What’s happening
@Your Library

Music on the Steps
Summer Concert Series

Summer Reading
for all ages

Hours Reduction
Some branch hours reduced due to underfunding; see page 14.

SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND
welcome
Martha Hutzel, Director

Spend the summer with your library, and enjoy all we have to offer. Although underfunding of our FY24 budget request has made it necessary to reduce hours and cancel some events at Porter, Salem Church, and Fredericksburg branches, this issue of At Your Library has up-to-date schedule listings and is a great tool for planning your visits.

Make it a maker summer, while trying out IdeaSpace’s 3D scanner and 3D printer for your tech-savvy creative projects. If your family has littles, check out Launchpads and Grow a Reader packs for hands-on fun. Children who will soon be starting school will love our Grow a Reader: Feeling Ready classes.

Young Adult and Middle School Graphic Novel book groups meet virtually and offer great chances to socialize and stay on track for the Summer Reading challenge.

Discover the many ways to learn a new language at our Language Lab session, offered both in person at Porter Branch and online.

If you’ve been growing flowers to help the pollinators, why not enter one or more in our Save the Pollinators Flower Show in August? Or come see the show to get ideas for your own garden.

Seek the shade at the Friends of the Library Super Summer Sale in July, with a special preview for Friends. New Friends can join at the door or online.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to provide lifelong learning opportunities for everyone in our community.

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**MakerLab Badges**

librarypoint.org/makerlab-badges

- **3D Scanner**
- **3D Printer**

3D scanning allows you to turn a real-world object into a three-dimensional computer model. The 3D model can then be 3D printed or imported into any modeling software or even animated in programs like Blender.

librarypoint.org/ideospace
1616 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg

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Learn to use IdeaSpace equipment, then use it independently for your own projects!
Let’s celebrate 50 years of library friends doing what we do best: A BOOK SALE!

SUPER Summer Book Sale

Friday, July 21, 4:00-8:00
Preview Sale
Just for Friends!
Not a member?
You can join at the door!

Saturday, July 22
and Monday, July 24
10:00-5:00
Half-price days

Tuesday, July 25
10:00-5:00
Half Price in the bookshop,
$1/bag in the warehouse

Join Us for Lunch!
librarypoint.org/lunch
Free Nutritious Lunches for youth 18 and under

Books for Summer Reading

Teen
Warrior Girl Unearthed

Adult
The Summer of Broken Rules

Children
When Clouds Touch Us

Check out more titles at librarypoint.overdrive.com

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
**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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Grow a Reader Special: International Friendship Day
All ages with a caregiver 
Snow, Monday, July 24, 11:00-11:30  Porter, Friday, July 28, 10:30-11:00  Cooper, Friday, July 28, 11:00-11:30
**Spotlight on Early Literacy: Reading**

Pre-literacy in young children requires an investment by adults. Reading with a child every day models the behavior of a reader, such as there being a difference between pictures and words.

**Tip for modeling reading behavior: make it fun!**
- Do not read when the child or you are in a bad mood or are restless.
- Stop reading when the child loses interest.
- Make reading a fun time for adult-child interactions. Children pick up new vocabulary and comprehension skills from listening to you talk about what is being read.

**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 classes and more early literacy tips at librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader

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**Grow a Reader Special Storytime 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 23-July 28, 9:30-10:00
Fredericksburg Branch, Fridays, June 23-July 28, 10:30-11:00
Salem Church Branch, Fridays, June 16-July 28, 10:00-10:30

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**Library of Things**

**Grow a Reader Kits**

Books, activities, and an activity guide focused on early childhood literacy skills.

librarypoint.org/things

For ages 3 and up with adult supervision.
Grades K-6

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VIRTUAL

STORY EXPLORERS
BOOK GROUP

Grades 4-6
2nd Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30
July 11: High Score by Destiny Howell
August 8: The Double Life of Danny Day by Mike Thayer

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, July 19 and 26, and August 2 and 9, 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

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

Wacky Wednesdays
Stories, games, and crafts.
Cooper, Wednesdays, July 5, 12, and 19, 2:00-3:00

