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Central Rappahannock Regional Library

Winter 2023-24
December, January,
and February

Now a
quarterly
magazine
3-month
issue!



What's happening

@ Your Library

1,000 Books
Before Kindergarten

**Celebrate African
American History**

Adult
**Winter Reading
Challenge**



SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

welcome

Martha Hutzell, Director

Our ongoing events and programs for winter include fun reading challenges. Don't miss the **Winter Reading Challenge** for adults (begins 1/1) or the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge** for young children. Older children can share stories with the **PAWS for Reading** pups, who also come for library visits so disabled teens and adults can spend **Time with a Therapy Dog**. We have book groups that meet monthly for all ages, including the Teen Book Group and the LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group.



We begin 2024 with more visits from community partners, including **Virginia Cooperative Extension** agents who will host **Civic Labs** to help people learn how to improve their health through better nutrition. Job seekers and career changers, register for **Rappahannock Goodwill's monthly job skills workshops** at Fredericksburg to get advice for the road ahead. As time goes on, are you worried about yourself or someone you care about being taken advantage of? Staff from the Virginia Attorney General's Office will give a presentation on **preventing frauds and scams against older adults**.

Don't miss the **African American Read-In**, with literature and music celebrating February's **African American History Month**. Also, come in for a talk on **"African American Women in Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, and Stafford"** from Dr. Gaila Sims, Curator of African American History and Special Projects at the Fredericksburg Area Museum. A Fabulous Friday event for older children will spotlight African American heroes, and every branch will have self-guided activities that focus on **African American inventors**.

If you are an artistic teen (or know one!), the **29th Annual Johnny P. Johnson Teen Art Show** is accepting entries 2/12-22 and is a great way to let your talent shine. This is always a popular event and features cash prizes, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.



Unveiling Her Innocence
by Eowyn A.

Get the warm fuzzies on 2/2 when Howell's Teen Council hosts a **stuffed animal sleepover**, perfect for faithful friends of young readers and listeners! Stuffed friends will be supervised and kept safe from harm overnight while they play and make new friends—with many photo ops. Independent readers can enjoy a look into the past with our **Fabulous Friday: Who Was?** sessions, featuring the popular biography series.

Wishing you a wonderful winter, filled with peace and joy,

Martha



On 12/2, Howell Branch's Teen Council is hosting **Santa at the Library**, where young ones can write holiday wishes, make a craft, and enjoy a visit with Santa. On 12/9, stop by Spotsylvania Towne Centre to meet local artist **Dolores Bumbrey Williams** and see her works on display.

Get ready for what challenges may come your way in 2024 with these December events and classes. **Planning for the New Year (12/5)** will teach you how to use a planner to more effectively accomplish your goals. Our **Resume Workshop (12/8)** is a wonderful opportunity to stand out in the job market.

Have legal questions? Twice a month, Legal Aid Works will have a **"Lawyer in the Library"** at Fredericksburg to answer tenant/landlord questions and more. Starting 12/28 and running through February, we are offering weekly classes for people who want to prepare for the **USCIS Naturalization Exam**, also at Fredericksburg Branch. Look online for more details.

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Uniquely Stafford ART SHOW

Call for
Artists
Extended

The Uniquely Stafford art show displays artistic works that clearly illustrate the unique Stafford experience--in places, people, and history.



Melchers' Neighbor
by Carol Josefiak

Details: librarypoint.org/uniquely-stafford

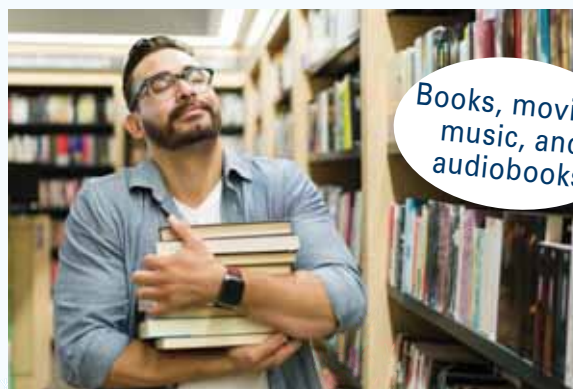
Submissions accepted online: January 2-6

Exhibition:
Porter Branch,
January 17-March 15

Opening Reception:
Thursday, January 18,
6:00-7:30

Cash prizes donated by the Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library Center & Bookshop



Books, movies,
music, and
audiobooks

125 Olde Greenwich Dr., Suite 150
Fredericksburg, 22408

Monday-Friday, 10:00-2:00

Pick up your library holds at the bookshop. Just select *Friends of the Library Center* as your pickup location.



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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- Send it to Kindle, if you prefer
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Explore the library's mobile apps, and take the library with you, wherever you go!



CRRL Mobile app • librarypoint.org/crrl-mobile-app

Search the catalog! Books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, eBooks, eAudio, streaming videos, Library of Things, Tech on the Go, Grow a Reader packs, and more

- Place holds
- Renew your materials
- Check out and download eMaterials
- **NEW!** Manage multiple library card accounts at once, from one login



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librarypoint.org/kanopy



Help Your Child Use Library Apps

Visit our website to learn how to apply filters for younger users within each app.



