

Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at  
Central Rappahannock Regional Library

**Winter 2024-25**  
December, January,  
February



What's happening

# At Your Library

**Adult  
Winter Reading  
Challenge**

**Celebrating  
Winter Holidays**

**African American  
History**



SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

# Welcome

Hello! I am honored to have been selected as the new Executive Director of Central Rappahannock Regional Library (CRRL). I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the library system, communities, and staff that I love in this exciting new way.



**Rebecca Purdy,**  
Executive Director

My time with the library goes back to high school, when I worked shelving books at my local branch. After college, I returned as a Teen Librarian, eventually becoming Youth Services Coordinator before assuming the role of Deputy Director in 2016. Now, I am ready to take on the challenge of serving as your Executive Director.

My hopes and dreams for the library include having each location be a welcoming place for everyone.

I've always loved the library. As a library card holder, I can read as much as I want without having to buy every book. With the library's resources, I am learning how to train my dog and studying Italian using the Mango Languages app!

Now you know a little about me, and I very much want to meet you. Stop by one of our branches or visit [librarypoint.org/tell-us](http://librarypoint.org/tell-us) and share how the library has changed your life and what your hopes and dreams are for the future of your library.

Thank you,

*Rebecca*

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# Adult Winter Reading Challenge

January 1-March 31

Read and log 5 books to earn a cool sticker and chocolate bar!

*While supplies last.*



Sign up at  
[librarypoint.org/winter](http://librarypoint.org/winter)

## 50 Years Friends of the Library

**Friends Center & Bookshop**  
125 Olde Greenwich Drive, Suite 150  
Fredericksburg, 22408

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

### Join the Friends!

**Support your library and community!**

- Funding** ● Friends provide funding for library classes and events
- Volunteer** ● Volunteer at the Friends Bookshop and special events
- Connect** ● Join people in your community who share a passion for libraries and learning

Details: [crrlfriends.org](http://crrlfriends.org) ●  @CRRLFriends

## After-Holidays Blow-Out Book Sale!

**Friends of the Library Center & Bookshop**

**Monday, January 6**  
THROUGH  
**Friday, January 10**  
10:00-2:00 EVERY DAY

Show this coupon to receive

**20% OFF**

**your entire purchase**

**EVERY DAY OF THE SALE**

*Good January 6-10. Expires January 11, 2025.*



**Center & Bookshop**  
125 Olde Greenwich Dr.,  
Suite 150  
Fredericksburg, 22408

More details: [librarypoint.org/booksales](http://librarypoint.org/booksales)

# African American



Celebrate African American culture, history, and innovation with videos, events, and reading recommendations.

[librarypoint.org/african-american-history](http://librarypoint.org/african-american-history)



## February is National Book Lovers Month

Celebrate with book and movie suggestions, crafts, and more!

[librarypoint.org/book-love](http://librarypoint.org/book-love)



## Cozy up anywhere!

Explore the library's mobile apps, and take the library with you, wherever you go!

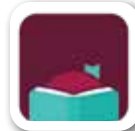


### CRRL Mobile app

Search for materials, place holds, renew your materials, check out and download eMaterials, and more!

### Libby

Borrow and read eBooks and eAudiobooks. Read across devices.  
[librarypoint.org/libby](http://librarypoint.org/libby)



### hoopla Digital Streaming

1 million+ eAudiobooks, eBooks, videos, music, and more! Titles for all ages with immediate downloads.  
[librarypoint.org/hoopla](http://librarypoint.org/hoopla)

### Kanopy Streaming Video

30,000+ films, including critically acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films.  
[librarypoint.org/kanopy](http://librarypoint.org/kanopy)



### Help Your Child Use Library Apps

Visit our website to learn about available filters for younger users.

## Find your perfect (book) match

Let us help you find your next great read!



## Meeting/Study Rooms, Privacy Pods, and Public Computers

Come to library branches for study rooms to empower your learning, meeting rooms to keep your organization moving forward, privacy pods for virtual meetings and telehealth, and high-speed internet on public computers.

[librarypoint.org/locations](http://librarypoint.org/locations)



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](http://librarypoint.org/enews)





# Grow a Reader

[librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader](http://librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader)

## Birth-age 5

Specially trained staff present stories, songs, and activities that lay the foundation your child needs to get ready to read.

### Teen Council Presents: 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 7, 10:00-12:00

### Holiday Open House

Celebrate different holidays of the season with crafts, activities, refreshments. Enjoy a personal visit with Santa and his elf dog. **All ages with a caregiver**  
Porter, Wednesday, December 11, 5:00-7:00  
Salem Church, Monday, December 16, 6:00-7:30

### Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Spotsylvania County Winter Graduation Party

Celebrating 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 DPIL championed by Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Salem Church Branch, Thursday, December 19, 6:00-7:00

## Best Picture Books of 2024

Preschool and Early Elementary



Scan for the  
full booklist



Children

## 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 at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

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

Fredericksburg Branch, 4th Mondays, 4:30-5:00, except 12/23

## Take Your Child to the Library Day

Celebrate the importance (and fun) of taking your child to the library. Activities available all day.

All branches. Saturday, February 1



## Grow a Reader Learn & Play Rooms

Toys, blocks, letters, and interactive panels that teach early literacy skills through play and self-discovery. For children and their caregivers.

Fredericksburg, Howell, Salem Church, and Porter

# Grow a Reader STORYTIMES

Specially trained staff present stories, songs, and activities that lay the foundation your child needs to get ready to read.

For children birth-age 5  
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 12/24 and 12/31

Wednesdays, 9:30-9:45,  
except 12/18, 12/25, and 1/1

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50,  
except 12/18, 12/25,  
and 1/1

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00,  
except 12/17\*, 12/24,  
12/31, and 2/11\*

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Fridays, 10:30-11:00,  
except 12/20 and 12/27

## SPOTSYLVANIA

### Salem Church Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15,  
except 12/25 and 1/1

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20,  
except 12/25 and 1/1

Thursdays, 10:00-10:20,  
except 12/12, 12/26, 2/13

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 10:00-10:30,  
except 12/13\*, 12/20\*,  
12/27, 1/24\*, and 2/14\*

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 12/12, 12/26,  
and 2/13

### Snow Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:15,  
except 12/24 and 12/31

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 12/17\*, 12/24,  
12/31, and 2/11\*

### Towne Centre Branch

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 12/18\*, 12/25, 1/1,  
and 2/12\*

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!

[librarypoint.org/1000-books](http://librarypoint.org/1000-books)

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.

