

Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at
Central Rappahannock Regional Library

March–April 2023



What's happening

@ Your Library



**Discover Stafford
Scavenger Hunt**

**Grow a Reader
Storytime Specials**

**Friends of the Library
Big Spring Sale**

SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

welcome

Martha Hutzel Director

We have so much going on in the next two months! The Friends of the Library are hosting a big sale in March. Drop by for bargains, and drop off pantry staples as part of our Food for Friends drive.

Our satellite locations, which were closed with the pandemic, are reopening! Belmont will re-open in mid-March and Partlow at the beginning of April. Customers in rural Spotsylvania County will have access to free wifi, computers, printing, holds pick-up, books, movies, audiobooks, homework help, and reading recommendations.

March is the final month for Adult Winter Reading, while the Discover Stafford Scavenger Hunt continues through April. Don't miss these opportunities to learn about the history of Stafford County and keep count of your reading to earn fun prizes!

We're kicking off National Poetry Month on April 1 with a Celebration of Poetry at Howell, featuring local poets and musicians. Feeling poetic yourself? Share your original haiku and couplets online with us throughout the month.

There's a cool all-ages event coming up at the end of April at Howell. On April 22, get an introduction to amateur radio direction finding with the Stafford Amateur Radio Association. The following Saturday, try out your new skills on a "fox hunt," where you'll search for a hidden transmitter using a handheld antenna.

Spring's Grow a Reader specials for children 5 and under highlight this season of rebirth, as well as important holidays in our communities: Purim, Passover, Easter, and Eid al-Fitr.

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to come by after library hours for special Teen Take Over sessions on select Friday nights at Howell and Salem Church branches. Hang out and have fun with food, friends, and games. Are you a poet and you know it? Enter our 20th annual Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Contest to share your words and perhaps win prizes!

We have new language learning programs at the library. English Language Basics for Beginners is an active learning class that meets weekly at Fredericksburg Branch. Join our Language Lab in person at Porter or online monthly, for tips and tricks on learning a foreign language.

Take your crafting and design to a new level with IdeaSpace's Glowforge laser cutter. Get badged to learn to cut or engrave materials and quickly create complex designs.

While you're visiting our branches this season, be sure to check out two new exhibits--*Picturing Women Inventors: A Poster Exhibition* (throughout March) and *Virginia's Constitutions: A Traveling Exhibition from the Library of Virginia* (April 10-27 at Porter; May 2-20 at Salem Church).

Wishing you all a happy spring,



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

Every two weeks, we email updates about events and services for all ages.

Sign up at
librarypoint.org/enews



Food for Friends



Support your neighbors in need by donating one or more cans or boxes of food at any library branch in March. In return, you'll receive a coupon for 20% off your entire purchase at the Friends of the Library Center and Bookshop or pop-up sales and bookshops in the branches.

1 coupon given per visit; coupon is redeemed at time of purchase. March, all branches



Radio Transmitter Workshop and Search

All ages, including families. Attendance at 1st session recommended, but not required, to attend the 2nd session.

Howell, Saturdays, April 22 and 29, 9:00-11:30

April 22: Introduction to amateur radio direction finding.

April 29: Search for a hidden transmitter using a handheld antenna. New hunters will be paired with experienced hunters from the Stafford Amateur Radio Association.

Save the date

CRRL-Con is coming!

May 20, Howell Branch

librarypoint.org/crrl-con



LinkedIn Learning

Level up your skills with the premier video-based online training resource covering technical skills, creative techniques, business strategies, and more.

librarypoint.org/linkedin



librarypoint.org/ideaspace

1616 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg

MakerLab Badges

librarypoint.org/makerlab-badges

Learn to use IdeaSpace equipment, then use it independently for your own projects!

Glowforge Laser Cutter

Cut or engrave materials

AV Booth

A 10'x12' soundproof audiovisual booth for all your recording needs.

Tech on the Go

librarypoint.org/techgo

High-tech equipment you can check out and use at home!