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 these dates

FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:45,
except 12/19 and 12/26

Wednesdays, 9:30-9:45,
except 12/20 and 12/27

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50,
except 12/20 and 12/27

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00,
except 12/19, 12/26, and 2/13*

Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)

Fridays, 10:30-11:00,
except 12/22 and 12/29

SPOTSYLVANIA

Salem Church Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15,
except 12/27

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20,
except 12/27

Thursdays, 10:00-10:20,
except 12/14 and 12/28

Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, 11:00-11:30,
except 12/14 and 12/28

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 10:00-10:30,
except 12/22 and 12/29

STAFFORD

Howell Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Fridays, 10:00-10:15, except 12/29

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)

Thursdays, 10:00-10:20,
except 12/14, 12/28, and 2/8

Fridays, 11:00-11:20, except 12/29

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30,
except 12/13*, 12/27, and 2/14*

Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30,
except 12/13*, 12/27, and 2/14*

Porter Branch

Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45, except 12/26

Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50, except 12/26

Thursdays, 10:30-10:50, except 12/14
and 12/28

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 10:30-11:00, except 12/15*,
12/29, and 2/9*

Preschool Time (Ages 3-5)

Fridays, 9:30-10:00, except 12/29

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

Alphabet Soup (Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 11:00-11:30,
except 12/15*, 1/12*, and 2/9*



Grow a Reader Special Storytimes

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



Grow a Reader Special: Countdown to Christmas

Salem Church, Friday, December 1, 10:00-10:30
Howell, Wednesday, December 13, 10:00-10:30
and 11:00-11:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday, December 13,
11:00-11:30
Fredericksburg, Friday, December 15, 9:30-10:00
Porter, Friday, December 15, 10:30-11:00
Cooper, Friday, December 15, 11:00-11:30
Montross, Thursday, December 21, 6:30-7:00
Newton, Friday, December 22, 11:00-11:30



Grow a Reader Special: Winter Wonder

Montross, Wednesday, January 10, 11:00-11:30
Salem Church, Friday, January 12, 10:00-10:30
Cooper, Friday, January 12, 11:00-11:30
Newton, Friday, January 12, 10:00-10:30
Howell, Wednesday, January 17, 10:00-10:30
and 11:00-11:30
Towne Centre, Wednesday, January 17, 11:00-11:30



Grow a Reader Special: Be My Valentine

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, February 13, 9:30-10:00
Porter, Friday, February 9, 10:30-11:00
Cooper, Friday, February 9, 11:00-11:30
Snow, Monday, February 12, 11:00 - 11:30
Newton, Tuesday, February 13, 10:00-10:30
Howell, Wednesday, February 14, 10:00-10:30
and 11:00-11:30
Montross, Wednesday, February 14, 11:00-11:30
Towne Centre, Wednesday, February 14,
11:00-11:30



Grow a Reader Special: Lunar New Year

Salem Church, Friday,
February 9,
10:00-10:30



Spotlight on Early Literacy: Phonological Awareness

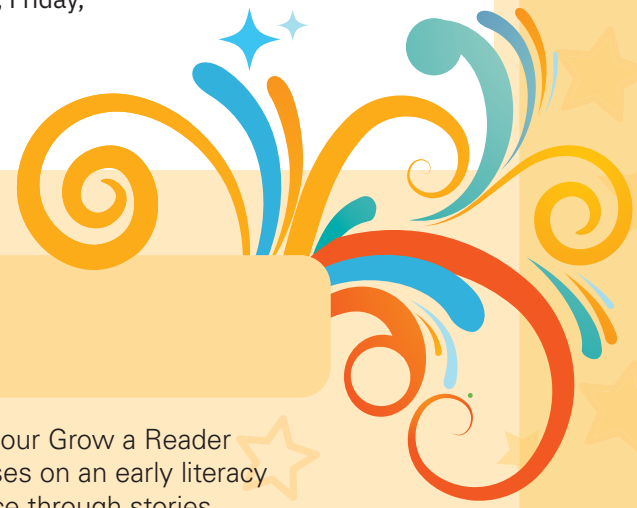
Making sounds is one of the most fun things that our littles do all day--just watch their faces when they make a new sound.

Phonological awareness is about making all of those sounds that will eventually be used to create words. For example, the "t" sound is very different from the "th" sound.

So, let those littles stick their tongues out and explore sounds. To help them, read books that have a lot of rhyming. It is fun, and it allows them to hear the same ending sounds with different letter sounds surrounding it.

Every one of our Grow a Reader classes focuses on an early literacy skill or practice through stories, activities, and caregiver-child interactions.

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



Grow a Reader

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) Spotsylvania County Winter 2023-2024 Graduation Party

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 and championed by Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Salem Church, Thursday, December 28, 6:00

Sensory Time

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

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

For youth of
all ages with a
caregiver.



Teen Council
hosts

Santa

at the library

Write your holiday wishes, deliver your letter to Santa, and do an ornament craft.

All ages with a caregiver.

Howell, Saturday, December 2, 10:00-12:00

Library of THINGS



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

librarypoint.org/things

Grow a
Reader
Kits



For ages 3 and up
with adult
supervision.



Teen Council presents:

Stuffed Animal Sleepover



Drop off your favorite stuffie and see what they get up to when the library closes at night!

Stuffed friends will be supervised and kept safe from harm overnight while they play and make new friends.

Howell MakerLab,

Drop off: Friday, February 2, 3:00-5:00

Pick up, Saturday, February 3, 9:00-12:00

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Celebrate the importance (and fun) of taking your child to the library. Grab and Go activity bags available, while supplies last.

All branches, Saturday, February 3, all day



For ages birth to 5 and their caregivers

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.