For ages birth  
to 5 and their  
caregivers





## STAFFORD

### Howell Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Fridays, 10:00-10:15,  
except 12/27 and 1/3

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:20,  
except 12/25 and 1/1

Fridays, 11:00-11:20,  
except 12/27 and 1/3

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Wednesdays,  
11:00-11:30, except  
12/4\*, 12/25, 1/1,  
1/29\*, and 2/12\*

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30,  
except 12/12, 12/26,  
and 1/2

### Porter Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45,  
except 12/24 and 12/31

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50,  
except 12/24 and 12/31

Thursdays, 10:30-10:50,  
except 12/12 and 12/26

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 10:30-11:00,  
except 12/20\*, 12/27,  
and 2/14\*

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Fridays, 9:30-10:00,  
except 12/27

## WESTMORELAND

### Cooper Branch

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 12/20\*, 1/10\*,  
and 2/14\*

## Grow a Reader Special Storytimes

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

### Grow a Reader Special:

#### Happy Hanukkah

Salem Church, Friday, December 13, 11:00-11:30

### Grow a Reader Special:

#### Countdown to Christmas

Howell, Wednesday, December 4, 11:00-11:30

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, December 17, 9:30-10:00

Includes a special visit from Santa

Snow, Tuesday, December 17, 11:00-11:30

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

Newton, Thursday, December 19, 11:00-11:30

Porter, Friday, December 20, 10:30-11:00

Includes a special visit from Santa

Cooper, Friday, December 20, 11:00-11:30

Salem Church, Friday, December 20, 10:00-10:30  
and 11:00-11:30 **Special time!**

Montross, Monday, December 23, 1:30-2:00

### Grow a Reader Special:

#### Winter Wonder

Montross, Wednesday, January 8, 11:00-11:30

Cooper, Friday, January 10, 11:00-11:30

Newton, Friday, January 10, 11:00-11:30

### Grow a Reader Special:

#### Lunar New Year

Salem Church, Friday, January 24, 11:00-11:30

Howell, Wednesday, January 29, 11:00-11:30

Porter, Friday, February 7, 10:30-11:00

### Grow a Reader Special:

#### Be My Valetine

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, February 11, 9:30-10:00

Snow, Tuesday, February 11, 11:00-11:30

Howell, Wednesday, February 12, 11:00-11:30

Montross, Wednesday, February 12, 11:00-11:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday, February 12, 11:00-11:30

Porter, Friday, February 14, 10:30-11:00

Cooper, Friday, February 14, 11:00-11:30

Salem Church, Friday, February 14, 11:00-11:30



# Grades K-6

For updates and more details  
on all programs, visit  
[librarypoint.org/events](https://librarypoint.org/events).



## KidSpot

DIY crafts, games, and activities.

Montross, Mondays, 5:00-6:00, except 1/20 and 2/17  
Cooper, Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00, except 12/25 and 1/1  
Towne Centre, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00, except 12/26

## Homework Buddies

Bring homework and school supplies for help from teen mentors.

Porter, Mondays, 4:30-6:00, except 12/23, 12/30, 1/20, and 2/17

## LEGO® Building Lab

We supply the bricks; you supply the imagination. STEM

Porter, 1st Mondays, starting January 6, 4:30-5:30  
Fredericksburg, 1st Thursdays, 5:30-6:30  
Snow, Mondays, 4:00-5:00, except 12/23, 1/20, and 2/17  
Salem Church, Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00, except 12/24 and 12/31  
Cooper, Saturdays, 11:00-12:00, except 12/4  
Newton, Saturdays, 11:00-12:00  
Montross, Saturdays, 2:00-3:00

## Chess Time

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

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30, except 12/25 and 1/1  
Porter, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00, except 12/25

## Movie Night

Montross, 2nd Thursdays, 6:00-7:30  
December 12: *Polar Express*  
January 9: *Kung Fu Panda 4*  
February 13: *Wonka*

## Teen Council Presents: Books with Bunnies

Read to a therapy bunny, go on a scavenger hunt, and do a craft.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, January 4, 2:00-3:00  
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, February 4, 5:30-6:30

## Westmoreland State Park Presents

In partnership with Westmoreland State Park.

January: Hoot Have Guessed? Learn all about Owls

February: Ranger Reads and Crafts

Montross, 4th Mondays, except December, 4:00-5:00

Cooper, 4th Tuesdays, except December, 4:00-5:00



# African American INNOVATORS

Throughout February, explore a rotating series of self-guided activities highlighting contributions of African American innovators who changed history.

All branches. February 1-28

View videos about African American innovators at  
[librarypoint.org/african-american-history](https://librarypoint.org/african-american-history)

## HelpNow: Online Tutoring Service

Grades K-12

Tutoring in math, science, reading, and writing.  
Tutors available every day from 2:00-11:00 pm

[librarypoint.org/tutor](https://librarypoint.org/tutor)





# FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Games,  
activities,  
and more

## Pokemon

Howell, Friday, January 3, 4:30-5:15  
Fredericksburg, Friday, February 14, 4:30-5:15  
Porter, Friday, February 21, 4:15-5:00  
Salem Church, Friday, February 21, 4:15-5:00

## Taylor Swift

Fredericksburg, Friday, January 10, 4:30-5:15

## Mini Golf

Design and play mini golf in the library. STEM  
Porter, Friday, January 17, 4:15-5:00

## Arctic Animals

Salem Church, Friday, January 17, 4:15-5:00

## Retro Tech

Howell, February 7, 4:30-5:15

*More Fabulous Fridays in the  
Winter Holidays section below*

Grades K-6

# PAWS for Reading

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, except 12/21  
Snow, 4th Saturdays, 2:30-4:00, except 12/28

Practice your reading with  
therapy dogs trained to be  
avid listeners.

Sign up at  
your branch  
to book  
your time.



# Winter Holidays

## Fabulous Friday: Holiday Gifts

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

## Fabulous Friday: Holiday Book Bingo

Bingo fun and prizes  
Fredericksburg, December 13, 4:30-5:15  
Porter, December 20, 4:15-5:00

## Fabulous Friday: Winter Solstice

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

## Teen Council Presents: 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 7,  
10:00-12:00

## Holiday Open House

Celebrate different holidays of the season  
with crafts, activities, refreshments.  
Enjoy a personal visit with Santa  
and his elf dog. **All ages with a caregiver.**

Porter, Wednesday, December 11, 5:00-7:00

Salem Church, Monday, December 16, 6:00-7:30

## Make Your Own Holiday Cards

Towne Centre, Thursday,  
December 19, 5:00-7:00



# Teens

For updates and more details on all programs, visit [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

## OurSpace

A teen social space for playing games, doing homework, and getting creative. **Grades 6-12**

Salem Church

Mondays, 3:00-7:00

Tuesdays, 3:00-5:15

Wednesdays, 3:00-5:15

Thursdays, 3:00-7:00

Except 12/23-12/26, 12/31, 1/1, 1/20, and 2/17

## Build-a-Plushie

### Demonstration: Making Adorable Crafts

Learn how to make simple plush characters using our embroidery machine. **Grades 9-adult.**

IdeaSpace, Saturday, December 7, 1:00-2:00

## Teen Anime & Manga Club

Watch anime, read manga, and chat about your favorite series.