Neewer LED Studio Lights Kit

Portable studio lights, useful for lighting both indoor and outdoor shots

Collapsible Green Screen Kit

A portable green screen for home use



Pollination Investigation

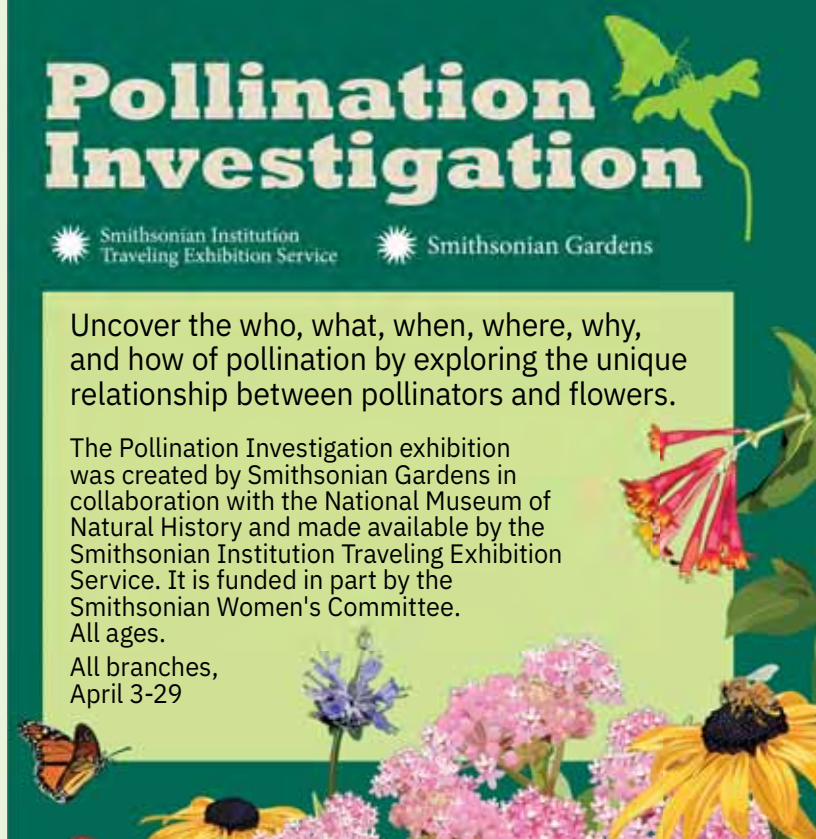
Smithsonian Institution
Traveling Exhibition Service

Smithsonian Gardens

Uncover the who, what, when, where, why, and how of pollination by exploring the unique relationship between pollinators and flowers.

The Pollination Investigation exhibition was created by Smithsonian Gardens in collaboration with the National Museum of Natural History and made available by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. It is funded in part by the Smithsonian Women's Committee. All ages.

All branches,
April 3-29



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



FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)
Tuesdays, 10:30-10:45
Wednesdays, 9:30-9:45

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00,
except 4/4*

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

SPOTSYLVANIA

Salem Church Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15,
except 3/15

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20,
except 3/15, 3/16 and 4/13

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Fridays, 10:00-10:30,
except 3/17 and 4/7*

Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)
Thursdays, 11:00-11:30,
except 3/16 and 4/13

Snow Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)
Tuesdays, 11:00-11:15,
except 3/14*

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Thursdays, 11:00-11:30,
except 3/16*

Towne Centre Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:15

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

STAFFORD

Howell Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)
Fridays, 10:00-10:15, except 3/17

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20,
except 3/16 and 4/13
Fridays, 11:00-11:20, except 3/17

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30,
except 3/1*, 3/15, 4/5* and 4/19*

Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30,
except 3/15

Porter Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)
Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50
Thursdays, 10:30-10:50,
except 4/13

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Fridays, 10:30-11:00, except 4/7*

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

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Fridays, 11:00-11:30,
except 3/24* and 4/7*

*Special
holiday-themed
storytime on
this date



Grow a Reader Storytime Specials

All ages
with a
caregiver.

Stories, songs, and activities.

Grow a Reader Special:

Hello Spring!



Howell, Wednesday, March 8, 10:00-10:30
Salem Church, Friday, March 10, 10:00-10:30
Cooper, Friday, March 24, 11:00-11:30
Newton, Friday, March 24, 11:00-11:30
Snow, Thursday, April 6, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special:

Happy Purim



Howell Branch, Wednesday, March 1, 10:00-10:30

Grow a Reader Special:

Preparing for Passover



Howell Branch, Wednesday, April 5, 10:00-10:30

Grow a Reader Special:

Happy Easter



Fredericksburg, Tuesday, April 4, 9:30-10:00
Salem Church, Friday, April 7, 10:00-10:30
Porter, Friday, April 7, 10:30-11:00
Cooper, Friday, April 7, 11:00-11:30
Newton, Friday, April 7, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special:

Eid Mubarak



Howell Branch, Wednesday, April 19, 10:00-10:30

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL)--
Spotsylvania County
Graduation Party

Salem Church Branch,
Thursday, March 30, 6:00

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library- Spotsylvania County celebrates this quarter's DPIL graduates who reside in Spotsylvania County zip codes and recently celebrated their fifth birthdays. Presented by the Spotsylvania County affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library championed by Tabernacle United Methodist Church.



Spotlight on Early Literacy

Early literacy is what children learn about reading and writing before they can actually read or write. Early literacy is not the teaching of reading. It is laying the strong foundation so that when children are taught to read in school, they are ready.

In our Grow a Reader classes, we help lay that foundation. Each class focuses on one of the early literacy skills or practices through stories, activities, and caregiver-child interactions.

We will cover early literacy practices and skills such as letter knowledge and narrative skills.

