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Central Rappahannock Regional Library

SPRING 2020  
March April May

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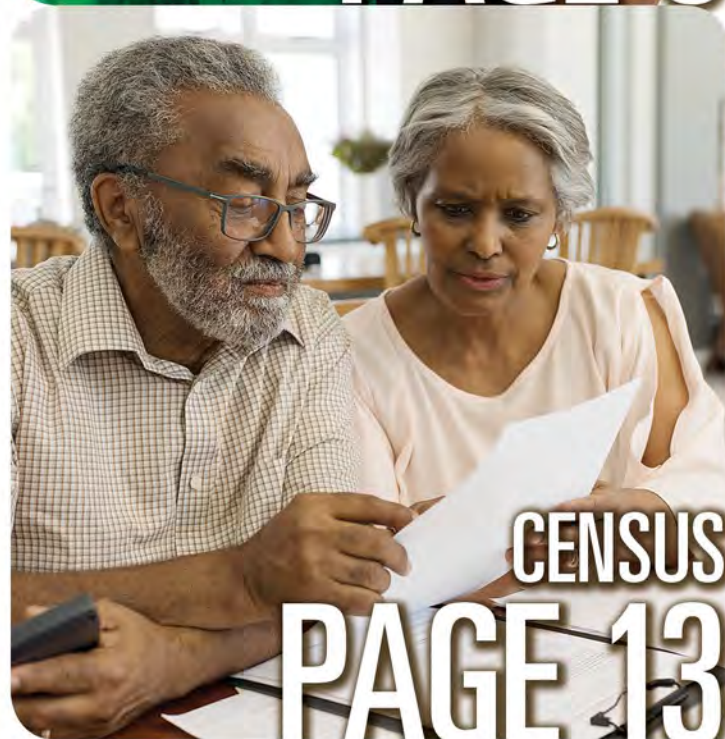
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# welcome

MARTHA HUTZEL ■ DIRECTOR

**March winds are blowing in more than just warm weather.** It's an exciting new season of outstanding classes and events and innovative services in support of our mission of lifelong learning! To ensure that you don't miss any of our wonderful offerings we've **reorganized this magazine** to increase customer accessibility. Our special features are all in the front, followed immediately by our age-level classes and events. Our **locations map** (page 38) now includes our two **Library on the Go satellite locations**, making it even easier for you to find library services no matter where you are!

The public library has a long history as a cornerstone of civic engagement and in recent years we've also become a tremendous supporter of the **U.S. Census**. This year our role is even more important as the census will mainly be submitted online, and for many members of our community that means a trip to the library. It is vital that everyone be counted, as this is a key factor in determining our community's federal funding. Visit a branch to complete your form and if you need help, our staff is ready to guide you!



Thanks to proceeds from bookshops and monthly sales, the **Friends of the Library** make possible many special events for customers and unique training opportunities for staff. April is our annual membership drive. An entire family can join for as little as \$20; no obligation necessary, and the rewards are excellent! (page 37)



diverse collection so our customers can easily discover the materials they seek.

Finally, it is my pleasure to introduce our new Collection Services Coordinator, **Adriana Puckett**. Adriana has been with CRRL for 22 years, beginning her career as a web developer. In her new role, Adriana will manage our materials budget to provide a robust and

*Martha*



# behind the scenes

Barbara walks the walk when it comes to serving the library's youngest customers, providing storytimes and early literacy classes to get children started on a lifetime of learning.



**Barbara Harris**  
Youth Services  
Department Head,  
Snow Branch

### How did you get involved with library service?

Walking! As a preschooler, I walked several miles with my mother to the Baltimore public library. Later, I walked my young sons to Fredericksburg Branch. Then, I walked up to the Children's Manager and asked for a job!

### What has been a favorite responsibility?

I love training staff to become Grow a Reader presenters and observing their first live class.

### What are your goals for the library's future?

To continue to reach out to our diverse community. I get a thrill every time I spot a Library on the Go van on the road.

### What do you like best about working for the library?

The connections and friendships I have made over the years--with staff, customers, school librarians, and teachers. Being surrounded by books is an added bonus.

### What is one of the best-kept secrets about the library?

The library provides programs that adapt to individuals on the autism spectrum and with other developmental challenges. Check out our Sensory Time (page 18), Creative Minds (page 21), and Time With a Therapy Dog classes (page 24, 31).

### When you're not working, what do you like to do?

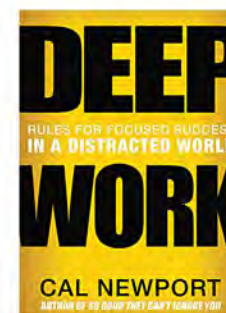
Read, plan family trips or girlfriend adventures, birdwatch, and chat with my grandson in Louisiana.

### What are you reading?

I am reading *Free Lunch* by Rex Ogle, listening to *Lovely War* by Julie Berry, and watching *Mindhunters*.

# commuter corner

Give your mind a little TLC with these relatable picks for Mental Health Awareness Month (May).



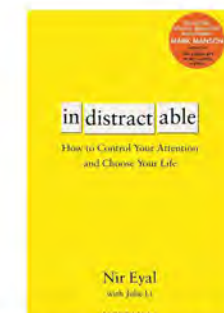
**Deep Work**  
Cal Newport  
eAudio, eBook



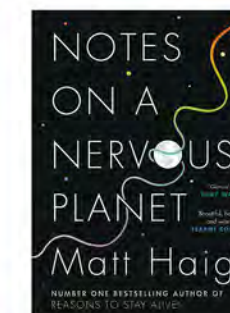
**Fair Play**  
Eve Rodsky  
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**The Greatest You**  
Trent Shelton  
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**Indistractable**  
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**Notes on a Nervous Planet**  
Matt Haig  
eBook, eAudio

# CRRL is GROWING

Stay up to date on these projects and others by visiting [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org)!

## New Theater

The **theater** at **Frederickburg Branch** just got bigger. Two small meeting rooms at the back were demolished to allow for an additional 75 seats. The stage was refinished to a beautiful sheen and a larger screen was installed. It is ready for a new era of performances. Two former office spaces on the lower level were converted into meeting rooms even bigger than the originals.

*Thank you, City of Fredericksburg*



## LIBRARY ON THE GO

Our latest **Library on the Go** vehicle is on the road. Devoted to **youth services**, it brings educational activities, early literacy lessons, STEM learning, computers, and printing capabilities into the community. Look for us in underserved neighborhoods throughout our area.

*Thank you, Duff McDuff Green, Jr. Fund of the Community Foundation, and Midge Vittoria*



## New Youth Services Shelving

The **Porter Branch** children's area has a new look. Wooden, bookstore-style **shelving** has been installed, providing easier accessibility and greater visibility for our youngest customers.

*Thank you, Stafford County*



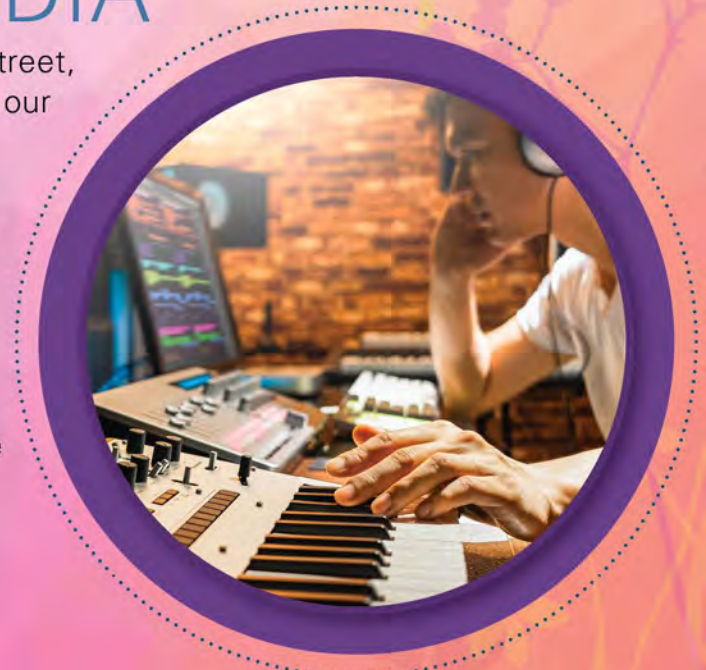
## IdeaSpace MAKING+MEDIA

**IdeaSpace: Making + Media**, 1616 Princess Anne Street, Suite B, is an innovative space that's an extension of our MakerLabs where you can explore and develop your creativity. Learn more at [librarypoint.org/ideaspace](http://librarypoint.org/ideaspace).

*Thank you, Fredericksburg Economic Development Authority*

Record a podcast, make a short film, create with the Glowforge laser printer, or convert your home movies to a digital format. Receive one-on-one training and instruction through our **badging program**. Learn more about training at [librarypoint.org/makerlabs](http://librarypoint.org/makerlabs).

*Thank you, Duff McDuff Green, Jr. Fund of the Community Foundation*



**Technology** is available for **checkout**, including GoPro cameras, a DJ controller, and specialized microphones. Visit [librarypoint.org/ideaspace](http://librarypoint.org/ideaspace) for details.

