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“Pushing the Limits” Connects
Library offers the third in its popular science series

Georgetown Library is offering its third *Pushing the Limits* science program, this time delving into the lightning-speed world of communication and connection. The event will take place on Friday, April 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the library’s auditorium.

“You can get a free copy of Eric Larson’s **Thunderstruck** for signing up,” explained program organizer Heather Pelham. “In one short hour, we watch two mini-movies exploring science and have a great discussion. Cookies from Kudzu Bakery and exhibits from local museums and nature preserves round out the evening’s offerings. We also keep the program to an hour, so you can go to dinner on Front Street afterwards!”

Georgetown County Library is one of 20 public libraries nationwide chosen as a pilot site for the four-part series, which is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. *Pushing the Limits* brings together books and video featuring authors, scientists and everyday people who thrive on exploring the natural world.

“Our first two programs were really popular, and we’ve had to reorder books twice,” said library director Dwight McInvaill. “Participants also seemed to enjoy the exhibits displayed by local museums and conservancies, along with our own library history collection.”

At the last event, the Santee Coastal Reserve showcased boating and fishing items that had washed up on their beaches, like nets, buoys, and an antique life preserver. The South Carolina Maritime Museum exhibited a display about the schooner *Henrietta*, the largest sailing vessel ever constructed in South Carolina. This ship, damaged by a typhoon in 1894, was used as firewood by the residents of Kobe, Japan. A local resident made available two beautiful boards full of shells collected in the early 1900s. Our own digital library lent poster-sized photos of historic local vessels, from steamships to sailboats, and scenes from the Georgetown Harbor. But the most amazing item in the display was a giant wooden rudder, found in the sand on the protected beach off the Yawkey Wildlife Preserve.

Discussions have also been delightful. At the last event, participants explored Clive Cussler’s book, **Arctic Drift**. Cussler also founded the National Underwater and Marine Agency, which claimed to discover the *Hunley*, a Civil War submarine wreck that is in our nautical “back yard.”

Remaining programs:

CONNECTION

Friday, April 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Accompanying book: **Thunderstruck** by Erik Larson

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Friday, May 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

Accompanying book: **The Land of Painted Caves** by Jean Auel