

Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at
Central Rappahannock Regional Library

May-June 2023



What's happening

@ Your Library

Friends' 50th Anniversary

Support your library!

CRRL-Con

*A comic book convention
at your library*

**Summer
Reading
for all ages**



SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

welcome

Martha Hutzel Director

We're gearing up for a fun time at this year's CRRL-Con: a comic book convention at the library with cosplay, vendors, giveaways, activities, and more! Artists of any age are invited to enter our Comic Art Show, and we hope to see K-5 students at Fabulous Friday events celebrating superheroes, and, yes, there's one for supervillains, too.



Are you ready for the Summer Reading Challenge? This year, we're looking forward to getting *Booked for the Summer*. Sign up starting May 1 to read what you like from May 15 through August 15 in this program for all ages. Earn virtual badges and chances to win end-of-summer prizes.

While children are out of school, the library has classes and events to both entertain them and keep them from experiencing a "summer slide" while away from learning. We start with the Grow a Reader Special Booked for the Summer for all ages and at all branches. Then come back for "Wild Stories" from the staff at the Wildlife Center of Virginia who will introduce animals that were patients at their hospital and tell their stories. On 6/20, Towne Centre Branch will host TaleWise (formerly the Science Tellers) for action-packed science fun in their Science Heroes show.

We have intriguing and educational events for adults, too. The Virginia Master Naturalists are hosting a Rappahannock River Nature Walk on 6/9 at Fredericksburg Branch. If you're a writer who's finished or who's close to finishing a book, join us at Howell on 6/2 for a special workshop on self-publishing. Also in June, there will be Civic Lab sessions on the history of LGBTQ+ cultures and Pride Month. Stop by Salem Church Branch from May 2-20 to learn about the evolution of the Virginia Constitution through a special poster exhibition commemorating the 50th anniversary of the most recent version.

Music on the Steps is returning on Monday nights in June and will run throughout the summer. We have some favorite groups in the line-up and are also welcoming new musicians. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha".

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



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Join Us for Lunch!

Free Nutritious Lunches
for youth 18 and under

VIEW THE SCHEDULE AT
librarypoint.org/lunch

Fredericksburg, Howell,
and Salem Church
branches





ALL AGES

9TH ANNUAL

CRRL-CON

A comic book convention at the library!

MAY 20, 1:00-4:00
Howell Branch

COSPLAY CONTEST, VENDORS, GIVEAWAYS, ACTIVITIES, AND MORE.

GET READY FOR CRRL-CON WITH THESE EXCITING PROGRAMS:

COMIC ART SHOW

Salem Church
Comic Art Show exhibition:
May 1-31
Opening Reception:
Monday, May 8, 6:00-7:30

COMIC ART DAY

Hone your art with workshops, meet local artists, and learn about resources for creating comics and graphic novels.
Salem Church, Saturday, May 13, 1:00-5:00

FANDOM FLICKS

Get hyped for CRRL-Con with favorite fandom movies!
Salem Church, 5:00-8:00
Thursday, May 11, *Pokémon: The First Movie* (1999)
Monday, May 15, *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* (2018)
Thursday, May 18, *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* (2022)

POP CULTURE TRIVIA

VIRTUAL, May 1-31. Test your knowledge on *Attack On Titan* and *Demon Slayer*. **Grade 6-adult**. Pick up prize buttons in branches at the Youth Services desk, while supplies last.

Find more CRRL-Con details and epic comic-themed resources at
librarypoint.org/crrl-con



librarypoint.org/ideaspace

1616 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg

MakerLab Badges

librarypoint.org/makerlab-badges

• Huion GT-220 Drawing Tablets

Create digital art, animation, and 3D models with a stylus pen

• Janome Sewing Machines



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

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

* Special
holiday-themed
storytime on
this date

FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)
Tuesdays, 10:30-10:45,
except 5/23
Wednesdays, 9:30-9:45,
except 5/24

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50,
except 5/24

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00,
except 5/9*, 5/23, 6/6*, 6/13*

Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)
Fridays, 10:30-11:00,
except 5/12 and 5/26

SPOTSYLVANIA

Salem Church Branch

Mother Goose Time

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

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Fridays, 10:00-10:30,
except 5/5*, 5/12, 6/19*, 6/23

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)
May: Thursdays, 11:00-11:30
except 5/11*
June: Mondays, 11:00-11:30,
except 6/19

Towne Centre Branch

Mother Goose Time

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

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30

New
time!