*Thank you, City of Fredericksburg and the Fredericksburg Cable Commission*

# ONLINE

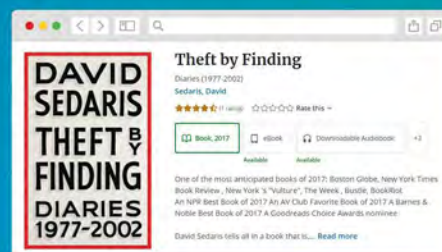
## A NEW LOOK IN OUR CATALOG

You may have noticed a few improvements to our catalog display of titles, like:



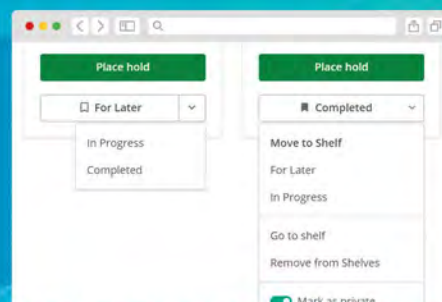
### BETTER COVERS AND DESCRIPTIONS

Cover images are now larger, and descriptions easier to read.



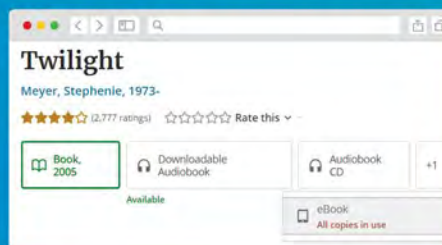
### IMPROVED SHELVES

Adding and managing items on a Shelf is also simpler with clear and easy-to-understand menus.



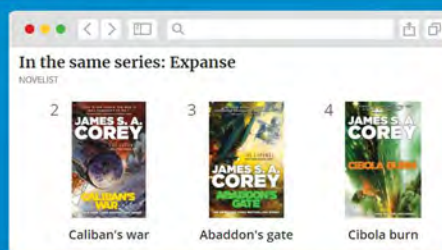
### CHOOSING YOUR FORMAT: PRINT OR DIGITAL

It's now even easier. Available formats are featured first, and selection on mobile devices is improved.



### SERIES INFORMATION

It's now front and center. You'll see up to three titles in the same series in the About section, with additional titles displayed in a full series display.



## partners

We partner with more than one hundred local organizations and experts to offer services to our customers and to expand the reach of educational, social, and community-building causes.

To explore a CRRL partnership, contact Sean Bonney, CRRL's Community Engagement Manager, at [sean.bonney@crrl.org](mailto:sean.bonney@crrl.org). To sponsor CRRL classes or events in return for recognition and promotional consideration, visit [librarypoint.org/sponsorship](http://librarypoint.org/sponsorship).

**Dr. George Millsaps**  
Partnership Specialist,  
U.S. Census



**Dr. Linda Struyk Millsaps**  
Executive Director,  
the George Washington  
Regional Commission

*As a trusted voice within the community, the library seems a natural partner for the U.S. Census.*

*In partnering with the library, GWRC is able to connect with individuals and groups who care deeply about the future of our region.*

I am delighted by the opportunity to bring clarity to questions library customers may have regarding the upcoming decennial census. Confidentiality and ease of completing the census are common areas of concern, and partnering with the library empowers Census experts to address those issues directly. The library's public access computers will be a big help in completing the census online.

The library's emphasis on learning, thinking, and caring is an excellent match for the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC). At GWRC we bring good thinking, doing, and a forward-looking focus to addressing some of the region's most challenging issues—environmental quality, economic development, homelessness, affordable housing, transportation, and commuting.

I enjoy the library for the summer Music on the Steps concert series, and the breadth of books available.

Personally, I count on the library for reading entertainment, and for helping me keep my staff trained through use of CRRL's online resources. At any given time, I am reading at least four books. Right now I am most focused on *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats*.

Recently, I have re-read my childhood favorite: *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*.



My mother was a librarian so how could I not be a fan? Hats off to one of my favorite regional partners!



See more at [librarypoint.org/crrlcon](http://librarypoint.org/crrlcon)

# 6TH ANNUAL CRRL-CON!

HOWELL BRANCH  
SATURDAY, MAY 9  
1:00-4:00

A COMIC BOOK  
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ARTISTS • PHOTO BOOTH  
CRAFTS • AND MORE



## COMIC ART SHOW

■ Salem Church. Exhibit: May 1-31  
Calling all comic artists! See your art on display! Submit 1-2 original pieces of comic work for the show, to be displayed in May.  
Art accepted at Salem Church April 20-28. Info at the branch and [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org). All ages.

## COMIC ART SHOW OPENING RECEPTION

■ Salem Church, Saturday, May 2, 2:30-4:30. Refreshments served.

## COMICS WORKSHOP

■ Salem Church, May 16, 2:30-4:30. Local artists and writers teach the basics of creating comics.



## MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

■ Newton, Monday, May 4  
Games, crafts, and selfies with Rey and Kylo Ren all day. Drawings for Star Wars swag. Watch *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* starting at 6:30.

## Marvel-ous Movies

■ Salem Church, 6:30-8:30  
Wednesday, May 6: *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*  
Thursday, May 21: *Guardians of the Galaxy*



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For the first time ever through your library, borrow technology to pursue your creative projects:



# IdeaSpace

MAKING+MEDIA

OPENING THIS SPRING

1616 Princess Anne Street, Suite B, Fredericksburg

## EXPLORE AND DEVELOP YOUR CREATIVITY!

An extension of our MakerLabs featuring a recording studio, 3D printers, laser cutter, and much more--at no charge. For more info, visit [librarypoint.org/ideaspace](http://librarypoint.org/ideaspace).

### USE THIS EQUIPMENT ONSITE



Audio/Video Recording Studio



Drawing Tablet Stations



3D Printers



Sewing Machine and Serger



Laser Cutter



Special classes and events coming soon to IdeaSpace!

Check for updates at [librarypoint.org/ideaspace](http://librarypoint.org/ideaspace).

#### Audio

- Smartphone microphones
- DJ turntables
- Zoom audio recorders
- Novation Launchpads

#### Video

- 4k video camcorder with microphone
- GoPros
- 360° video cameras
- Ring lights



PLUS Drawing Tablets



Earn these new badges at IdeaSpace for grade 9-adult.

#### LASER CUTTER BADGE

Engrave and cut on a Glowforge Laser Cutter.

#### STUDIO BADGE

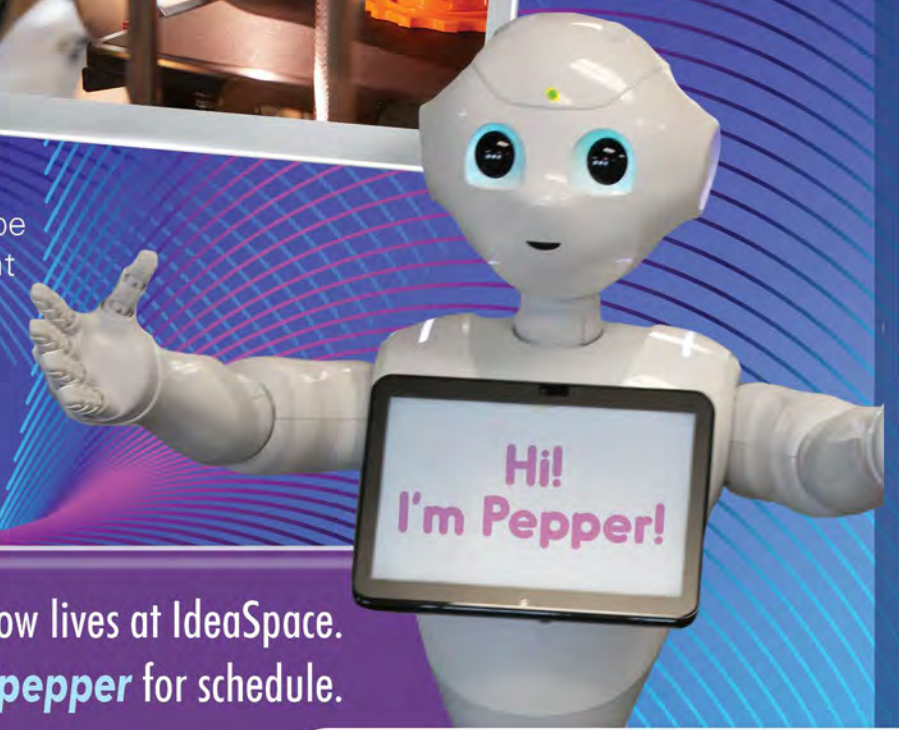
Use cameras, microphones, and editing software to record your own audio-visual projects.

#### SERGER BADGE

Make more complicated stitches. Great for cosplay.



All of our existing badges will also be available at IdeaSpace. Find these at [librarypoint.org/makerlabs](http://librarypoint.org/makerlabs).



Pepper the Robot now lives at IdeaSpace. Check [librarypoint.org/pepper](http://librarypoint.org/pepper) for schedule.

# 2020 CENSUS

[librarypoint.org/2020census](http://librarypoint.org/2020census)

Beginning in March, every household in America will receive a postcard with instructions for taking the Census online or by phone in several different languages. Starting in May, Census takers will visit in-person households that haven't had a chance to respond yet.



## How is my information kept safe?

By law, the Census Bureau is required to keep the information it collects confidential, even from other government agencies. Only statistical information is released, such as population counts.

## Who gets counted?

Everyone living in your household as of April 1. This includes infants, extended family, and nonfamily living in your residence. Do not count college students living in dorms, as they will be counted where they are.

## Why is the census important?

The results are used to determine how much funding local communities receive for key public services and how many seats each state gets in Congress. State and local officials also use census counts to draw boundaries for congressional, state legislative, and school districts.

## How can I get involved?

Engage with your local Census Bureau representative at our Civic Labs, which are informal lobby tables designed to spark conversation.

