What’s happening
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Youth Book Groups
Spanish Conversation Group
Virtual Author Talks

November 2022

SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND
Our region is such a special place! Learn about Small Business Saturday at the Civic Labs and join us for a historical walk in downtown Fredericksburg. Come out to Howell Branch for the Discover Stafford Film Festival.

Early in November, Porter Branch is hosting a special bilingual Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead Grow a Reader Special, filled with celebratory songs and stories. Later in the month, we will have a feast of storytimes throughout our branches that share the joy of Thanksgiving with young readers and listeners.

The library welcomes teens to monthly Game Nights, held at many branches. Our annual Writers’ Conference features a track of classes geared to teens, as well, and you can catch teen video creations at the Stop Motion Contest Viewing Party.

Don’t miss our November virtual author talks, featuring the founding mothers of NPR, how to have conversations about race in the workplace, and a bestselling novel about true romantic chemistry set in 1960s California.

Get a head-start on your December with the Holiday Gift Making Design Lab at IdeaSpace!
Indigenous Voices from North America
eBooks and eAudio for all ages

View the full list »

Adult
Children
Teens

Tech on the Go
librarypoint.org/techgo

Denon DJ Turntable Kit
A two-deck DJ controller built into a durable metal case.

MakerLab Badges
librarypoint.org/makerlab-badges

AV Booth
10’x12’ soundproof audiovisual booth. Our studio desk outside the vocal booth is equipped with a computer, monitors, and a Focusrite Clarett 8 PreX audio interface. Inside the booth are two condenser microphones, a 4k studio camcorder, and a green screen.

CRRL’s IdeaSpace Presents
A video series that showcases local artists performing original works in IdeaSpace’s AV Booth. Performances shared on IdeaSpace Instagram @crrl_ideaspace.
**Grow a Reader**

*librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader*

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

### Grow a Reader Storytimes

For children and their caregivers

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**Sensory Time**

Coming in January

Stories, songs and activities to support early literacy practices in an environment that adapts to youth on the autism spectrum and with other developmental challenges.

**Howell Branch**

for youth of all ages with a caregiver.
Grades K-6
For updates and more details on all programs, visit librarypoint.org/events.

**Chess Time**
Drop in for casual chess. Players of all experience levels welcome. **Grades K-12**
Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, except 11/23, 5:30-7:30

**Craft Time**
Cooper, 2nd Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00

**FABULOUS FRIDAYS**

**Making Art with Math**
Snow, Friday November 11, 4:30-5:15

**Vikings**
Howell, November 4, 4:30-5:15

**Dinovember!**
Crafts, games, and science, all about dinosaurs!
Fredericksburg, November 11, 4:30-5:15
Porter, November 18, 4:30-5:15

**Turkeys!**
Salem Church, Friday, November 18, 4:30-5:15

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**Special Holiday-themed Storytimes**

Grow a Reader Special: Happy Thanksgiving!
Howell, Wednesday, November 16, 10:00-10:30
Snow, Thursday, November 17, 11:00-11:30
Salem Church, Friday, November 18, 10:00-10:30
Porter, Friday, November 18, 10:30-11:00
Cooper, Friday, November 18, 11:00-11:30
Newton, Friday, November 18, 11:00-11:30
Montross, Monday, November 21, 6:00-6:30
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, November 22, 9:30-10:00

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**Virtual Storytellers with Therapy Dogs**

Grades 4-6
2nd Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00
November 8: The Doughnut Fix by Jessie Janowitz

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

Towne Centre, 1st Thursdays, 5:30-7:00
Porter, 1st Saturdays, 10:30-12:00
Cooper, 1st Saturdays, 11:00-12:00
Salem Church, 1st Saturdays, 2:30-4:00
Howell, 2nd Saturdays, 1:30-3:00
Fredericksburg, 3rd Saturdays, 2:15-3:45
Snow, 4th Saturdays, except 11/26, 2:30-4:00

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**Virtual sessions also available. Sign up for virtual sessions online: librarypoint.org/events.**
Teens