New
time!

STAFFORD

Howell Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)
Fridays, 10:00-10:15, except 5/12

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20
Fridays, 11:00-11:20, except 5/12

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30,
except 5/10*, 6/14*, 6/28*

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

Porter Branch

Mother Goose Time

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

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50,
except 6/20
Thursdays, 10:30-10:50

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Fridays, 10:30-11:00,
except 5/5*, 5/12, and 6/16*

Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)
Fridays, 9:30-10:00, except 5/12

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Fridays, 11:00-11:30,
except 5/12, 6/2*, 6/16*



Grow a Reader Storytime Specials

Stories, songs, and activities for all ages with a caregiver

Grow A Reader Special: Happy Mother's Day

Salem Church, Friday, May 5, 10:00-10:30

Porter, Friday May 5, 10:30-11:00

Cooper, Friday, May 5, 11:00-11:30

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, May 9, 9:30 - 10:30

Howell, Wednesday, May 10, 10:00-10:30

Snow, Thursday, May 11, 11:00-11:30

Grow A Reader Special: Happy Father's Day

Montross, Saturday, June 10, 3:00-3:30

Snow, Monday, June 12, 11:00-11:30

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, June 13, 9:30-10:00

Newton, Thursday, June 15, 11:00-11:30

Porter, Friday, June 16, 10:30-11:00

Cooper, Friday, June 16, 11:00-11:30

Salem Church, June 9, 11:00-11:30

Grow A Reader Special: Juneteenth

Howell, Wednesday, June 14, 10:00-10:30

Grow A Reader Special: Eid-al-Adha

Howell, Wednesday, June 28, 10:00-10:30

Grow A Reader Special:

Summer Reading Kickoff

Booked for the Summer

Newton, Thursday, June 1, 11:00-11:30

Porter, Friday, June 2, 10:30-11:00

Cooper, Friday, June 2, 11:00-11:30

Salem Church, Friday, June 2, 11:00-11:30

Snow, Monday, June 5, 11:00-11:30

Montross, Monday, June 5, 6:00-6:30

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, June 6, 9:30-10:00

Howell, Wednesday, June 7, 10-10:30 and 11:00-11:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday, June 7, 11:00-11:30



Grow A Reader Special Series: Feeling Ready

Looking to ease your child's transition to school? Join us for a special weekly interactive storytime series focused on exploring and developing social-emotional skills.

Howell Branch, Wednesdays, June 14-July 19, 11:00-11:30

Porter Branch, Fridays, June 30-August 4, 9:30-10:00

Fredericksburg Branch, Fridays, June 23-July 28, 10:30-11:00

Salem Church Branch, Fridays, June 16-July 28, except June 23, 10:00-10:30



Spotlight on Early Literacy: Print Awareness

We are surrounded by printed words. We use them daily to navigate and communicate. Helping our little ones recognize that print has meaning and represents something real in the world is called Print Awareness and is a critical skill in helping children get ready to read.

Tips for raising print awareness:

- Run your finger under printed words as you read them to your child, wherever you see them (in books, or even cereal boxes!) This will draw your child's eyes to the print.
- Whenever you see your child's name written, point it out to them. They will quickly learn that this word represents them.

For more information:

Join us for a Grow a Reader class! Each class focuses on an early literacy skill or practice, taught through stories, activities, and caregiver-child interactions.

Find more early literacy tips at librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader

Sensory Time

Howell, 2nd Thursdays, May 11 and June 8, 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.

Chess Time

Casual chess for all experience levels.

Grades K-12

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30

Origami Thursdays

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 5:30-7:30. **Grades K-12**

Craft Time:

Pictures and Flowers for Mom

Cooper, May 10, 4:00-5:00

All-Ages Chess

All experience levels welcome.

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

Wacky Wednesdays

Stories, games, and crafts.

Cooper, Wednesdays, June 7-July 19, 2:00-3:00

Movie Matinee

Cooper, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30

June 7: *Rock Dog 3*

June 14: *Minions: Rise of Gru*

June 21: *Rumble*

June 28: *DC League of Super-Pets*

PAWS for Reading

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

Cooper, Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00

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



Miniature Horse Visit

Montross, 3rd Wednesdays starting June 21, 10:00-12:00

in sunny weather. **All ages**

Rain date: 4th Wednesdays.