Howell, 1st Mondays, 4:30-5:30

Porter, 1st Thursdays, 5:00-6:00

## Teen Puzzle Time

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

Snow, Saturdays, 9:00-5:30

## Tech Take Apart

Broken VCRs, DVD players, tape recorders, old game consoles--come take them apart, guilt-free, and see what makes them tick! All devices and tools provided.

**Grade 7-adult.**

Fredericksburg, Saturday, February 15, 1:00-5:00



## Makers and Dragons

Learn how to make figurines, maps, and terrains for Dungeons and Dragons campaigns using 3D printers and laser cutters. **Grades 6-adult.**

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

## Escape Room: Five Nights at Freddy's

Solve puzzles and riddles in a Freddy Fazbear's Pizza-themed escape room. Sign up at Salem Church.

**Grade 6-adult.**

Salem Church, Thursday, January 9, 3:00-7:00

## Beginners' Self-Protection for Women

Presented by Aviv Goldsmith, Chief Instructor, Aikido in Fredericksburg. **Grade 7-adult.**

Fredericksburg, Saturday, January 25, 2:00-3:00

## Teen Movie Night: Matilda

Bring movie snacks, pillows, and blankets. Presented by Porter's Teen Council. Rated PG.

Porter, Thursday, January 30, 5:30-7:00

## Teen Council Presents: Valentine's Bash

A laid-back Valentine's Day celebration.

Porter, Friday, February 14, 4:00-5:00



## Art Shows

### Teen Art Show Winners

Art by winners of the 2024 Teen Art Show.

Fredericksburg, December

### Fashion Design Exhibit

Dresses made of paper, designed by students in Fashion Marketing classes at Spotsylvania high schools.

Salem Church, December

## Book Groups

More details and booklists online at:

[librarypoint.org/youth-book-groups](http://librarypoint.org/youth-book-groups)



## LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group

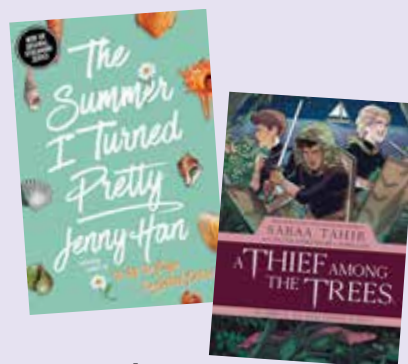
In partnership with Fredericksburg Pride. Read one (or more!) books from our monthly selections, then join us for a discussion. **Grades 6-12.**

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

December 17: Rainbow Futures

January 21: Slam Dunks and Strikeouts

February 18: Hearts and Aces



## Teen Book Group

Read one (or more!) books from our monthly selection, then join us for a discussion. **Grades 7-12.**

**VIRTUAL** and Porter, 2nd Thursdays, 5:30-6:30

Salem Church, 4th Mondays, 5:00-6:00

December: Winter Wonderland

January: Book to Screen

February: High-Stakes Heists





# Teen TAKE OVER

ONLY for Teens



When the library's closed, the real fun begins. Come hang after hours with games, food, and friends.

Grades 6-12

Howell, Friday, February 21, 6:00-8:00



## Best Books for Teens

PUBLISHED IN 2024



Scan for the full booklist

Teens

## Games

### Chess Time

Casual chess for all skill levels.  
Grades K-12

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30, except 12/25 and 1/1  
Porter, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00, except 12/25

### All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all skill levels.  
Cooper, 2nd Saturdays, 10:00-12:00

## TEEN GAME NIGHT

Grades 6-12

Salem Church, 1st Mondays, 5:00-6:00

Howell, 3rd Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30

Porter, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

Fredericksburg, 4th Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30, except 12/24



Check out outdoor games such as giant wooden tic-tac-toe from our Library of Things!  
[librarypoint.org/things](http://librarypoint.org/things)

# 30th Annual Johnny P. Johnson TEEN art SHOW

*Dragon Eye* by Carlyn M.,  
2023 Teen Art Show,  
3rd Place



Rules and the registration form are available at [librarypoint.org/teenart](http://librarypoint.org/teenart) or by visiting any branch.

Two divisions:  
Grades 9-10  
Grades 11-12

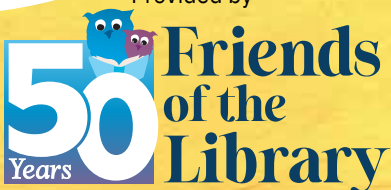
Entries accepted February 18-28  
at the Fredericksburg Branch  
Youth Services Desk

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

Exhibit:  
Fredericksburg Branch,  
March 7-April 26

## Cash Prizes

Provided by



*Kendra and the Whale* by Kendra L., 2023 Best in Show

# Adults

For updates and program details, including virtual links, visit [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

## Arts & Crafts

*More Arts & Crafts in the Winter Holidays section (p.20)*

### Crochet for Beginners

Materials provided for learning basic crochet stitches. Bring your own supplies for any projects. Experienced crafters also welcome. **Grade K-adult.**

Salem Church, 1st and 3rd Mondays, except 1/20 and 2/17, 4:00-5:00

Montross, Mondays, except 1/20 and 2/17, 4:00-6:00

### A Loosely Knit Group

Bring your current projects. Beginners welcome.

Cooper, Wednesdays, except 12/25 and 1/1, 1:00-3:00

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

### Make Amazing Cards

Presented by Pam Haskins. All supplies provided. **Ages 16 and up.**

Howell, 1st Thursdays, 4:00-6:00

### Build-a-Plushie Demonstration: Making Adorable Crafts

Learn how to make simple plush characters using our embroidery machine. **Grade 9-adult.**

IdeaSpace, Saturday, December 7, 1:00-2:00

### Worst Art Night

Create the most awful art imaginable, and you could win a terrible trophy! All supplies provided. **All ages.**

Snow, 2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30

### Makers and Dragons

Learn how to make figurines, maps, and terrains for Dungeons and Dragons campaigns using 3D printers and laser cutters.

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

### Beginner Crafts

Materials provided. Sign up at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Montross, 3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

December 19: Plastic Canvas Ornaments

January 16: Junk Journals

February 20: Paper Roses

### Art Group

Bring your current art project – such as writing, painting, or coloring – to work on alongside other artists.

All levels welcome.

Porter, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

### Fresh Start Photography Meetup

Meet with other photographers to discuss, learn, and hone your skills.

Salem Church, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-8:00

### Coffee and Canvas

Bring your own canvas, or use one of ours while supplies last. Sign up at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Newton, Saturday, January 11, 10:00-12:00

## Tech on the Go: GoPro Hero 12

A portable and durable video camera, perfect for filming action shots. High quality images with HDR for both videos (5.3K and 4K) and photos.



Check out high-tech equipment for your creative projects!

