

Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at
Central Rappahannock Regional Library

September–October 2023



What's happening

@ Your Library

Rappahannock
**Writers'
Conference**

1,000 Books
Before Kindergarten

Festive Fall Fun
for all ages



SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

welcome

Martha Hutzel, Director

We're ready for a fabulous fall at the library. On 9/12, learn how Stafford Museum and Cultural Center is using virtual reality to give people around the world a new way to experience the county's history. To learn more about the past, visit Fredericksburg Branch on 10/7 to meet with state history and genealogy experts from the Library of Virginia at their Library on the Go van.



In early October, take a cool Community Walk with your library friends at Stafford's historic Government Island. If you love traditional fiber arts, you won't want to miss the Stafford Piecemakers Quilt Guild Annual Show, starting 10/20. This year's theme is "Stitch Me a Melody."

Would you like to communicate more effectively with your representatives? Come to our September Civic Lab: Dear Elected Official, held in partnership with the League of Women Voters at three of our branches. Looking for inspiration? We have three virtual Author Talks coming up in September that touch on family and the American Dream, "getting unstuck," and crafting international bestsellers.

Come to the library for fantastic family programs, including Fabulous Fridays. Children in grades K-6 can dive into spycraft, craft nature journals, and discover not-quite-natural cryptids. Sign up to gather under the trees at Kenmore Park to hear family-friendly spooky stories at the Park After Dark event on 10/27.

Younger children can have fun at our annual multi-branch Grow a Reader Special: Halloween Hoopla, complete with costume parades. And costume costs don't have to be scary when your family takes part in the Halloween Costume Swap at Porter Branch.

We have two terrific contests coming up. The annual Launch It! Trebuchet Contest for adults and youth is an engineering challenge where participants design far-flinging machines. Who will throw the farthest and win the day? We also invite students in grades 6-12 to create and submit short stop motion videos for our annual contest. Win cash prizes, provided by the Friends of the Library.

Starting 9/22, adult and teen writers can register for the Rappahannock Writers' Conference, to be held 11/4. There is no cost to attendees for this very popular day of workshops and informative talks for writers.

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MAKING+MEDIA
librarypoint.org/ideaspace
1616 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg

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Learn how to use the equipment, such as the **3D Printer**, then use it independently for your own projects!

Tech on the Go • librarypoint.org/tech-go

Check out high-tech equipment for your media projects, such as the **Gimbal camera stabilizer** and **DSLR camera**

Fantastic Fall Book Sale



Friday, October 6, 10:00-6:00

Saturday, October 7
and Monday, October 9 10:00-6:00
half-price days

Tuesday, October 10, 10:00-6:00
\$1/bag in the warehouse,
half price in the bookshop

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Fredericksburg, VA 22408



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PIRATE DAYS

Towne Centre, September 19-20

Tuesday, September 19, 2:00: Pirate-themed escape room game, in partnership with Rush Hour Live Escape Games.

Wednesday, September 20, 2:00: Pirate-themed games, puzzles, and more!

All day, both days: Talk Like A Pirate Day! Give us your best pirate impression, and dress like one, too! Limited prizes available.

Hispanic Heritage Month

(September 15-October 15)



Teen



Adult



Children



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

LAUNCH IT!

ALL AGES!

Bring your handcrafted trebuchet and test it in a competition.



Trebuchet Contest

Saturday, October 7

Gayle Middle School Athletic Field
100 Panther Drive, Fredericksburg 22406

Contest rules: librarypoint.org/trebuchet

Youth (17 and younger)

Registration: 9:30

Competition: 10:00

Adults (18 and up)

Registration: 10:30

Competition: 11:00

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)
Wednesdays, 9:30-9:45

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

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

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

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Fridays, 10:00-10:30, except 10/27*

Snow Branch

Mother Goose Time

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

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Mondays, 11:00-11:30,
except 10/30*, 11/6*, and 11/20*

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,
except 10/18*

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)
Fridays, 11:00-11:30, except 10/27*

STAFFORD

Howell Branch

Mother Goose Time

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

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20, except 9/14
Fridays, 11:00-11:20

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30,
except 9/27* and 10/25*

Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)
Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30,
except 10/25*

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 9/14, 10/19

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)
Fridays, 10:30-11:00,
except 9/15, 10/20, and 10/27*

Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)
Fridays, 9:30-10:00, except 10/20



Jumpstart's READ for the Record

Celebrate literacy with us by participating in the world's largest shared reading experience. Stop by any branch to enjoy the book and some fun activities.