STEM CLASSES & EVENTS

WILD STORIES



Presented by

WILDLIFE CENTER
OF VIRGINIA

Meet animals who are former patients at the wildlife hospital and hear their stories.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, June 8, 2:00-2:45 and 3:30-4:15

Cooper, Monday, June 12, 10:00-10:45

Montross, Monday, June 12, 1:00-1:45

Newton, Monday, June 12, 4:00-4:45

Howell, Wednesday, June 14, 2:00-2:45 and 3:30-4:15

Porter, Friday, June 16, 1:00-1:45 and 3:00-3:45

Salem Church, Friday, June 23, 9:30-10:15 and 11:00-11:45

Snow, Friday, June 23, 2:00-2:45



Discovery Tables

Explore a rotating series of self-guided, discover-it-yourself STEM activities

All branches, June 1-August 14



TALEWISE: SCIENCE HEROES

Science and stories collide in this interactive STEM program!

Towne Centre, Tuesday, June 20, 11:00-11:45

Presented by

talewise
Learning Powered by Stories
formerly ScienceTellers



FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Games,
activities,
and more

Pirates

Howell, Friday, June 2,
3:00-3:45

Caves

Snow, Friday, June 9,
4:30-5:15

Mermaids

Fredericksburg, Friday,
June 9, 4:30-5:15

Space

Salem Church, Friday
June 16, 4:15-5:00

I Survived

Porter, Friday, June 9,
4:00-4:45 pm

Towne Centre, Friday,
June 23, 4:00-4:45 pm

Based on Lauren Tarshis' popular *I Survived* series.



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

Snow, Friday,
May 5, 4:30-5:15

Porter, Friday,
May 19, 4:15-5:00

Salem Church,
Friday, May 19,
4:15-5:00

Towne Centre,
Friday, May 26,
4:00-4:45

Villain Con

Howell Branch,
Friday, May 5,
4:30-5:15



VIRTUAL

STORY EXPLORERS

BOOK GROUP

Grades 4-6

2nd Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30

May 9: *More to the Story* by Hena Khan

June 13: *Amelia Erroway: Castaway Commander* by Betsy Peterschmidt



Teens

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

Super Summer Smash

When the library's closed, the real fun begins . . . Come hang after hours with pizza, games, and friends! **Grades 6-12**

Fredericksburg Branch,
2nd floor,
Friday, June 2, 6:00-8:00

Porter Branch,
Friday, June 9, 6:00-8:00

OurSpace

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

Grades 6-12. Salem Church

May:

Mondays, except 5/29,
3:00-7:00

Tuesdays 3:00-5:30

Wednesdays 3:00-5:30

Thursdays 3:00-7:00

June:

Mondays, except 6/19, 1:00-5:00

Tuesdays, except 6/20, 1:00-5:00

Wednesdays 1:00-5:00

Thursdays 1:00-5:00

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.

Howell, 3rd Mondays except June 19, 11:00-12:00

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

Claudia Emerson TEEN POETRY NIGHT

Listen to poetry readings by the winners of the Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Contest, as well as by our hosts and judges, local poets Laura Bylenok and Dr. David A Sam. **All ages.**

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, May 9, 6:30-7:30

HOUR OF CODE

Learn how to make a video game, use computer code to create art, or play games to learn about computer science. All skill levels are welcome, no prior experience or knowledge needed.

Porter, June 28, 3:00-6:00

Howell, July 13, 3:00-6:00



Teens

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Anime

Anime Blizzard

Watch, discover, and discuss anime with other fans and friends. **Grades 6-12**
Snow, 3rd Fridays,
4:00-5:00

Teen Anime & Manga Club

Come watch anime, read manga, and chat about your favorite series!
Porter, 1st Thursdays,
4:30-6:00

Art

Bad Art Night

Make a painting, a sculpture, a necklace, any kind of art you want, as long as it's really, really bad. Materials provided.
All ages.
Snow, Tuesday,
June 6, 6:00-8:00

Teen Art Tuesdays

Enjoy 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, 4:00-6:00
Porter, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays starting June 13, 4:00-5:30