Find more early literacy tips at librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader and on the Grow a Reader page in the May-June issue of *At Your Library*.



Sensory Time

Howell, 2nd Thursdays, 4:30-5:00

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

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.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Games, activities, and more

Coded Communication

STEM

Howell, Friday, March 3, 4:30-5:15

Snow, Friday, March 10, 4:30-5:15

Salem Church, Friday, March 17, 4:15-5:00

Caves

Fredericksburg, Friday,
March 10, 4:30-5:15

Games and Sports of All Sorts

Porter, Friday, March 17, 4:15-5:00

Elephants

STEM

Towne Center, Friday March 24,
4:00-4:45

Earth Day

Fredericksburg, Friday, April 14, 4:30-5:15

Snow, Friday, April 14, 4:30-5:15

Porter, Friday, April 21, 4:15-5:00

Salem Church, Friday, April 21, 4:15-5:00

Underwater Exploration

STEM

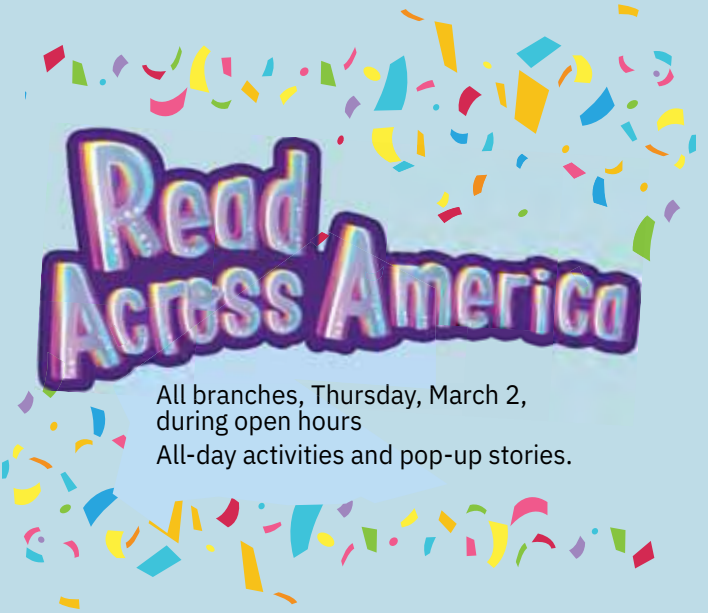
Towne Center, Friday April 28, 4:00-4:45

Building Bridges

STEM

Howell, Friday, April 7, 4:30-5:15

In partnership with Virginia
Department of Transportation



All branches, Thursday, March 2,
during open hours
All-day activities and pop-up stories.

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, 2:00-3:30

Snow, 4th Saturdays, 2:30-4:00

INSPIRING BOOKS FOR YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS



View the full list:



Discover Stafford Scavenger Hunt

Join the hunt!

All branches, February 1-May 1

Pick up a scavenger hunt booklet from any branch, then locate Stafford County historic and cultural markers for a chance to earn a souvenir badge and enter raffle prize drawings from local partners. Sponsored by the Stafford Museum and Cultural Center in partnership with Stafford Historical Society. **All ages**

Craft Time

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

March 8: Felt Flowers

April 12: Scavenger Hunt

All Ages Chess

Drop in for casual chess. Players of all experience levels welcome.

Porter, 2nd Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00

Chess Time

Drop in for casual chess. Players of all experience levels welcome. **Grades K-12**

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30

Origami Thursdays

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 5:30- 7:30

Drop in to try some Origami.

Grades K-12

VIRTUAL

STORY EXPLORERS BOOK GROUP

Grades 4-6

2nd Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30

March 14: *Bright Family 1*
by Matthew Cody

April 11: *Chester and Gus*
by Cammie McGovern



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.

Salem Church, Mondays 3:00-7:00; Tuesdays 3:00-5:30;
Wednesdays 3:00-5:30; Thursdays 3:00-7:00

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 to book your time.

Porter, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10:00-11:00

Howell, 3rd Mondays, 11:00-12:00

Fredericksburg Matinee: *Star Wars: A New Hope* Grade 7-adult

Fredericksburg, Saturday, March 4, 2:00-4:15

Teen TAKEOVER

When the library's closed, the real fun begins . . .
Come hang after hours with games, food, and
friends. **ONLY for Teens (Grades 6-12)**

Salem Church Branch, Friday, March 24, 6:00-8:00

Howell Branch, Friday, March 31, 6:00-8:00

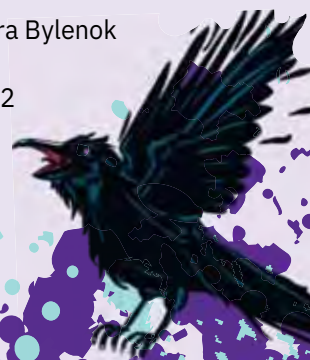
20th Annual Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Contest

Celebrate National Poetry Month by submitting your original poetry. Winners are awarded cash prizes and invited to read their work.