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

**Grades 6-12**
Salem Church, except November 23-24
Mondays, 3:00-7:00
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:00-5:15
Thursdays, 3:00-7:00

**Teen Art Tuesday**
Join us for a chill art afternoon.
Bring your own supplies or use ours.

**Grades 6-12**
Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30
Howell, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00

**Chess Time**
Casual chess for players of all experience levels.

**Grades K-12**
Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, except 11/23, 5:30-7:30

**Time With a Therapy Dog**
Read or relax with a therapy dog. In partnership with Blue Gray Therapy Dogs.

**Grade 7-adult**
with disabilities, plus their caregiver. Sign up at the branch.
Porter, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10:00-11:00
Howell, 3rd Mondays, 11:00-12:00

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**Teen Writing Group**
Work on prompts, share work (if you want to), and enjoy the creative process. All experience levels are welcome.

**Grades 6-12**
VIRTUAL, 2nd Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

**Teen Poetry Group**
Talk about poems and share your own (if you want) in a safe, creative space. Teen poets of all experience levels are welcome.

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**Writing Groups**

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**Book Groups**

**Young Adult Book Group**
VIRTUAL, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

**Grades 8-12**
November 10: Firekeeper’s Daughter by Tracy Deonn

**Middle School Book Group**
VIRTUAL, 4th Thursdays, except November 24, 6:30-7:30

**Grades 6-8**

**Teen Stop Motion Video Contest Viewing Party**
Selected entries will be screened and contest winners recognized. All ages.
Howell, Thursday, November 17, 6:00-7:00

**Anime Blizzard**
Watch, discover, and discuss anime with other fans and friends!

**Grades 6-12**
Snow, 3rd Fridays, 4:00-5:00

Special thanks to our judges
Jason Robinson, Associate Professor of Digital Art, University of Mary Washington and Megan Rivas, Animation Professor, Germanna Community College

Rappahannock Writers’ Conference: Teen Track
Workshops for teen writers led by Traci Hunter Abramson, JS Furlong, William Galaini, and Ksenya Swinton. Sign up online. More details and to register: librarypoint.org/writers-conference
Saturday, November 5, 8:45-5:00
Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

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New!
For updates and more details on all programs, visit librarypoint.org/events.

**Book Groups** librarypoint.org/book-groups

**Civil War Book Group**
Fredericksburg, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00
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. In partnership with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.
November 3: *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* by Drew Gilpin Faust

**Books & Wine**
2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:00
Meets at Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, 22554
November 14: *The Lions of 5th Avenue* by Fiona Davis

**Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer**
2nd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30
Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach, 22443
November 8: *Kingdom of the Wicked* by Kerri Maniscalco

**The Hague Winery Book Group**
1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00
Meets at The Hague Winery, 8268 Cople Hwy., Hague, 22469
November 3: *Under the Harrow* by Flynn Berry
Books will be available for pickup at the Newton Branch.

**English Language Learners Book Group**
Sponsored by Rappahannock Area Regional Adult Education (RARAE).
Practice reading, speaking, and listening in English. For a copy of the book, call the Porter Adult Research Desk at 540-372-1144, ext 7339.
Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 10:30-11:30, except 11/25
November: *Sold* by Patricia McCormick

**True Crime Book Group**
VIRTUAL, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
Read and discuss resources pertaining to the month’s case. Download the book group resources at librarypoint.org/events, search: true crime.
November: Ted Bundy

**Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group**
VIRTUAL, 3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30
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**Facebook Book Chats**
facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat
VIRTUAL, 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00
November 16: Books You’ve Read with a Partner

**Strangeways Brewing: Books and Beer**
3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
Meets at Strangeways Brewing, 350 Lansdowne Road, Fredericksburg, 22401.
November 17: *Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-first Century* by Jessica Bruder

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Adults

50 Public Library Cards from all 50 States Display
Porter, through November 18
Howell, November 28-December 27

Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Club
Discuss your favorite science fiction and fantasy media with other fans.
VIRTUAL and Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays, 4:00-5:00