[librarypoint.org/techgo](http://librarypoint.org/techgo)

## Weekend Break for Arts & Crafts

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

Howell, 4th Saturdays, except 12/28, 2:00-3:30

## Valentine's Day Celebration

Valentine's Day crafts and activities. While supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Friday, February 14, 2:30-4:00



Create wooden notebook covers, learn to journal/scrapbook, and talk to your younger self about your LGBTQ+ or other personal story. In partnership with FXBG Pride.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, February 27, 6:00-7:30



## MakerLab Badging: Embroidery Machine

Use computer-guided stitching to create designs on various materials and garments. Learn how to use the equipment at IdeaSpace and then use it for your own projects!

[librarypoint.org/makerlab](http://librarypoint.org/makerlab)

## Tech on the Go and MakerLab Badging: Huion Drawing Tablets

Portable, pressure-sensitive drawing tablets with built-in screens, perfect for creating digital art, animation, and 3D models on the go.

Learn how to use at IdeaSpace through the MakerLab Badging program, or check out using Tech on the Go.

[librarypoint.org/ideaspace](http://librarypoint.org/ideaspace)





## Art Shows

### 2024 Teen Art Show Winners Exhibit

Art by the winners of the 29th Annual Johnny P. Johnson Teen Art Show  
Fredericksburg, December

### Fashion Design Exhibit

Dresses made of paper, designed by students in Fashion Marketing classes at Spotsylvania high schools.  
Salem Church, December

### Elena Pratt

Towne Centre, December-February

### An Afternoon with the Artist: Elena Pratt

Light refreshments.

Towne Centre, Saturday,  
January 11, 2:00-4:30

### Johnny's Watermedia Workshop

Fredericksburg, January

### Zee Berrios: SAFARI

Salem Church, January

Opening Reception:  
January 6, 5:00-7:00

Live painting demonstration:  
January 11, 2:00-4:00

### The Chancellor Art Studio

Salem Church, February

## Call for Artists

# Uniquely Spotsylvania ART SHOW

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

Submissions accepted online: February 7-14

Exhibition:  
Salem Church Branch,  
March-April

Cash prizes and reception donated by



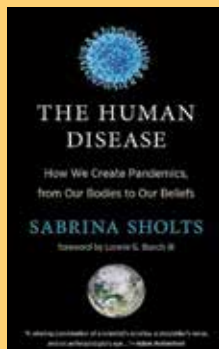
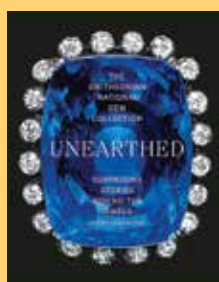
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Winter on the Ni River by Fritz Newton

## Author Talks

**VIRTUAL.** To register or view recordings, visit [libraryc.org/crrl](http://libraryc.org/crrl)



### Dr. Jeff Post

Mineralogist and Curator-in-Charge of Gems and Minerals at the National Museum of Natural History, author of *The Smithsonian National Gem Collection Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels* (Smithsonian Collaboration)

Wednesday, December 4, 2:00

### Laura Dave

Bestselling author of *The Last Thing He Told Me* and *The Night We Lost Him*

Wednesday, December 11, 2:00

### TJ Klune

Bestselling fantasy novelist, whose series include *The Green Creek Novels* and *The Cerulean Chronicles*.

Wednesday, January 15, 7:00

### Seth Fishman

Vice President and Literary Agent at Gernert Company will be presenting on the publishing process.

Tuesday, January 28, 1:00

### Sabrina Sholts

Director of the Smithsonian Institution's Bio-Imaging Research (SIBIR) Center and author of *The Human Disease: How We Create Pandemics, from Our Bodies to Our Beliefs*.

In February

### Waubgeshig Rice

Anishinaabe writer and journalist from the Wasauksing First Nation, whose novels include *Moon of the Crusted Snow* and its sequel, *Moon of the Turning Leaves*.

Tuesday, February 11, 7:00

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## Themed Book Groups • [librarypoint.org/book-groups](http://librarypoint.org/book-groups)

New Members  
Always Welcome!

### Quiet Reading Time

Bring your book and read with others in a quiet, supportive space. Adult coloring pages provided. Audiobook listeners, bring headphones.  
Howell, 4th Fridays, 3:00-5:00

### Civil War Book Group

Fredericksburg, 1st Wednesdays, except 1/1, 6:00-7:00  
In partnership with Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park  
December 4: *Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!* by George Rable  
January: No meeting  
February 5: *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin

### The Hague Winery Book Group

1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00.  
Meets at The Hague Winery, 8268 Cople Hwy., Hague, 22469  
December 5: *Christmas at the Island Hotel* by Jenny Colgan  
January 2: Favorite Read of 2024  
February 6: *How to Solve Your Own Murder* by Kristen Perrin



New!

### Walking Book Group

1st Fridays, 9:30-11:00. Meets at Willowmere Park, 21 Willowmere Pond Road, Stafford, 22556  
December 6: *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain  
January 3: *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear  
February 7: *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray

### Books & Wine

2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:00. Meets at Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy, Stafford, VA 22554  
December 9: *Hello, Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano  
January 13: *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch  
February 10: *South to America* by Imani Perry

### Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00. Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach, 22443  
December 10: *The Dark Is Rising* by Susan Cooper  
January 14: Favorite 2024 Read  
February 11: *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

### True Crime Book Group

**VIRTUAL**, 2nd Thursdays, except January, 6:30-7:30  
Read and discuss resources pertaining to the month's true crime case. View the case files at [librarypoint.org/book-groups](http://librarypoint.org/book-groups).  
December 12: The Creation of the Secret Service  
January 16: Candy Montgomery  
February 13: Kids for Cash Scandal

### Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group

**VIRTUAL**, 3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30  
Contact the Howell Branch to have a copy sent to your branch.  
December 16: *I Will Find You* by Harlan Coben  
January 27: *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart  
February 24: *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton

### Books & Coffee

3rd Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00. Meets at Curitiba Art Café, 919 Caroline St., Fredericksburg. Book selections can be picked up at Fredericksburg Branch.  
December: *There There* by Tommy Orange  
January: *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett  
February: *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

### Rainbow Reads

Every 3rd Wednesday, 6:30-7:30  
In partnership with FXBG Pride. An LGBTQ+ and allies book group.  
December 18: *You're a Mean One, Matthew Prince* by Timothy Janovsky  
January 15: *Delilah Green Doesn't Care* by Ashley Herring Blake  
February 19: *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet* by Becky Chambers

### Facebook Book Chat

Lively discussion through comments on a Facebook group post. Join our book chat group at [facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat](https://facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat)

**VIRTUAL**, 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00  
December 18: Cozy Reads  
January 15: Adult Winter Reading Challenge Picks  
February 19: Books You Loved

### Adventure Brewing Eagle Village: Books and Beer

3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30. Meets at Adventure Brewing Company Eagle Village, 1113 Emancipation Highway, Fredericksburg, 22401  
December 19: Free read  
January 16: *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer  
February 20: *Master Slave Husband Wife* by Ilyon Woo