Entries will be judged by local poets: Laura Bylenok and David Anthony Sam.

2 Categories: Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12
Maximum of two entries
per person

Entries accepted online April 1-15:
librarypoint.org/teen-poetry-contest



Teens

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on all programs, visit
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Book Groups

Teen Anime & Manga Club

Come watch anime, read manga, and chat about your favorite series.

Porter, 1st Thursdays, 4:30-6:00

Young Adult Book Group

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

Grades 7-12

March 9: *Man Made Monsters*
by Andrea L. Rogers

April 13: *Queen of the Tiles*
by Hanna Alkaf

Anime Blizzard

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

Grades 6-12

Snow, 3rd Fridays, 4:00-5:00

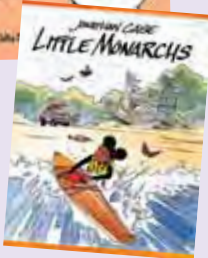
Middle School Graphic Novel Book Group

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

Grades 6-8

March 23:
M is for Monster
by Talia Dutton

April 27:
Little Monarchs
by Jonathan Case



Audiobooks featuring Female Narrators



View the full list:

Art

Origami Thursdays

Grades K-12

Fredericksburg, Thursdays 5:30- 7:30

28th Annual Johnny P. Johnson Teen Art Show Reception

Fredericksburg, Friday,
March 3, 7:00-8:30

Teen Art Tuesdays

Drop in for a chill art afternoon. Bring your own supplies, or use ours. Bring your own friends, or meet new ones.

Grades 6-12

Howell, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays,
March 14 and 28, April 11 and 25,
4:00-6:00



COMIC ART SHOW SUBMISSIONS

Submit 1-2 original pieces of artwork to be considered for inclusion in the Comic Art Show at Salem Church Branch. No copies, just original interpretations, **by artists of any age**.

Find rules and registration at
librarypoint.org/crrl-con.

Submissions accepted: April 1-29

Exhibition: May 1-31

Opening reception: May 8

NATURE JOURNALING WORKSHOP

Lake Anna State Park rangers help you create a nature journaling sketchbook and teach basic drawing techniques to explore nature through art. Supplies included.

In partnership with
Virginia State Parks.

Snow, Saturday, March 4,
2:00-4:00

Grade 7-adult • Sign up at librarypoint.org/events

Games

All Ages Chess

Casual chess **for all ages**. Players of all experience levels welcome.

Porter, 2nd Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00

Chess Time

Casual chess. Players of all experience levels welcome.

Grades K-12

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays,
5:30-7:30

Pop Culture Trivia and Craft: Star Wars

Test your pop culture knowledge with a family-friendly trivia contest and craft. **All ages**.

Sign up at librarypoint.org.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, April 1,
3:30-5:00

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Grades 6-12

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

Adults

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DMV Connect

The DMV portable office will process drivers' licenses, ID cards, titles, and registrations.

Appointments required:
dmv.virginia.gov/onlineservices/appointment-selector.aspx

Salem Church, Monday, March 27, 10:00-2:00

Snow, Wednesday, April 5, 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

March 25: Emacs

April 22: ZeroTier

Red Cross Blood Drive

Ages 17 and up. Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org

Howell, Saturday, March 4, 9:00-3:00

Howell, Saturday, April 1, 9:00-3:00

Porter, Thursday, April 20, 12:30-6:30

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.

No meeting April 7.

Arts & Crafts

Beginner Crafts

Materials provided. Sign up at librarypoint.org.

Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays, 10:00-12:00

March 3: Cup Weaving

April 7: Playing Card Boxes

Nature Journaling Workshop

Lake Anna State Park rangers help you create a nature journaling sketchbook and teach basic drawing techniques to explore nature through art. Supplies included. In partnership with Virginia State Parks. Grade 7-adult. Sign up at librarypoint.org.

Snow, Saturday, March 4, 2:00-4:00

Crochet for Beginners

Materials provided for learning basic crochet stitches. Bring your own supplies for any crochet (or knitting) projects. Intermediate and experienced crafters also welcome.

Salem Church, 1st Mondays, 4:00-5:00

3D Design Lab

Learn about 3D modeling techniques.

IdeaSpace, 2nd Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

March 9: Extruding

April 13: Fillets & Chamfers



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

Pop Culture Trivia and Craft: Star Wars

All ages. Sign up at librarypoint.org.
Fredericksburg, Saturday, April 1, 3:30-5:00

Sewing for Beginners

Learn to sew a drawstring bag by hand. Materials provided. Sign up at librarypoint.org.

