December 2022

What’s happening @ Your Library

Youth Book Groups
Holiday Prep
Grow a Reader
Storytime
Specials
This December, have a merry-making good time with a DIY Holiday Gift session, featuring IdeaSpace equipment, and come to our upcycling tote bag workshop. Wrap it all up with new-to-you paper at our Gift Wrap Exchange.

Make new friends at Tabletop Game Nights for adults, and explore new worlds with the Science Fiction Book Group. Salem Church welcomes those with early-stage memory loss and their caregivers to share the season at Memory Café. Visit Fredericksburg Branch to see outstanding entries in the Teen Art Show.

Children’s librarians are ready to introduce little ones to seasonal fun with Grow a Reader specials, featuring Holiday Gifts and Winter Wonder.

Connect to our Lunch & Learn session, “Planning for a New Year,” to discover how to be more intentional and reach your goals in 2023. Expand your horizons by making it a habit to sign up for online Author Talks from bestselling authors.

Wishing you the happiest of holidays,

Martha

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

Sign up for our email newsletter: librarypoint.org/enews

Holiday Open House

Celebrate different holidays of the season with crafts, activities, and refreshments. Enjoy a personal visit with Santa. All ages.
Salem Church, Monday, December 12, 6:30-8:00

View the full list of eBooks and eAudio at:
Check out something from our collection!

Library of THINGS
librarypoint.org/things

Setting Goals and Plans for the New Year
Books and resources to help you set and execute the goals you want to achieve.

Tech on the Go
librarypoint.org/techgo

Neewer LED Ring Light Kit
A simple, lightweight, and portable light stand equipped with a smartphone mount.

Go Panasonic 4k Video Camcorder Kit
Everything you need to shoot 4k video with high-quality sound.

Embroidery Machine
Computer-guided stitching is used to create designs on various materials and garments.

Janome Memory Craft 15000 has multiple embroidery hoops, including an AcuFil quilting hoop.

MakerLab Badges
librarypoint.org/makerlab-badges

librarypoint.org/ideaspace
1616 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg
# Grow a Reader

**Birth-age 5 • 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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| **FREDERICKSBURG**| **Fredericksburg Branch**  
Mother Goose Time (Ages 2 and under)  
Tuesdays, 10:30-10:45, except 12/27  
Wednesdays, 9:30-9:45, except 12/21 and 12/28  
**Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)**  
Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50, except 12/21 and 12/28  
**Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)**  
Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00, except 12/20* and 12/27  
**Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)**  
Fridays, 10:30-11:00, except 12/23 and 12/30  
**Westmoreland** | **Cooper Branch**  
Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)  
Fridays, 11:00-11:30, except 12/23  
**Newton Branch**  
Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)  
Fridays, 11:00-11:30, except 12/23  |
| **SPOTSylvANIA**  | **Salem Church Branch**  
Mother Goose Time (Ages 2 and under)  
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 12/28  
**Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)**  
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20  
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20, except 12/8, 12/28, and 12/29  
**Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)**  
Fridays, 10:00-10:30, except 12/9*, 12/23, and 12/30  
**Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)**  
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 12/8 and 12/29  
**Snow Branch**  
Mother Goose Time (Ages 2 and under)  
Tuesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 12/27  
**Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)**  
Fridays, 10:00-11:00, except 12/8, 12/22*, and 12/29  |
| **Stafford**      | **Howell Branch**  
Mother Goose Time (Ages 2 and under)  
Fridays, 10:00-10:15, except 12/23  
**Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)**  
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20, except 12/8  
Fridays, 11:00-11:20, except 12/23  
**Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)**  
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30, except 12/14*  
**Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)**  
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30  
**Porter Branch**  
Mother Goose Time (Ages 2 and under)  
Fridays, 10:00-10:15, except 12/23  
**Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)**  
Thursdays, 10:00-10:50  
Fridays, 11:00-10:50, except 12/8 and 12/29  
**Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)**  
Fridays, 10:30-11:00, except 12/16*, 12/23, and 12/30  
**Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)**  
Fridays, 9:30-10:00, except 12/23 and 12/30  |

**Sensory Time**

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.