## CIVIC LAB

## 2020 CENSUS

Learn about the 2020 Census and its importance to you and your community. In partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau

- Newton, Monday, March 2, 6:00-7:00
- Towne Centre, Friday, March 20, 3:00-4:30
- Salem Church, Friday, March 27, 10:00-11:30

For more civic labs, see page 31.

# EVERYONE COUNTS

## CENSUS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Participate in family-friendly activities and get help filling out your census.

### Wednesday, April 1

Cooper, Fried, Howell, Salem Church, Snow, Towne Centre: 2:00-4:00

Fredericksburg, Porter: 5:00-7:00

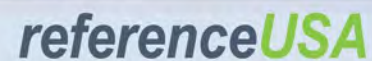
In partnership with the Complete Count Committees of Stafford and Spotsylvania counties and the city of Fredericksburg.

## Interested in how census data can be used for research?

Check out these popular databases at [librarypoint.org/resource](http://librarypoint.org/resource)



A wealth of information for genealogy research, including census data, military records, and immigration lists.



A rich national directory of businesses and consumer information.

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Census  
2020



ALL AGES



# great events for all ages



**March 21, 10:00, James Monroe High School auditorium**

Watch division spelling bee winners compete to represent Central Rappahannock Regional Library and *The Free Lance-Star* at the 93rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Sponsored by Central Rappahannock Regional Library and *The Free Lance-Star*.

## Fine-Free Week and National Library Week

April 19-25. To celebrate National Library Week, there will be no late charges for overdue materials returned.

## Indoor Mini-Golf

Porter, Wednesday, March 18, 9:00-12:00



## Tiny Towne Centre Scavenger Hunt

Towne Centre, April 1-30. Seek and find the tiniest things you've never noticed about the Spotsylvania Towne Centre. Pick up and return your form to the branch. Completed forms will be entered into prize drawings. In partnership with the Spotsylvania Towne Centre.

## NATIONAL KITE MONTH

### Kite Display

Porter, April. In partnership with Mike Clark, resident kite collector, and Jack Wilson of the American Kitefliers Association.

### Kite Making Workshop

Porter, Sunday, April 5, 1:30-3:30. Kite kits donated by the American Kitefliers Association. **Grade K-adult; families welcome.** Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).  
1:30-2:30 Kite Building and Decorating  
2:30-3:30 Kite Flying (weather permitting)

## art shows

**MARCH** Fredericksburg: 2020 Teen Art Show

Salem Church: Penelope Curtis

**APRIL** Fredericksburg: 2020 Teen Art Show

Salem Church: Fredericksburg Modern Quilt Guild

Cooper: Photography Contest Artist Reception: Wednesday, April 22, 5:00-6:00. For entry information, see page 28.

**MAY** Fredericksburg: Penny Parrish

Salem Church: Comic Art Show

Exhibit: May 1-May 31  
Opening Reception: Saturday, May 2, 2:30-4:30. Refreshments served. For submission details, see page 6.

## movies

For more movies, see pages 9-10.

## LIBRARY ON THE GO

### Family Movie Nights

Popcorn served.

Belmont Satellite Location, 3rd Mondays, 5:00-7:00

March 16: *Mary Poppins Returns*  
April 20: *Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie*  
May 18: *Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase*

Partlow Satellite Location, 4th Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00

March 24: *Aladdin (2019)*  
April 28: *Toy Story 4*  
May 26: *Zootopia*

CRRL is excited to partner with the FredNats for Summer Reading!



[librarypoint.org/makerlabs](http://librarypoint.org/makerlabs)

- Howell, Mondays and Wednesdays, except May 25, 3:30-5:30
- Fredericksburg, Tuesdays and Thursdays, except March 5, 17, and 19, 3:30-5:30
- Porter, Tuesdays and Thursdays, except March 17 and 19, May 26 and 28, 3:30-5:30
- Salem Church, Fridays, except April 10, May 1, 3:00-5:00. Saturdays, except April 11, May 23, 10:00-12:00

## MakerLab Badging

Fredericksburg, Howell, Porter, Salem Church, Snow, and Towne Centre branches.

Earn the badges, then you can reserve the equipment to work on your own projects in the MakerLab. Sign up at [librarypoint.org/makerlabs](http://librarypoint.org/makerlabs).

**Grade 6-adult:** 3D Scanner, 3D Printer, Drawing Tablet

**Grade 9-adult:** Sewing Machine

## LAUNCH IT

### Trebuchet Contest

**Saturday, April 25, 10:00**  
**Gayle Middle School Athletic Field**

Registration begins at 9:30. Bring your handcrafted trebuchet and test it against other competitors!

Contest rules at [librarypoint.org/trebuchet](http://librarypoint.org/trebuchet).



## Trebuchet Construction

**Build-it sessions during MakerLabs:**

- Howell, Wednesdays, April 8 and 22, 3:30-5:30
- Fredericksburg, Tuesday, April 14, 3:30-5:30

Supplies provided.  
In partnership with Nathan Sekinger, Gayle Middle School Librarian.

**STEM exploration labs for all ages, including a 3D printer.**

## Mobile MakerLabs

- Snow, Mondays, except May 25, 3:30-5:30
- Cooper, 1st Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00
- Newton, 2nd Fridays, 2:30-4:30
- Montross, 3rd Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00
- Towne Centre, Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00

## LIBRARY ON THE GO Mobile MakerLabs

Belmont Satellite Location, 4th Mondays, except May 25, 4:00-6:00

Partlow Satellite Location, 2nd Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00

# grow a reader

Educational opportunities for birth-age 5

Specially trained staff present stories, songs, and activities that lay the foundation your child needs to get ready to read.

[librarypoint.org/growareader](http://librarypoint.org/growareader)



## MOTHER GOOSE

Ages 2 and under with a caregiver.

- Salem Church, Mondays, except March 16, May 18 and 25, 10:00-10:15
- Porter, Tuesdays, except March 3 and 17, May 26, 9:30-9:45
- Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, except May 19, 10:30-10:45
- Towne Centre, Tuesdays, except March 17 and May 12, 10:30-10:45
- Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, except May 20, 9:30-9:45
- Snow, Wednesdays, except April 15, 10:30-10:45
- Porter, Thursdays, except March 19 and May 28, 10:30-10:45
- Howell, Fridays, except March 20 and May 1, 10:00-10:15

## Toddler Time

Ages 2-3 with a caregiver.

- Salem Church, Mondays, except March 16, May 18 and 25, 11:00-11:20
- Howell, Tuesdays, except March 17, 10:00-10:20
- Porter, Tuesdays, except March 3 and 17, May 26, 10:30-10:50
- Snow, Tuesdays, except April 14, 10:30-10:50
- Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, except May 20, 10:30-10:50
- Salem Church, Thursdays, except March 19, April 9, May 21, 11:00-11:20
- Fredericksburg, Fridays, except April 3, May 1 and 22, 9:30-9:50
- Howell, Fridays, except March 20 and May 1, 11:00-11:20

### BRANCH KEY

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| ■ Fredericksburg | ■ Towne Centre |
| ■ Howell         | ■ Fried Center |
| ■ Porter         | ■ Cooper       |
| ■ Salem Church   | ■ Montross     |
| ■ Snow           | ■ Newton       |

## Alphabet SOUP

Ages 2-5 with a caregiver. Daycares welcome.

- Snow, Mondays, except March 16\*, April 6\* and 13, May 4\* and 25, 10:30-11:00
- Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, except May 5\* and 19, 9:30-10:00
- Howell, Wednesdays, except March 11\* and 18, May 6\*, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30
- Towne Centre, Wednesdays, except March 18, May 6\* and 13, 10:30-11:00
- Porter, Fridays, except March 13\* and 20, April 17\*, May 1, 8\*, and 29, 9:30-10:00 and 10:30-11:00
- Salem Church, Fridays, except March 20, April 10\*, May 8\* and 22, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30
- Cooper, Fridays, except March 2\* and 13\*, May 1 and 8\*, 11:00-11:30

## PRESCHOOL TIME

Ages 3-5 with a caregiver.

- Howell, Tuesdays, except March 17, 11:00-11:30
- Porter, Thursdays, except March 19 and May 28, 9:30-10:00
- Salem Church, Thursdays, except March 19, April 9, and May 21, 10:00-10:30
- Fredericksburg, Fridays, except April 3, May 1 and 22, 10:30-11:00

\*Special holiday-themed class on this date.

For more classes and events for ages birth to 5, see pages 9, 15, 16, 19, back cover.

## Sensory Time

■ Howell, 1st Thursdays, 4:30-5:00

Stories, songs, and activities to support early literacy practices in an environment that adapts to children on the autism spectrum and with other developmental challenges. Youth of all ages with a caregiver.

Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

## GROW A READER WORKSHOP: Sensory Play

■ Howell, March 11, 7:00-9:00, Snow date: April 8. For preschool teachers, aides, and daycare providers. Participants earn two hours of credit for state licensing requirements. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).



## Evenings & Weekends

Classes and events to work with any schedule. All ages with a caregiver.

## BOOKS BEFORE BEDTIME

Pajamas welcome!

- Salem Church, Tuesdays, except March 17\* and May 12, 7:00-7:30
- Porter, Wednesdays, except March 18 and May 27, 7:00-7:30
- Montross, 2nd Mondays, except March 9\*, 6:30-7:00

## SATURDAY TALES

- Fried, Saturdays, 10:00-10:30
- Howell, 1st Saturdays, except March 7, 11:00-11:30
- Newton, 2nd Saturdays, 11:00-11:30
- Montross, Montross, 2nd Saturdays, 2:00-2:30
- Fredericksburg, 3rd Saturdays, 1:00-1:30

\*Special holiday-themed class on this date.