All branches, Thursday, October 26, all day



Can you and your child read

1,000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten?

Register on Beanstack or pick up a paper log at your favorite branch

Track your reading. Every book counts, even the same book again and again!

100-Book Milestones: Receive a special award for each 100 books completed.

1,000 Books: You did it! Add your name to our Wall of Fame.

librarypoint.org/1000-books

For ages birth to 5 and their caregivers.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) - Spotsylvania County Graduation Party Fall 2023

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.

Salem Church Branch, Thursday, September 28, 6:00-7:00

Spotlight on Early Literacy: Print Motivation

Does your child love books?

A love of books can start from birth and is one of the early literacy skills that researchers say are important for children to develop to become readers. Print motivation--an interest in and enjoyment of books and reading--can be developed simply by reading to your child and showing them reading is enjoyable.

Children with print motivation enjoy being read to, playing with books, pretending to write, and visiting the library. Children who learn in their early years that reading is a pleasurable activity and that books are interesting will be motivated to learn to read independently as they get older.

To build print motivation with your child, keep your interaction with books fun.

Do not force a reading experience, and stop reading when your little one gets squirmy or loses interest, even if that means stopping in the middle of a book.

For more information:

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

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

Grow a Reader Specials

Stories, songs, and activities.
All ages with a caregiver.

Bilingual Hispanic American Heritage Month

Bilingual stories, songs and rhymes celebrating Hispanic American Heritage Month.

Porter, Friday, September 15, 10:30-11:00

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Howell, September 27, 10:00-10:30

Celebrate Indigenous Heritage

Salem Church, Friday, October 6, 10:00-10:30

HALLŌWEEN HOOPLA

Stories, songs, and a costume parade!

Towne Centre, Wednesday, October 18, 11:00-11:30

Howell, Wednesday, October 25, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30

Newton, Thursday, October 26, 11:00-11:30

Fredericksburg, Friday, October 27, 9:30-10:00

Salem Church, Friday, October 27, 10:00-10:30

Porter, Friday, October 27, 10:30-11:00

Cooper, Friday, October 27, 11:00-11:30

Snow, Monday, October 30, 11:00-11:30

Montross, Monday, October 30, 6:00-6:30



Grades K-6

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

FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Games, activities, and more



Howell, Friday, September 8, 4:30-5:15

Salem Church, Friday, September 15, 4:15-5:00

Towne Centre, Friday, September 22, 4:00-4:45

Minecraft Mania

Fredericksburg, Friday, September 8, 4:30-5:15

Mermaids

Snow, Friday, September 8, 4:30-5:15

Nature Journals

Learn to create a journal that records your experiences in nature, in partnership with Widewater State Park.

Porter, Friday, September 15, 4:15-5:00

Spooky Science

Howell, Friday, October 6, 4:30-5:15

Astronaut Academy

Porter Branch, Friday, October 13, 4:15-5:00

Cryptid Roundup

Are they real or just urban legends? You decide!

Games, activities, and more

Snow, Friday, October 13, 4:30-5:15

Salem Church, Friday, October 20, 4:15-5:00

Towne Centre, Friday, October 27, 4:00-4:45

Clowning Around

Discover your inner clown without make-up or red noses, with lots of funny business, juggling lessons, and laughter!

Fredericksburg, Friday, October 13, 4:30-5:15

Halloween Howl

Games, activities, and more, plus a costume parade. Grades K-6.

Cooper, Tuesday, October 24, 5:00-6:00

Spooky Stories

Listen, if you dare, to tales that will chill and thrill you. Grades K-6.

Salem Church, Monday, October 30, 6:00-7:00

PARK AFTER DARK

Gather under the trees to hear family-friendly spooky stories. Bring your own chairs and maybe a blanket for this spookily fun evening. No charge; register by calling 540-372-1086

Memorial Park, Friday, October 27, 6:30-8:00
(Kenmore Park)

In partnership with



HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Exchange your child's gently used costume for one that's new to you! Drop off your clean, intact, stain-free costume before the swap. For each costume donated, you will receive a swap voucher.

Drop off costumes: October 9-13. Costumes remaining after the swap will be donated to charity.

