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**Welcome to Atumpan-The Talking Drums**

**“The Elephant’s Trunk”**

World Music • Folklore • Dance

**Wednesday, June 25, 2014 11:00 a.m.**

Tabernacle Baptist Church
Community Life Center
444 Halifax Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

All groups should plan to arrive at least 20 minutes before the performance. Daycare Centers must RSVP to Leslie Johnson, Children’s and Teen Librarian
(804) 733-2387, ext. 401

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Petersburg Public Library’s 2014 Summer Reading Program is for all ages!

Online registration will begin on Monday, June 16. Visit the library or visit our website, www.ppls.org.

Begin logging in your books on Monday, June 23.

Great books!

Great programs, movies, crafts, and events!

Lots of opportunities for prizes!

Children who read throughout the summer retain the knowledge acquired during the previous school year.

Children who read throughout the year perform better both academically and socially.

Reading is a great way for all ages to stay mentally fit.

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