



# Special Collections

Virginiana Room, Law Library,  
and Resources for Grant Seekers

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# Outline

**Fredericksburg Branch is home to three types of special collections that provide unique resources to CRRL's entire service area:**

- Virginiana Room
- Law Library
- Resources for nonprofits and grant seekers



# Virginiana Room

- Specializes in regional genealogy and local history dating back to the 1700s
- Located in downtown historic Fredericksburg, an ideal spot for historians and researchers from all over the region
- Managed by Virginiana Specialist Rose Fanara and Fredericksburg Assistant Branch Manager/Adult Services Department Head Erin Creighton
- A team of dedicated volunteers assists with history and genealogy research questions



# Virginiana's unique resources

- African American genealogy
- Cemetery records, obituary indexes, and death notices dating to 1788
- Census information
- Civil War resources
- Historic property and court records
- Histories of local homes, churches, businesses, events
- Local family histories and papers
- Microfilm readers and newspaper collection dating to late 1700s
- Oral histories, high school yearbooks
- Rare written histories of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Westmoreland
- Sanborn map collection



# Law Library



CRRL's Law Library, located at the Fredericksburg Branch, provides regional and state access to information about laws and legal procedures to the general public, attorneys, and the judiciary.

Law Specialist Douglas Jackson instructs staff and customers on the use of print and online legal resources and works with Collection Services to cultivate a dynamic collection.



# Law collection

The Law Library features a curated collection of books, legal periodicals, and online databases that provide form templates and in-depth research for both self-represented litigants and legal professionals.

Print and online resources include:

- Black's Law Dictionary
- Code of Virginia
- Continuing legal education materials
- Gale Legal Forms, available remotely
- Michie's Jurisprudence
- Thomson Reuters WestLaw, available at any library branch
- Self-help texts





# Additional law services

Law Specialist Douglas Jackson also provides:

- Guidance to CRRL's nearly 40 notaries
- Legal research by mail for individuals incarcerated at Rappahannock Regional Jail
- Partnership with Legal Aid Works to bring "Lawyer in the Library" to Fredericksburg Branch
- One-on-one legal research instruction
- Classes and events on law-related topics of interest
- Assistance in developing Westmoreland County law collection





# Resources for nonprofits & grant seekers

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## Grants to Individuals

Searchable database of grantmakers that give to individuals, such as students, veterans, and inventors.