Porter Branch, Saturday, October 14, 2:00-3:00



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

Chess Time

Casual chess for all experience levels. **Grades K-12**

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30

Origami Thursdays

Grades K-12

Fredericksburg 2nd floor,
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30



Craft Time

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

September 13: Fall Foil Painting

October 11: Popsicle Stick Scarecrow

Movie Night

Montross, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-8:00

September 14: *Toy Story*

October 12: *Shrek*

Miniature Horse Visit

This event is outdoors, please dress appropriately.
All ages

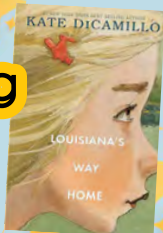
Montross, Wednesday, October 4, 10:00-12:00

In sunny weather, no rain date.



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Sensory Time

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

For youth of all ages with a caregiver.
Sign-up required.

Howell Branch, 2nd Thursdays, 4:30-5:00
September 14, October 12

Teens

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

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

Rappahannock Writers' Conference



Saturday, November 4, 8:15-5:00

Germanna Community College

10000 Germanna Point Dr, Fredericksburg 22408

Workshops for teen writers led by Rich Follett, Joseph Lewis, Elizabeth Spencer Spragins, and Ksenya Swinton. Sign up online beginning 9/22 at librarypoint.org/writers-conference.

Our thanks to Platinum Sponsor Germanna Community College for supporting the 2023 Rappahannock Writers' Conference.

Calling all teen directors!

Grades 6-12

Are you interested
in making a short animated film?

9TH ANNUAL TEEN STOP MOTION VIDEO CONTEST

Online submissions: October 1-15

Entries may be submitted by students living in Fredericksburg, Stafford, Spotsylvania, or Westmoreland, or by any teen with a CRRL card.

For more information and contest rules, visit librarypoint.org/video-contest.

Cash Prizes!

Teens

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

Art

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

Games



TEEN GAME NIGHT

Grades 6-12

Salem Church, 1st Mondays, except 9/4, 5:00-6:00
Howell, 3rd Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30
Porter, 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-7:00
Fredericksburg, 4th Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30

Teen Puzzle Time

Work on jigsaws, crosswords, sudoku, and more! Bring your own puzzle, or work on our puzzle of the month.

Porter, 1st Saturdays, 3:00-5:00

Snow, Saturdays, 9:00-5:30

OurSpace

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

Grades 6-12

Salem Church

Mondays, except 9/4, 3:00-7:00

Tuesdays, 3:00-5:15

Wednesdays, 3:00-5:15

Thursdays 3:00-7:00

Chess Time

Casual chess for all experience levels

Grades K-12

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30

Book Groups

Teen Anime & Manga Club

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

Grades 6-12

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

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

LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group

In partnership with
Fredericksburg Pride.

Grade 6-12.

Fredericksburg,
3rd Tuesdays,
6:30-7:30

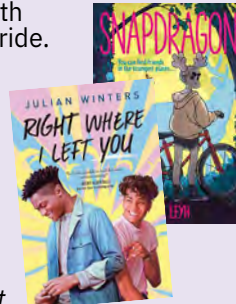
September 19:

Snapdragon

by Kat Leyh

October 17:

Right Where I Left You
by Julian Winters



Teen Book Group

Porter and **VIRTUAL**,
2nd Thursdays, 5:30-7:00

Read one (or more!) suggested books on the monthly theme. Optional: bring your own writing or art projects to share. **Grades 7-12**

September 14: *Deadly Games* in Dystopia. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, *Warcross* by Marie Lu, *Last Gate of the Emperor* by Kwame Mbalia, *Aster of Pan* by Merwan, *Truckus Maximus* by Scott Peterson

October 12: *Slice of Life*. *Perfectly Parvin* by Olivia Abtahi, *Silver Spoon* by Hiromu Arakawa, *Kiki's Delivery Service* by Eiko Kadono, *Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram, *The Tea Dragon Society* by Katie O'Neill

Homeschool Book Cafe

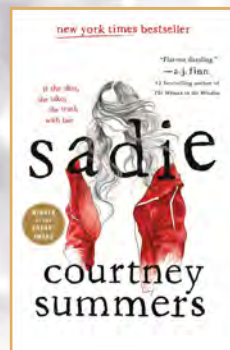
Bring a lunch and discuss young adult titles with other area homeschoolers. **Grades 6-12.**

Howell Branch MakerLab, every other Thursday starting September 7, 12:00-1:00

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Adults

For updates and more details
on all programs, visit
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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

All dates 10:00-2:00

Snow, Wednesday, September 6

Howell, Tuesday, October 3

Salem Church, Tuesday, October 24

Lawyer in the Library

Presented by Legal Aid. Learn about your rights as a tenant and get answers to your legal questions. No appointments needed.