## EDUCATIONAL

Movies, TV series, animated storybooks, and more

## EASY

Watch on your computer, television, or mobile device.

## FREE OF CHARGE

All you need is your library card!

[librarypoint.org/kanopy-kids](http://librarypoint.org/kanopy-kids)

# grow a reader specials

Stories, songs, and activities. All ages with a caregiver.

## Happy St. Patrick's Day!

- Montross, Monday, March 9, 6:00-6:30
- Howell, Wednesday, March 11, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30
- Porter, Friday, March 13, 9:30-10:00 and 10:30-11:00
- Cooper, Friday, March 13, 11:00-11:30
- Snow, Monday, March 16, 10:30-11:00
- Salem Church, Tuesday, March 17, 7:00-7:30

## Bunnies!

Enjoy a visit from a live bunny.

- Snow, Monday, April 6, 10:30-11:00
- Salem Church, Friday, April 10, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30
- Porter, Friday, April 17, 9:30-10:00 and 10:30-11:00

## Happy Mother's Day!

- Snow, Monday, May 4, 10:30-11:00
- Fredericksburg, Tuesday, May 5, 9:30-10:00
- Howell, Wednesday, May 6, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30
- Towne Centre, Wednesday, May 6, 10:30-11:00
- Montross, Thursday, May 7, 6:30-7:00
- Porter, Friday, May 8, 9:30-10:00 and 10:30-11:00
- Salem Church, Friday, May 8, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30
- Cooper, Friday, May 8, 11:00-11:30
- Newton, Saturday, May 9, 11:00-11:30

# Week of the Young Child

April 13-17

Children need a strong early learning foundation to succeed in school and in life.

### ★ Did you know?

The first five years are the most critical in brain development, when more than 1 million new neural connections form every second.

Babies and toddlers exposed to books early in life have better language skills than those who wait.

One in seven children in our community arrives in kindergarten without the basic skills to succeed.

### ★ What can you do?

#### Grow a Reader classes

Bring your children and spread the word. See pages 17-18 for class dates and locations.

#### Check out our collection

Visit the library regularly to check out titles that even your baby is sure to enjoy!

#### Read to your child daily and keep it fun!

Stop reading as soon as they show you they're done.

### ★ Special activities

at Grow a Reader classes all week!  
Visit [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org) for a complete schedule.

We are proud to partner with local organizations to bring attention to this issue of vital importance to our community.



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- ADVENTURE
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- NATURE
- DRAMA
- CRAFTS/ART
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- CHEER
- GYMNASTICS
- SPRING BREAK
- ADAPTIVE



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# learn & grow Classes and events for grades K-6

## PAWS FOR READING

Practice your reading with therapy dogs trained to be avid listeners. Sign up at the branch to book your time.

- Towne Center, 1st Thursdays, 6:30-8:00
- Porter, 1st Saturdays, 10:30-12:00
- Cooper, 2nd Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00
- Howell, 2nd Saturdays, 1:30-3:00
- Salem Church, 2nd Saturdays, 1:30-3:00
- Fredericksburg, 3rd Saturdays, 2:15-3:45
- Montross, 4th Mondays, except May 25, 6:30-7:30
- Snow, 4th Saturdays, 1:00-2:30

## FABULOUS FRIDAYS

### Leapin' Leprechauns!

- Howell, March 6, 4:30-5:15

### Elephants

- Fredericksburg, Friday, March 13, 4:30-5:15

### Ninjas

- Porter, Friday, March 27, 4:30-5:15

### Spring Celebration

- Towne Centre, March 27, 4:30-5:15

### Terrific Trucks

- Fredericksburg, April 10, 4:30-5:15

### Cherry Blossoms and Origami

- Porter, Friday, April 17, 4:30-5:15  
In partnership with Minae Uehara, Japan Language and Cultural Coordinator, University of Mary Washington.

### Yoga for Kids

- In partnership with the Virginia Cooperative Extension.
- Howell, Friday, April 24, 4:30-5:15
  - Snow, Friday, May 8, 4:30-5:15
  - Salem Church, Friday, May 15, 4:30-5:15

### Music Discovery

- Fredericksburg, May 8, 4:30-5:15

### Local Farm Animals

- Snow, Friday, April 3, 4:30-5:15. In partnership with Virginia 4-H.



## CREATIVE MINDS

- Salem Church, 2nd Thursdays, 4:00-5:00  
Explore self-guided learning stations in a supportive environment especially for children with autism and other special needs. Siblings welcome. **Grades K-6 with a caregiver.** In partnership with Paragon Autism Services.  
March: Changing Weather  
April: Birds  
May: Vehicles

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| ■ Snow           | ■ Newton       |

### Game Your Way to Problem Solving

- Montross, Mondays, March 5 and April 18, 6:30-7:30. Presented by Wendy Herdman, Westmoreland Extension Office. Learn how physical and mental puzzles teach important problem-solving skills.

### Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt

- Montross, Monday, March 16, 6:30-7:30

### Mother's Day Gifts

- Cooper, Thursday, May 7, 4:00-5:00

## EARTH DAY FUN

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day.

- Newton, Monday, April 20, 6:30-7:30
- Cooper, Wednesday, April 22, 4:00-5:00



## STEM CLASSES AND EVENTS



### Robotics Week

- Cooper, 4:00-5:00  
Wednesday, April 8: Robot Dominoes  
Thursday, April 9: Bristlebots

## FABULOUS FRIDAYS

### Turtle Time

- Snow, Friday, March 13, 4:30-5:15  
In partnership with Lake Anna State Park.

### Spring into Science

- Salem Church, Friday, March 20, 4:30-5:15

### Geology Rocks

- Howell, Friday, April 3, 4:30-5:15
- Porter, Friday, May 15, 4:30-5:15

### Under the Sea

- Salem Church, Friday, April 17, 4:30-5:15

### Robots

- Towne Centre, April 24, 4:30-5:15

### Plant Science

- Towne Centre, May 22, 4:30-5:15



For more classes and events for grades K-6, see pages 9, 10, 15, 16.

# teen place

Learning and fun,  
just for teens in grades 6-12

## OurSpace

A teen social space  
for playing games,  
doing homework,  
and getting creative.

- Salem Church, Monday-Thursday, except May 25, 3:30-7:30

## TEEN COUNCIL

- Salem Church, 1st Mondays, 4:00-5:00
- Howell, 1st Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00
- Porter, 3rd Mondays, 6:00-7:00
- Fredericksburg, 4th Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00

Make a difference  
and earn volunteer hours  
at your library

## Life Skills for Living on Your Own

- Howell, Saturday, April 4, 2:00-3:30.  
Grade 11-adult.

## TIME WITH A THERAPY DOG

- Howell, 3rd Saturdays, 3:00-5:00
  - Salem Church, 4th Thursdays, 3:00-5:00
- Read or relax with a therapy dog. Sign up at your branch to book your time. For **grade 7-adult** with disabilities, plus their caregiver. In partnership with Blue Gray Therapy Dogs.



## Riverside Young Writers

- Salem Church, 1st Saturdays, 1:00-3:00. A chapter of the Virginia Writers Club for middle and high school students.



- Towne Centre, 3rd Saturdays, 4:00-5:00. For beginners, **grade 6-adult**.  
March 21: Personal Finance Resources  
April 18: Website Design  
May 16: Photo Editing

## The CAGE

Play games, create, and  
hang out with friends.

- Porter, 1st Mondays, 6:00-8:00
- Salem Church, 2nd Mondays, 4:00-6:00
- Howell, 3rd Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00
- Fredericksburg, 4th Fridays, 3:30-5:00

Warm by Elena Noll  
Teen Art Show 2019



## 25TH ANNUAL TEEN ART SHOW RECEPTION

- Fredericksburg, Friday, March 6, 7:00-8:30. Judges: Johnny Johnson, Gabriel Pons, and Joelle Cathleen

## TEEN POETRY CONTEST

Submit entries April 1-15 at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

Celebrate National Poetry Month with poetry readings by the winners of the Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Contest, as well as by our hosts and judges, University of Mary Washington faculty: Amanda Rutstein, Adjunct English Instructor, and Laura Bylenok, Assistant Professor of English. **All ages.**



## Claudia Emerson TEEN POETRY NIGHT

- Fredericksburg, Tuesday, May 5, 7:30-8:30

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For more classes and events for grades 6-12, see [pages 9,10, 11,12, 15, 16.](#)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ♥ Father-Daughter Dance Friday, February 7 at 6:30pm-8:30pm Dorothy Hart Community Center

Pre-registration: \$6 per person  
At the Door: \$8 per person, if space permits  
Attention Dads!! Join us for our Annual Valentine's Dance for fathers, stepdads, grandpas, and uncles to treat their little sweethearts to an evening of dress-up, fun and dancing. It's a magical evening for dads and daughters alike. Girls must be between 4 -12 yrs old. We will have a professional photographer taking optional portraits for those of you who would like a memento of this special night. Light refreshments will be served. Attire is everything from dress casual to fancy. Pre-registration is recommended. Sorry no moms allowed, but save the date for our Mother-Son Dance on Friday, May 8, 2019!!

## 2020 Fredericksburg Fine Art Show & Sale March 13-15

**Dorothy Hart Community Center**  
Friday, March 13 - 10:00am - 8:00pm  
(Friday Evening Champagne Reception 6:00pm-8:00pm)  
Saturday, March 14 - 10:00am - 8:00pm  
Sunday, March 15 - 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Held at Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street, in downtown Fredericksburg. Entry information available at [www.FredParksRec.com](http://www.FredParksRec.com) or call 540-372-1086 with questions.