**Starting in January**

Howell, 2nd Thursdays, January 12 and February 9, 4:30-5:00
For youth of all ages with a caregiver.
Sign up at librarypoint.org/events
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, 5:30-7:30, except 12/21 and 12/28

Origami Thursdays
Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 5:30-7:30

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

Pop Culture Trivia: Harry Potter Trivia Contest and Yule Ball
All ages. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events
Fredericksburg, December 16, 2:00-4:00

Fabulous Fridays

Domino STEM Challenge
Howell, Friday, December 2, 4:30-5:15

Holiday Gifts
Fredericksburg, Friday, December 9, 4:30-5:15
Snow, Friday, December 9, 4:30-5:15

Coding
Salem Church, Friday, December 16, 4:15-5:00

Virtual Story Explorers Book Group
Grades 4-6
2nd Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00
November 8: Nicholas St. North and the Battle of the Nightmare King by William Joyce

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
Salem Church, 1st Saturdays, 2:30-4:00
Howell, 2nd Saturdays, 1:30-3:00
Fredericksburg, 3rd Saturdays, except 12/17, 2:00-3:30
Snow, 4th Saturdays, except 12/24, 2:30-4:00

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

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

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

**Grades 6-12**
Salem Church, except December 26-29
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 12/21 and 12/28, 5:30-7:30

Origami Thursdays
Drop in to try some origami.

**Grades K-12**
Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 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

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

Teen Art Show Winners
Art by winners of the 2022 Teen Art Show.
Fredericksburg, December 1-31

Fashion Design Exhibit
Dresses made of paper, designed by students in Fashion Marketing classes at area schools.
Salem Church, December 1-31

Writing Groups

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. **Grades 6-12**.

**VIRTUAL**, 1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

Book Groups

Young Adult Book Group

**VIRTUAL**, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

**Grades 8-12**
December 8: *In the Wild Light* by Jeff Zentner

Middle School Book Group

**VIRTUAL**, 4th Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

**Grades 6-8**
December 22: *The Electric Kingdom* by David Arnold

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

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

Art Shows

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Virtual Game Night
Salem Church, 1st Mondays, 5:00-6:00
Howell, 3rd Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00
Porter, 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-7:00
Fredericksburg, 4th Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30
**Adults**

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### Book Groups [librarypoint.org/book-groups](http://librarypoint.org/book-groups)

**Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group**
Contact the Howell Adult Research Desk to request a copy.
**VIRTUAL**, 3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30
December 19: *Defending Jacob* by William Landay

**The Hague Winery Book Group**
1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00
Meets at The Hague Winery, 8268 Cople Hwy., Hague, 22469
December 1: *Christmas at Harrington’s* by Melody Carlson

**Civil War Book Group**
Fredericksburg, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00
December 1: *Company Aytch* by Samuel Watkins

**Books & Wine**
2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:00
Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, 22554
December 12: *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

**Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer**
2nd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30
Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach, 22443
December 13: *Doc* by Mary Doria Russell

**True Crime Book Group**
Read and discuss resources pertaining to the month’s case.
**VIRTUAL**, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
December 8: NXVIM

**English Language Learners Book Group**
Call Porter Adult Research Desk (540-372-1144, ext 7339) to reserve a copy.
Porter, December 9, 10:30-11:30
*Sold* by Patricia McCormick.

**Facebook Book Chats**
facebook.com/groups/crlbookchat

**Strangeways Brewing: Books and Beer**
3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
Meets at Strangeways Brewing, 350 Lansdowne Road, Fredericksburg, 22401
December 15: Free read

**Facebook Book Chats**
facebook.com/groups/crlbookchat

**Old Towne Centre Book Group**
1st Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00
December 7: *Free read*

**Porter**
1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45
December 1: *Euphoria* by Lily King

**Montross**
2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00
December 9: *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey

**Fredericksburg**
2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:30
December 10: *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb

**Salem Church**
3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30
December 19: *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper

**Newton**
Offsite, 2nd Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30. Books will be available for pickup at the Newton Branch. Ask at branch for location.
December 14: *Velvet Was the Night* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

**Cooper**
3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00
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**Branch Book Groups**