### Diverse Voices Book Group

3rd Thursdays, 4:00-5:00. Meets at The Arts Center of Montross, 14961 Kings Hwy, Montross, VA 22520  
December 19: *Three Holidays and a Wedding* by Uzma Jalaluddin  
January 16: Favorite Read 2024  
February 20: *March: Book 1* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell

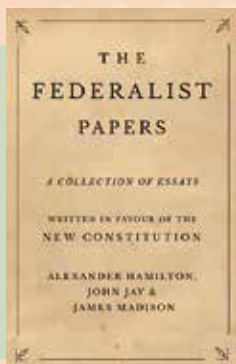




## We the Readers Civic Book Club

**VIRTUAL**, Tuesday, January 21, 7:00-8:00

Explore topics that enlighten and empower positive changes in our society. Discuss: *The Federalist Papers*. Special guest: Central Rappahannock Regional Library Law Specialist Doug Jackson



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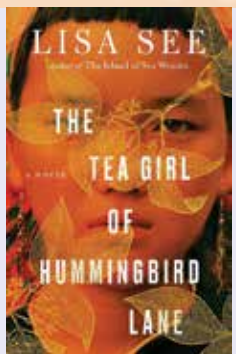


## Novel Tea Book Group

**The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane**  
by Lisa See

Quarterly book discussion paired with a tea to try. Bring a favorite tea cup/mug or use the cups provided. While supplies last.

Salem Church, Saturday, February 22,  
2:00-3:00



## Branch Book Groups • [librarypoint.org/book-groups](http://librarypoint.org/book-groups)

### Cooper

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

December 19: Free Read

January 16: Book with Number  
in Title

February 20: Book with Pink Cover

### Fredericksburg

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

December 14: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple

January 11: *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy* by Karen Abbott

February 8: *Solito* by Javier Zamora

### Howell

1st Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

December 3: *Klara and the Sun*  
by Kazuo Ishiguro

January 7: *Vera Wong's Unsolicited  
Advice to Murderers*  
by Jesse Q. Sutanto

February 4: *We Are all Completely  
Beside Ourselves*  
by Karen Joy Fowler

### Porter

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

December 5: *Norse Mythology*  
by Neil Gaiman

January 2: *Nomadland*  
by Jessica Bruder

February 6: *Dead Wake*  
by Erik Larson

### Montross

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

December 13: *The Deal of a Lifetime*  
by Fredrik Backman

January 10: Favorite Read of 2024

February 14: *The Rose Code*  
by Kate Quinn

### Salem Church

3rd Mondays, except January and  
February, 6:30-7:30

December 16: *Carnegie's Maid*  
by Marie Benedict

January 27: *Happiness Falls*  
by Angie Kim

February 24: *You Never Forget  
Your First* by Alexis Coe

### Snow

3rd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

December 18: *Bel Canto*  
by Ann Patchett

January 15: *The Personal Librarian*  
by Marie Benedict and  
Victoria Christopher Murray

February 19: *The Book Woman of  
Troublesome Creek*  
by Kim Michele Richardson

### Towne Centre

1st Mondays, 9:00-10:00

December: No Meeting

January 6: *Demon Copperhead*  
by Barbara Kingsolver

February 3: The Bookish Best of 2024



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## Community & Civics

### Red Cross Blood Drive

**Ages 17 and up.** Sign up at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)  
Porter, Thursday, December 12,  
12:30-6:30  
Fredericksburg, Monday,  
December 16, 1:00-6:00  
Howell, Monday, December 16,  
10:00-4:00  
Fredericksburg, Thursday,  
February 6, 1:00-6:00  
Porter, Thursday, February 13,  
12:30-6:30  
Howell, Tuesday, February 25,  
10:00-4:00

### DMV Connect

The DMV portable office will process driver's licenses, ID cards, titles, and registration. Appointments required:  
[dmv.virginia.gov/onlineservices/appointment-selector.aspx](http://dmv.virginia.gov/onlineservices/appointment-selector.aspx)  
All sessions 10:00-2:00  
Snow, Friday, January 17  
Porter, Monday, February 10  
Howell, Wednesday, February 26

### Haircuts in the Library

Haircuts by students from Faded & Co. Barber Academy. No charge. First come, first served.  
Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Mondays, except 1/20 and 2/17, 10:00-1:00

### Civic Labs

Drop in for information, activities, and conversation on topics affecting our community.

### Digital Safety

Resources and strategies for preventing scams and cyberattacks.  
Newton, Tuesday, December 3,  
11:00-12:00  
Cooper, Tuesday, December 3,  
12:00-1:00  
Salem Church, Monday,  
December 9, 2:00-3:00  
Towne Centre, Tuesday,  
December 10, 2:00-3:00  
Porter, Monday, December 16,  
10:00-11:00

### 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 12/25,  
10:00-12:00

### Questions for a Law Specialist

Learn how to navigate the library's print and legal resources that are available to citizens and legal professionals.  
Montross, 4th Fridays, except 12/27,  
9:00-1:00

### Let's Talk About Tenant Rights

A housing attorney explains your rights and responsibilities under Virginia Law and answers your questions about being a tenant in Virginia. Presented by Virginia Poverty Law Center.  
Fredericksburg, Thursday,  
February 27, 6:00-7:00



### Disaster Preparedness

Salem Church, Monday, January 6,  
2:00-3:00  
Snow, Friday, January 10,  
3:00-4:00  
Howell, Monday, January 13,  
2:00-3:00  
Montross, Tuesday, January 14,  
1:00-2:00  
Porter, Thursday, January 16,  
11:00-12:00

### Health and Nutrition

Tips and resources for living healthfully this year.  
Porter, Thursday, February 13,  
11:00-12:00  
Fredericksburg, Tuesday,  
February 25, 9:15-10:30

## Cooking



### Cooking Corner: Beginning Sourdough

How to make, use, and care for sourdough starter along with a simple recipe to try. Take-home starter cultures provided while supplies last.  
Howell, Saturday, February 1,  
2:30-3:30

### Tea Tasting

Sample a variety of teas. Bring your favorite teacup or use the cups provided. While supplies last.  
Fredericksburg, Friday, January 31,  
4:00-5:00  
Porter, Friday, February 14,  
3:00-4:00

### The Basics of Tea

Presented by Teri Allmon and Michelle Darnell of Belle Grove Plantation. Sample different teas while learning about tea's varieties, benefits, and traditions.  
Towne Centre, Tuesday,  
February 11, 2:00-4:00

## Finances and Business

### Wealth Wednesdays

Presented by ALNA Financial Group LLC. Watch live at [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://facebook.com/crrlnews). No Facebook account needed.

**VIRTUAL**, 2nd Wednesdays,  
2:00-3:00

December 11: Roth IRA

January 8: Retirement Savings and 2025 Key Numbers

February 12: Women and Money

### Free Tax Preparation Clinics

IRS-trained volunteers will help prepare simple tax returns through AARP or Rappahannock United Way.

Visit [librarypoint.org/tax-answers](http://librarypoint.org/tax-answers) for dates, locations, and required documents.