Origami Thursdays
Grades K-12
Fredericksburg, 2nd floor, Thursdays, 5:30-7:30

Movie Matinee
Cooper, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30
July 5: Tinker Bell
July 12: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish
July 19: Lyle, Lyle Crocodile
July 26: Return to Neverland
August 2: Strange World

Miniature Horse Visit
All ages
Montross, 3rd Wednesdays, July 19 and August 16, 10:00-12:00, in sunny weather
Rain dates: 4th Wednesdays, July 26 and August 23

Discovery Tables
Explore a rotating series of self-guided STEM activities.
All branches, June 1-August 14

A community celebration with games, activities, popsicles, and more!
Fredericksburg, Thursday, July 20, 1:00-2:30
Salem Church, Tuesday, July 25, 10:00-11:30
Howell, Wednesday, July 26, 10:00-11:30
Cooper, Wednesday, July 26, 2:00-3:00
Montross, Thursday, August 3, 5:00-6:00
Porter, Friday, August 4, 10:30-12:00

Sponsored by Friends of the Library
Join us for the hottest new books for teens!

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

**OurSpace**

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

**Grades 6-12**

- July 3-July 31, except 7/4
- Mondays-Thursdays, 1:00-5:00
- August 9-31
- Mondays 3:00-7:00
- Tuesdays 3:00-5:15
- Wednesdays 3:00-5:15
- 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.

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

**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. **Grades 6-12**

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

**DIY Toys**

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. **Grades 6-12**

- Salem Church, Friday, August 18, 4:15-5:00
- Towne Centre, Friday, August 25, 4:00-4:45

**Café Book**

2023 Top Teen Picks

Café Book is a partnership between area schools and the library. Teens talk about books they’ve read from a selected list of the latest and hottest titles for teenagers.

Scan QR code to see this year’s top picks »

**kanopy kids**

Streaming Video

With VOOKS readalongs, early readers can follow along with their favorite books. librarypoint.org/kanopy-kids
Teens
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Art

Nailed It: Teen Art Competition
Can you recreate a famous masterpiece in 30 minutes? Put your art skills to the test at this art competition inspired by the Netflix series. Grades 6-12
Porter, Wednesday, July 26, 3:00-5:00

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

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, 4:00-5:30
Porter, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30

Book Groups

Teen Anime & Manga Club
Watch anime, read manga, and chat about your favorite series!
Porter, 1st Thursdays, 4:30-6:00
Snow, 3rd Fridays, 4:00-5:00

Young Adult Book Group
Grades 7-12
Virtual, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
July 13: Daughters of Oduma by Moses Ose Utomi
August 10: Everything Sad is Untrue: (a True Story) by Daniel Nayeri

Middle School Graphic Novel Book Group
Grades 6-8
Virtual, 4th Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
July 27: Wingbeare by Marjorie M. Liu
August 24: Invisible by Christina Díaz Gonzalez

Games

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

Teen Puzzle Time
Jigsaws, crosswords, Sudoku, and more! Bring your own puzzle or work on our puzzle of the month.
Porter, 1st Saturdays, 3:00-5:00

Beach Reads
Scan the QR code for more eBook and eAudio titles for teens.
Download Libby, the library reading app to read eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more!

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

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Adults

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**Science Fiction and Fantasy Fan Club**
Discuss your favorite science fiction and fantasy media with other fans.
Fredericksburg and **VIRTUAL**, 1st Fridays, except 7/7, 4:00-5:00

**Fredericksburg DSS in the Community**
The Fredericksburg Department of Social Services (DSS) will be available to answer your questions and provide information on services and how to apply, including Medicaid, SNAP, energy assistance, services for children, adults, those with disabilities, and more.
Fredericksburg, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00

**Red Cross Blood Drive**
Ages 17 and up. Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org
Porter, Thursday, July 13, 12:30-6:30
Howell, Tuesday, July 25, 9:00-3:00
Fredericksburg, Wednesday, August 16, 1:00-6:00
Porter, Thursday, August 17, 12:30-6:30
Howell, Monday, August 21, 9:00-3:00

**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, July 3, 10:00-2:00
Snow, Friday, July 21, 10:00-2:00
Salem Church, Tuesday, August 29, 10:00-2:00

**Arts & Crafts**

**Save the Pollinator Flower Show**
Presented and judged by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners.
Ribbons awarded.
Fredericksburg: Tuesday, August 22, 1:00-7:00
Bring one or more entries in separate containers with water.
Wednesday, August 23, 9:00-11:00
Judging--closed to the public
Wednesday, August 23, 11:00-7:00
Flower show and ribbon-awarding open to the public.