Origami Thursdays

Fredericksburg, Thursdays,
5:30-7:30
Grades K-12

Book Groups

Middle School Graphic Novel Book Group

VIRTUAL, 4th Thursdays,
6:30-7:30
Grades 6-8
May 25: *Memo* by Sas Milledge
June 22: *Miss Quinces* by Kat Fajardo



Young Adult Book Group

VIRTUAL, 2nd Thursdays,
6:30-7:30
Grades 7-12
May 11: *The Sunbearer Trials* by Aiden Thomas
June 8: *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes



TEEN SPEED READING COMPETITION

Kick off your summer reading by speeding through an entire book in one afternoon! Compete against other teen readers to see who remembers the most about the book. **Grades 6-12.**

Porter, Wednesday, June 7, 2:00-5:00



Celebrating AAPI Authors

Stories celebrating sian American, Asian, and Pacific Islander authors.



View the full list:



Games

All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all ages. All experience levels welcome.
Porter, 2nd Wednesdays,
4:00-6:00

Chess Time

Casual chess for all experience levels. **Grades K-12.**
Fredericksburg, Wednesdays,
5:30-7:30

Teen Puzzle Time

Join us in the teen lounge to work on jigsaws, crosswords, Sudoku, and more! Bring your own puzzle, or work together to help us solve our puzzle of the month.
Porter, 1st Saturdays starting June 3, 3:00-5:00

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

DMV portable office will process drivers' licenses, ID cards, titles, and registration. Appointments required: dmv.virginia.gov/onlineservices/appointment-selector.aspx

Howell, Monday, May 8, 10:00-2:00

Fredericksburg,
Tuesday, May 23,
10:00-2:00

Fredericksburg,
Monday, June 26,
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
May 27: Create Your First Ansible Playbook. Gain the skills to start using Ansible for efficient IT operations and infrastructure management.

Naturalization Information Session

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

Learn the steps to U.S. citizenship. Presented by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

PC Building Basics

Learn the basics of building your first desktop PC (personal computer).

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, May 30, 6:30-8:00

Red Cross Blood Drive

Ages 17 and up. Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org

Porter, Thursday, June 15, 12:30-6:30

Howell, Monday, June 26, 9:00-3:00

Tea Tasting

Sample a variety of different teas. Sign up at librarypoint.org.

Fredericksburg, Friday, May 26,
3:30-5:00

Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Club (hybrid)

Discuss your favorite science fiction and fantasy media with other fans

Fredericksburg and **VIRTUAL**,
1st Fridays, 4:00-5:00

Arts & Crafts

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

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,
6:00-7:00

Fredericksburg, 3rd Wednesdays,
6:00-7:45

3D Design Lab: Converting an Image to 3D

Quarterly meetup for those interested in learning 3D modeling techniques, with a different skill spotlighted each session.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, May 11,
6:00-7:00

Bad Art Night

Make a painting, a sculpture, a necklace, any kind of art, as long as it's really, really bad. Materials provided. **All ages.**

Snow, Tuesday, June 6, 6:00-8:00

Author Visits

Pride Month Trans Author Panel

Fredericksburg, Friday, June 16, 6:00-8:00. Presented by Fredericksburg Pride

Jasmine Ford,
Flight of the Beautiful Lie

Quinn Fontaine,
Hung like a Seahorse

Charley Burton,
The Boy Beneath my Skin



Author Talks

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To register or view recordings, visit library.org/crrl

Britt Hawthorne, author of
Raising Anti-Racist Children
Wednesday, May 3, 1:00-2:00

Jena Friedman, author of
Not Funny
Wednesday, May 10, 8:00-9:00

Courtney Summers, *New York Times* Bestselling Young Adult Author
Saturday, May 20, 2:00-3:00

Mike Rucker, Ph.D., author of
The Fun Habit
Wednesday, June 7, 4:00-5:00

Jamie Beck, award-Winning
Photographer, *An American In Provence*
Thursday, June 15, 2:00-3:00

Tananarive Due, contributing author
of *Black Panther: Tales of Wakanda*
Wednesday, June 28, 8:00-9:00



Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays,
10:00-12:00. Materials provided.
Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

DIY Suncatchers

May 1

Junk Journals: A Three-Part Series

June 2: What is a junk journal?