Learn About Becoming a Foster Parent
Presented by the Embrace Foster Care team
VIRTUAL, 2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30

Avoiding Scams
Learn how to protect yourself from telephone, mail, and online scams.
Fredericksburg, Friday, November 11, 10:00-11:00

DMV Connect
DMV portable office will process driver’s licenses, ID cards, titles, and registration.
Appointments required: dmv.virginia.gov/onlineservices/appointment-selector.aspx
Salem Church, Monday, November 14, 10:00-2:00

Fredericksburg Linux Users Group
Meet with Open Source and Linux users to discuss IT solutions.
Howell, 4th Saturdays, 9:00-12:00. No meeting in November or December.

Arts & Crafts

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

A Loosely Knit Group
Bring 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

IdeaSpace Design Lab: Holiday Gift Making
Learn to use a variety of IdeaSpace equipment and software for specialized projects.
IdeaSpace, 2nd Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

Beginner Crafts: Bullet Journals
Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.
Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays, 10:00-12:00

Civic Lab

Small Business Saturday
What is Small Business Saturday and why does it matter? What benefits does shopping locally have for the economy? Join the discussion about supporting small businesses.
Towne Centre, Thursday, November 17, 2:00-3:00
Salem Church, Monday, November 21, 2:00-3:00

Conversation Groups
Practice languages in a relaxed atmosphere.

English
VIRTUAL, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00
Fredericksburg, Thursdays, except 11/24, 1:00-2:00

Spanish
All levels welcome.
Porter, 1st Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

French
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Art Shows

Uniquely Spotsylvania Art Show
Artistic works that clearly illustrate the unique Spotsylvania experience—in places, people, and history.
Prizes generously donated by the Friends of the Library.
Salem Church, through November

Professional Artists and Artisans of Stafford County Art Show
Fredericksburg, through November

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IdeaSpace, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00  
An overview of various art/promotional topics with open time for collaboration.

**Inklings Critique Groups**  
Share feedback with other writers.  
VIRTUAL, 2nd Mondays, 6:00-7:30.

**Fiction Inklings Writers Group:**  
What Inspires You to Write?  
Learn new writing techniques and exchange feedback on current projects.  
For writers of all levels and experience.

**Howell and VIRTUAL, 1st Wednesdays,**  
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**Porter, 3rd Saturdays,**  
2:30-4:00

**Rappahannock Writers’ Conference:**  
Friday Night Workshops  
Join us for a special evening of pre-conference hands-on workshops, presented by Traci Hunter Abramson, J.S. Furlong, Rick Pullen, and Elizabeth Spencer Spragins. Sign up required at librarypoint.org/events.  
**Howell,** Friday, November 4, 6:00-7:30

**Rappahannock Writers’ Conference: Grow!**  
Informational workshops and a panel discussion. Includes in-person, virtual, and teen tracks.  
Saturday, November 5, 8:45-5:00, Germanna Community College  
Sponsors: Platinum level: Germanna Community College, Copper level: Mystery Writers of America: Mid-Atlantic Chapter  
Event Partners: Topsider Federal Credit Union, Indie Author Day  
More details and register: librarypoint.org/writers-conference

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**Games**

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

**Mahjong Players Club**  
 Experienced and beginner players.  
Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00  
Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00, except 11/23

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

**Expert Bridge**  
Serious bridge for advanced players  
Salem Church, Wednesdays except the 3rd, 12:00-4:00  
Snow, 3rd Wednesday, 12:00-4:00

**Going Green**

**Backyard Composting 101**  
Presented by the R-Board and the Virginia Master Gardeners Association.  
VIRTUAL, Tuesday, November 15, 7:00-8:00

**Lunch & Learn:**  
**What is Greenwashing?**  
Join at facebook.com/crrlnews. No Facebook account needed.  
VIRTUAL, Friday, November 18, 12:00-1:00

**Health & Wellness**

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

**Tai Chi & Qi Gong**  
Comfortable attire.  
No experience necessary.  
Towne Centre, next to the Food Court, Wednesdays, November 2, 16, and 30, 9:00-10:00

**Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group**  
Cooper, 1st Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00  
Presented by Julie Irving of Mary Washington Home Health.