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

Craft Time

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

December 13: Salt Dough
Ornaments

January 10: Faux Stained
Glass Window

February 14: "Love Bugs"
yarn monsters



Holiday Open House

Celebrate different holidays of the season with crafts, activities, and refreshments. Enjoy a personal visit with Santa.

Salem Church, Thursday, December 14, 6:00-7:30

Movie Night

December 14: *The Grinch* (2018)

January 11: *Bad Guys*

February 8: *Wall-E*

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

Don't Poke a Sleeping Bear! All about Hibernation

Presented by Westmoreland State Park.

Cooper, Wednesday, January 24, 4:00-5:00

Montross, Thursday, February 1, 4:00-5:00

Origami Thursdays

Grades K-12

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

Fossil Finders

Presented by Westmoreland State Park. Learn about local fossils.

Cooper, Wednesday, February 21, 4:00-5:00

Montross, Monday, February 26, 4:00-5:00



Do you have a library card?

It's your all-access pass to everything the library has to offer.

Kindergarten Library Card Campaign

We partner with area schools to ensure every kindergarten student has a free library card.

Between January 16 and February 21, look for your kindergarten student to bring home a library card application, or for your school to send out an electronic link. Simply fill out the application or click on the link, and look for your child's library card to arrive in your mailbox.



**Bring your kindergartener to the library for a free book
January 16-March 31**

FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Games, activities, and more

Space

Howell, December 1, 4:30-5:15

Holiday Book Bingo

Bingo fun and prizes

Fredericksburg, December 8, 4:30-5:15

Porter, December 15, 4:30-5:15

Holiday Gifts

Snow, December 8, 4:00-4:45 New Time

Towne Centre, December 8, 4:00-4:45

Salem Church, December 15, 4:15-5:00

Playful Penguins

Howell, January 5, 4:30-5:15

Porter, February 16, 4:30-5:15

Snakes

STEM

Fredericksburg, January 12, 4:30-5:15

DIY Toys

Snow, January 12, 4:30-5:15



Who Was?

Based on the *Who Was?* series

Salem Church, January 19, 4:15-5:00

Porter, January 19, 4:30-5:15

Towne Centre, January 12, 4:00-4:45

Snow, February 9, 4:30-5:15 New Time

Weird But True

Howell, February 2, 4:30-5:15

Hip-Hop

Hip-hop, rap, art, fashion, and more

Fredericksburg, February 9, 4:30-5:15

African American Heroes

Salem Church, February 16, 4:15-5:00

Towne Centre, February 9, 4:00-4:45

African American INVENTORS

Throughout February, explore a rotating series of self-guided activities highlighting contributions of eight African American inventors who changed history with their contributions to science, industry, business, transportation and communication, and think about the difficulties they faced, both personally and professionally.



PAWS for Reading

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

Towne Centre, 1st Thursdays, 5:30-7:00

Porter, 1st Saturdays, 10:30-12:00

Salem Church, 1st Saturdays, 2:30-4:00

Howell, 2nd Saturdays, 1:30-3:00

Fredericksburg, 3rd Saturdays, except 12/16, 2:00-3:30

Snow, 4th Saturdays, except 12/23, 2:30-4:00

Teens

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

Teen Art Tuesdays

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

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

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

Teen Anime & Manga Club

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

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

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

OurSpace

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

Salem Church, except 12/25-1/2, 1/15, 2/19

Mondays, 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

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

Snow, Saturdays, 9:00-5:30

Book Groups

Teen Book Group

Read one (or more!) books from our monthly selection, then join us in person or online for a discussion. Details online: librarypoint.org/youth-book-groups. Optional: bring your writing or art projects to share. **Grades 7-12.**

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

December 14: Banned Books

January 11: Classics

February 8: Post-Apocalyptic Adventures

LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group

In partnership with Fredericksburg Pride. **Grade 6-12.** New members welcome!

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

December 19: *The Deep and Dark Blue* by Nikki Smith

January 16: *The Henna Wars* by Adiba Jaigirdar

February 20: *The Magic Fish* by Trung Le Nguyen

29th Annual
Johnny P. Johnson

TEEN art SHOW

Entries accepted: February 12-22 at the Fredericksburg Branch, 2nd floor

Opening Reception: Fredericksburg, Friday, March 1, 7:00-8:30

Exhibit: Fredericksburg, March 1-April 27

2 Divisions: Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12

Cash
Prizes!

Rules and the registration form are available at librarypoint.org/teenart or by visiting any branch.



Cultura by Mayte V.
2nd Place, 2023 Teen Art Show



Prizes donated
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Highlights from an amazing year!



Reading Challenges



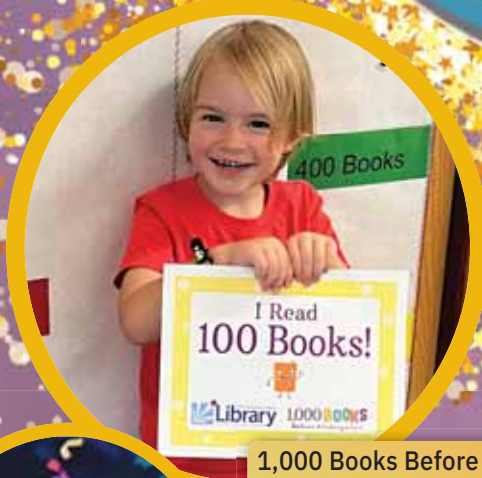
2023 Rappahannock Writers' Conference



Privacy Pods



Lunch at the library



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Snow & Towne Centre Branch Birthdays



Going Fine Free

View them all at
[*librarypoint.org/best*](http://librarypoint.org/best)



Adults

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

TO DO

Planning for the New Year

Learn how using a planner can help you achieve your goals in this hands-on workshop. **Grade 7-adult.**

Howell, Tuesday, December 5, 6:00-7:00

GOALS

Bullet Journaling

Some supplies provided.