Salem Church, Monday, March 13, 4:00-5:00

Take & Make Grownup Activity Bags

Pick your bag up in person from a library branch while supplies last. All branches. March: Gardening, April: Origami

Art Shows

Teen Art Show

Fredericksburg, March-April

North Stafford High School Student Art Show

Porter, April



Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Log 5 books read between January 1-March 31 to earn a mug or blanket, while supplies last. Sign up and log books at librarypoint.org/winter.

**Author Talks**

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 **Friends of the Library**

Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders. To register or view recordings, visit libraryc.org/crrl

David Epstein

Bestselling author of *Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World* and *The Sports Game*

Monday, March 13, 1:00

Jernard A. Wells

Award-winning TV host, celebrity chef, and author of *Southern Modified* and *Southern Inspired*

Tuesday, March 21, 4:00

Pam Jenoff

New York Times-bestselling author of *The Orphan's Tale* and *The Lost Girls of Paris*

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00

Kate Beaton

New York Times-bestselling cartoonist of *Hark! A Vagrant!* and *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands*

Tuesday, April 4, 7:00

William Kent Krueger

The bestselling author discusses *Fox Creek*, his newest book in the *Cork O'Connor* mystery series, set in the north woods of Minnesota, and his other works.

Thursday, April 27, 8:00

Adults

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

Book Groups librarypoint.org/book-groups

The Hague Winery Book Group

1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

Meets at The Hague Winery, 8268 Cople Hwy., Hague, 22469

March 2: *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway

April 6: *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks

Science Fiction Book Group

VIRTUAL, 1st Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00

Discuss popular speculative and contemplative science fiction.

March 7: *A Closed and Common Orbit* by Becky Chambers

April 4: *To Sleep in a Sea of Stars* by Christopher Paolini

True Crime Book Group

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

Read and discuss resources pertaining to the month's case.

Find recommended reading at librarypoint.org/events

March 9: Lizzie Borden

April 13: Gianni Versace

Books and Wine

2nd Mondays except in March, 7:00-8:00

Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, 22554

March 6: *Mrs. March* by Virginia Feito

April 10: *Crossroads* by Jonathan Franzen

See the History section for **Civil War Book Group**

Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

2nd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30

Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach, 22443

March 14: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

April 11: *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

Facebook Book Chats

VIRTUAL, 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00

Join us at facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat on 3rd Wednesdays for lively book chatter.

March 15: *Beware the Ides of March*

April 19: *Books That Make You Laugh!*

Strangeways Brewing: Books and Beer

3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

Meets at Strangeways Brewing, 350 Lansdowne Rd., Fredericksburg, 22401

March 16: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

April 20: *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver

Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group

VIRTUAL, 3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30

March 20: *Under the Harrow* by Flynn Berry

April 17: *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch

Reading Through the Ages Book Group

VIRTUAL, 4th Thursdays, 7:00-8:00

Find links to eBooks at librarypoint.org/events

March 23: *The Napoleon of Notting Hill*. A farcical dystopian novel from the early 20th century.

April 27: *The Tale of Genji*. Written by a Japanese noblewoman in the early 11th century and considered by some to be the first novel.

See Language Learning for **English Language Learners Book Group**



We the Readers Civic Book Club

Explore a variety of civic topics to enlighten and empower you to make positive changes in our society.

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, April 18, 7:00-8:00.
Girls Like Us by Rachel Lloyd

Special guest Michele Trampe, Executive Director at Central Virginia Justice Initiative

Branch Book Groups

New Members Always Welcome!

Towne Centre

1st Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00

March 1: *Favorite Childhood Books*

April 5: *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano

Porter

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

March 2: *Caroline: Little House, Revisited* by Sarah Miller

April 6: *Dimestore: A Writer's Life* by Lee Smith

Newton

Offsite, 2nd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00. Books will be available for pickup at the Newton Branch. Ask at branch for location.

March 8: *Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott

April 12: *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa

Montross

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

March 10: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

April 14: *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery

Fredericksburg

2nd Saturdays: 10:00-11:30

March 11: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

April 8: *March* by Geraldine Brooks

Cooper

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

March 16: *Luck of the Draw*. Read a book with the words "luck" or "lucky" in the title.

April 20: Free Read

Salem Church

3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30

March 20: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

April 17: *The Beauty in Breaking* by Michele Harper

NEW DAY/TIME!

Civic Labs

A casual, interactive experience offering resources, activities, and conversation about issues that affect our community

Water Conservation

Calculate your water footprint and learn ways to conserve and sustain this limited resource. In partnership with Lake Anna State Park.

Snow, Wednesday, March 8, 1:00-2:00

Food as Medicine

Learn how you can utilize food to heal your body and boost your immune system with these useful resources.

In partnership with the Fredericksburg Food Co-Op.