July 7: Learn how to assemble
a junk journal

August 4: Adding the final touches
of a junk journal

Canva Fashion Design

Presented by fashion writer Tony Logan.

IdeaSpace, Saturday, June 17,
2:00-4:00

Lunch & Learn: Make a Mini Book

Register for a mini book craft kit to be sent to your home branch, then join us on Facebook Live at facebook.com/crrlnews to watch the tutorial. No Facebook account needed.

VIRTUAL, Friday, May 26, 12:00

Take & Make Grownup Activity Bags

An activity and related resource list.

All branches, while supplies last.

May: Mindfulness

June: Summer Reading

Adults

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on all programs, visit
librarypoint.org/events.

Book Groups librarypoint.org/book-groups

Books and Coffee

NEW!

25°-30° Espresso
Coffee Roasters

7501 Graham St #120,
Spotsylvania, 22553

2nd Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00, starting 6/13
Discuss your favorite books



Books and Wine

2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:00

Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy,
Stafford, 22554

May 8: *Another Brooklyn*
by Jacqueline Woodson

June 12: *The Girl with the Louding Voice*
by Abi Daré

Civil War Book Group

In partnership with the Fredericksburg
and Spotsylvania National Military Park
Fredericksburg, 1st Thursdays,
6:00-7:00

May 4: *Inventing Stonewall Jackson: A
Civil War Hero in History and Memory*
by Wallace Hettle

June 1: *Lincoln in the Bardo*
by George Saunders

Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

2nd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30

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

May 9: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

June 13: *A Curse So Dark and Lonely*
by Brigid Kemmerer

English Language Learners

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

Sponsored by Rappahannock Area
Regional Adult Education (RARAE).

June-August: *The Girl With All the Gifts*
by M.R. Carey

Facebook Book Chats

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

May 17: Stories for Mom

June 21: Audiobooks

Join us at [facebook.com/groups/
crrlbookchat](https://facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat) on 3rd Wednesdays for
lively book chatter.

The Hague Winery Book Group

1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

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

May 4: *The Hunger Games*
by Suzanne Collins

June 1: *A Willing Murder*
by Jude Deveraux

Mysteries & Thrillers

VIRTUAL, 3rd Mondays, except June
26, 6:30-7:30

Contact the Howell Branch Adult
Research Desk to have a copy sent to
your branch.

May 15: *The Last Mrs. Parrish*
by Liv Constantine

June 26: *Razorblade Tears*
by S.A. Cosby



Fredericksburg, 4th Wednesdays
starting June 23, 6:00-7:30

An LGBTQ+ and allies book group

June 23: *The House in the Cerulean
Sea* by T.J. Klune

Science Fiction

Discuss popular speculative and
contemplative science fiction.

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

May 2: *Gideon the Ninth*
by Tamsyn Muir

Strangeways Brewing: Books and Beer

3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

Meets at Strangeways Brewing,
350 Lansdowne Road,
Fredericksburg, 22401

May 18: *Velvet Was the Night*
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

June 15: *Crossroads*
by Jonathan Franzen

Reading Through the Ages

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

May 25: *The Tempest*. A popular
17th-century play by Shakespeare.

June 22: *A Tale of Two Cities*
by Charles Dickens

Branch Book Groups

New
Members
Always
Welcome!

Cooper

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

May 18: *Mother May I*. Books with the
word "mother" in the title.

June 15: Books with a one-word title

Fredericksburg

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:30

May 13: *The Vanishing Half*
by Brit Bennett

June 10: *The Personal Librarian*
by Marie Benedict

Montross

2nd Fridays, except May 19,
11:00-12:00

May 19: *Big Stone Gap*
by Adriana Trigiani

June 9: *The Midnight Library*
by Matt Haig

Newton

Offsite, 2nd Wednesdays,
6:00-7:00. Ask at branch
for location.

