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Magical Performance at North Suffolk Library Captivates Audience

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (October 22, 2010)— On a dreary, cold October evening, in the darkened lobby of the North Suffolk Library, more than 100 riveted audience members witnessed the spectacle of 19th century American author Edgar Allan Poe coming back to life. Poe died 161 years ago. Yet, he was brought back to life by performer Scott Craig Jones of the Jones Theater on October 20th.

Jones spent more than an hour performing Poe's classic poems and short stories, including *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Raven* and *A Dream Within a Dream*. Jones, as Poe, engaged the audience in conversation, providing interpretations of his work, reflecting upon his contemporaries, and illustrating the value of poetry in today's society. Afterwards, many in the audience said they were captivated not only by "Poe's" dramatic readings; they were also charmed by his humorous, insightful, and sometimes gruesome observations.

North Suffolk Library officials say they chose the program because Edgar Allan Poe has roots in Virginia, his stories and poems fit the Fall/Halloween Season, and the library is a great place to spotlight Poe's extensive literary works.

"This is the first time the North Suffolk Library has hosted a theatrical performance like this," said Olivia DiLeonardo, Branch Manager. "I think it's a great way to showcase Poe's work and celebrate the fall season. We're so pleased by the terrific turnout, and hope to be able to offer more literary and theatrical programs like this in the future."

Traveling Jones Theater's current live theater production, "Edgar Allan Poe Comes Alive!" is a fantastic one-man show currently touring Virginia. Learn more about the production, theater for children, and other offerings by visiting www.travelingjonestheater.com.

If you want more information about upcoming programs at the North Suffolk Library, log on to www.suffolk.lib.va.us or call 757-514-7150.

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