items in care packages. Join us and consider donating what you knit to Operation Gratitude® (all ages).

Howard University in the Service of Democracy

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 7 PM

Founded by Civil War Generals, Howard University's relationship with the armed forces has been nurtured since the beginning of the university. This presentation, given by Dr. Lopez Matthews, will tell the story of Howard and the evolution of African Americans and the Armed Forces.

Undaunted Courage: African Americans in WWI

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 7 PM

Join Carroll "C.R." Gibbs as he shares the stories of African Americans from DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

DIY Beauty Products

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2 PM

In the early 20th century, Americans didn't always have money for luxury items. Come learn how to make your own. We'll be making soap, a sugar scrub, and bath salts.

Story Time with Author Laura Gehl

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 11 AM

Join author Laura Gehl (*Peep and Egg*, *One Big Pair of Underwear*) as she reads her newest picture book, *My Pillow Keeps Moving*, about a fluffy dog, which gets mistaken for a pillow (all ages).

Pop-up Pup Party

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2 PM

Bring your favorite dog(s) to the Holmes Run Dog Park. We will provide the toys and treats. Staff will also be on hand to answer questions about the Library.

Author Talk with Maj Gen (Ret) Robert H. Latiff

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 7 PM

Join author Robert Latiff as he discusses his new book, *Future War: Preparing for the New Global Battlefield*.

Game Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, ALL DAY

Soldiers, in the trenches, often played games to keep themselves occupied. Join the Alexandria-Arlington Regional Gaming Group to play some new games and some old favorites (ages 8+).

Project Natale Jazz Quartet

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2 PM

Jazz was very popular during WWI. Join us for a contemporary jazz concert (all ages).

Meet and Greet with a K-9 Team

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 7 PM

Ever wonder what the K-9 Teams in Alexandria are up to? Join a team from the K-9 Unit of the Alexandria Police Department as they share information about their work and answer questions.

Learn About Jazz

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 11 AM

Join Unified Jazz to learn about the different jazz eras. Audience members will get a chance to participate as they enjoy some familiar songs (all ages).

BARRETT BRANCH

717 Queen Street

WWI Games

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 4 PM

Not all time in war is spent fighting. Drop by to play board and card games that were played by soldiers during WWI. We'll have snacks and games that were popular during the 1910s (ages 12-18).

Carefull Knitting - AAR Edition

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 4 PM

Join Barrett's new knitting and crocheting group. We get together the first Thursday of each month to work on a meaningful project. This month we will be contributing to a local animal charity.

Celebrate Dogs with Art

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2 PM

Join us to make some dog art to celebrate these important companions! Learn basic dog drawing skills and have fun adding personality with color. Supplies provided. Email awilliams@alexlibraryva.org to register (ages 8+).

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 3 PM

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was born from the International Women's Congress of 1915 that convened in response to the outbreak of World War I. Since then, the League has been an active presence throughout the world, working for peace through nonviolence. Katherine Flaherty, coordinator of the Washington, D.C. branch of WILPF, will share the history and mission of this long standing organization.

Alexandria during WWI

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 7 PM

The Office of Historic Alexandria's City Historian, Dr. Dan Lee, will discuss how Alexandrians participated in World War I. Dr. Lee will discuss the variety of experiences Alexandrians found in their brief encounter with the Great War both abroad and on the home front.

Kaydee Puppets

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 11 AM

Our favorite young children's puppeteers will go to the dogs in "No Bones About It," plus a second feature "Stone Soup" (ages 2+ with an adult).

Virginia Greyhound Adoption (VAGA)

Meet and Greet

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 11 AM

Sergeant Stubby was an amazing hero - and a rescue dog! Members of VAGA will bring their rescued dogs and talk about this wonderful breed.

Make Your Own Dog Book

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2:30 PM

Make a small foldable book to honor Sergeant Stubby, or a special pet of your own. Local artist and teacher Laura Hummel will guide you in creating your own drawings to tell a story about a special dog using a variety of papers and crayons, pencils and markers. Email awilliams@alexlibraryva.org to register (ages 12+).