May 10: *Klara and the Sun*
by Kazuo Ishiguro

June 14: *Darius the Great Is Not Okay*
by Adib Khorram

Porter

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

May 4: *Eighty Days*
by Matthew Goodman

June 1: *Forty Rules of Love*
by Elif Shafak

Salem Church

3rd Mondays, except June 26, 6:30-7:30

May 15: *The Great Alone*
by Kristin Hannah

June 26: *South Pole Station*
by Ashley Shelby

Towne Centre

1st Mondays, 9:00-10:00

May 1: *This Tender Land*
by William Kent Krueger

June 5: *The Southern Book Club's Guide
to Slaying Vampires* by Grady Hendrix

True Crime

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

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

May 11: Scam Festivals and
Conventions

June 8: Jonestown

Civic Labs

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

Foster Care

May is National Foster Care Month. Explore resources and join a conversation about foster care in our community. Salem Church, Monday, May 8, 2:00-3:00

History of LGBTQ+ Pride

Pride month recognizes the complex history, the triumphs, and losses behind the LGBTQ+ rights movement. Learn about these events and how you can be an ally.

Porter, Friday, June 2, 10:00-11:00
Newton, Friday, June 2, 10:00-12:00
Fredericksburg, Friday, June 2, 4:00-5:00
Snow, Thursday, June 8, 10:00-11:00

Games

All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all experience levels. Porter, 2nd Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00

Euro Board Game Night

Enjoy popular European board games like *Ticket to Ride* and *7 Wonders*. Snow, 2nd Tuesdays starting 6/13, 6:00-8:00

Intermediate Bridge

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

Mahjong Players Club

Experienced and beginner players. Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00
Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00

Pop Culture Trivia and Craft: Star Wars

All ages. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

Salem Church, Thursday, May 4, 5:30-7:00

Pop Culture Trivia and Craft: Superheroes

All ages.

Salem Church, Saturday, June 24, 3:30-5:00

Tabletop Game Night

Play old games, learn how to play new ones, or bring a game to share. Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 5:30-7:30

Going Green

Backyard Composting 101

Porter, Saturday, June 10, 10:00-11:00

Presented by the R-Board and Virginia Master Gardener Association

Health & Wellness

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Presented by The Alzheimer's Association.
Cooper, 1st Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00
Howell, 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00

Chair Yoga

In-person class led by certified instructor Kay Hawkins joining virtually. Newton, Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00
Montross, Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00

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, June 16, 10:30-12:00

MWHC Hospice Services: A Journey to Peace

Presented by Mary Washington Hospice. Join at facebook.com/crrlnews, Facebook account is not needed.

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, May 9, 11:00-12:00. Understanding Your Grief

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Towne Centre, Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00.
Comfortable attire. No experience necessary. Class held next to the Food Court.
May 3, 17, and 31. June 14 and 28

Rappahannock River Nature Walk

Starts at Fredericksburg Branch, Friday, June 9, 9:30-11:00. Rain date: June 16

Explore the Rappahannock River riparian zone on a nature walk led by the Virginia Master Naturalists. Comfortable walking shoes recommended.



Time With a Therapy Dog

Howell, 3rd Mondays, 11:00-12:00
Porter, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10:00-11:00

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.

Alzheimer's Association Educational Series

Salem Church, Monday, May 22 and Thursday, June 22, 6:00-7:30
Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.
May: Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease
June: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Type 2 Diabetes Prevention

Presented by April Payne of the Virginia Cooperative Extension. Learn about type 2 diabetes and get tips on prevention and gaining a healthier lifestyle.
Snow, Wednesday, June 14, 2:00-3:00



Discover Stafford: Community Walk

Discover Stafford County's Crow's Nest Natural Area Preserve! Bring the family on a self-guided community walk--akin to a volksmarch, a tradition of non-competitive fitness walking originating in Germany--and receive a commemorative sport bag.

Saturday, May 6, between the hours of 10:00-4:00

Sponsored by Discover Stafford in partnership with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

ALL AGES

Access the trailhead off Raven Road and take whichever trail suits your fitness level (not wheelchair accessible). Maps provided. Rain date: May 13

Adults

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

History

Civil War Book Group

See page 9 for details

Historical Walk

A leisurely walking tour of historic downtown Fredericksburg.

Starts at Fredericksburg, Wednesday, June 7, 2:30-4:00. Rain/heat date: Wednesday, June 14

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Virginia's Constitutions

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.*

Salem Church: May 2-20

Language Learning

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, except May 12, 10:30-11:30

English Language Basics for Beginners

Learn basic English in an active learning class for beginners.

