What’s happening @ Your Library

Don’t forget this school supply!

online tutoring
research help
language learning
streaming video

librarypoint.org/learn-at-home

Back to School and learn at home!
Summer Reading for all ages
Music on the Steps Concert Series
Welcome

MARTHA HUTZEL • DIRECTOR

Back-to-school time starts at the library. Our Learn at Home page has homework resources galore for all ages, so students will be ready to rule at school.

August is our last month for the Summer Reading Challenge, but it’s not too late to sign up. Log books read, write reviews, or do missions to stay active and qualify for prize drawings every week. Children and teens who also sign up for the new Back-to-School Reading Challenge will have their reading count for both challenges.

Love a bargain? Make it a weekly habit to drop by our Friends of the Library Center & Bookshop for great deals on books and media for your personal collection. Every purchase supports your library! You can also choose it as your holds-pickup location, if you like.

Don’t miss a thing! Learn all about the latest library happenings via your inbox twice a month when you sign up for CRRL eNews.

June 1-August 31

Complete missions, earn digital badges, and become eligible for raffles and weekly drawings.

It’s not too late to sign up! Through September 15 you can log all books read June 1-August 31!

Stay up to date on what’s happening at your library!

librarypoint.org/ideaspace

Check out Tech on the Go! librarypoint.org/techgo

The Rode VideoMic attaches to your iPad or smartphone’s headphone jack to record much higher quality audio.

MakerLab Badges librarypoint.org/makerlab-badges

Glowforge Laser Cutter
A laser cutter can cut or engrave material using a high-powered laser to quickly create complex designs.

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Library of Things

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Grow a Reader

BIRTH-AGE 5

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

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IN PERSON

STORYTIMES For children and their caregivers

FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg Branch

Mother Goose Time
Ages 2 and under
Wednesdays, 10:30-10:45

Toddlers Time
Ages 2-3
Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50

Alphabet Soup
Ages 2-5
Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00

Preschool Time
Ages 3-5
Fridays, 10:30-11:00

STAFFORD

Howell Branch

Mother Goose Time
Ages 2 and under
Fridays, 10:00-10:15

Toddlers Time
Ages 2-3
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20

Alphabet Soup
Ages 2-5
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30

Porter Branch

Mother Goose Time
Ages 2 and under
Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45

Alphabet Soup
Ages 2-3
Fridays, 10:30-11:00

Preschool Time
Ages 3-5
Fridays, 9:30-10:00

SPOTSYLVANIA

Salem Church Branch

Mother Goose Time
Ages 2 and under
Wednesdays, 10:30-10:15

Toddlers Time
Ages 2-3
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20

Alphabet Soup
Ages 2-5
Fridays, 10:00-10:30

Preschool Time
Ages 3-5
Thursdays, 11:00-11:30

Snow Branch

Mother Goose Time
Ages 2 and under
Tuesdays, 11:00-11:15

Alphabet Soup
Ages 2-5
Thursdays, 11:00-11:30

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

Alphabet Soup
Ages 2-5
Fridays, 11:00-11:30

Newton Branch

Alphabet Soup
Ages 2-5
Fridays, 11:00-11:30

Grades K-6

Weekly Wednesdays
Stories, games, and crafts
Cooper, Wednesdays, August 3 and 10, 2:00-3:00

Movie Matinee
Newton, Tuesdays, August 2 and 9, 11:00-12:30
August 2: Spirit Untamed
August 9: Paw Patrol: The Movie
Cooper, Wednesdays, August 3 and 10, 3:00-4:30
August 3: Bad Guys
August 10: Sonic the Hedgehog 2

Chess Time
Drop in for casual chess.
All experience levels welcome.

Grades K-12

Fredericksburg, 2nd Floor, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30

All Ages Flower Show
Grow a flower and enter it in a contest for fun!
Flowers will be judged by Master Gardeners and ribbons will be awarded.
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, August 23, 9:00-8:00. Drop off entries in separate containers with water.
Wednesday, August 24, 1:00-8:00. Flower show open to the public.

Virtual... 2nd Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00

Mighty Jack: Book One
by Ben Hatke

Join Us for Lunch
Free nutritious lunches for youth 18 and under
librarypoint.org/lunch

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800-400-7850 combine
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For School Reading Challenges

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Librarypoint.org/reading-challenges

Look up your branch to book your time.