## 🎨 Children's Art Show March 20-21 Dorothy Hart Community Center

Kids 4 years old through 12th grade, we want to see YOU and your masterpiece! Exhibition is open to all children 4 years old through 12th grade. There is a \$5 entry fee for the first 2 pieces, \$5 entry fee for each additional (up to max of 4 artworks per child). **Entry form, fee and artwork deadline is 3pm on Friday, March 6, 2020.** Exhibit Dates: March 20-21, 2019 with FREE admission to view the exhibit!

## 🐾 Dog Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4 at 1:00pm Maury Park

\$5 for up to 2 dogs, pre-registration is requested. Bring your furry friend dressed to enter our doggie costume contest to compete for prizes!! Bring your dogs and come join the fun at our annual Dog Easter Egg Hunt. This is a great way to get out and play with your favorite furry friend. Your registration of \$5 allows up to two dogs to join in the fun! Dogs must be at least 12 weeks old. A small dog area will also be available for dogs under 15lbs. Pre-registration requested. All dog parents must sign a release acknowledging their dog(s) are current on shots and are healthy.

These events are sponsored by Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events. For Info: 540-372-1086 or [fredprpf@fredericksburgva.gov](mailto:fredprpf@fredericksburgva.gov).



## Youth Baseball

Registrations begin March 2nd for City Residents and March 9th for non-city residents. Deadline to register is April 10th. Registration information available at [www.FredParksRec.com](http://www.FredParksRec.com) or call 540-372-1086 with questions.

## NEW! Youth Hockey Lessons

Ages 8-12yrs  
Saturdays, 10:00am-11:00am  
Free to all  
Is your child interested in hockey but have no prior experience? You've come to the right place. Youth learn to play is a program designed to teach your child the basics of hockey. We have partnered with the Fredericksburg Youth Roller Hockey to teach the sport that is sweeping our area. The experienced instructors will have your child playing like a pro in no time. Please bring hockey stick and inline roller skates. Location: Fredericksburg Roller Hockey Rink.

## New Catalog of Activities in January!

Pick up your copy from the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street.



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# for adults

## Cinema Night

- Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00

## Tea Time

- Cooper, 2nd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

## High Tea and Etiquette

- Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org)
  - March 18: Social Graces
  - April 15: Business Savvy
  - May 20: Networking Know-How

## Life Skills for LIVING ON YOUR OWN



- Howell, Saturday, April 4, 2:00-3:30. **Grade 11-adult.**

## Downsizing & Decluttering

- Howell, Monday, April 6, 6:30-7:30. Presented by Michael D'Ostilio, Sr. from the AARP.

- Howell, Monday, March 30, 7:00-8:30

- Porter, Saturday, April 18, 2:00-3:30

Presented by Sandy Magura of FoundationOrganizing, LLC.



## Skill Builders

- Towne Centre, 3rd Saturdays, 4:00-5:00. For beginners. **Grade 6-adult.**
  - March 21: Personal Finance Resources
  - April 18: Website Design
  - May 16: Photo Editing

## Ask a Lawyer: Will Prep

- Montross, Thursday, April 23, 5:30-6:30. Presented by lawyer George Townsend.

## Mother's Day Tea

- Newton, Tuesday, May 5, 11:00-12:00
- Montross, Thursday, May 7, 2:00-3:00

## WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY Great Lives LECTURE SERIES

For additional suggested readings related to the Great Lives topics, visit [librarypoint.org/great-lives](http://librarypoint.org/great-lives).



## Mexican Cuisine

- Porter, 3rd Mondays, 6:00-8:00
  - March 16: Tortillas
  - April 20: Carnitas
  - May 18: Chocolate Flan

## crafts

### Craft Social

- Bring your current project.
- Cooper, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 2:00-4:00
- Towne Centre, 2nd Mondays, 2:00-4:00
- Newton, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:00-2:00
- Porter, Fridays, 10:00-12:00

### Create Rubber Stamp Cards

- Porter, 2nd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30. Presented by Monica Gilberti. Materials provided. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

### Photography Group

- Cooper, 2nd Saturdays, 11:00-12:00. **Grade 6-adult.**

### Create Greeting Cards

- Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).
- Montross, 3rd Thursdays, 5:00-5:30
- Newton, 4th Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30

### Beginner Crafts

- Fredericksburg, 4th Thursdays, 2:00-4:00. Materials provided. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).



- Howell, Saturday, March 7, 11:00-12:30, and Thursday, March 12, 7:00-8:30. Materials provided. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org). **Grade 6-adult.**

### Sewing for Beginners: How to Make an Apron

- Howell, Saturday, March 14, 9:30-12:30. Presented by Bryn Roth. View prerequisites and materials needed at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org). **Grade 11-adult.**

## 3D Flower WALL ART

- Salem Church, Saturday, March 14, 2:00-3:30. Presented by Lucia Berrios. Create beautiful paper spring flowers. Supplies provided. **Ages 16 and up.** Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

### Crafternoon: Relax and Paint

- Salem Church, Thursday, March 19, 1:30-4:30. Materials provided.

### Create a Pop-Up Card

- Porter, Saturday, April 4, 2:00-4:00. Create cards for spring or Mother's Day.

## needlework

### Intermediate Quilt-Making Information Class

- Howell, Saturday, March 7, 1:30-5:00. Presented by Donna Edwards. View prerequisites and sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

### Fredericksburg Area Needlework Group

- Salem Church, last Thursdays, 6:00-8:30. Bring a project to work on.

### Photography Contest: Nature

- Cooper
  - Entries Deadline: Saturday, April 11, 1:00
  - Judging: Saturday, April 18
  - Artist Reception: Wednesday, April 22, 5:00-6:00

### Canvas and Coffee

- Newton, Saturday, April 11, 10:00-12:00. Theme: Mandala. Bring your own canvas. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).
- Porter, Saturday, May 30, 3:00-5:00. Theme: Flowers

### A Loosely Knit Group

- Bring your current project and enjoy the company of fellow crafters.
- Snow, Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30
- Salem Church, 1st Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30
- Montross, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:00-7:00. Presented by Linda Dee Baker.
- Porter, 1st Thursdays, 6:30-8:30, and 3rd Thursdays, 3:30-5:30
- Howell, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:00-8:30

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### Canning, Preserving, and Freezing

- Snow, Tuesday, April 7, 2:00-3:00
- Porter, Saturday, May 9, 2:00-4:00

### Kombucha

- Porter, Saturday, April 11, 2:00-3:00. **Grade 9-adult.**

### Pizza

- Howell, Saturday, April 25, 2:00-3:00

games



**Mahjong Players Club**

- Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00. Experienced and beginner players welcome.

**Canasta**

Beginners welcome.

- Snow, Thursdays, 3:00-6:00
- Salem Church, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 12:00-4:00

**Game Night**

- Towne Centre, Saturdays, 5:00-9:00  
Play games with friends.

**Board and Card Games Cafe**

- Fredericksburg, 1st Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00. Light refreshments.

**Bridge**

- Salem Church, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 12:30-4:00. Novice to mid-level players with basic knowledge of bidding and the play of the hand.

**Expert Bridge**

- Salem Church, Wednesdays except the 3rd, 12:00-4:00
- Snow, 3rd Wednesdays, 12:00-4:00

**Board Game Night**

Play one of ours or bring your own.

- Porter, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:30
- Salem Church, 4th Mondays except May 25, 7:00-8:30

**Queens United Chess Club**

- Salem Church, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-8:00. Experienced and beginner players welcome.

**Pop Culture Trivia: Sci-Fi**

Test your pop culture knowledge with a pub-style trivia contest.

- Fredericksburg, Monday, March 2, 6:30-8:30
- Salem Church, Wednesday, April 1, 6:30-8:30

gardening

**Master Gardeners' Plant Clinic**

In lobby, starting in March. Gardening questions answered by the Master Gardener Association of the Central Rappahannock Area and the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

- Salem Church, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 11:00-1:00
- Porter, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:30

**Organic Gardening**

- Montross, Monday, March 23, 6:30-7:30  
Presented by Stephanie Romelczyk, Westmoreland Extension Office.

**Flower Bed Clean-Up**

- Newton, Thursday, March 26, 10:30-11:30
- Montross, Saturday, April 4, 12:00-1:00

**Container Gardening**

Presented by Stephanie Romelczyk, Westmoreland Extension Office.

- Cooper, Thursday, April 16, 2:00-3:00
- Montross, Monday, May 4, 6:30-7:30

**Veggie Gardens for Beginners**

- Salem Church, Saturday, March 21, 2:00-4:00. Planting, maintaining, and harvesting your garden.

CRRL Donations to Local Area Food Banks

637 POUNDS of produce donated to S.E.R.V.E and the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank

During the spring, summer, and fall our gardens at Porter, Howell, and Salem Church branches grow fresh produce that is donated to local food banks and pantries.

1,014 POUNDS of food donated through branch collections in 2019

Howell and Porter branches collect non-perishable food year-round for Stafford Emergency Relief through Volunteer Efforts (SERVE).

3,633 POUNDS of food collected for Food for Fines in October

The library collected non-perishable food in October. Donations benefit local area food banks and pantries.

TOTAL of 5,284 POUNDS of produce and non-perishable food donated in 2019

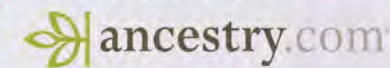
genealogy & history

**Historical Walk**

- Starts at Fredericksburg Branch, Wednesday, April 22, 12:45-2:30  
Rain date: Tuesday, April 28, 12:45-2:30. A leisurely tour of historic downtown Fredericksburg.