Towne Centre, Thursday, March 16, 2:00-3:00

Fredericksburg, Monday, March 27, 11:00-12:00

Porter, Tuesday, March 28, 11:00-12:00

Citizen Science

Learn about citizen science, when the public voluntarily helps conduct scientific research. Citizen scientists may design experiments, collect data, analyze results, and solve problems.

Howell, Friday, April 7, 4:00-5:00

Porter, Friday, April 21, 3:30-4:30

History

Civil War Book Group

In partnership with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park

Fredericksburg, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

March 2: *Opium Eating: An Autobiographical Sketch*

April 6: *Women's War: Fighting and Surviving the American Civil War* by Stephanie McCurry

Historical Walk

A leisurely walking tour of historic downtown Fredericksburg. Starts at Fredericksburg Branch.

Wednesday, April 19, 2:30-4:00.

Rain date: Wednesday, April 26.

Virginia's Constitutions: A Traveling Exhibition from the Library of Virginia

Porter: April 10-27, Salem Church: May 2-20

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the current Virginia state constitution, follow early versions of Virginia's constitution from its first days establishing state and local governments to today's version.

An exhibition from the Library of Virginia with support from the Virginia Law Foundation, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Reed Smith LLP, and McGuireWoods.

Games

Mahjong Players Club

Experienced and beginner players welcome.

Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00

Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00

Tabletop Game Night

Play old games, learn how to play new ones, or bring a game to share.

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 5:30-7:30

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

Intermediate Bridge

Serious bridge for advanced players.

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

Snow, 3rd Wednesdays, 12:00-4:00

All-Ages Chess

Players of all experience levels welcome.

Porter, 2nd Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00

Going Green

Water, Water Everywhere!

Presented by Lake Anna State Park. To celebrate World Water Day (March 22), join Lake Anna park rangers to discover water conservation and learn how you can help protect freshwaters and the Chesapeake Bay.

Snow, Wednesday, March 8, 2:00-3:00

Tiny Space Gardening

From vertical gardening to pots on a deck, learn how to grow a great garden, regardless of space.

Salem Church, Thursday, March 30, 2:00-4:00

My Garden of a Thousand Bees

Enjoy this PBS Nature documentary and learn how you can help the pollinators. Free wildflower seeds given to attendees while supplies last.

Porter, Saturday, April 1, 2:00-3:00

Upcycling Craft: Plastic Bottle Planter

Presented by the R-Board. Materials provided. All ages.

Porter, Friday, April 7, 10:00-11:30



PICTURING WOMEN INVENTORS

Porter, Howell, Fredericksburg, Salem Church, Snow, Towne Centre
March 1-31

Explore the inventions of 19 highly accomplished American women.

Picturing Women Inventors is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation, and was developed in collaboration with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and made possible with the support of Lyda Hill Philanthropies IF/THEN Initiative and Ericsson.



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FINDING ME

this will be funny later
A MEMOIR
JENNY PENTLAND

Adults

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on all programs, visit
librarypoint.org/events.

Health & Wellness

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Presented by Julie Burks with the Alzheimer's Association.

Cooper, 1st Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00

Howell, 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00

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



Chair Yoga

Montross, Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00

Presented by certified instructor Kay Hawkins.

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Comfortable attire. No experience necessary. Class held next to the Food Court.

Towne Centre, Wednesdays, March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19, 9:00-10:00.

MWHC Hospice: A Journey to Peace

Presented by Mary Washington Healthcare Hospice.

Join via Facebook Live at facebook.com/crrlnews.

No Facebook account needed.

VIRTUAL, 2nd Tuesdays, 11:00-12:00

March 14: Supporting Veterans at the End of Life

April 11: The Gift of Preemptive Planning: Advanced Medical Care

Memory Café: Relax and Reminisce

Share conversation and nostalgia in a relaxed atmosphere. For adults with early memory loss and their care partners.

Salem Church, Friday, March 17, 10:30-12:00

Bullet Journaling

Whether you're a pro or want to learn, come bullet journal with other enthusiasts. Some supplies provided.

Porter, Monday, April 17, 6:00-7:30

Language Learning

Language Lab **NEW!**

Learn new foreign language learning techniques and share feedback on current foreign language learning goals!

Porter or **VIRTUAL**, 1st Mondays, 4:00-5:00

English Language Basics for Beginners **NEW!**

Learn basic English in an active learning class for beginners.

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays beginning March 8, 1:30-2:30

English Language Learners Book Group

Sponsored by Rappahannock Area Regional Adult Education (RARAE). Call Porter Adult Research Desk (540-372-1144, ext. 7339) to reserve a copy.

Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 9:30-10:30

March 10 and 24: *The Italian Cure* by Melodie Campbell

April 14 and 28: *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

Conversation Groups

French Conversation Group

Practice French in a relaxed atmosphere. All levels welcome.

Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 4:00-5:00

English Conversation Groups

Practice speaking English in a relaxed atmosphere.