Fredericksburg

Thursday, September 7, 12:00-2:00

Tuesday, September 12, 5:00-7:00

Thursday, September 28, 5:00-7:00

Tea Tasting

Sample a variety of different teas. Bring a favorite mug or use cups provided. While supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Friday, September 15,
4:00-5:00

Ask a Life Coach

Presented by Marcia Grimsley of Life Advancement Coaching.

Salem Church, Thursday, September 21, 6:30-8:00

Intro to First Day Stamp Collecting

Presented by David Lorms. Learn about First Day Covers, envelopes or postcards bearing a stamp that is canceled on the first day of issue by the United States Postal Service.

Cooper, Tuesday, September 19,
6:00-7:00

Fredericksburg DSS in the Community

The Fredericksburg Department of Social Services (DSS) will be available to answer your questions and provide information on services.

Fredericksburg, 2nd and 4th
Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00

Red Cross Blood Drive

Ages 17 and up. Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org

Porter, Thursday, October 12,
12:30-6:30

Howell, Monday, October 16,
10:00-4:00

Arts & Crafts

Arts & Crafts Night Out

Presented by the Fredericksburg Spinners and Weavers Guild. Bring a current project and spend time with fiber artists, crafters, and sewers. Beginners welcome.

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

Beginner Crafts

Materials provided. Sign up at librarypoint.org/events.

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

Cooper, 2nd Mondays, 11:00-12:00

Crochet for Beginners

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

Salem Church, 1st Mondays, except 9/4,
4:00-5:00

A Loosely Knit Group

Bring your current knitting or crochet projects. Beginners welcome.

Snow, Mondays, except 9/4,
2:00-4:00

Montross, Mondays, except 9/4,
6:00-7:00

Porter, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:45,
and 3rd Thursdays, 3:30-5:30

Cooper, 2nd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

Canva Fashion Design

Presented by professional stylist and fashion writer Tony Logan.

IdeaSpace, Saturday, September 16,
1:00-3:00

Art Shows

Fredericksburg Fresh Start Photography Club

Salem Church, October-November

Professional Artists and Artisans of Stafford County

Fredericksburg and Howell, October

Save the date!

Uniquely Stafford Art Show

Porter, November-December

librarypoint.org/uniquely-stafford



Glowforge Laser Cutter

A laser cutter can cut or engrave a material using a high-powered laser to quickly create complex designs.

Earn the Laser Cutter badge then use the machine for your creative projects!

Available at IdeaSpace
librarypoint.org/makerlab-badges

Create Amazing Cards

Presented by Pam Haskins. **Ages 16+.** All supplies provided. Sign up required.

Howell, Thursday,
September 21, 6:00-7:30



Bullet Journaling

Some supplies provided.

Porter, October 9, 6:00-7:30

Create a Self-Portrait

Presented by local artist Andrea Clement.

Cooper, Wednesday, October 18,
6:00-7:00

Take & Make

Grownup Activity Bags

Pick up a Take and Make bag filled with an activity and related resources for adults from any branch while supplies last.

September: Hispanic Heritage

October: Banned Books Reading Journal



Stafford Piecemakers Quilt Guild Annual Show

Beautiful quilts by local artists. Includes Viewers' Choice awards, a quilt raffle, and challenge entries with featured "Stitch Me a Melody"-themed pieces.

Porter, Friday, October 20, 10:00-5:00

Saturday, October 21, 10:00-5:00

Monday, October 23, 10:00-5:00

Adults

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

Book Groups librarypoint.org/book-groups

New
Members
Always
Welcome!

Books & Coffee

Enjoy a coffee and discuss your favorite books!