Towne Centre, 1st Thursdays, August 4, 5:30-7:00
Porter, 1st Saturdays, August 6, 10:30-12:00
Cooper, 1st Saturdays, August 6, 11:00-12:00
Salen Church, 1st Saturdays, August 6, 2:30-4:00
Montross, 2nd Thursdays, August 11, 6:00-7:00
Howell, 2nd Saturdays, August 13, 1:30-3:00
Fredericksburg, 3rd Saturdays, August 20, 2:15-3:45
Snow, 4th Saturdays, August 27, 2:30-4:00

Virtual... also available.
Sign up for virtual sessions online at librarypoint.org/events.

PAWS FOR READING

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

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FABULOUS FRIDAYS

STEM-related activities

Underwater Exploration
Howell, Friday, August 5, 4:00-4:45

Outdoor Adventures
Fredericksburg, Friday, August 12, 4:30-5:15

Librarypoint.org/events

SPACE

Snow, Friday, August 12, 4:30-5:15
Porter, Friday, August 19, 4:30-5:15

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Teens

Time with a Therapy Dog
VIRTUAL. Read or relax with a furry friend. Grade 7-Adult.
Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

Teen Art Tuesdays
Fredericksburg, Teen Space, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30
Drop in for a chill art afternoon. Bring your own supplies, or use ours. Bring your own friends, or meet new ones! Held in Teen Space on the 2nd floor. Grades 6-12.

Welcome.
Poets of all experience levels are welcome. Join other teens to talk about love poetry and want to write it? Join other teens to talk about love poetry and want to write poems and share your own (if you want) in a safe, creative space. Work on prompts, share your writing. Players of all experience levels are welcome! Grades 6-12.

Virtual

Young Adult Book Group
VIRTUAL, 2nd Thursdays, Grades 6-12
August 11: Iron Widow by Xiran Jay Zhao

Middle School Book Group
VIRTUAL, 3rd Thursday, Grades 6-8
August 18: The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

Writing Groups

Teen Writing Group
VIRTUAL, 2nd Tuesdays, August 9, Grades 9-12
Writing is hard, but it’s more fun with friends. Spend time with other teen writers in a safe, creative space. Work on prompts, share work (if you want to), and enjoy the creative process. Players of all experience levels are welcome. Grades 6-12.

Teen Poetry Group
VIRTUAL, 1st Thursdays, August 4, Grades 6-8
Love poetry and want to write it? Join other teens to talk about poems and share your own (if you want) in a safe, creative space. Poets of all experience levels are welcome. Grades 6-12.

Adults

Book Groups librarypoint.org/book-groups

Civil War Book Group
In partnership with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Explore the meaning of the Civil War and how the past has shaped who we are today through a diverse selection of narratives, novels, and histories. Fredericksburg, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:30
August 4: A Woman in a War-Tom Town by Jane Howison Beale

Virtual

Book Groups

Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group
VIRTUAL, 3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30
Contact the Howell Branch Adult Research Desk to have a copy sent to your home branch. August 15: Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

Facebook Book Chats
VIRTUAL, 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00
Join us at facebook.com/groups/cnbbookchat
August 17: Your Favorite Reads This Summer

Reading Through the Ages Book Group
VIRTUAL, 4th Thursdays, 7:00-8:00
August 25: The Duel: A novella by famed Russian author Anton Chekhov

Virtual

Science Fiction Book Group
VIRTUAL, 1st Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00
September 6: Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

Branch Book Groups

Fredericksburg
2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00
August 13: This Is How It Always Is by Lore Frankel

Porter
1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45
August 4: The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan

Montross
2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00
August 12: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Towne Centre
1st Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00
August 3: The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi

Fredericksburg
2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00
August 13: This Is How It Always Is by Lore Frankel

Salem Church
3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30
August 15: Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II by lime Mundy

Newton
Offsite, 3rd Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30. Ask at the branch for location.
August 17: Running for My Life by Lopez Lomong

Cooper
3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00
August 18: Venture Out (Read a Young Adult title)
Adults

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Arts & Crafts

Mary Szymanski Art Show
Salem Church, August 1-31

Take and Make Grownup Activity Bags: Genealogy
Pick up a bag filled with an activity and related resource list for adults while supplies last.