VIRTUAL, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00

Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 10:30-11:30

Spanish Conversation Group

Practice speaking Spanish in a relaxed atmosphere. All levels welcome.

Porter, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

TOEFL Exam Prep Group

Improve your English and transform your future with this 8-week TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) exam preparation group.

Sign up at librarypoint.org/events

Porter, Saturdays, March 4 and 11, and Tuesdays, April 11-May 30, 7:00-7:45

Naturalization Information Session

Learn the steps to U.S. citizenship.

Presented by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Howell, Tuesday, April 11, 12:00-2:00

Salem Church, Tuesday, April 25, 1:00-3:00

Porter, Tuesday, May 9, 4:00-6:00



Lunch & Learn

VIRTUAL, Fridays, 12:00-1:00

Join at facebook.com/crrlnews. No Facebook account needed.



Women Who Served in WWII

March 3. Presented by local historian Virginia Lyman Lucas.

Blue Gray Therapy Dogs

March 10. What is a therapy dog, and how can my dog become qualified?

Circadian Rhythms: Our Inner Clocks

March 17. Presented by local naturalist Jon Bachman.

Self-Sustaining Hobby Farming

March 24. Erin and Dave from B&B Farm share their journey from what started as a small hobby farm with only 10 chickens to a self-sustaining homestead that now includes pigs, steers, goats, turkeys, and more.

Finding Your Irish Ancestors

March 31. Presented by Trish Little Taylor. Learn methods and resources for researching your Irish family history.

Money Smart

Free Tax Preparation Clinics

IRS-trained volunteers will help prepare simple tax returns through AARP or Rappahannock United Way. Dates and availability subject to change. Visit librarypoint.org/tax-answers for dates, locations, and required documents.

Cooper, Howell, Fredericksburg, Porter, Salem Church, January 23-April 15

Your Money Matters

Mondays in April, 12:00-1:00 (virtual). Join via Facebook Live at facebook.com/crrlnews. No Facebook account needed.

April 3: First Time Home Buyers' Guide: Where to Get Started. Presented by the Faith Housing Coalition

April 10: Ten Things I Wish I Knew Before Starting a Business. Presented by the Greater Fredericksburg Black Chamber of Commerce

April 17: Eating Healthy on a Budget. Presented by the Virginia Cooperative Extension

April 24: Personal Finance. Presented by Lamont Brown, CFP, Principal Wealth Manager of ALNA Financial

Poetry as a Witness

April 7. Presented by David Anthony Sam, Vice President of the Poetry Society of Virginia, North Central Virginia Region. Explore five poems from American history written in protest to advocate for change.

Hiking 101

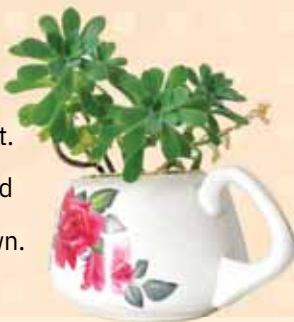
April 14. Presented by Stafford County Parks and Recreation. Learn about local trails and essential tips for hiking.

Discovering Nature at Sundown

April 21. Presented by local naturalist Jon Bachman.

Upcycling

April 28. Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without. Learn about upcycling and repurposing things we own.



Music

CRRL's IdeaSpace Presents

Watch musical performances by local artists recorded at IdeaSpace. View on our YouTube @crrlvideo, playlist: CRRL's IdeaSpace Presents.

Music Engineering Class

Presented by local producer Zach Gouldman. Watch a demonstration on using the software program Ableton to create beats and engineer vocals. IdeaSpace, Wednesday, April 12, 6:00-7:00



Movies

Cinema Night

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00

March 14: *Gigi & Nate*

March 28: *Easter Sunday*

April 11: *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile*

April 25: *Ticket to Paradise*

Fredericksburg Matinee:

Star Wars: A New Hope

A showing of the feature film

Grade 7-Adult.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, March 4, 2:00-4:15

Writers

Comic Creators Roundtable

IdeaSpace, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

Learn tips for making comics in the digital age using drawing tablets and art software.

Inklings Writers Group

Learn new writing techniques and exchange feedback on current projects. All experience levels welcome.

March topic: Editing Has Its Place

April topic: Writing Poetry

Howell and **VIRTUAL**, 1st Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30

Porter and **VIRTUAL**, 4th Thursdays, 6:00-7:30

* Celebration * of Poetry *

Celebrate National Poetry Month with local poets and musicians as they share their original works. Poets will answer audience questions and have their books available for sale.

Howell, Saturday, April 1, 2:00-3:30



Inklings Writers Critique Groups

Share feedback on current projects.