Porter, Monday, January 22, 6:00-7:30



Street Photography Basics

Presented by Fredericksburg Street Photography

IdeaSpace, Saturday, January 20, 2:00-3:00

Camera Equipment 101

Presented by 540 Area Photographers. Learn the basics of setting your camera up for shooting.

IdeaSpace, Saturday, February 10, 2:00-3:00



Arts & Crafts

Beginner Crafts

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

Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays, 10:00-11:30

December: Holiday cards

January: Vision boards, part one

February: Vision boards, part two

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

December: Wine-cork angels and old-fashioned candles

January: Pinecone owls

February: Decorated Mason jars

Take & Make Grownup Activity Bags

Includes an activity and related resource. Pick up from any branch. While supplies last.

December: The Regency Era

January: New Year, New You

February: Paper Cutting

Adult Coloring Therapy Hour

Relax with aromatherapy and soothing music.

Snow, Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00

Crochet for Beginners

Materials provided for learning basic stitches. Bring your own supplies for any crochet (or knitting) projects. All levels welcome. **Grade K-adult.**

Salem Church, Mondays:

December 4, January 8, February 5, 4:00-5:00

Arts & Crafts Night Out

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

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

Pop Culture Trivia and Craft

Pub-style trivia. Play alone or on a team. Craft is while supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, December 16

10:00-12:00. Holiday theme

2:00-4:00. Harry Potter theme

A Loosely Knit Group

Bring your current projects. Beginners welcome.

Montross, Mondays, 6:00-7:00

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

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

Craft Materials Swap

Declutter for the new year! Bring in your extra craft supplies, receive a swap voucher, then return for the swap to find new items. Unclaimed items will be donated or used for library programs.

Porter,

Drop off items: January 15-19

Swap: Saturday, January 20, 2:00-3:00

Tech on the Go: Photography Equipment

Interested in photography? You can borrow this *Tech on the Go* photography equipment from the library! Pick up from IdeaSpace. Place holds at librarypoint.org/techgo.

Neewer LED Studio Lights

Portable and useful for lighting both indoor and outdoor shots.

UBeesize 67" Tripod

A portable, lightweight tripod for cameras, camcorders, and smartphones.

Canon EOS Rebel T7

A versatile, entry-level DSLR camera capable of photos and 4k video.



Tech on the Go: Drawing Tablets

Get creative! Check out high-tech equipment for your media projects.

librarypoint.org/techgo

Huion Kamvas Pro 12

A drawing tablet with a built-in screen you can take on the go.

Wacom Drawing Tablet

A pressure-sensitive drawing tablet that's compatible with any computer and art software.

Maker Factory

Presented by Aaron Gowaty of New World Manufacturing. Learn about running a manufacturing business and how to elevate your brand with embroidery, screen printing, cutting, and sewing.

IdeaSpace, Saturday, February 10, 3:00-4:00

Magazine Bowls

Learn to upcycle old magazines into eye-catching, sturdy bowls. Great to use or gift!

Towne Centre, Thursday, February 29, 2:00-4:00

Art Shows

Art by Winners of the 2023 Teen Art show

Fredericksburg, December

Fashion Design Exhibit

Salem Church, December

Dolores Williams

Bumbrey

Towne Centre, December-January

Johnny Johnson's Watermedia Workshop Show

Fredericksburg, January

Uniquely Stafford Art Show

Porter, January 17-March 15. See page 2 for more details.

Figure 8 Ink Studios Student Art

Salem Church, February

Mary Lou Cramer

Towne Centre, February

Meet the Artist

Dolores Williams Bumbrey

Connect with other art enthusiasts and enjoy Bumbrey's winter-themed art, on display at Towne Centre Branch through January.

Towne Centre, Saturday, December 9, 2:00-5:00



IdeaSpace: Serger

Learn how to use the equipment at IdeaSpace and then use it for your own creative projects!

Use the serger sewing machine to add a professional-grade binding to your sewing.

librarypoint.org/makerlab

VIRTUAL

Author Talks

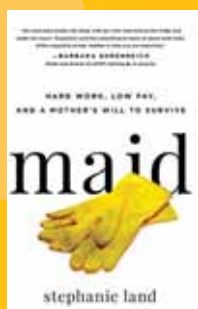
To register or view recordings, visit library.org/crrl



Victoria Aveyard

#1 New York Times bestselling author of the Red Queen Series and the Realm Breaker Series

Tuesday, December 5, 7:00



Stephanie Land

New York Times bestselling author of *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive*

Tuesday, December 12, 2:00



Rebecca Serle

New York Times bestselling author of *One Italian Summer*, *In Five Years*, and *The Dinner List*

Wednesday, January 10, 8:00

Rajiv Nagaich

Expert in U.S. elder law and host of two popular public television shows

Tuesday, January 23, 2:00

Dr. Robert Lustig

Physician and New York Times bestselling author of *Fat Chance*

Tuesday, January 30, 2:00



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Book Groups

librarypoint.org/book-groups

New
Members
Always
Welcome!