## Games

### Mahjong Players Club

Experienced and beginner players welcome.

Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00, except 12/24 and 12/31

Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00, except 12/25 and 1/1

### Tabletop Games

Play old games, learn how to play new ones, or bring a game to share. Games available include Clue, Risk, and Scrabble.

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

Newton, 2nd Fridays, 2:00-3:00

Montross, 1st Thursdays, 3:00-4:00



### All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all skill levels.

Cooper, 2nd Saturdays, 10:00-12:00



### Mardi Gras Murder Mystery

Mardi Gras costumes or colors encouraged. In partnership with Bay Aging. Sign up at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Thursday, February 27, 3:00-4:00

Meets at The Meadows, 400 Meadow Avenue, Colonial Beach, 22443

### Pop Culture Trivia and Craft: Harry Potter

Pub-style trivia. Play alone or on a team. Harry Potter-themed crafting while supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, December 14, 2:00-4:00

### Pop Culture Trivia and Craft: Holiday

Pub-style trivia. Play alone or on a team. Holiday crafting while supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, December 14, 10:00-12:00

### Intermediate Bridge

Salem Church, Wednesdays except the 3rd, 12:00-4:00. No meeting 12/25, 1/1

Snow, 3rd Wednesdays, 12:00-4:00

### Spanish with Amigos

Drop in for interactive Spanish learning games. All ages.

Porter, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00

### Escape Room: Five Nights at Freddy's

Solve puzzles and riddles in a Freddy Fazbear's Pizza-themed escape room. Sign up at Salem Church. **Grade 6-adult.**

Salem Church, Thursday, January 9, 3:00-7:00

### Bingo

Play bingo and win prizes.

Fredericksburg, Friday, February 21, 2:00-4:00

## Going Green

### Seed Library

"Check out" heirloom seed packets. Plant the seeds, and let some grow to maturity. When you harvest the next generation of seeds, return some to the Seed Library so other people can check them out.

Fredericksburg, ongoing

### Gardening Workshops

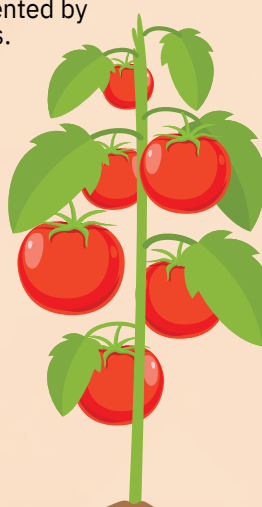
Learn about gardening from the experts. Presented by Downtown Greens.

Fredericksburg, 1st Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00

December 3: Garden Planning

January 7: Soil Science for Beginners

February 4: Vegetable Gardening 101



### Backyard Composting 101

Presented by the R-Board and Virginia Master Gardener Association.

Select Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00

Fredericksburg, December 11

Porter, January 15

Howell, February 19

### Homesteading for Beginners

Montross, Mondays, 6:00-7:00



### Hydroponics for Beginners

Presented by Jim Daniels. Learn about the process of growing plants without traditional soil methods, and build a simple hydroponics container to take home.

Sign up at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Fredericksburg, Saturday, January 11, 2:00-3:00

January 13: Planning Your Vegetable Garden. Presented by Stephanie Romelczyk, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent in Westmoreland County.

January 27: Beekeeping 101. Presented by Michael Amorino from Gateway Beekeepers Association.



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## Health & Wellness

### Chair Yoga

In-person class led by certified instructor Kay Hawkins (joining virtually)

Cooper, Mondays, 12:00-1:00, except 1/20 and 2/17

Montross, Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00, except 12/24 and 12/31

### Yoga

In-person class led by certified instructor Kay Hawkins (joining virtually)

Newton, Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00, except 12/24

### Medicare 101: What You Need to Know

Presented by Susan Jurkouich of Sunshine Senior Services. Learn about Medicare plans and have your questions answered.

Salem Church, 1st Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00

### Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

Cooper, 1st Wednesdays, except 1/1, 5:00-6:00

Howell, 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00



## Health Answers

Presented by the Rappahannock Area Health Department. Explore educational materials, information on staying healthy, and connections to community resources. Free naloxone (also known as Narcan) will also be available. No appointment needed.

Howell, Wednesday, December 4, 10:00-2:00

Salem Church, Wednesday, January 8, 10:00-2:00

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, February 5, 10:00-2:00

## BULLET JOURNALING

Bring your bullet journal or make a new one with other enthusiasts. Some supplies provided.

Porter, Monday, January 13, 4:00-5:00

### Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Comfortable attire. No experience necessary. Class held next to the Food Court.

Towne Centre, select Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00. December 11, January 8 and 22, February 5 & 19

### 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, select Mondays, December 16, January 27, February 24, 11:00-12:00

Fredericksburg, 3rd Wednesdays, 11:00-12:00

Porter, 4th Saturdays, except 12/28, 10:00-11:00

### HIV and Hepatitis C Testing

Free testing provided by community health nonprofit FAHASS (Fredericksburg Area Health and Support Services), along with free condoms and additional resources.

Fredericksburg, 3rd Wednesdays, 12:00-3:00



## 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 and Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging.

Salem Church, Friday, December 20, 10:30-12:00

Fredericksburg, Friday, January 24, 10:00-11:30



## HEALTH FAIR

Information tables, presentations, and giveaways from local health-related agencies and organizations.

Howell, Saturday, January 11, 10:00-1:00

### Ask a Life Coach

Have your personal, career, and business questions answered by a professional life coach. Presented by Marcia Grimsley, BA, MS of Life Advancement Coaching.

Salem Church, Saturday, January 11, 10:30-12:00

### Stress Management

Presented by April Payne of the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, January 29, 2:30-3:30

## Gale Health & Wellness

Articles and resources from health and fitness magazines, scholarly medical journals, medical encyclopedias, a health organizational directory, and more.

[librarypoint.org/health-answers](http://librarypoint.org/health-answers)



## History

### Civil War Book Group

Fredericksburg, 1st Wednesdays, except 1/1, 6:00-7:00

In partnership with Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park

December 4: *Fredericksburg!*  
*Fredericksburg!* by George Rabale

January: No meeting

February 5: *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin

### World War II Movie Discussion Group

Presented by Virginia Lyman Lucas, author of *World War II at the Movies*. Slide presentation and discussion.

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

December 7: *Tora! Tora! Tora!*

January 4: *Bridge on the River Kwai*

February 1: *PT-109*

### Genealogy: Understanding Immigration Records

Learn how to research ship manifests, arrival records, and general immigration documents.

Porter, February 1, 10:30-11:30

## African American Read-In

Literature and music celebrating African American history.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, February 22, 2:00-4:00



## Job Skills

### Training on Demand

30-minute, hands-on sessions tailored for you on either Tech Skills for Beginners or Online Resources. Sign up required for all classes.