Snow, 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

Books & Wine

2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:00. Meets at Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, 22554

September 11: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*

by Kim Michele Richardson

October 9: *The Midnight Library*
by Matt Haig

Civil War Book Group

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

September 7: *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War* by Karen Abbott

October 5: *Days Without End: A Novel*
by Sebastian Barry

Hague Winery Book Group

1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00. Meets at The Hague Winery, 8268 Cople Hwy., Hague, 22469

September 7: *Crossroads*
by Jonathan Franzen

October 5: *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*
by Benjamin Stevenson

Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00. Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach, 22443

September 12: Poetry

October 10: Cormac McCarthy titles

November 14: *Dracula* by Bram Stoker
Join us at **Cinema Night**, October 31, 5:30-7:30 to watch the film *Dracula*

True Crime

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

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

September 14: Cryptocurrency Crimes

October 12: The Slender Man Stabbings

Mysteries & Thrillers

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

September 18: *The Last Story of Mina Lee* by Nancy Jooyoun Kim

October 16: *Mistress of the Art of Death* by Ariana Franklin

Rainbow Reads

Fredericksburg, 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30. In partnership with FXBG Pride. An LGBTQ+ and allies group.

September 20: *In Memoriam*
by Alice Winn

October 18: *The Cabin at the End of the World* by Paul Tremblay

Facebook Book Chat

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

facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat

September 20: Books That Have Taught You

October 18: Thrills and Chills

Strangeways Brewing: Books and Beer

3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

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

September 21: *The Maid*
by Nita Prose

October 19: *Cloud Cuckoo Land*
by Anthony Doerr

Branch Book Groups

Cooper

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

September 21: Free Read

October 19: *Spiders, Oh My!* Read a book with "spider" in the title.

Fredericksburg

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:30

September 9: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

October 14: *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper

Howell

1st Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00

September 5: *One Summer: America, 1927* by Bill Bryson

October 3: *Elephant Company*
by Vicki Croke

Montross

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

September 8: *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede

October 13: *Frankenstein*
by Mary Shelley

Newton

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

September 13: *Dial A for Aunties*
by Jesse Q. Sutanto

October 11: *There There*
by Tommy Orange

Porter

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

September 7: *Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend* by Susan Orlean

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

Salem Church

3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30

September 18: *7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*
by Stuart Turton

October 16: *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

Towne Centre

1st Mondays, except Sept.,
9:00-10:00

September 11: *The Library Book*
by Susan Orlean

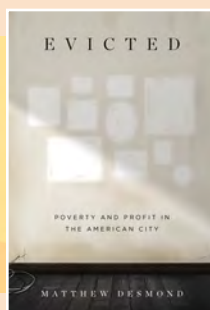
October 2: *The Bluest Eye*
by Toni Morrison

We the Readers Civic Book Club

Explore topics that enlighten and empower positive changes in our society.

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, Special guest: Central Virginia Housing Coalition staff
October 17, 7:00-8:00

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City
by Matthew Desmond.



VIRTUAL

Author Talks

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

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Lidia Bastianich

Emmy Award-winning public television host, best-selling cookbook author, and successful restaurateur
Thursday, September 7, 7:00

Adam Alter

New York Times-bestselling author of *Drunk Tank Pink* and *Irresistible: The Rise of Addictive Technology*
Wednesday, September 20, 2:00

Amor Towles

New York Times-bestselling author of *The Rules of Civility*, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, and *The Lincoln Highway*
Wednesday, September 27, 8:00

John Irving

New York Times-Bestselling author of *A Prayer for Owen Meany* and *The Cider House Rules*
Thursday, October 26, 7:00

Civic Labs

Dear Elected Official

In partnership with the League of Women Voters. Learn how to find and contact your representatives.

Montross, Tuesday, September 12, 1:00-2:00

Howell, Friday, September 15, 3:00-4:00

Porter, Tuesday, September 26, 11:00-12:00

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In partnership with Empowerhouse. Explore resources and join a conversation about how to take action to stop domestic violence.

Howell, Friday, October 6, 4:00-5:00

Salem Church, Monday, October 16, 2:00-3:00

Cooper, Tuesday, October 17, 12:30-1:30

Games

Euro Board Game Night

Enjoy popular European board games, such as Ticket to Ride and 7 Wonders Snow, 3rd Tuesdays, 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

Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00
Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00

Pop Culture Trivia and Craft: Fantasy

ALL AGES

Salem Church, Saturday, September 23, 3:30-5:00

Tabletop Gaming Night

Bring a game or play one of ours.
Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, except 9/5, 5:30-7:30

Going Green

Preserving Produce

Presented by April Payne, Virginia Cooperative Extension. Learn about water-bath and pressure canning, fermentation, and freezing.