**History**

**Lunch & Learn: First Peoples of Stafford County**  
Join at facebook.com/crrlnews. No Facebook account needed.  
VIRTUAL, Friday, November 11, 12:00-1:00

**Historical Walk**  
A leisurely walking tour of historic downtown Fredericksburg.  
 Starts at Fredericksburg Branch, Wednesday, November 9, 2:30-4:00. Rain date: Wednesday, November 16.

**Veterans Portrayed in Movies**

Join local historian Virginia Lucas as she discusses the film  “The Best Years of Our Lives,” a World War II classic that won seven Oscars. Presented on facebook.com/crrlnews, no Facebook account needed to participate.  
VIRTUAL, Thursday, November 10, 1:00-2:00

**Movies**

**Cinema Night**  
Cooper, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00. Adults.  
November 8: Father Stu (2022)  
November 22: The Lost City (2022)

**Discover Stafford Film Festival**  
Learn about 16th president Abraham Lincoln and his connection to Stafford County. Watch Steven Spielberg’s feature film “Lincoln,” and enjoy refreshments. Meet staff from Widewater State Park and Discover Stafford.  
Howell, Saturday, November 12, 1:00-4:30

**Inklings Writers Group:**  
What Inspires You to Write?  
Learn new writing techniques and exchange feedback on current projects.  
For writers of all levels and experience.

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Center & Bookshop
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crrlfriends.org

Previously owned materials at bargain prices!
Books, movies, music, and audiobooks.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Get Out and Play FXBG!

Mobile Recreation Van
Increasing the opportunity for youth to participate in safe, quality, structured play and recreation in areas where services are not available. Sponsored by T-Mobile.

Find us near you!
View our schedule online:
FXBGparks.com | 540-372-1086
prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov

StaffordParks.com
Access Services
125 Olde Greenwich Dr., Suite 155, 22408
Mondays-Thursdays 9:00-1:00
Fridays by appointment

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Fredericksburg Branch
1201 Caroline St., 22401
Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00
Friday, Saturday 9:00-5:30

IdeaSpace: Making+Media
1616 Princess Anne St., 22401
Monday–Thursday 2:00–8:00
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SPOTSYLVANIA
Salem Church Branch
2607 Salem Church Rd., 22407
Monday 9:00–8:00
Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00-5:30
Thursday 9:00-8:00
Friday, Saturday 9:00-5:30

Snow Branch
8740 Courthouse Rd., 22553
Monday, Tuesday 9:00-8:00
Wednesday–Saturday 9:00-5:30

Towne Centre Branch
390 Spotsylvania Mall, 22407
Monday 10:00-5:30
Tuesday–Thursday 10:00-8:00
Friday, Saturday 10:00-5:00

STAFFORD
Fried Branch
Germanna Community College, 124 Old Potomac Church Rd., 22554
Monday–Thursday 9:00–8:00
Friday–Saturday 9:00–5:30

Porter Branch
2001 Parkway Blvd., 22554
Monday–Thursday 9:00–8:00
Friday, Saturday 9:00–5:30

WESTMORELAND
Cooper Branch
20 Washington Ave., 22443
Monday 9:00–1:00
Tuesday 12:00–8:00
Wednesday 12:00–8:00
Thursday 1:00–5:00
Friday, Saturday 9:00–1:00

Montross Branch
56 Polk St., 22520
Monday 12:00–8:00
Tuesday 1:00–5:00
Wednesday 9:00–1:00
Thursday 12:00–8:00
Friday 9:00–1:00
Saturday 1:00–5:00

Newton Branch
22 Coles Point Rd., 22469
Monday 12:00–8:00
Tuesday 9:00–1:00
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Thursday 9:00–1:00
Friday 9:00–5:00
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