**Take & Make Grownup Activity Bags**
Includes an activity and related resource list for adults.
All branches, while supplies last.
July: Travel
August: Beading

**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

**Beginner Crafts: Junk Journals**
Materials provided. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.
Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays, 10:00-12:00
July 7: Learn how to assemble a junk journal
August 4: Adding the final touches of a junk journal

**3D Design Lab**
Learn beginner 3D modeling techniques.
IdeaSpace, Thursday, July 13, 6:00-7:00

**Street Photography Basics**
Presented by Fredericksburg Street Photography
IdeaSpace, Saturday, August 12, 2:00-3:00

**Quilting for Beginners Information Class**
Presented by Pat Burroughs. Attendance required to register for remaining classes.
**Grade 11-adult**. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.
Howell, Saturday, August 19, 1:30-4:30

**A Loosely Knit Group**
Bring your current knitting or crochet projects. Beginners welcome.
Fredericksburg, 3rd Mondays, 4:00-5:00
Montross, 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:00-7:00
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**Arcade Machines 101**
Presented by Tim Owens of Reclaim Arcade.
An introduction to arcade machine history and repair featuring IdeaSpace’s Baby Pac-Man machine.
IdeaSpace, Thursday, August 17, 6:00-7:00

**Art Shows**

**Lorie McCown**
Fredericksburg, August 1-31

**Via Colori® Stafford 2023 Art Exhibit**
Presented by Discover Stafford and the Rotary Clubs of North Stafford and Stafford. Enjoy artwork created by local artists participating in Via Colori Stafford 2023, a free, family-friendly street painting festival taking place September 23-24 at the Stafford Airport. Visit vcastafford.com for festival details.
Howell, July 1-August 31

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**The Hague Winery Book Group**
The Hague Winery, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00
Meets at The Hague Winery, 8268 Cople Hwy., Hague, 22469
July 6: *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
August 3: *The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee

**Civil War Book Group**
Fredericksburg, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00
In partnership with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park
July 6: *Second Founding* by Eric Foner
August 3: *Black Civil War Correspondent: His Dispatches from the Virginia Front* by Thomas Morris Chester, edited and annotated by Richard Blackett

**Books & Wine**
Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, VA 22554
2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:00
July 10: *The Last Story of Mina Lee* by Nancy Jooyoun Kim
August 14: *Velvet Was the Night* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

**Books and Coffee**
25°-30° Espresso Coffee Roasters, 7501 Graham St #120, Spotsylvania Courthouse, 22553
2nd Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00
Discuss your favorite books

**Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer**
2nd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30
Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach, 22443
July 11: *Defending Jacob* by William Landay
August 8: *Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn

**True Crime Book Group**
**VIRTUAL**, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
Read and discuss resources pertaining to the month’s case:
July 13: *The Affair of the Diamond Necklace*
August 10: Jodi Arias

**Mysteries & Thrillers**
**VIRTUAL**, 3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30
July 17: *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware
August 21: *The Dry* by Jane Harper

**Strangeways Brewing: Books and Beer**
3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
Meets at Strangeways Brewing, 350 Lansdowne Road, Fredericksburg, 22401
July 20: *You Never Forget Your First* by Alexis Coe
August 17: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

**Rainbow Reads**
An LGBTQ+ and allies book group
Fredericksburg, 4th Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30
July 26: *One Last Stop* by Casey McQuiston
August 23: *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson

**Reading Through the Ages**
**VIRTUAL**, 4th Thursdays, 7:00-8:00
July 27: *The Eloquent Peasant*, an ancient tale composed during Egypt’s Middle Kingdom
August 24: *The Epic of Sundiata*, a medieval West African epic

**Facebook Book Chat**
facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat
**VIRTUAL**, 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00
July 19: Favorite Countries to Read About
August 16: Coming of Age