Civil War Book Group

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

In partnership with the
Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania
National Military Park.

December 7: *Varina*
by Charles Frazier

January 4: *Nothing Ever Dies:
Vietnam and the Memory of War*
by Viet Thanh Nguyen

February 1: *Personal Memoirs
of U.S. Grant* by Ulysses S. Grant

The Hague Winery Book Group

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

December 7: *The Christmas Bookshop*
by Jenny Colgan

January 4: Fave 2023 Read

February 1: *The Age of Innocence*
by Edith Wharton

Books & Wine

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

December 11: *This Tender Land*
by William Kent Krueger

January 8: *Yellow Wife*
by Sadeqa Johnson

February 12: *The Invisible Life of
Addie LaRue* by V. E. Schwab

Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

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

December 12: *The Wager: A Tale of
Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*
by David Grann

January 9: Fave Read in 2023

February 13: *All the Sinners Bleed*
by S. A. Cosby

True Crime Book Group

VIRTUAL, 2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30.
Read and discuss resources pertaining
to the month's case. View the case files
at librarypoint.org/events.

December 14: BTK

January 11: *Condemned for Love in Old
Virginia* (Presented by author Jim Hall)

February 8: The Ken and Barbie Killers:
Paul Bernardo and Karla Homolka

Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group

VIRTUAL, Mondays, 6:30-7:30. Contact
the Howell Branch Adult Research Desk
to have a copy sent to your branch.

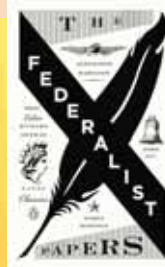
December 18: *The Lace Reader*
by Brunonia Barry

January 22: *Girl Waits With Gun*
by Amy Stewart

February 26: *Sunburn*
by Laura Lippman

We the Readers Civic Book Club

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



VIRTUAL, Tuesday, January 16,
7:00-8:00: *The Federalist Papers*

Special guest: Law Specialist
Doug Jackson

Rainbow Reads

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

December 20: *The Left Hand of
Darkness* by Ursula K. Le Guin

January 17: *So This is Ever After*
by F.T. Lukens

February 21: *D'Vaughn and Kris Plan a
Wedding*
by Chencia C. Higgins

Facebook Book Chat

facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat

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

December 20: Favorite Reads of 2023

January 17: Winter Reading Challenge

February 21: Favorite Romances

Strangeways Brewing: Books and Beer

3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30. Meets at
Strangeways Brewing, 350 Lansdowne
Road, Fredericksburg, 22401.

December 21: Free read

January 18: *The Huntress* by Kate
Quinn

February 15: *South to America: A
Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to
Understand the Soul of a Nation*
by Imani Perry

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Branch Book Groups

librarypoint.org/book-groups

Cooper

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

December 21: Free read

January 18: Books with snow on the cover

February 15: Books about libraries, books, or bookstores

Fredericksburg

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:30

December 9: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

January 13: *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder

February 10: *Saints for All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan

Howell

1st Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00

December 5: *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware

January 2: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

February 6: *The Unquiet Grave* by Sharyn McCrumb

Montross

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

December 8: *Mr. Dickens and His Carol* by Samantha Silva

January 12: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

February 9: *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts

Newton

Offsite, 2nd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00.

Ask at branch for location.

December 13: *The Last Story of Mina Lee* by Nancy Jooyoun Kim

January 10: Fave 2023 Read

February 14: *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

New Dates
and Times!

Porter

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

December 7: *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi

January 4: *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Alexander Solzhenitsyn

February 1: *We Need New Names* by NoViolet Bulawayo

Salem Church

4th Mondays except December, 6:30-7:30

December 18: *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano

January 22: *Velvet Was the Night* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

February 26: *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams

Towne Centre

1st Mondays, 9:00-10:00, except January

December: No Meeting

January 8: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson

February 5: *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

Community & Civics

Free Tax Preparation Clinics

January 29-April 10

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



Lawyer in the Library

Presented by Legal Aid Works. Learn about your rights as a tenant and get answers to your legal questions. No appointments needed; open to low-income individuals and families.

Fredericksburg, December 5 and 19, January 9 and 23, February 13 and 27, 5:00-7:00

Red Cross Blood Drive

Ages 17 and up. Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org

Howell, Monday, December 18, 10:00-4:00

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, December 27, 1:00-6:00

Fredericksburg, Thursday, February 15, 1:00-6:00

Porter, Thursday, December 21, 12:30-6:00

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

Howell, Tuesday, February 27, 10:00-4:00

Fredericksburg DSS in the Community

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

Fredericksburg, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, except 11/22 and 12/13, 10:00-12:00

Civic Lab: Volunteering

Looking for ways to give back to your community? Discover the many possibilities for you to make a difference.

Snow, Tuesday, February 6, 3:00-4:00

Howell, Friday, February 9, 4:00-5:00

Salem Church, Monday, February 12, 2:00-3:00

Newton, Thursday, February 29, 11:00-12:00



Adults

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Cooking/ Food

Healthy Eating on a Budget

Presented by April Payne, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent of the Virginia Cooperative Extension. Learn budget-friendly healthy eating tips for the holiday season.

Fredericksburg, Monday, December 4, 5:30-7:00



Cookie Exchange

Bring two dozen of your favorite cookies and a printed copy of the recipe.