VIRTUAL, 2nd Mondays, 6:00-7:30, Fiction

Howell and **VIRTUAL**, 4th Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30, Poetry



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SAT, 3/18 and MON, 3/20
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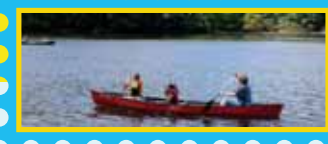
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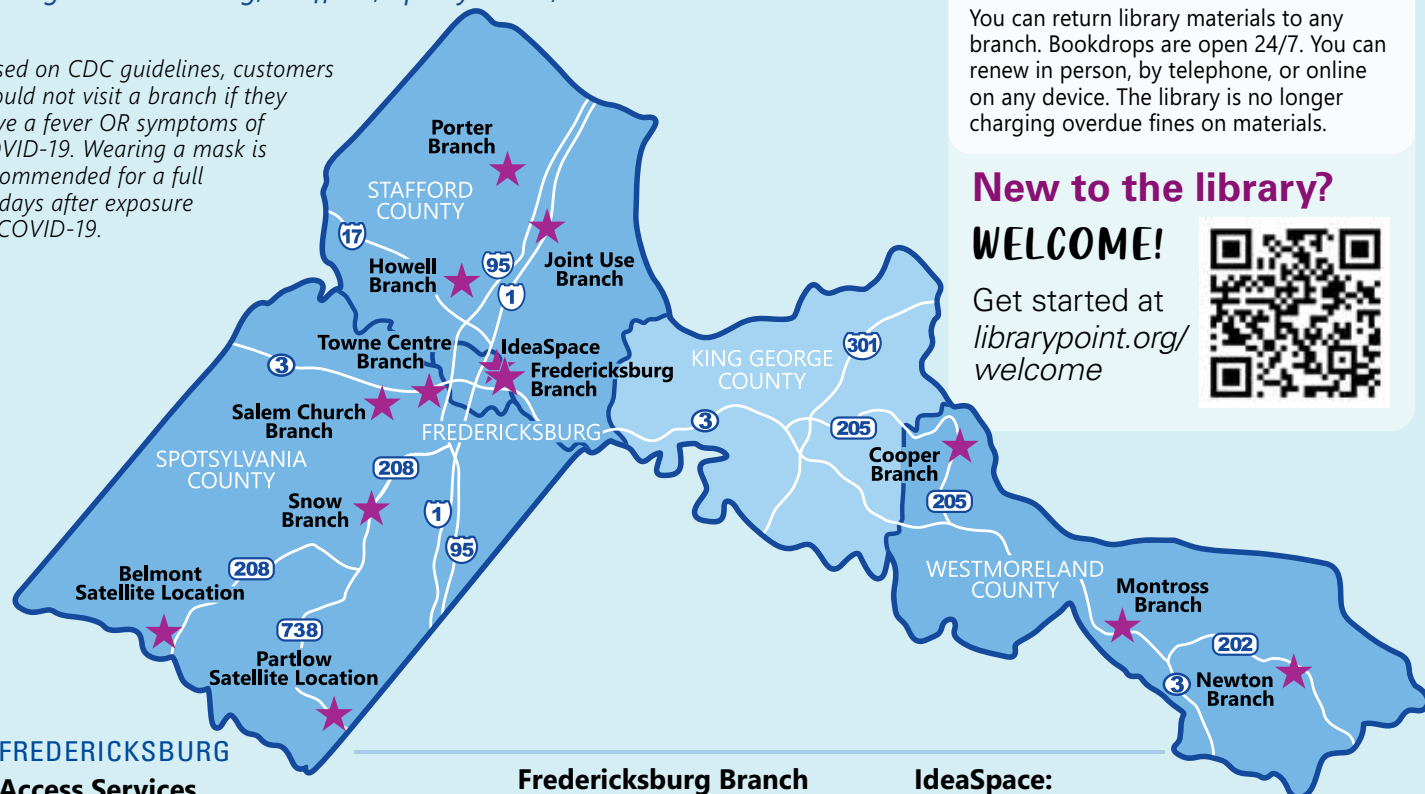
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125 Olde Greenway Dr., Suite 155, 22408
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Fridays by appointment

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
Saturday 12:00–5:00

SPOTSYLVANIA

Belmont Satellite Location Starting mid-March
Belmont Ruritan Club
and the Belmont Club of Women
7124 Belmont Road, Mineral, 23117
Mondays 4:00–7:00

Partlow Satellite Location Starting early April
Partlow Ruritan Club,
3229 Partlow Road, Partlow, 22534
Tuesdays 4:00–7:00

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

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

Howell Branch
806 Lyons Blvd., 22406
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, Friday, Saturday 9:00–1:00
Tuesday, Wednesday 12:00–8:00
Thursday 1:00–5:00

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

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

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February 1-May 1

Discover Stafford Scavenger Hunt

1 Pick up a
scavenger hunt
booklet from
any branch or
register
online

2 Locate
Stafford County
historic and
cultural
markers.

3 Find
15 sites
to earn a
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