**Trace Your Family Tree**

- Newton, Monday, May 11, 6:00-8:00. Presented by genealogist Laura Hazel.



Available for genealogy research at all library locations.

Free of charge with your library card. Not available remotely.

[librarypoint.org/resource](http://librarypoint.org/resource)

women's history month

**History in Film: Suffragette**

- Salem Church, Wednesday, March 4, 6:30-8:30  
Historical fiction film about the women's suffrage movement in the United Kingdom.



- Fredericksburg, Monday, March 2, 7:00-8:00
- Salem Church, Sunday, March 8, 2:00-3:00  
Presented by master flutist Galen Abdur-Razzaq. Explore the history of women in jazz through lecture, trivia, and live performance.

going green

**Backyard Composting 101**

Presented by the R-Board and Virginia Master Gardener Association. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

- Fredericksburg, Tuesday, March 10, 7:00-8:00
- Porter, Tuesday, April 14, 7:00-8:00
- Fredericksburg, Tuesday, May 12, 7:00-8:00

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

- Newton, Monday, March 16, 5:30-6:30. Learn to reuse household items.

**Crow's Nest Natural Area Preserve**

- Howell, Tuesday, March 31, 7:00-8:00. Discover why this preserve is one of Stafford's hidden treasures. Presented by Michael Lott of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

**Simple and Sustainable Living**

- Porter, Saturday, April 4, 10:00-11:00. Check out resources on sustainability, and discuss consuming less with a higher quality of life.

**Citizen Science**

- Porter, Thursday, April 9, 2:30-3:30, and Friday, April 17, 3:00-5:15. Contribute to real scientific discoveries with interactive activities and research.

**Springtime Foraging**

- Porter, Saturday, May 2, 9:30-10:30. Walk through the woods and search for edible plants.





get involved

**DMV Connect**

DMV portable office will process drivers licenses, ID cards, titles, and registration.

- Snow: Monday, March 9, 10:00-4:00
- Salem Church: Monday, April 27, 10:00-4:00
- Howell: Monday, May 11, 10:00-4:00
- Fredericksburg: Thursday, May 21, 10:00-4:00

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

- Porter, Thursday, April 16, 1:00-7:00. Sign up at the branch. Walk-ins welcome. **Ages 17 and up.**

CIVIC LAB

**2020 Census**

Learn about the 2020 Census and its importance to you and your community. In partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau. For more about the Census, see pages 13-14.

- Newton, Monday, March 2, 6:00-7:00
- Towne Centre, Friday, March 20, 3:00-4:30
- Salem Church, Friday, March 27, 10:00-11:30

**Dear Elected Official**

- Howell, Thursday, May 14, 10:30-12:00. Learn how to make your voice heard by your elected officials. In partnership with the League of Women Voters of the Fredericksburg Area.

**Let's Talk Taxes**

- Howell, Thursday, March 12, 10:30-12:00. Explore resources and join a discussion on taxes.

**Talking about Mental Health**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Explore resources and join a conversation about mental health in our community.

- Porter, Wednesday, May 13, 6:00-7:30
- Snow, Tuesday, May 19, 11:00-1:00
- Fredericksburg, Tuesday, May 26, 2:00-3:30

health & fitness

**Gentle Yoga**

- Howell, Tuesdays, except March 3, 6:00-7:00. Bring a mat or towel. Presented by certified yoga instructor Smita Bhowmic.

**Chair Yoga**

- Montross, Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00. Presented by certified instructor Kay Hawkins.

**Tai Chi & Qi Gong**

- Towne Centre, Wednesdays, March 4 and 18, April 1, 15, and 29, May 13 and 27, 9:00-10:00. Comfortable attire. No experience necessary. Class held next to the Food Court.

**Senior Exercise**

- Porter, Thursdays, 9:30-10:30. Presented by Gigi Dela Rosa. Seated exercise for the 55+ group.

**Yoga for All Levels**

- Salem Church, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 4:00-5:00. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat if you have one.

**Primal Nutrition 101**

- Salem Church, Sunday, March 15, 2:00-4:00. Presented by certified Primal Health coach Amy Taft of Good Life Architect.

**Time With a Therapy Dog**

- Howell, 3rd Saturdays, 3:00-5:00
- Salem Church, 4th Thursdays, 3:00-5:00. Read or relax with a therapy dog. Sign up at your branch to book your time. In partnership with Blue Gray Therapy Dogs. For **grade 7-adult** with disabilities, plus their caregiver.

**Mental Strategies for Reducing Stress**

- Howell, Monday, March 23, 7:00-8:00. Presented by Marcia Grimsley, BA, MS, professional life coach and counselor. Bring a pen and notebook.

**Civic Conversations: Breaking the Stigma on Mental Health**

- Salem Church, Thursday, April 30, 7:00-8:30. Chat with local organizations about mental health and what we can do to break the stigma. In partnership with Mental Health America of Fredericksburg.

**Free Adult Hearing Screenings**

- Salem Church, Monday, May 11, 11:00-3:00. Free 5-minute hearing screenings. Presented by Dr. Anne Delaney of Advanced Hearing Group. Drop in.

business & careers

**Job Help Workshops**

Presented by the Virginia Career Works. Come for one session or all three.

- Job Searches: 10:00
- Resumes: 12:00
- Interviews: 2:30
- Porter, Monday, March 23
- Fredericksburg, Monday, April 13
- Howell, Monday, May 11

INFO LAB

**Career Transitions**

- Porter, Saturday, March 28, 10:00-11:30. Learn about library resources to help you find your next, or your first, career.

money smart

**Free Tax Preparation Clinics**

IRS-trained volunteers will help prepare simple tax returns.

- Bring:
- Photo IDs
  - Social Security cards for all names on tax returns
  - Last year's return
  - All forms and receipts (W2, 1099, 1095-A, etc.)
  - Childcare provider's ID number
  - Amount of any other income or economic stimulus payments if received
  - Bank routing and account numbers if requesting direct deposit

**Rappahannock United Way Tax Clinics**

Eligibility: Maximum income of \$66,000 regardless of family size. No appointments necessary. For more information on eligibility, visit [rappahannockunitedway.org](http://rappahannockunitedway.org) or call 540-373-0041.

- Howell, Mondays, until April 6 (except February 17), 4:00-8:00
- Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, until April 7, 4:00-8:00
- Porter, Wednesdays, until April 8, 4:00-8:00
- Cooper, Monday, February 24 and March 9, 9:00-3:00

**AARP Tax Aid Clinics**

Appointments required, but some limited walk-ins may be accepted. Call the branch for an appointment.

- Howell, Mondays and Saturdays, until April 13, except February 17 and March 7, 9:00-2:00
- Salem Church, Wednesdays and Fridays, until April 15, 10:00-2:00
- Snow, Saturdays, until April 11, 9:30-1:30

Grow Your Market with referenceUSA

Access business and consumer data, discover local competitors, and create your own analyses with ReferenceUSA, an extensive resource containing vetted data from 55 million businesses and 318 million consumers.

Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

- Salem Church, Monday, March 23, 5:30-7:30
- Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, 2300 Fall Hill Ave., Ste. 240. Tuesday, March 24, 12:00-2:00

Sponsored by ReferenceUSA and



music

Andy and Judy  
IN CONCERT

Award-winning New England duo blends folk with elements of country, gospel, blues, and bluegrass.

- Howell, Thursday, April 23, 7:00-8:00
- Fredericksburg, Saturday, April 25, 11:00-12:00
- Porter, Saturday, April 25, 2:00-3:00

Line Dancing

- Montross, Thursday, May 21, 6:00-7:00. Presented by Kathy Brooker. Learn a variety of line dances from country to hip-hop.



Phil McKenney shares songs, stories, and original artwork highlighting the clean-cut pop stars of the late 1950s and '60s.

- Porter, Saturday, March 7, 3:00-4:00
- Montross, Monday, May 18, 6:30-7:30

parents & caregivers

Learn About  
Becoming a Foster Parent

- Salem Church, 2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30. Presented by the Embrace Foster Care Team.

Grow a Reader  
Workshop: Sensory Play

- Howell, March 11, 7:00-9:00. Snow date: March 18. For preschool teachers, aides, and daycare providers. Participants earn two hours of credit for state licensing requirements. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

ADOPTION &  
FOSTER PARENT  
RESOURCE FAIR

- Salem Church, Sunday, May 31, 2:00-4:00. Meet local organizations that help support your role as a current or prospective adoptive or foster parent. Attending children can participate in fun activities.



seniors

Senior Health Care 101

- Salem Church, Tuesday, March 17, 1:00-2:00. Learn the details of home care and assisted living from local experts.

HomeFit: Modify Your Home  
for Safety and Comfort

- Howell, Monday, May 18, 6:30-7:30. Presented by Michael D'Ostilio, AARP.

Alzheimer's Association  
Support Group for Caregivers

- Howell, 4th Mondays, except May 25, 11:00-12:30

Memory Café:  
Relax and Reminisce

- Salem Church, Friday, May 8, 10:30-12:00. Share conversation, nostalgia, and refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere. For adults with early memory loss and their care partners. In partnership with the Alzheimer's Association.

tech savvy

Tech Tuesdays

- Snow, Tuesdays, 10:00-12:00. Get one-on-one assistance with your smartphone, tablet, eReader, or laptop. Appointment required.