Fredericksburg, Friday, December 15, 2:00-4:00

Tea Tasting

Sample a variety of different teas. Bring your favorite tea cup/mug or use the cups provided. While supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Friday, January 26, 4:00-5:00

Cooking Corner: Chocolate-Covered Strawberries

Make chocolate-covered strawberries to take home. While supplies last. Limit 2 per customer.

Fredericksburg, Monday, February 12, 6:00-7:00

Preserving Produce

Presented by April Payne, Virginia Cooperative Extension. Learn about water bath and pressure canning, along with fermentation and freezing for preserving food safely.

Snow, Wednesday, February 28, 2:00-3:00

Games

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 welcome.

Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00

Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00

Health & Wellness

Memory Café: Relax and Reminisce

Share conversation and nostalgia in a relaxed atmosphere. For adults with early memory loss and their care partners. In partnership with the Greater Richmond Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

Salem Church, Friday, December 15, 10:30-12:00

Time With a Therapy Dog

Read or relax with a therapy dog. In partnership with Blue Gray Therapy Dogs. **Grade 7-adult with disabilities, plus their caregiver.** Sign up at the branch to book your time.

Porter, 1st and 3rd Thursdays in December, changing to 4th Saturdays starting in January 10:00-11:00

Howell, Monday, December 18, 11:00-12:00

Howell, Tuesdays, January 16 and February 20, 11:00-12:00

Going Green

Gardener Meetup

Chat and share tips with other gardeners.

VIRTUAL, 4th Thursdays, 2:00-3:00

Chair Yoga

In-person class led by certified instructor Kay Hawkins, joining virtually. Newton will occasionally feature regular (not chair) yoga.

Newton, Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00

Montross, Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00

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

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

No experience necessary. Wear comfortable attire.

Towne Centre, every other Wednesday, near the food court.

December 13, 27; January 10, 24; February 7, 21

Civic Lab: Health and Nutrition

Want to take charge of your health? Check out our resources and discuss tips and tricks for living healthy this year.

Porter, Monday, January 8, 12:00-1:00*

Montross, Tuesday, January 9, 1:00-2:00

Cooper, Tuesday, January 16, 12:00-1:00

Towne Centre, Tuesday, January 23, 2:00-3:00*

**In partnership with Virginia Cooperative Extension*



History

Civic Lab:

Remembering the Civil War

Discuss how the war has impacted us, both individually and as a nation. In partnership with Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

Salem Church, Tuesday,
December 12, 11:00-12:00

Fredericksburg, Thursday,
December 14, 4:00-5:00

Getting Started in Genealogy

Learn how to begin researching your family tree and tour local history resources in the Virginia Room.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, January 11,
2:00-4:00



Genealogy Research Using Newspapers

Discover resources and techniques for researching your family history using newspapers.

Salem Church, Tuesday,
February 20, 2:00-3:30

Job Skills

Resume Workshop

Bring your resume for tips and advice to get it into good shape for job applications. Resources also provided for people beginning their resumes from scratch.

Salem Church, Friday, December 8,
9:00-11:00

Job Skills Workshops

Presented by Rappahannock Goodwill. Registration required.

January: Creating a Professional Resume: The Easiest Way Ever

February: Job Interview: Tips & Tricks

Fredericksburg, 2nd Tuesdays
starting in January, 10:00-11:00



Goodwill Training on Demand

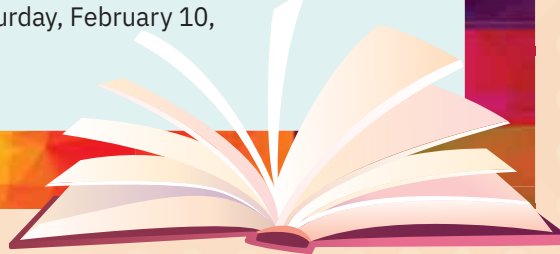
Presented by Rappahannock Goodwill. Receive one-on-one help on writing a resume, applying for jobs, and more. Sign up required, call 540-372-1144, ext. 7232

Fredericksburg, 1st, 3rd, and 4th
Tuesdays, 10:00-1:00, starting 1/2

African American Read-In

Literature and music celebrating African American history.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, February 10,
2:00-3:30



Lunch & Learn

Bite-sized learning you
can watch anywhere.

VIRTUAL, Fridays, 12:00. Join via Facebook Live at
facebook.com/crrlnews. No Facebook account needed.

The History of the English Language

December 1

The Amazing World of Fungi

December 8. Presented by
Jon Bachman

Celebrating Jane Austen

December 15

The Geology of the Rappahannock River

January 12. Presented
by Jon Bachman

Preventing Frauds and Scams Against Seniors

January 26. Presented by
Patti Menders from the Virginia
Attorney General's Office

Pangea: A Worldwide Continent

February 9. Presented by
Jon Bachman

Streaming With Your Library Card

February 16



African American Women in Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, and Stafford History

February 23. Presented by
Dr. Gaila Sims, Curator of African
American History and Special
Projects at the Fredericksburg
Area Museum



Adults

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on all programs, visit
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Language Learning

Conversation Groups

Practice speaking in a relaxed atmosphere.

French Conversation Group

All levels.

Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, except December 22, 4:00-5:00

English Conversation Groups

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, except 12/28 and 2/3, 1:00-2:00

Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, except 12/22, 11:00-12:00

VIRTUAL, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

Spanish Conversation Group

All levels.

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

English Language Basics for Beginners

An active learning class.