Animal Heroes of WWI (Besides Sergeant Stubby!)

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2 PM

Dogs were not the only animals who served in the military during WWI! Join Navy historian, Michael Bayes, in a multimedia presentation about other service animals and their roles aboard U.S. Navy ships - including pigeons, cats, and goats!

Feed Your Canine (or Feline) a Hero's Diet

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 3 PM

A pet's diet is the most critical factor in their health and longevity. PetSage founder and pet care coach, Terri Grow, will share her more than 20 years of experience to help you figure out the best foods for your pet. Terri will also offer a look back on the history of the pet food industry.

Make & Take: Doggie Tug Ties

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 10 AM

Bring the family, and make a fleece braided tug for your dog! If you don't have a dog, come make a toy and we will donate it to a local dog charity (ages 5+ with an adult).

Shelter Friends

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 10 AM

Thinking about adopting a dog or some other kind of pet? Meet some of the small animals from the Vola Lawson Shelter, and get information about other pets waiting there for their forever homes.

U.S. Navy Band Woodwind Quintet

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2 PM

Enjoy music from the Navy Band and learn about the different instruments they're playing (all ages).

Fencing Demo with Olde Town

Fencing Club

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 3 PM

En garde! Olde Town Fencing Club will hold a fencing demo at Barrett's annual Spring Fling. Learn about this ancient military training practice turned Olympic sport and see examples of the three main forms of fencing today.

BURKE BRANCH

4701 Seminary Road

World War I - Alexandria and the World

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 4 PM

Discover online and local resources available for learning about World War I. Staff from Local History and Special Collections will bring a selection of World War I photos, stereoscopes, and correspondence for show and tell.

Taking Care of Alexandria's Animals

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 11 AM

Come meet a representative from the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria and learn about the services offered by the League to the City of Alexandria (all ages).

Project Natale Jazz Quartet

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Pets for Vets

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 7 PM

Pets for Vets was established in 2009 with a mission to both support U.S. Veterans and provide a second chance to homeless animals by rescuing, training, and pairing them with Veterans who could benefit from having a companion animal. Come learn how our impactful program works, and meet Chapter Director Laura Peters, Lead Animal Trainer Toni Woods, and companion dog Apollo!

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Mobile Art Lab

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 4 PM

Join the Mobile Art Lab to make a fun pet-themed craft (ages 6-15).

Operation Paws for Homes

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 4 PM

We will discuss how important Sgt. Stubby was during the war and also how stray and shelter dogs are such good and valuable family members. Come meet a friendly dog and make toys for rescue dogs for Operation Paws for Homes (ages 6-15).

Virginia during World War I

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 11 AM

When World War I began, Virginia was in excellent shape to support the war effort. Professor Alice Reagan of Northern Virginia Community College will share what happened to Virginians on the home front and how the war affected those who served in the armed forces or in the commonwealth.

Military Dogs

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2 PM

Ken Gardner talks about Blek, a dog he adopted after Blek's 7 year tour of duty as an explosive sniffing dog in Iraq. Ken will also talk about the training Blek received before deploying and his celebrity status.

Sowing the Seeds of Victory:

War Gardens in America

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 7 PM

Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia will give an overview of home food production during World War I and how contemporary gardeners can grow the same crops in their gardens today.

Peter McCory – The One Man Band

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 11 AM

Sing and dance along with Peter McCory, the amazing one man band. Peter will include songs that were popular around the time of World War I (ages 1-5 with an adult).

DUNCAN BRANCH

2501 Commonwealth Avenue

Muttigrees: Rescue Dogs Are Great Dogs!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 3:30 PM

Learn about the famous WWI dog Sergeant Stubby, discuss how rescue dogs can be important family members, and make a dog rope toy for local shelter dogs (ages 6+).