Fredericksburg, Mondays, except 1/20 and 2/17, 9:00-11:00

### Rappahannock Goodwill Training on Demand

One-on-one help on writing a resume, applying for jobs, and more. Sign-up required for all classes.

Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, except 12/24 and 12/31, 10:00-1:00

### One-on-One Job Help

Get resume and job search help from a program career readiness specialist with Rappahannock Area Regional Adult Education. Book your appointment: 540-898-8165

Porter, Tuesdays, except 12/24 and 12/31, 11:00-2:00

### Resume Review and Career Development Workshop

Presented by ServiceSource.

Salem Church, 4th Fridays, 11:00-12:30

## Language Learning

### ELL Resources on Demand

Get the most out of your library. Learn about ELL (English Language Learner) resources and how to use them; locate the Business Center, tour the library, and discover the services available to you free of charge.

Contact the Porter Adult Research Desk to sign up.

Porter, by appointment



### English Basics for Beginners

An Active Learning class.

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, except 12/25 and 1/1, 1:30-2:30

### Spanish with Amigos

Drop in for interactive Spanish learning games. All ages.

Porter, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00

## Conversation Groups

### English

Porter, 1st and 2nd Mondays, starting in January, 4:00-5:00

Salem Church, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, except 12/25, 2:30-3:30

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, except 12/26, 1/2, and 2/20, 1:00-2:00

**VIRTUAL**, Tuesdays, except 12/24 and 12/31, 1:00-2:00

### French

Porter, 2nd & 4th Fridays, except 11/28, 4:00-5:00

### Spanish

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

## English Language Learning

- Kanopy Streaming Video English lessons
- Mango Languages
- Transparent Languages
- Universal Class

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## Lunch & Learn

Bite-sized learning you can watch anywhere. Pre-recorded video posted to [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://facebook.com/crrlnews) weekly. No Facebook account needed.

**VIRTUAL**, Fridays, except 12/27, 12:00

### Healthy Snacking

December 6. Presented by April Payne, Virginia Cooperative Extension.

### Donate Life: Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation

December 13. Presented by Infinite Legacy.

### Diatoms

December 20. Presented by Jon Bachman, local naturalist and historian.

### The Inklings

January 3. Learn about this historical literary discussion group that included J. R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis.

### Create a 2025 Vision Board

January 10

### What's New in the Catalog?

January 17. Popular new books and hidden gems to borrow from the library.

### Home Archiving

January 24. Presented by Kylie Thomson, Curatorial Specialist at the Fredericksburg Area Museum.

### The Virginia Room

January 31

### The Ice Age in Virginia

February 7. Presented by Jon Bachman, local naturalist and historian.

### History of Valentine's Day

February 14

### Understand the Nutrition Facts Label

February 21. Presented by April Payne, Virginia Cooperative Extension.

### How to Use Our Seed Library

February 28

## Movies

### Cinema Night for Adults

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, except 12/24, 4:00-6:00

December 10: *A Man Called Otto*

January 14: *If*

January 28: *Blue Beetle*

February 11: *Anyone but You*

February 25: *One Life*

### Movie Matinees for Older Adults

Presented in partnership with Spotsylvania County Parks and Recreation.

Snow, 2nd Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30

December 11: *Victoria and Abdul*

January 8: *Moonrise Kingdom*

February 12: *Little Miss Sunshine*

### Travel through Film

Explore new destinations through film.

Newton, Thursday, January 23, 10:00-12:00

## Music

### Library of Things: Yeti Microphone

An easy-to-use four-way USB microphone.

Check out something from our collection!

[librarypoint.org/things](http://librarypoint.org/things)



### CRRL's IdeaSpace Presents

Watch musical performances by local artists recorded at CRRL's IdeaSpace. View on our youtube @crrlvideo in the IdeaSpace Presents playlist.

### Audio Engineering

Presented by music producer Zane Neal of the Sound Good Society. Learn to mix and record a song.

IdeaSpace, Saturday, December 14, 2:00-3:00

### Beginner Songwriting

Presented by local artists Meaux and Chieftaine.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, January 16, 6:00-7:00



### Digital Streaming Service

Read, listen, and watch with your library card!

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immediate downloads!

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## Technology

### Drop-In Tech Help

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

Howell, 1st Thursdays, 10:00-11:00

Salem Church, 2nd Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00

Fredericksburg, 4th Thursdays, except December, 5:00-6:00

**New!**

### PC Building 101

Learn the basics of building your first desktop PC.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, January 23, 6:00-7:00

### Fredericksburg Linux Users Group

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

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

### Tech Take Apart

Broken VCRs, DVD players, tape recorders, old game consoles--come take them apart, guilt-free, and see what makes them tick! All devices and tools provided. **Grade 7-adult.**

Fredericksburg, Saturday, February 15, 1:00-5:00



### MakerLab Badging: 3D Scanner

Turn an object into a three-dimensional computer model which can be 3D printed or imported into any modeling software.

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

[librarypoint.org/makerlab](http://librarypoint.org/makerlab)



## Writers

### Comic Creators Roundtable

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

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

### Inklings Writers Group

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

**VIRTUAL** and Howell, 1st Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30, except 2nd Wednesday in January

**VIRTUAL** and Porter, 4th Thursdays, 6:00-7:30, except December  
December: DIY Writer's Retreat  
January: The Business of Writing  
February: Writing About Relationships

### Inklings Writers Critique Group

Share feedback on current projects with other writers.

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

### Behind the Page: Authors Discuss Their Writing

Local authors will share behind-the-scenes glimpses into their writing and reading lives. Presented by Michael Aubrecht, Taylor Carlton, A.R. Milton, and Vianlix-Christine Schneider.

Join via Facebook Live at [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://facebook.com/crrlnews).

**VIRTUAL**, Thursday,  
February 20, 7:00-8:00

### Riverside Writers

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

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

### Author Talk: Seth Fishman

Vice President and Literary Agent at Gernert Company will be presenting on the publishing process. Register at [libraryc.org/crrl](https://libraryc.org/crrl)

**VIRTUAL**, Tuesday, January 28,  
1:00

## Celebrate Winter Holidays

### Holiday Open House

Celebrate different holidays of the season with crafts, activities, and refreshments. Enjoy a personal visit with Santa. All ages  
Porter, Wednesday, December 11, 5:00-7:00

Salem Church, Monday,  
December 16, 6:00-7:30

### Holiday Prep

Holiday-themed crafts and more! While supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Saturday,  
December 7, 10:30-12:00

**Cookie Exchange** 11:00-11:30.  
Bring 2 dozen cookies and recipe if you wish to participate.

**Gift Wrap Exchange.** Bring extra wrapping and a gift(s) to wrap.

### Cookie Exchange

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

Porter, Monday,  
December 16, 6:00-7:00  
Montross, Wednesday, December 18,  
11:30-12:30

### Beginner Crafts: Plastic Canvas Ornaments

Materials provided. Sign up at [librarypoint.org/events](https://librarypoint.org/events).