FredLug  
(Fredericksburg Linux  
Users Group)

- Howell, 4th Saturdays, 9:00-12:00

Get to Know Google

- Porter, Friday, March 6, 10:00-11:00. Learn the basics of Google services, including Gmail, G suite, and Chrome.

Troubleshooting  
Basic Computer  
Problems

- Salem Church, Thursday, April 16, 2:00-3:00. Presented by George Evans of Network and Web Design Services.

writers

Inklings Writers  
Critique Groups

- Howell, 1st Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30. Fiction
- Howell, 2nd Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30. Memoirs and journaling
- Fried, 2nd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00. Flash Fiction
- Howell, 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30. Poetry
- Salem Church, 4th Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30. Sci-fi, fantasy, and graphic novels

travel & language

Japanese  
Cultural Classes

- Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 2:00-3:00
  - March 12: Hinamatsuri
  - April 9: Story of the Cherry Blossom Festival
  - May 7: Children's Day in Japan
 Presented by Minae Uehara, Japan Language and Cultural Coordinator at the University of Mary Washington. Materials provided. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

Conversation Groups

- All levels welcome.
- English Conversation Group Howell, Thursdays, 12:00-1:00, March 5-May 7
- French Conversation Group Porter, 1st and 3rd Fridays, except May 1, 4:00-5:00.
- Spanish Conversation Group Porter, 4th Mondays, 7:00-8:00



Travel Talk:  
Fréjus, France

- Salem Church, Thursday, May 7, 7:00-8:00. Presented by Kristin Moeller with Fredericksburg Sister City Association.

Inklings Writers Group

- Howell, 2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:30
- Fredericksburg, 2nd Thursdays, 7:00-8:30
- Snow, 2nd Fridays, 1:00-3:00
- Porter, 3rd Sundays, 2:00-3:30
  - February: Writing Short Fiction
  - March: Articles and Essays
  - April 9 and 10: Poetry presentation by Elizabeth Spencer Spragins

Riverside Writers

- Salem Church, 2nd Saturdays, 1:00-4:00. A chapter of the Virginia Writers Club.
  - April 11: Celebration of Poetry

Inklings:  
Poetry Month Celebration

- Howell, Monday, April 13, 6:30-7:30. Bring your poems to read, a favorite poem to share, or come to relax and listen.

Local Authors  
RECEPTION

- Porter, Sunday, May 3, 2:00-3:30. Meet and support local authors. Authors: please call 540-372-1144, x7339 to register or in person at Porter Branch. Space is limited.

book groups

More information at [librarypoint.org/bookgroups](http://librarypoint.org/bookgroups).

NEW members are always welcome!

Fredericksburg

- 2nd Mondays, 7:30-9:00  
March: *The Clockmaker's Daughter* by Kate Morton  
April: *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston  
May: *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng



Howell

- 4th Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00  
March: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles  
April: *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón  
May: *The Pioneers* by David G. McCullough

Porter

- 1st Thursdays, 7:30-8:45  
March: *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon  
April: *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue  
May: *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn



Salem Church

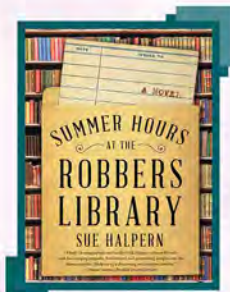
- 4th Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00  
March: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate  
April: *The Library at the Edge of the World* by Felicity Hayes-McCoy  
May: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

Snow

- 3rd Tuesdays, 11:00-12:00  
March: *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn  
April: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson  
May: *Home Front* by Kristin Hannah

Montross

- 2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00  
March: *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion  
April: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee  
May: *Summer Hours at the Robbers Library* by Sue Halpern



Cooper

- 3rd Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00  
March: Free Read  
April: Luck of the Draw!  
May: Free Read

Newton

- 3rd Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30. Ask branch for offsite location.  
March: *From the Shadows* by Juan José Millás  
April: *Ladder to the Sky* by John Boyne  
May: *Out of Darkness, Shining Light* by Petina Gappah

Classics Book Group

- Fredericksburg, Mondays, 6:00-7:30  
March 30: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen  
April 27: *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez  
May 18: *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy

Books and Beer

- Adventure Brewing, 33 Perchwood Dr., Fredericksburg. 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30  
March 19: *The Love Letters of Abelard and Lily* by Laura Creedle  
April 16: *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore  
May 21: *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones

Book Chat

- Read what you like, then chat about your favorite books.  
■ Howell, 2nd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00  
■ Salem Church, 4th Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00  
■ Towne Centre, 1st Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30  
Discussion held at Starbucks.

Books & Wine

- Zibibbo 73, 2757 Jefferson Davis Highway, Stafford. 2nd Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00  
March: *Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie  
April: *Circe* by Madeline Miller  
May: *If the Creek Don't Rise* by Leah Weiss

The Hague Winery Book Group

- The Hague Winery, 8268 Cople Hwy., Hague. 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00  
March: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt  
April: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton  
May: *Mattaponi Queen* by Belle Boggs

Books by the River

- Amy's Cafe, 103 W. Cambridge St., Fredericksburg. 3rd Mondays, 1:00-2:00. Chat about your current reads or favorite books.

Books and Coffee

- Katora, 615 Caroline St, Fredericksburg. 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.  
March: *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
April: *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg  
May: *The Overstory* by Richard Powers

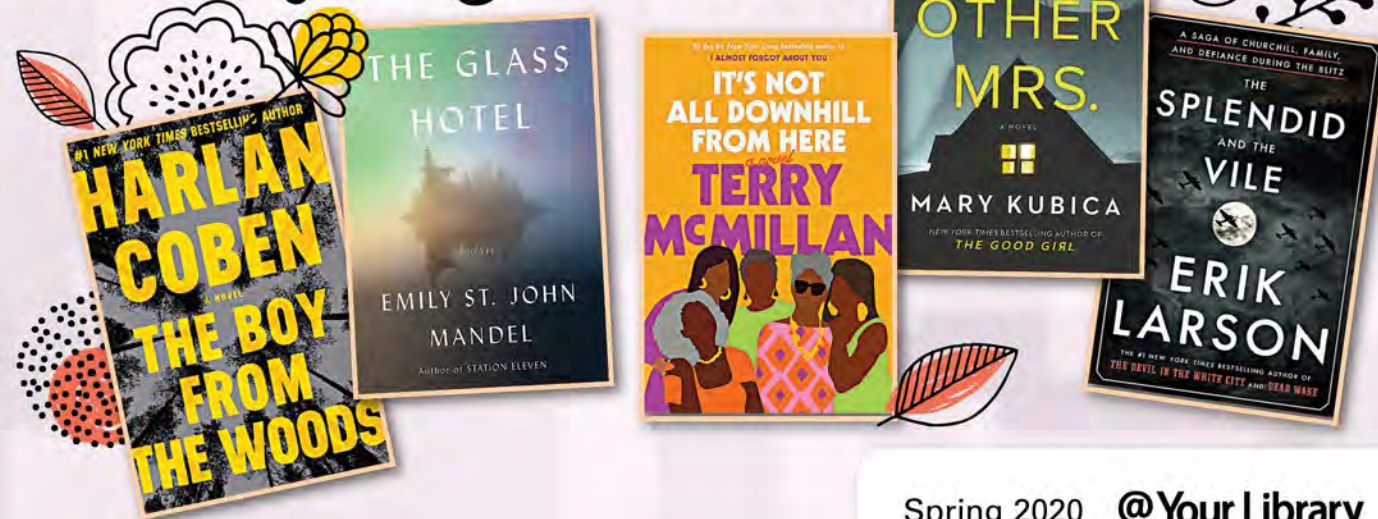


MENTAL HEALTH Book Discussion

- Snow, Saturday, May 16, 2:00-3:00  
Discuss *(Don't) Call Me Crazy*, edited by Kelly Jensen, in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month.



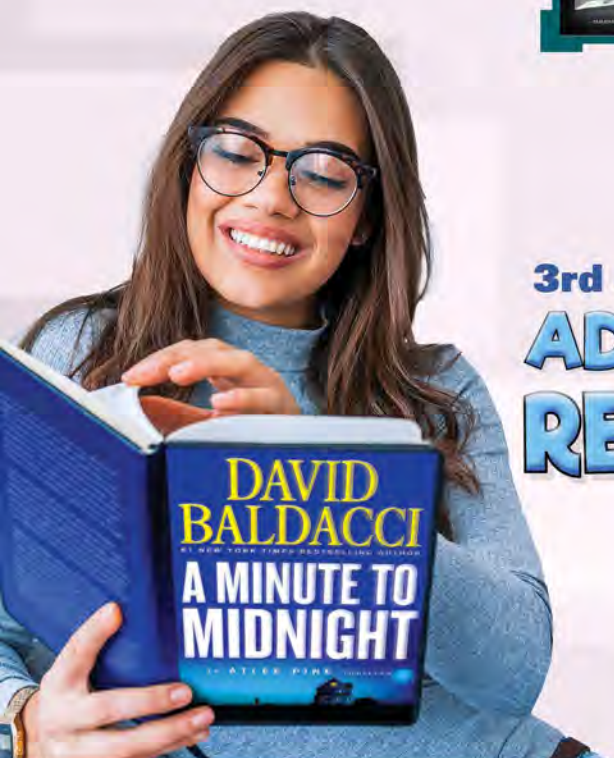
New Spring Releases



3rd Annual ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE through March 31

You still have time to sign up and earn a limited-edition CRRL mug. Log four or more books online or using a paper log from your branch and claim your mug by April 15 (while supplies last).