**Towne Centre**
1st Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00
December 7: *Free read*

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**SCIENCE FICTION BOOK GROUP**

Discuss the latest speculative and contemplative science fiction.
**VIRTUAL**, 1st Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00
December 6: *The Echo Wife* by Sarah Gailey

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**Save the date!**

**ADULT**

**Winter Reading CHALLENGE**
January 1-March 31, 2023
Register starting December 21: [librarypoint.org/winter](http://librarypoint.org/winter)
Adults

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

50 Public Library Cards from all 50 States Display
Howell, through December 27

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

DMV Connect
DMV portable office will process drivers licenses, ID cards, titles, and registration.
Salem Church: Monday, December 5, 10:00-2:00

Red Cross Blood Drive
Ages 17 and up. Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org
Porter, Thursday, December 15, 12:30-6:30
Howell, Monday, December 19, 10:00-4:00

Arts & Crafts

2022 Teen Art Show Winners Art Show
Fredericksburg, December 1-31

Fashion Design Exhibit
Works by local fashion designer students. Vote for your favorite!
Salem Church, December 1-31

Upcycling Craft: Make a T-Shirt Bag
Presented by the R-Board. Bring an old t-shirt to turn into a no-sew tote bag. Limited t-shirts available if needed (while supplies last).
Porter, Tuesday, December 6, 10:00-12:00

Take & Make Grownup Activity Bags: Jane Austen
Pick up a Take and Make bag filled with an activity and related resource list for adults.
All branches, all month (while supplies last).

A Loosely Knit Group
Bring your current knitting or crochet projects. Beginners welcome.
Porter, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:45, and 3rd Thursdays, 3:30-5:30
Montross, 2nd and 4th Mondays (except 12/26), 6:00-7:00
Fredericksburg, 2nd Fridays, 10:00-12:00, and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:45

Gift Wrap Exchange
Bring unused gift wrap supplies and a gift(s) to wrap in new and different paper.
Fredericksburg, December 7, 2:30-4:30

Conversation Groups
Practice languages in a relaxed atmosphere.

English
VIRTUAL, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00
Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00

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

French
All levels welcome.
Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, except 12/23, 4:00-5:00

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 12/23

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Geraldine Brooks’ Horse
New York Times bestselling and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of March, People of the Book, and The Secret Chord
Tuesday, December 6, 7:00

Fredrik Backman
#1 New York Times-bestselling author of A Man Called Ove and the Beartown series
Saturday, December 10, 2:00

Nicole Eustace
Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Covered with Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America
Wednesday, December 14, 12:00

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

Creative Crafting
Use the supplies provided or bring your own to make a unique craft.
Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays, 10:00-12:00

Make a Magazine Gift Bow
Register for an accompanying craft kit to be sent to your home branch, then join us on Facebook Live at facebook.com/crrlnews to watch the tutorial.
Friday, December 16, 12:00
**Games**

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

**Salem Church Bridge**  
No Facebook account needed.  
Fridays, 12:00-1:00, except 12/23.

**Battle of Fredericksburg: Myths and Misconceptions**  
December 2, presented by Park Ranger Peter Maugle of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Address myths and misconceptions about the Battle of Fredericksburg of 1862 as we near its 160th anniversary.

**Fraud Prevention**  
December 9, presented by the AARP Community Ambassador.

**Craft Kit: Magazine Gift Bow**  
December 16, register for a craft kit to find out how to make a beautiful gift bow out of magazines.

**Planning for the New Year**  
December 30, learn how using a planner regularly can help you be more intentional with your time and achieve the goals you set in 2023.

**Comic Creators Roundtable**  
IdeaSpace, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00  
Tips and tricks for making comics in the digital age using drawing tablets and art software.

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

**Inklings Writers Group: Tips on Breaking Writer’s Block**  
Learn new writing techniques and exchange feedback on current projects. For writers of all levels and experience.  
Howell and VIRTUAL, 1st Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30
Friends of the Library
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125 Olde Greenwich Drive, Suite 150
Fredericksburg, 22408
Monday-Friday, 10:00-2:00

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prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov

StaffordParks.com
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Check out Tech on the Go equipment

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