Salem Church, Wednesday, September 6, 2:00-3:00

Plant Clinic

Gardening questions answered by the Master Gardener Association of the Central Rappahannock Area and the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Porter, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-8:00

Backyard Composting 101

Presented by the R-Board and Virginia Master Gardener Association
Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, September 12 and October 10, 6:00-7:00

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

Mary Washington Health Hospice Services: A Journey to Peace

Presented by Mary Washington Healthcare Hospice

VIRTUAL, 2nd Tuesdays, 11:00-12:00
September: Hospice 101 for Caregivers
October: Community Grief Resources

Medicare 101: What You Need To Know

Salem Church, September 20 and October 18, 1:00-2:30. Presented by Sunshine Senior Services.

Cooper, Thursday, October 5, 2:00-3:00. Presented by health insurance agent-broker Adam Pawlica.

Memory Cafe: Relax and Reminisce

In partnership with the Greater Richmond Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. For adults with early memory loss and their care partners.
Salem Church, Friday, September 15, 10:30-12:00

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Comfortable attire. No experience necessary.
Towne Centre, next to the Food Court, Wednesdays, September 6 and 20, October 4 and 18, 9:00-10:00

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

Yoga

Chair Yoga

Led by certified instructor Kay Hawkins joining virtually. Newton will occasionally feature regular yoga.
Newton, Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00
Montross, Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00

Family Yoga

Presented by Tortuga Yoga. Bring your own yoga mat or beach towel.
Fredericksburg, Saturday, September 23, 2:00-3:00

Yoga for Every Day

Presented by Tortuga Yoga. Yoga poses you can use at home.
Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, September 26 and October 3, 2:00-3:00

Adults

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

History

Discover Stafford Scavenger Hunt

Pick up a scavenger hunt booklet from any branch or register online at librarypoint.org/discover-stafford and receive a souvenir button. Locate Stafford County historic and cultural sites. Find 15 sites and get a keychain.

Ongoing, all branches

Civil War Book Group

In partnership with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park

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

September 7: *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War* by Karen Abbott

October 5: *Days Without End: A Novel* by Sebastian Barry

Viewing Stafford History through Virtual Reality

Learn how the Stafford Museum and Cultural Center is utilizing virtual reality to bring an immersive museum experience to people around the world. In partnership with Access VR and Stafford County.

Porter, Tuesday, September 12, 1:00-3:00



Trace Your Family Tree

Presented by genealogist Laura Hazel.

Newton, Monday, September 25, 5:00-7:00

Library of Virginia (LVA) On the Go

The Library of Virginia is coming to Fredericksburg! Explore research resources, discuss regional and family history with knowledgeable LVA staff, and discover educational materials, children's activities, and more. Visit lva.virginia.gov/200 to learn more.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, October 7, 10:00-2:00



Discover Stafford: Community Walk

Sponsored by Discover Stafford. Discover Government Island with a self-guided community walk. Receive a souvenir bag, while supplies last.

Government Island, 191 Coal Landing Road, Stafford, 22554. Saturday, October 7, anytime between 10:00-4:00. Rain date: 10/14

Historical Walk

A leisurely walking tour of historic downtown Fredericksburg.

Starts at Fredericksburg Branch, Wednesday, October 18, 2:30-4:00
Rain date: 10/25

Language Learning

World Languages Discussion Group

Learn tips and tricks for language learning, and chat with other learners.

VIRTUAL and Porter, 1st Mondays, except September, 10:00-11:00, September 11: Create a Language Learning Plan

October 2: Understanding Grammar to Learn Another Language

English Conversation Groups

Practice speaking English in a relaxed atmosphere.

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, except 9/28, 1:00-2:00

Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 11:00-12:00

VIRTUAL, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

English Language Basics for Beginners

An active learning class.

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30

English Language Learners Book Group: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

Sponsored by Rappahannock Area Regional Adult Education (RARAE). Practice reading, speaking, and listening in English.

Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 10:00-11:00

French Conversation Group

All levels welcome.

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

Spanish Conversation Group

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

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

Halloween

3D Design Lab: 3D Printable Jack-O-Lantern

IdeaSpace, Thursday, October 12, 6:00-7:00

Pumpkin Carving Demonstration

Presented by Christi Bayha. Free pumpkins while supplies last, courtesy of the Fredericksburg Food Co-op.

