

# SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## A Look at Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic Tutorial Service



**Audrey Ketchup**

"Take our hand and let us lead your child to academic success" is our motto at Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic Tutorial Service.

Audrey Ketchup is busy preparing for her third year as a Supplemental Educational Service Provider (SES). Approved by the Georgia Department of Education, the tutorial service is geared to helping students in need of academic challenges, reinforcement, and support in math and reading for K-8th grade students.

Having worked in the Savannah Chatham County Public School System for

five years, Audrey has witnessed the hard work it takes to prepare our children for success by both teachers and administrators. She also realizes that test scores are a small portion of measuring how well a school is performing.

One group of students who have to show academic progress is the economically disadvantaged students (free or reduce lunch as an indicator). These students tend to lag behind reading and math testing. The SES program gives them the opportunity to receive extra help in those subjects.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act 2001, students who attend select Title I schools and receive free or reduce lunch qualify for free tutoring in a small group setting. With the maximum class size being eight students, they have the opportunity to get the help they can not get in a class of 25-30 students.

Our program hires the best tutors, teachers and paraprofessionals at their

schools. We provide the students with a snack and bus transportation home after tutoring. This helps parents who are not able to pick their children up without undue hardship. Many parents are without daily transportation and are working when tutoring ends.

"It's all about the students." Surveys taken by the students at the end of the session always mention an increase in confidence and class participation. On an average, students who complete the twelve to fourteen week program show a year's growth in reading or math. In the last two years, four out of the five schools that we provided tutorial services to have been removed from the Needs Improvement List. They have to make AYP for two consecutive years.

"If I could touch someone along the way, then my living shall not be in vein."

Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic Tutorial Service was founded by Audrey in 2005 and is based here in Savannah, Georgia.

*Debut Concert to be held Saturday, November 15*

It is with a great sense of expectations that I present to you a group of men and women that have been anointed to lead in such a time as this. Expected End. They are a musical ministry that is built upon singers that have been created to praise and worship God as a ministry and a lifestyle; a group of singers that house the anointing that was developed through pain, sufferings, ridicule, but have triumphed through consistency in prayer & praise, for the sole purpose of helping someone

else. This is a group of singers that will change the nation one soul at a time.

On Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 5p.m., David Smith and Expected End will debut to the city of Savannah. The debut concert will be held at Grace Full Gospel, 1650 Smart St. in the Hudson Hill community. Bishop S. O. Bulloch is the pastor.

Special guest for this evening will be Gabriele & New Priest of Albany, Ga. Minister Ursula Boyd of Magic 103.9, Bishop Thomas Sills & Minister Jamata Williams. Don't miss



**David I. Smith**

this night of worship as we share with the city what the Lord has imparted into us.

## ICLC to hosts Community Cookout

International Center for Leadership and Coaching (ICLC) hosts a complimentary cookout to provide food and fellowship to the Thomas Square Neighborhood in order to bring together the businesses and residents of the area on Thursday, November 13, 2008.

The event is going to be open for the Neighborhood and will take place from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Drayton and 40th Street parking lot.

There are a lot of fami-

lies in the surrounding area who are struggling in these dire circumstances and need help. Local businesses, churches and other organizations are doing their best to support them. We are also excited to support to the community by organizing our sixth cookout for people in need, and we plan to continue this tradition.

"This is our fifth year hosting the Thomas Square Cookout and we are so grateful to the local businesses that

have donated items and continue to donate. Last time we served over 500 members of the community!" said Dr. Boyd, President of ICLC.

The cookout is open for anyone who is seeking help as well for anyone who is willing to help others by volunteering their time.

For questions and donations please contact Judd Higgins Center Coordinator by calling 236-3660 or by e-mail [judd@international-coach.org](mailto:judd@international-coach.org)

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construction industry. RA-LIN & DreamMakers would like to lower the bridge to help M/WBE small business cross over by proactively working with local M/WBE small businesses to anchor these firms'

viability in the construction marketplace.

The alliance between RA-LIN & DreamMakers will be provide outreach activities, verifying MWBE qualifications, overseeing bid and

award preparation and monitoring to ensure minority contractors success.