Montross, Thursday, December 19,  
3:00-4:00

### Make a Wreath

Create a grapevine wreath, or bring your own wreath base. While supplies last.

Salem Church, Saturday,  
January 18, 1:30-3:00

### Pop Culture Trivia and Craft: Holiday

Pub-style trivia. Play alone or on a team. Holiday crafting while supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Saturday,  
December 14, 10:00-12:00



**VISIT** [librarypoint.org/holidays](https://librarypoint.org/holidays)

## DISCOVER

Learn about winter holidays and explore educational materials, reading recommendations, and library classes and events.

## WATCH

Find holiday movies on Kanopy Streaming Video, hoopla, or check out from our DVD collection.

## CREATE

Make personalized gifts using equipment at IdeaSpace or borrow from our Tech-on-the-Go and Library of Things collections.



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**STAFFORD**  
*Virginia*

 **NFL FLAG FOOTBALL**

**SIDELINE  
CHEERLEADING**

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# FREDERICKSBURG, VA





## It's snow joke!

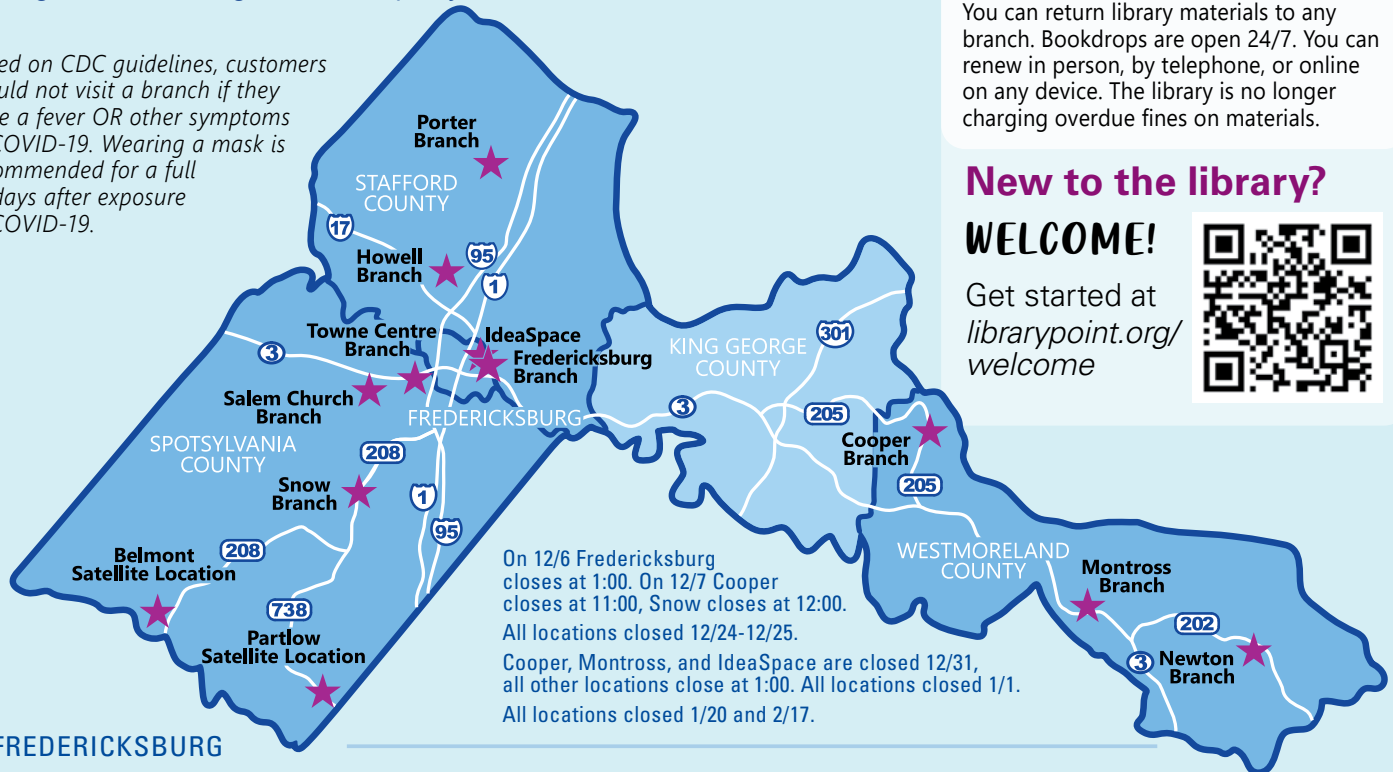
[FXBGparks.com](http://FXBGparks.com)  
has activities  
for everyone!



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Based on CDC guidelines, customers should not visit a branch if they have a fever OR other symptoms of COVID-19. Wearing a mask is recommended for a full 10 days after exposure to COVID-19.



[librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org)

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CRRL NEWS:



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

**New to the library?**

**WELCOME!**

Get started at  
[librarypoint.org/welcome](http://librarypoint.org/welcome)



## FREDERICKSBURG

### Fredericksburg Branch

1201 Caroline St., 22401  
Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00  
Friday, Saturday 9:00-5:30

### IdeaSpace: Making+Media

1616 Princess Anne St., 22401  
Monday-Thursday 2:00-8:00  
Saturday 12:00-5:00

## SPOTSYLVANIA

### Belmont Satellite Location

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

### Partlow Satellite Location

Partlow Ruritan Club  
3229 Partlow Road, Partlow, 22534  
Tuesdays 4:00-7:00

### Salem Church Branch

2607 Salem Church Rd., 22407  
Monday 9:00-8:00  
Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00-5:30  
Thursday 9:00-8:00  
Friday, Saturday 9:00-5:30

### Snow Branch

8740 Courthouse Rd., 22553  
Monday, Tuesday 9:00-8:00  
Wednesday-Saturday 9:00-5:30

### Towne Centre Branch

390 Spotsylvania Mall, 22407  
Monday 10:00-5:30  
Tuesday-Thursday 10:00-8:00  
Friday, Saturday 10:00-5:00

## STAFFORD

### Access Services at Howell Branch

806 Lyons Blvd., 22406  
Monday-Thursday 9:00-1:00  
Staff are also available by email and phone Monday-Friday, 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

For updates to branch hours and library services, visit [librarypoint.org/locations](http://librarypoint.org/locations).



# Best of 2024

## Highlights from an amazing year!

New Executive Director



Lunch at the Library



Library of Things  
Early Literacy Kits



Summer Reading  
and Winter Reading



Privacy Pods



Fredericksburg Branch  
55th Anniversary and Salem  
Church Branch 30th Anniversary

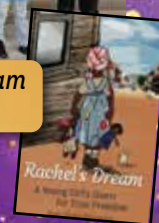
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Seed Library



Local history story *Rachel's Dream*  
distributed to schoolchildren



LOTE4Kids database



Multilanguage  
Website

Inclusivity  
Resource page



More details: [librarypoint.org/best](https://librarypoint.org/best)