**We the Readers**
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**Branch Book Groups**

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August 17: *Everything Is Coming Up Roses*. Read a book with flowers on the cover or in the title

**Fredericksburg**
2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:30
July 8: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
August 12: *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones

**Montross**
2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00
July 14: *The Jane Austen Society* by Natalie Jenner
August 11: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

**Newton**
Offsite, 2nd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00.
Books will be available for pickup at the Newton Branch. Ask at branch for location.
July 12: *A Gate at the Stairs* by Lorrie Moore
August 9: *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo

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July 8: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
August 12: *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones

**Montross**
2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00
July 14: *The Jane Austen Society* by Natalie Jenner
August 11: *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

**Newton**
Offsite, 2nd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00.
Books will be available for pickup at the Newton Branch. Ask at branch for location.
July 12: *A Gate at the Stairs* by Lorrie Moore
August 9: *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo

**Porter**
1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45
July 6: *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
August: 3: *The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee

**Civil War Book Group**
Fredericksburg, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00
In partnership with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park
July 6: *Second Founding* by Eric Foner
August 3: *Black Civil War Correspondent: His Dispatches from the Virginia Front* by Thomas Morris Chester, edited and annotated by Richard Blackett

**Books & Wine**
Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, VA 22554
2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:00
July 10: *The Last Story of Mina Lee* by Nancy Jooyoun Kim
August 14: *Velvet Was the Night* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

**Books and Coffee**
25°-30° Espresso Coffee Roasters, 7501 Graham St #120, Spotsylvania Courthouse, 22553
2nd Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00
Discuss your favorite books

**Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer**
2nd Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30
Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach, 22443
July 11: *Defending Jacob* by William Landay
August 8: *Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn

**True Crime Book Group**
**VIRTUAL**, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
Read and discuss resources pertaining to the month’s case:
July 13: *The Affair of the Diamond Necklace*
August 10: Jodi Arias
Chair Yoga
Led by certified instructor Kay Hawkins joining virtually.
Newton, Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00, except July 4
Montross, Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00, except July 4

Tai Chi & Qi Gong
Comfortable attire. No experience necessary. Adults. Class held next to the Food Court.
Towne Centre, Wednesdays, July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23, 9:00-10:00

Health & Wellness

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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

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

Games

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

Tabletop Game Night
Play old games, learn to play new ones, or bring a game to share. Available: chess, mahjong, Splendor, and Scrabble.
Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 5:30-7:30

Euro Board Game Night
Enjoy popular European board games, such as Ticket to Ride and 7 Wonders.
Snow, 2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00

Pop Culture Trivia and Craft: Superheroes
Family-friendly trivia contest. All ages.
Fredericksburg, Saturday, August 5, 3:30-5:00

Going Green

Backyard Composting 101
Presented by the R-Board and Virginia Master Gardener Association
Fredericksburg, Saturday, July 8, 10:00-11:00
Howell, Saturday, August 12, 10:00-11:00

Hands-on with Virginia Wildlife
Join a park ranger from Lake Anna State Park and explore the wild and furry critters that make their home in our area.
Snow, Wednesday, August 23, 2:00-3:00

Author Talks

Charles Soule
Saturday, July 15, 2:00

Erika Sánchez
Tuesday, July 18, 4:00

Robert Jones, Jr.
Tuesday, August 15, 4:00

Cassandra Clare
The #1 New York Times best-selling young adult author discusses Chain of Thorns, the final book in The Last Hours series.
Wednesday, August 23, 8:00 p.m.

Jeff Selingo
Wednesday, August 30, 2:00

Ethan Kross
Award-winning mental health expert Kross discusses Chatter: The Voice in our Head, Why it Matters, and How to Harness It.
Thursday, July 20, 1:00

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**Language Learning**

**English Conversation Group**
Practice speaking English in a relaxed atmosphere.
Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00
Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 10:30-11:30
**VIRTUAL**, Tuesdays 1:00-2:00, except July 4

**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

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

**English Language Learners Book Group**
Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 9:30-10:30
Sponsored by Rappahannock Area Regional Adult Education (RARAE).
Practice reading, speaking, and listening in English.
June-August: *The Girl With All the Gifts* by M.R. Carey