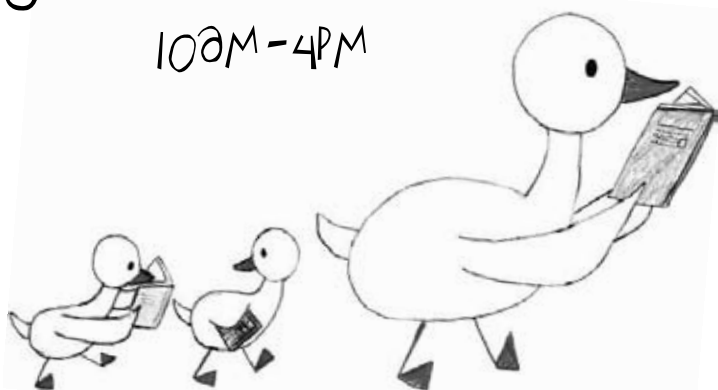
Established in 1972, RA-LIN is a is a general contracting firm that has helped shape the growth of the southeast.

## Veterans Day Celebration - Tuesday, November 11

Live Oak Public Libraries and the City of Savannah present the



SATURDAY, NOV. 15, 2008  
10AM - 4PM



Forsyth Park • Savannah, Georgia

Celebrate the joy of reading, the power of the written word and the magic of storytelling with children's book authors and illustrators from around the country. Plus dozens of local authors, arts and crafts, food, a variety of entertainment, an international tent, a teen area, costumed characters, and much more!

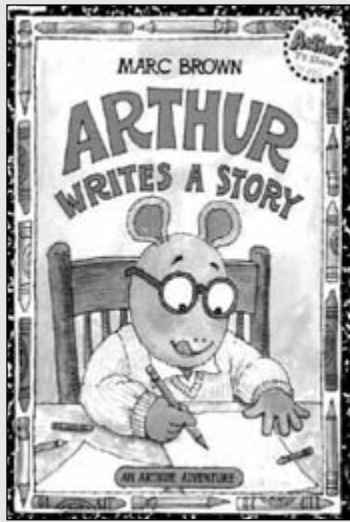
For more information: 912.652.3689  
Rain location: Savannah Civic Center

[www.liveoakpl.org](http://www.liveoakpl.org)



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This year's special guests at the Savannah Children's Book Festival:



**Marc Brown**, creator of the "Arthur" book series and Emmy-winning PBS TV show



**Farrah Gray**, author of "Reallionaire" and "Get Real, Get Rich: Conquer the 7 Myths Blocking You from Success"

**David Biedrzycki**, author/illustrator, "Ace Lacewing"  
**Miss Rosa**, host of "Mornings on PBS Kids"  
**John & Danita Thomas**, co-authors of "The Ultimate Book of Kid Concoctions"  
**Katie Davis**, author/illustrator, "Kindergarten Rocks", "Who Hops?"  
**Carmen Agra Deedy**, author of "The Library Dragon"  
**Mike Thaler**, author/illustrator, "... from the Black Lagoon" series  
**Nancy Yi Fan**, author of "Swordbird" and "Sword Quest"  
**Charles Ghigna**, a.k.a. "Father Goose"  
**Michelle Knudsen**, author, "The Library Lion"



**Mo Willems**, author/illustrator, "Don't Let The Pigeon Drive the Bus"

### Festival Spotlight...

Donald Crews is a respected and award-winning author-illustrator of many celebrated children's picture books, including the Caldecott Honor Books "Freight Train" and "Truck". Blending sparse text with innovative uses of color, space, and perspective, Crews' picture books depict such diverse subjects as language arts, counting, and various modes of modern transportation. His first book, "We Read: A to Z," was noted as a sophisticated and fresh approach to illuminating language arts for children, while "Freight Train" and "Truck" showed his ability to both inform readers and tell powerful stories through images of everyday objects and activities. Since "Freight Train" and "Truck", Crews has established himself as a distinctive picture book artist and has expanded into a whole series of books which imaginatively depict transportation, motion, and energy in everyday life. He and his wife, Ann Jonas, live in New York's Hudson River Valley.