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, except 12/27 and 1/3, 1:30-2:30

English Language Learners Book Group

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

December: *Almost American Girl* by Robin Ha

January: *This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki

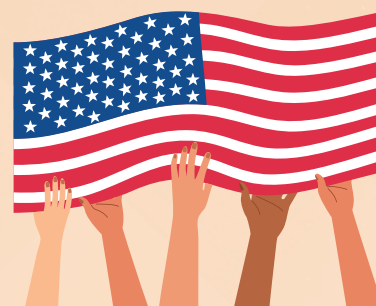
February: *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

Porter, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 10:00-11:00, except December 22

Citizenship Preparation Classes

Prep for all sections of the USCIS Naturalization Exam. Intermediate to advanced English skills required. Registration and assessment on 12/28.

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, December 28-February 29, 5:30-7:30



Movies

Cinema Night

For adults.

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, except 12/26, 4:00-6:00

December 12: *The Good Witch of Christmas*

January 9: *Ticket to Paradise*

January 23: *Polite Society*

February 13: *Shotgun Wedding*

February 27: *I Wanna Dance With Somebody*

Fredericksburg Matinee

A showing of the feature film *The Notebook*.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, February 3, 2:00-4:15

Music

Podcasting with IdeaSpace

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

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

IdeaSpace Presents

Watch performances by local artists recorded at IdeaSpace.

View at youtube.com/user/crrlvideo/playlists.



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Studio desk outside the vocal booth is equipped with a computer, monitors, and a Focusrite Clarett 8 PreX audio interface.

Inside the booth are two condenser microphones, a 4k studio camcorder, and a green screen.



Earn the **AV Booth Badge** and use the booth and all of its equipment independently at IdeaSpace.



Technology

Drop-in Tech Help

Receive help with your devices and discover downloadable/streaming media available from the library.

Salem Church, December 5, January 16, February 20, 2:00-3:00

Training on Demand

30-minute, hands-on session tailored for you on any of these topics: Tech skills for beginners, eBook/eAudio downloading, social media, online resources, and online job search/resume help. Call or drop in to schedule an appointment.

Cooper, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00

Fredericksburg Linux Users Group

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

Howell, 4th Saturdays, 9:00-12:00 except December 23

Arduino Basics

Learn how to make a thermometer using an Arduino kit.

IdeaSpace, Monday, January 29, 6:00-7:30

PC Building 101: Desktops

IdeaSpace, Monday, February 26, 6:00-7:30



Retro MAKERS Group

Join a group of highly motivated tinkerers who love pinball and arcade games to collaborate on unique projects using the equipment and software at IdeaSpace. In partnership with Reclaim Arcade.

IdeaSpace, 3rd Thursdays, starting 1/18, 6:00-7:00

Tech on the Go: Go Panasonic 4k Video Camcorder Kit

Everything you need to shoot 4k video with high-quality sound.

librarypoint.org/techgo



Writers

Inklings Writers Group

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

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

Porter and **VIRTUAL**, 4th Thursdays, 6:00-7:30, except 12/28

Inklings Fiction Writers Critique Group

Share feedback on current projects with other writers.

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

Riverside Writers

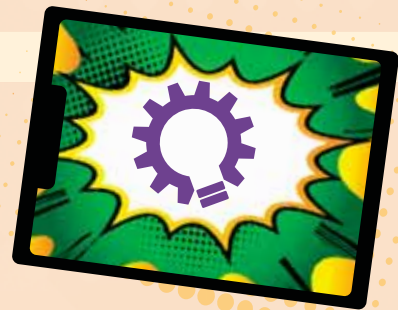
Workshops, critique sessions, and expert speakers on writing. New members welcome.

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

Comic Creators Roundtable

Explore a variety of art and promotional topics, with time for open collaboration.

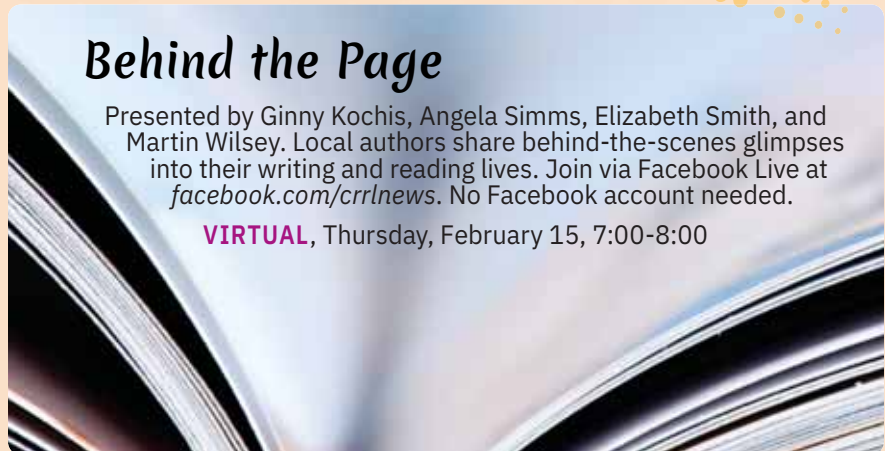
IdeaSpace, 1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00



Behind the Page

Presented by Ginny Kochis, Angela Simms, Elizabeth Smith, and Martin Wilsey. Local authors share behind-the-scenes glimpses into their writing and reading lives. Join via Facebook Live at facebook.com/crrlnews. No Facebook account needed.