**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

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

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE Basics for Beginners**
An active learning class for beginning English language learners.
Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30, except July 5

**Movies**

**Cinema Night**
Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00
July 11: *Where the Crawdads Sing*
July 25: *King Richard*
August 8: *Till*
August 22: *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish*

**Musical Mondays**
Bring your own snacks, and be prepared to sing along with popular musicals! All ages.
*This event was previously listed as occurring at Fredericksburg.
Salem Church, 4th Mondays, 3:00-5:00
July 24: *Grease* (1978)
August 28: *Annie* (1982)

**Studio Ghibli Fest**
Porter, Wednesday, July 12, 2:00-4:00
Celebrate your love for Studio Ghibli! Discover new movies and series, make a craft, and share your favorite film. Feel free to dress up as your favorite Studio Ghibli character.
Adults and teens.

**Lunch & Learn**
Join at facebook.com/crrlnews. No Facebook account needed.

**VIRTUAL**, Fridays, 12:00-1:00

**Hollywood Actors**
July 7, presented by local historian Virginia Lyman Lucas

**More than Myths! The Archaeology of Young George Washington’s Life at Ferry Farm**
July 14, presented by David Muraca, Director of Archaeology at Ferry Farm

**History of Fredericksburg Civil Rights Trail**
July 21, presented by Victoria A. Matthews, City of Fredericksburg Economic Development and Tourism

**Learn to Foster Animals**
July 28, presented by the Fredericksburg SPCA

**Gari Melchers Home & Studio**
August 4, presented by Scott Harris, Executive Director, University of Mary Washington Museums

**Costume Design with IdeaSpace**
August 11

**Pet Nutrition**
August 18, presented by certified Clinical Pet Nutritionist Debbie Brookham

**Getting Started With a New Language**
August 25

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**Music**

**Inklings Writers Group**
Learn new writing techniques and exchange feedback on current projects. Writers of all levels and experience are welcome.
Howell and **VIRTUAL**, 1st Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30
Porter and **VIRTUAL**, 4th Thursdays, 6:00-7:30

**July:** Writing Action
**August:** Story Beginnings and Endings with local author Joseph Lewis

**Critique Groups**
Share feedback on our current projects with other writers.
**Fiction:** **VIRTUAL**, 2nd Mondays, 6:00-7:30
**Poetry:** Howell and **VIRTUAL**, 4th Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30

**Frederickburg, Mondays, through August 28, 6:30-7:30**
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**Behind the Page**
**VIRTUAL**, Thursday, July 6, 7:00-8:00
Local authors will share behind-the-scenes glimpses into their writing and reading lives.

**Technology**

**Frederickburg Linux Users Group**
Meet with Open Source and Linux users to discuss IT solutions.
Howell, 4th Saturdays, 9:00-12:00

**PC Building Basics**
Learn the basics of building your first desktop PC.
**VIRTUAL**, Tuesday, July 25, 6:30-8:00

**Arduino Basics**
Learn how to make a basic thermometer using an Arduino kit.
Snow, Tuesday, August 29, 6:00-8:00

**Insta One X 360 Camera**
A small video camera that can take 360 degree photos and videos.
This **Tech on the Go** equipment is available for checkout from our IdeaSpace facility. Reserve at librarypoint.org/techgo

**Novation Launchpad MK2 Kit**
A powerful soundboard that can be programmed with dramatic lighting effects.
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**Comico Creators Roundtable**
Learn tips for making comics in the digital age using drawing tablets and art software.
IdeaSpace, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

**Riverside Writers**
A variety of workshops, critique sessions, and expert speakers on writing. New members welcome.
Salem Church, 2nd Saturdays, 1:00-3:00

**Watch musical performances by local artists recorded at CRRL’s IdeaSpace. View at youtube.com/user/crrlvideo/playlists and shared on IdeaSpace Instagram @crrl_ideospace.**

**July 3: Cabin Creek**

**July 10: Frank Solivan and Jillian Lea**

**July 17: The Nethers Hot Club**

**July 24: Trash Rocket**

**July 31: The Steven Gellman Trio**

**August 7: The Wellbillies**

**August 14: B.E. Farrow and What Got Over**

**August 21: Harry Wilson**

**August 28: Elby Brass**

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