A Loosely Knit Group
Begin your current knitting or crochet projects. Beginners welcome.
Montross, 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:00-7:00
Porter, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:45, and 3rd Thursdays, 3:30-5:30
Fredericksburg, 2nd Fridays, 10:00-12:00, and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:45

Beginner Crafts
Sign up at librarypoint.org. Fredericksburg, Friday, August 5, 10:00-12:00. Seed Bead Jewelry

IdeaSpace Design Lab
Collaborative workshop where makers and creative can bring their own pre-existing projects, or start new ones, and work on them in IdeaSpace.
IdeaSpace, 2nd Thursdays, August 11, 6:00-7:00

Quilting for Beginners Information Class
Presented by Pat Burrroughs. Attendence required to register for remaining classes. Grade 11-adult. Sign up at librarypoint.org.
Hovell, Saturday, August 20, 1:30-4:30

Conversation Groups

French Conversation Group
Practice French in a relaxed atmosphere. All levels welcome.
Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, August 12 and 26, 4:00-5:00

English Conversation Groups
Practice your English in a relaxed atmosphere.
VIRUTAL, Thursdays, 12:30-1:30
VIRUTAL and Porter, Fridays, except August 5, 9:30-10:30

English Language Learner Book Group
Practice reading, speaking, and listening in English.
VIRUTAL and Porter, 1st and 3rd Fridays, except August 5, 10:30-11:30

Author Talks

Local Author Reception
Meet our community of local authors in this special after-hours event. Copies of authors’ books will be available for optional purchase. Light refreshments will be served.
Porter, Friday, August 5, 6:30-8:00

Author Talks
VIRUTAL. Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders. To register or view recordings, visit library.org/crri

Dr. Marcia Chatelain
Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Franchise.
In-person at Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Wednesday, August 3, 2:00

Liz Moore
NYT-bestselling author of Long Bright River.
Saturday, August 5, 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Michele Harper
NYT-bestselling author of The Beauty in Breaking
Monday, August 22, 9:00 p.m.

Liz Wiseman
NYT-bestselling author of Impact Players: How to Take the Lead, Play Bigger and Multiply Your Impact
Tuesday, August 23, 7:00-8:00

Games

Hand and Foot Canasta
Beginners welcome.
Snow, Mondays, 1:30-4:30

Mahjong Players Club
Experienced and beginner players welcome.
Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00

Lunch & Learn

VIRUTAL.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, August 18, 6:00-7:00

Expert Bridge
Salem Church, Wednesdays, except the 3rd, 12:30-4:00
Snow, 3rd Wednesdays, 12:00-4:00

Pop Culture Trivia Contest: Summer Blockbusters
Test your pop culture knowledge with a family-friendly trivia contest. All ages.
Fredericksburg, Saturday, August 6, 3:30-4:30

Going Green

Backyard Composting 101
Presented by the R-Board and Virginia Master Gardener Association.
VIRUTAL, Thursday, August 9, 7:00-8:00

Exploring Nature
Presented by local naturalist and historian Jon Bachman. Join us on Facebook Live at facebook.com/crrlnews to explore the natural world. No Facebook account needed.
VIRUTAL, 2nd Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00
August 9: Oysters and the Chesapeake Bay

Music

CRRL’s IdeaSpace Presents
A video series that showcases local artists performing original works in IdeaSpace’s AV Booth. Follow our IdeaSpace Instagram: crri_ideaspace for upcoming performances.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Fredericksburg, Mondays through August 29, 7:00-8:00
librarypoint.org/music-steps
August 1: Angeles Easterling Duo August 8: Spanish Latin American Band
August 15: Dixie Power Trio August 22: Harry Wilson Quartet
August 29: Denim-n-Lace
Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Beginner Songwriting ft. Meaux and Lil Jeuce
Join experienced songwriters Meaux and Lil Jeuce for tips on writing and freestyling.
IdeaSpace, Thursday, August 25, 6:00-7:00

Writers

Comic Creators Roundtable
For aspiring comic writers/artists. Sessions consist of an overview of various art/promotional topics with open time for collaboration afterwards.
IdeaSpace, 1st Thursdays, August 4, 6:00-7:00

Inklings Writers Group
Learn new writing techniques and exchange feedback on current projects. Writers of all levels and experience are welcome.
August: Script Writing
IdeaSpace Instagram: ideaSpace’s AV Booth. Follow our IdeaSpace’s AV Booth. Follow our

INKlings Writers Group
Join other writers as we share feedback on our current projects.
VIRUTAL, 2nd Mondays, August 8, 6:00-7:30. Fiction
Based on CDC guidelines, customers should not visit a branch if they have a fever, symptoms of COVID-19, or have had exposure to a COVID-19 case in the preceding 5 days. Wearing a mask is recommended for a full 10 days after exposure.

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