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100 YEARS OF MR. PEANUT: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST WITH ROBERT SLADE

SUFFOLK, VA (June 28, 2016) One hundred years ago the character known as Mr. Peanut was born. Antonio Gentile, a fourteen year old boy at the time, created the drawing which later became Mr. Peanut. The Suffolk Public Library is partnering with the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society to bring Mr. Gentile's nephew, Robert Slade, to the historic Phillips-Dawson House on Tuesday, July 12th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Slade will talk about Mr. Gentile's interesting but relatively short life and his relationship with the Obici family. There will be an exhibit with copies of the original drawings and light refreshments will be available. All are welcome to this free event to learn more about a treasured piece of Suffolk history.

The Phillips-Dawson House is located at 137 Bank Street in Suffolk and is the current home of the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society.

To learn more about the Suffolk-Nansemond Historical Society, visit <http://suffolkhistory.org>. Follow the society on Twitter @SNVAhistory and check for updates on Facebook at [Facebook.com/snvahistory](https://www.facebook.com/snvahistory).

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