Sign up at [librarypoint.org/winter](http://librarypoint.org/winter).



# Friends of the Library



**Bookshop and Center**  
125 Olde Greenwich Drive, Suite 150  
Fredericksburg, 22408  
[crrlfriends.org](http://crrlfriends.org)  
540-372-1144, ext 7001

## Our annual membership drive

**kicks off April 1!** Please help us spread the word about the benefits of joining the Friends and our value to the library. Join or renew at [crrlfriends.org](http://crrlfriends.org). Memberships begin April 1 of each year, and are valid through March 31 of the following year.

Please shop for treasures at our Spring Bi-annual Sale at the Friends of the Library Bookshop.

Your FOL President,

*Candace*



## Thank you Friends of the Library for:

- Giveaways for Take Your Child to the Library Day
- Free books for our annual Kindergarten Library Card Campaign
- Prizes for the 25th Annual Teen Art Show
- Mugs for the Winter Reading Challenge

## SPRING BI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE

*We're opening the warehouse doors for a spring sale.*

### Friday, May 8, 5:30-7:30

Members-only first look--and one item \$10 or less for free!  
(Not a friend? You can join at the door!)

### Saturday, May 9, 10:00-2:00

### Monday, May 11, 10:00-2:00

1/2 price day on all items

### Tuesday, May 12, 10:00-2:00

1/2 price in the Bookshop and \$1/bag in the warehouse

## MONTHLY BOOK SALES

### Fredericksburg Branch

March 12-16, April 9-13, May 14-18  
Saturdays and Sundays: 1/2 price,  
Mondays: \$1/bag

### Salem Church Branch

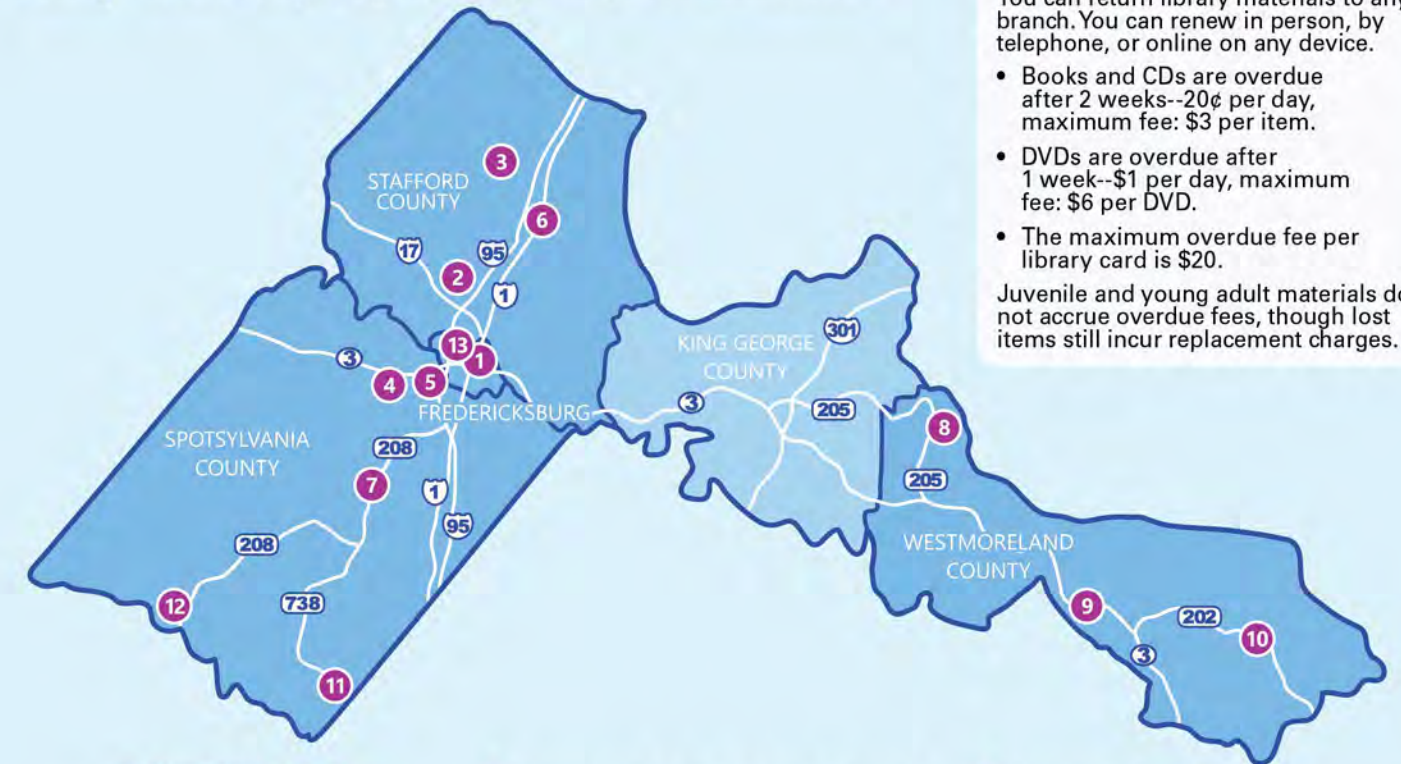
March 20-24, April 17-21, May 15-19  
Sundays and Mondays: 1/2 price,  
Tuesdays: \$1/bag

### Howell Branch

March 26-30, April 23-27, May 28-June 1  
Saturdays and Sundays: 1/2 price,  
Mondays: \$1/bag

### Porter Branch

March 6-10, April 3-7,  
May 2-5 (Closed May 1)  
Sundays and Mondays: 1/2 price,  
Tuesdays: \$1/bag



All branches closed  
Sunday, April 12 for Easter;  
Friday, May 1 for staff training;  
and Sunday, May 24-Monday,  
May 25 for Memorial Day.

**1 Fredericksburg Branch**  
1201 Caroline Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**2 William J. Howell Branch**  
806 Lyons Boulevard  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406

**3 John Musante Porter Memorial Branch**  
2001 Parkway Boulevard  
Stafford, VA 22554

**4 Salem Church Branch**  
2607 Salem Church Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Monday-Thursday ..... 9:00-9:00  
Friday, Saturday ..... 9:00-5:30  
Sunday ..... 1:00-5:30

**5 Spotsylvania Towne Centre Branch**  
390 Spotsylvania Mall  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
Monday-Saturday ..... 10:00-9:00  
Sunday ..... 11:00-6:00

**6 Barbara J. Fried Center Joint Use Branch**  
Germanna Community College  
124 Old Potomac Church Road,  
Stafford, VA 22554  
Monday-Thursday ..... 4:00-8:00  
Saturday ..... 9:00-5:00

**7 C. Melvin Snow Memorial Branch**  
8740 Courthouse Road  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553  
Monday-Thursday ..... 9:00-9:00  
Friday, Saturday ..... 9:00-5:30

**8 Abraham and William Cooper Memorial Branch**  
20 Washington Avenue  
Colonial Beach, VA 22443  
Monday, Friday,  
Saturday ..... 9:00-1:00  
Tuesday, Wednesday ..... 1:00-9:00  
Thursday ..... 1:00-5:00

**9 Montross Branch**  
56 Polk Street, Montross, VA 22520  
Monday, Thursday ..... 1:00-9:00  
Tuesday, Saturday ..... 1:00-5:00  
Wednesday, Friday ..... 9:00-1:00

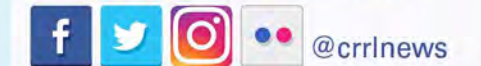
**10 Blake T. Newton Memorial Branch**  
22 Coles Point Rd Hague, VA 22469  
Monday ..... 1:00-9:00  
Tuesday, Thursday,  
Saturday ..... 9:00-1:00  
Wednesday ..... 1:00-5:00  
Friday ..... 9:00-5:00

**11 Partlow Satellite Location**  
Partlow Ruritan Club,  
3229 Partlow Road, Partlow, VA 22534  
Tuesdays ..... 4:00-7:00

**12 Belmont Satellite Location**  
Belmont Ruritan Club and  
the Belmont Club of Women  
7124 Belmont Road, Mineral, VA 23117  
Mondays ..... 4:00-7:00

**13 IdeaSpace** Opening Spring 2020  
1616 Princess Anne Street, Suite B  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
Hours: [librarypoint.org/ideaspace](http://librarypoint.org/ideaspace)

540-372-1144  
804-472-3820  
[librarypoint.org/contact](http://librarypoint.org/contact)



You can return library materials to any branch. You can renew in person, by telephone, or online on any device.

- Books and CDs are overdue after 2 weeks--20¢ per day, maximum fee: \$3 per item.
- DVDs are overdue after 1 week--\$1 per day, maximum fee: \$6 per DVD.
- The maximum overdue fee per library card is \$20.

Juvenile and young adult materials do not accrue overdue fees, though lost items still incur replacement charges.

ALL AGES

# Read Across America

Fun-filled activities to celebrate literacy.

■ Fredericksburg,  
Thursday, March 5,  
4:30-6:00  
*In partnership with Fredericksburg Education Association.*

■ Salem Church,  
Saturday, March 7,  
2:00-4:00  
*In partnership with Spotsylvania Education Association.*

★ ■ Cooper, Friday,  
March 6, 11:00-12:30

■ Montross, Thursday,  
March 12, 6:30-7:30

■ Howell, Saturday,  
March 7, 10:00-12:00

■ Newton, Saturday,  
March 14, 11:00-12:00

■ Porter, Saturday,  
March 7, 12:00-2:00  
*In partnership with Mountain View High School Family Career and Community Leaders of America.*

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