Dog Food: Your Questions Answered

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 7 PM

What's the difference between raw dog food and natural dog food? Are the big name brands really different? How do I make my own dog food? What is in the dog food I'm buying? What do these labels mean!? Chris Gabriel, owner of Nature's Nibbles in Del Ray, answers your questions about what you feed man's best friend.

Yappy Hour

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2 PM

Celebrate this year's All Alexandria Reads Book with Yappy Hour. Water will be provided for our dog companions, lemonade for the humans, and lawn games for the whole family (all ages).

After School Book Club: Sergeant Stubby

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 3:30 PM

We will be discussing *Stubby the War Dog* by Ann Bausum, making a craft, and enjoying a light snack (ages 6+).

Dog Training 101: Communicating with Man's Best Friend

MONDAY, MAY 21, 7 PM

Sandy Modell, of Alexandria's Wholistic Hound Academy, will lead an introduction to Dog Training class. She will teach the basics of dog training and how to communicate with Man's Best Friend. This program is for humans (not dogs)!

LOCAL HISTORY/ SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

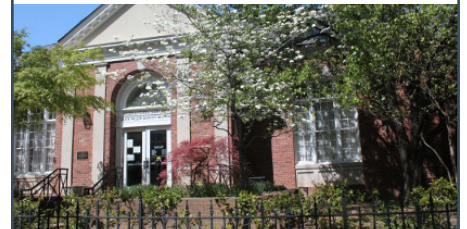
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World War I in the Archives

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1 PM

Visit the Local History and Special Collections and discover the materials in the collection from the World War I period. We will look at a range of materials from 1910 through the 1920s.

Book Discussion Groups



MONDAY, APRIL 9, 7 PM (BARRETT)



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2 PM (BURKE)



TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 7 PM (BEATLEY)
AT PORTNER BREWHOUSE (5770 DOW AVE)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 7 PM (DUNCAN)

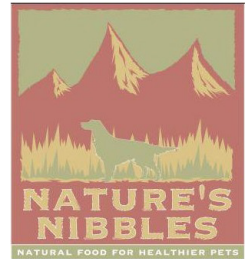
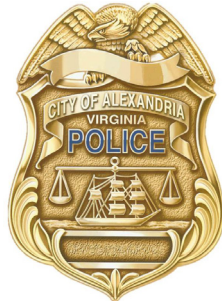
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Between April 1 - 30, drop off dog treats and new and gently used fleece blankets at your local branch.

All donations will benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

Questions to think about

while reading *Sergeant Stubby*

- ✧ What made dogs ideally suited to be companions to soldiers in the trenches?
- ✧ What were the risks in allowing members of the armed forces to keep dogs on the battlefield?
- ✧ Civilians on the home front were asked to make sacrifices such as observing “meatless Mondays” and “wheatless Wednesdays” to be sure there were enough resources to support the troops. Do you think Americans could be called on to make the same sacrifices today?
- ✧ What would Stubby and his story have represented for everyday Americans?
- ✧ The press seemed to adore Stubby in the postwar years, and reporters played a significant role in making his story legendary in scope. Why would this narrative be important to the media?
- ✧ Although World War I serves as a backdrop for most of the book, the text conveys a love story along with the war story. In what ways is this book about love?
- ✧ How could a pet like Stubby help veterans suffering from PTSD?
- ✧ What is it about the history of Robert Conroy and Stubby that continues to resonate today?
- ✧ Why are we inspired by stories about the bonds between humans and animals?
- ✧ What qualities do dogs offer, uniquely from other animals, to their human companions?

Discussion questions provided by the National Geographic Society.

Alexandria Library Locations

Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library

5005 Duke Street, 22304
703.746.1702

Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library

717 Queen Street, 22314
703.746.1703

Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library

4701 Seminary Road, 22304
703.746.1704

James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library

2501 Commonwealth Avenue, 22301
703.746.1705

Local History/Special Collections

717 Queen Street, 22314
703.746.1706

Alexandria Law Library

520 King Street, LL 34, 22314
703.746.4391



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