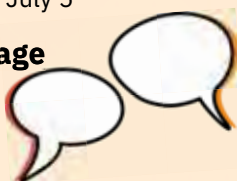
Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30, except July 5

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, June-August: *The Girl With All the Gifts* by M.R. Carey



French Conversation Group

Practice French in a relaxed atmosphere. All levels welcome.

Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, except May 12, 4:00-5:00

Language Lab

Are you learning a foreign language? Get tips and tricks while you chat with fellow learners. Join in person or with Google Meet.

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

Spanish Conversation Group

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

Porter, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, except July 5, 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.

Porter, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00, April 11-May 30

Lunch & Learn



Join at [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://www.facebook.com/crrlnews). No Facebook account needed.

VIRTUAL, Fridays, 12:00-1:00

Music on the Steps

May 5. Get to know the musicians performing at the library's 38th annual Music on the Steps this summer.

Using Tech to Grow Your Business

May 12. Presented by Jen Morgan from RIoT. Gain skills to find and access data you're already collecting, even if tech isn't your thing.

Creatures in Our Homes

May 19. Presented by local naturalist Jon Bachman. Discover the myriad of housemates that share even the tidiest of homes.

Create a Mini Book

May 26. Register for a craft kit and follow along as we demonstrate how to make a mini book.

Make the Most of Your Next Doctor Visit

June 2. Presented by Dr. Patrick Neustatter, Director of the Moss Free Clinic.

How to Be An LGBTQ+ Ally

June 9. Presented by Meegana Henry, founder of Fredericksburg Pride. Learn how to support the LGBTQ+ people in your life.

Library 101: Frequently Asked Questions

June 16. Get the inside scoop on all sorts of library-related questions.

Summer Reading and You!

June 23. Learn the ins and outs of the library's Summer Reading Challenge for all ages, including fun ways to participate and prizes you could earn.

Create Your Own Business Card

June 30. Do you have a side hustle and want a business card to hand out but don't have a big budget? Learn how to create and print your own.



Check out outdoor games such as croquet from our Library of Things! librarypoint.org/things

Movies

Cinema Night

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

May 9: *The Good House*

May 23: *A Man Called Otto*

June 13: *Corsage*

June 27: *Marry Me*

Fandom Flicks

Get hyped for CRRL-Con with favorite fandom movies! **All ages.**

Salem Church, 5:00-8:00

Thursday, May 11, *Pokémon: The First Movie* (1999)

Monday, May 15, *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* (2018)

Thursday, May 18, *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* (2022)

Fredericksburg Matinee: *The Avengers*

Fredericksburg, Saturday, June 3,
2:00-4:30

Writers

Comic Creators Roundtable

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

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

Inklings Writers Critique Groups

Join other writers as we share feedback on our current projects.

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

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

Inklings Writers Group

Learn new writing techniques and exchange feedback on current projects. Writers of all levels and experience are welcome.

May: The Problem with Crutch Words

June: Creative Journaling

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

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

Music

Musical Mondays

Bring your own snacks, and be prepared to sing along with popular musicals! **All ages.**

Fredericksburg, 4th Mondays,
3:00-5:00

June 26: *Cinderella* (1997)

CRRL's IdeaSpace Presents

Watch musical performances by local artists recorded at CRRL's IdeaSpace. View at youtube.com/user/crrlvideo/playlists.



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This Tech on the Go equipment is available for checkout from our IdeaSpace facility. Reserve at librarypoint.org/techgo



Riverside Writers

A variety of workshops, critique sessions, and expert speakers on writing.

New members welcome.

Salem Church, 2nd Saturdays,
1:00-3:00

Self-Publishing 101 Workshop

Learn strategies for getting your book published.

Howell, Saturday, June 3, 2:00-4:00



Music ON THE Steps

Live and in person!