Howell, Saturday, October 21, 3:00-4:00

Halloween Celebration

Costumes encouraged. Crafts and activities, while supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Friday, October 27, 2:30-4:30

Classic Monster Double Feature

A retro movie showing of *Dracula* (1931) and *Frankenstein* (1931). Also features popcorn, a demonstration of special effects makeup, and other activities.

Salem Church, Saturday, October 28, 1:00-5:00

Cinema Night: Halloween Special

Cooper, Tuesday, October 31, 5:30-7:30

Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992, Anthony Hopkins, Gary Oldman)

PLUS, join us for a discussion of the book at

Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

Tuesday, November 14, 6:00-7:00

VIRTUAL**Lunch & Learn** Fridays, 12:00-1:00

Bite-sized learning you can watch anywhere.

A Beginner's Guide to Journal Writing

September 1

Learn about Kenmore Club

September 8, presented by Wilber Galindo, RACSB

Building a Memorial: Proposed Plan for Fredericksburg's Auction Block Site

September 15, presented by Dr. Gaila Sims, Curator of African American History and Special Projects at the Fredericksburg Area Museum

Telling Your Story Using Podcasting

September 22, presented by Timothy Kimo Brien of the Create Art Podcast

Celebrate Blue Star Welcome Week

September 29

Fredericksburg After the Dinos

October 6, presented by local naturalist & historian Jon Bachman

Combating Loneliness

October 13, presented by Michelle Wagaman and Amy Jindra of RACSB, Barbara Barlow of Mental Health America of Fredericksburg, and Robert "Keith" Cartwright of the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

The Incredible True Story of Virginia

October 20, presented by Eamon McCarthy Earls

The Veil Thins: Autumnal Holidays

October 27

Join at facebook.com/crrlnews. No Facebook account needed.**Movies****Fredericksburg Matinee: Casablanca**

Fredericksburg, Saturday, September 2, 2:00-3:45

Cinema Night

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 except 10/31

September 12: *A Good Person*September 26: *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret*October 10: *About My Father*October 24: *The Pope's Exorcist*

October 31, 5:30-7:30:

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Music**Beginner Singer/Songwriter Workshop**

Learn what it takes to run your own independent label and key techniques to becoming a better songwriter.

IdeaSpace, Tuesday, September 19, 6:00-7:00

CRRL's IdeaSpace Presents

Watch musical performances by local artists recorded at IdeaSpace. View on our YouTube @crrlvideo

Technology**Training on Demand**

Cooper, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00

Podcasting with IdeaSpace

Presented by Timothy Kimo Brien, host of the Create Art podcast. Learn the ins and outs of podcasting.

IdeaSpace, 3rd Mondays, 6:00-7:00

Fredericksburg Linux Users Group

Meet with Open Source and Linux users to discuss IT solutions.

Howell, 4th Saturdays, 9:00-12:00

September 23: Open Mic Session

October 28: Zero Tier. Virtual networks for secure communication

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 Group

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

September: Drafting Dialogue

October: How to "Win"

National Novel Writing Month

Howell and **VIRTUAL**,

1st Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30

Porter and **VIRTUAL**,

4th Thursdays, 6:00-7:30

Inklings Writers**Critique Group: Fiction**

Share feedback on current projects with other writers.

VIRTUAL, 2nd Mondays, 6:00-7:30**Riverside Writers**

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

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

Rappahannock Writers' Conference

Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, 22408

Saturday, November 4, 8:45-5:00

librarypoint.org/writers-conference

See back cover for more details.

Friday Night Workshops

An evening of pre-conference hands-on workshops. Workshop presenters Chandra Gore, James Noll, Rick Pullen, and Elizabeth Spencer Spragins cover technique, marketing, and pacing. Registration required, starts 9/22. Space is limited.

Howell, Friday, November 3, 6:00-8:00

First Five Pages Feedback Sessions

New this year!

Authors Traci Hunter Abramson, Bill Blume, Sarah Warburton, and Ellie Whitney will give meaningful feedback on the first five pages of your manuscript.

****You must preregister no later than October 20.**



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Saturday, November 4, 8:45-5:00

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Fredericksburg Area Campus, Workforce and Technology Center
10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, 22408

Topics Include:

- Freelance writing
- Building tension
- Writing for teens & kids
- Magical realism
- Receiving feedback
- Creating characters, settings, and poetry

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