VIRTUAL, Thursday, February 15, 7:00-8:00





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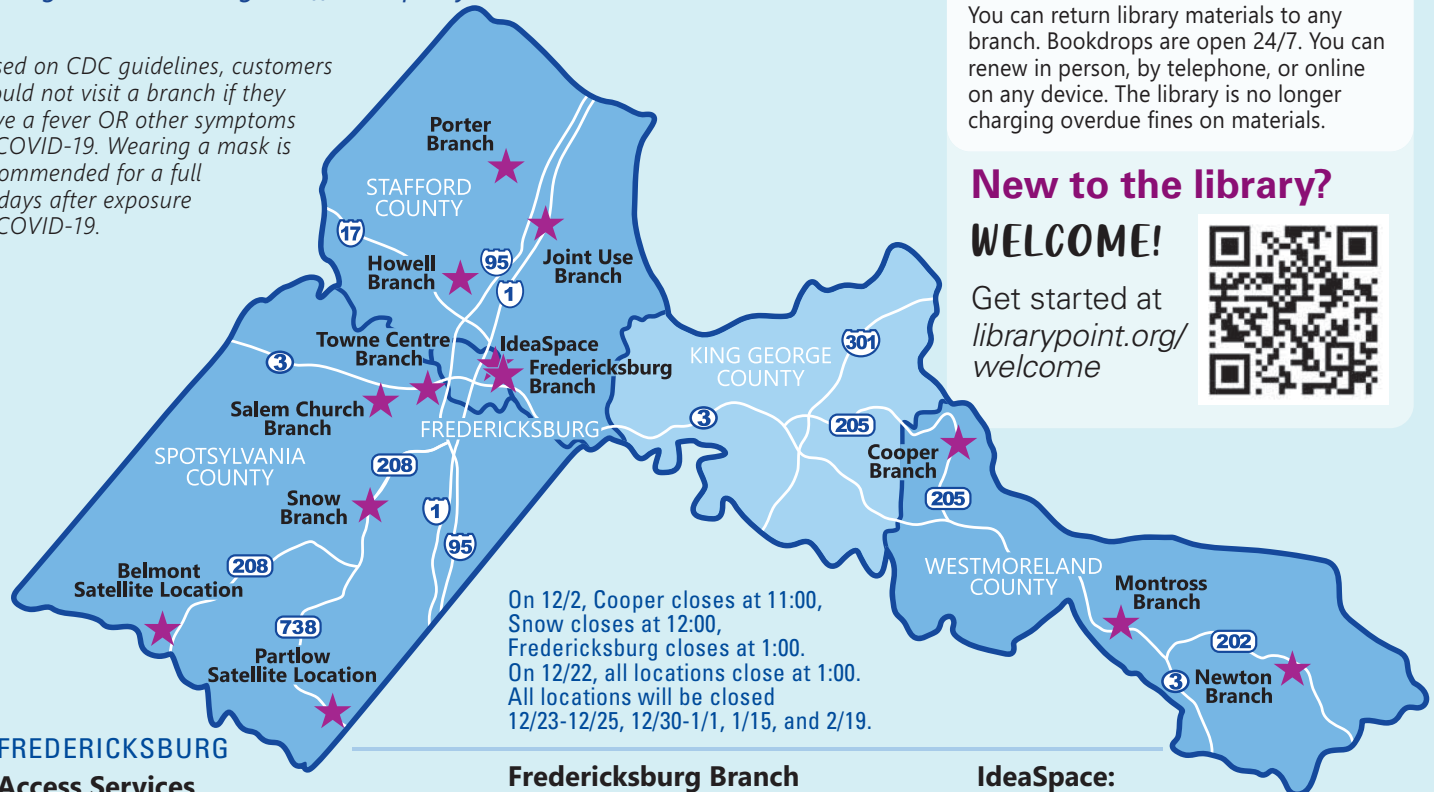


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On 12/2, Cooper closes at 11:00,
Snow closes at 12:00,
Fredericksburg closes at 1:00.
On 12/22, all locations close at 1:00.
All locations will be closed
12/23-12/25, 12/30-1/1, 1/15, and 2/19.

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Access Services

125 Olde Greenwich Dr., Suite 155, 22408

Mondays-Thursdays 9:00-1:00

Fridays by appointment

Fredericksburg Branch

1201 Caroline St., 22401

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00-8:00

Tuesday 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

STAFFORD

Fried Center

Germanna Community College

124 Old Potomac Church Rd., 22554

Monday-Thursday 5:00-8:00

Saturday 9:00-5:00

Howell Branch

806 Lyons Blvd., 22406

Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00

Friday-Saturday 9:00-5:30

Porter Branch

2001 Parkway Blvd., 22554

Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00

Friday, Saturday 9:00-5:30

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

20 Washington Ave., 22443

Monday, Friday, Saturday 9:00-1:00

Tuesday, Wednesday 12:00-8:00

Thursday 1:00-5:00

Montross Branch

56 Polk St., 22520

Monday, Thursday 12:00-8:00

Tuesday, Saturday 1:00-5:00

Wednesday, Friday 9:00-1:00

Newton Branch

22 Coles Point Rd., 22469

Monday 12:00-8:00

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9:00-1:00

Wednesday 1:00-5:00

Friday 9:00-5:00

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ADULT

Winter Reading CHALLENGE

January 1-March 31

Read and log 5 books to earn a colorful
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Sign up starting 12/21

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