Sponsored by the Friends of Central Rappahannock Regional Library. librarypoint.org/music-steps

Fredericksburg, Mondays, June 5-August 28, 6:30-7:30

June 5: The Surf Junkies

June 12: Spanglish Latin American Band

June 26: Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy

July 3: Cabin Creek

July 10: Frank Solivan and Jillian Lea

July 17: The Nethers Hot Club

July 24: The Don Brown Project

July 31: The Steven Gellman Trio

August 7: The Wellbillies

August 14: Elby Brass

August 21: Harry Wilson

August 28: B.E. Farrow and What Got Over



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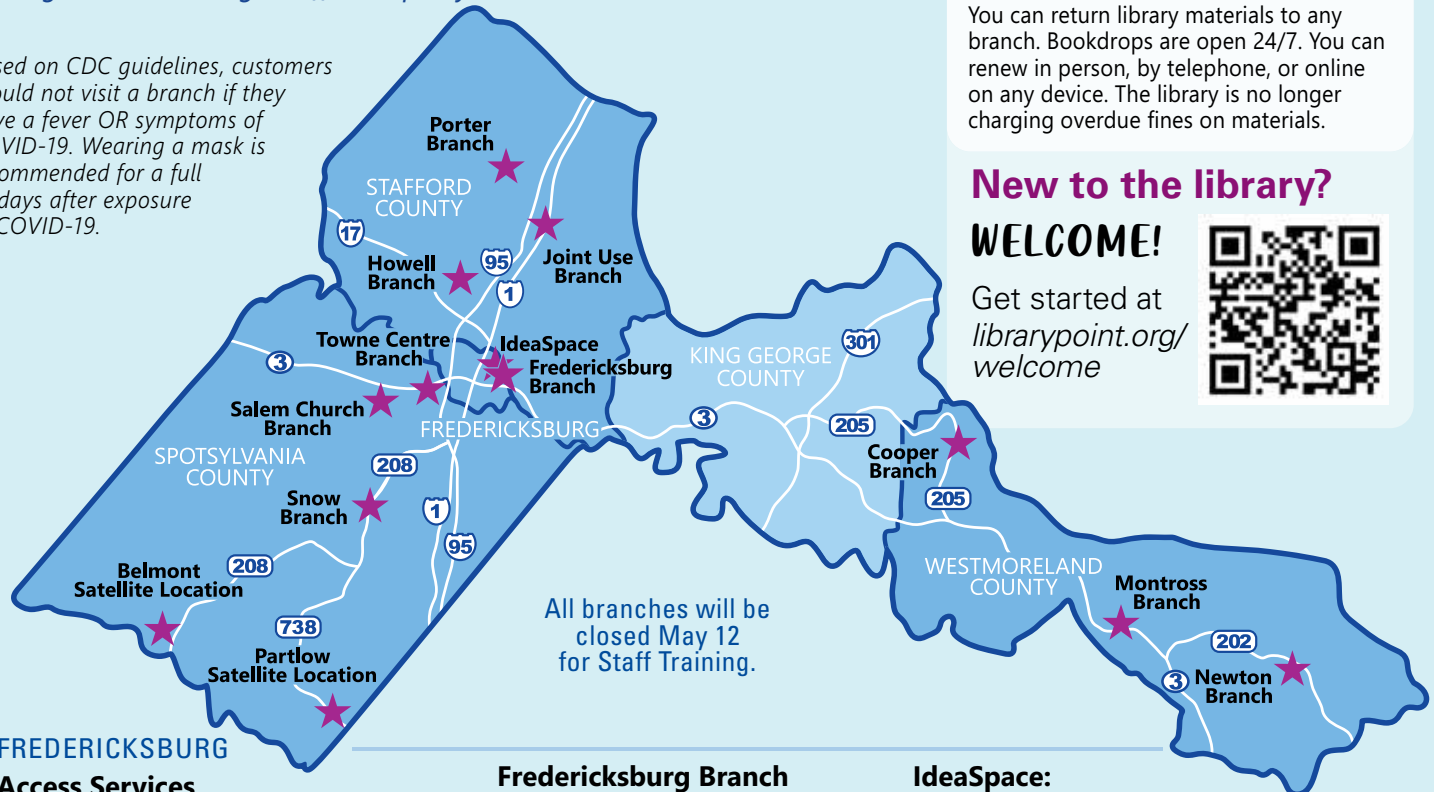
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You can return library materials to any branch. Bookdrops are open 24/7. You can renew in person, by telephone, or online on any device. The library is no longer charging overdue fines on materials.

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Mondays-Thursdays 9:00-1:00
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

Belmont Ruritan Club and the Belmont Club of Women
7124 Belmont Road, Mineral, 23117
Mondays 4:00-7:00

Partlow Satellite Location

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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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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