

Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at  
Central Rappahannock Regional Library

**Fall 2025**  
September, October,  
November



What's happening

# At Your Library

**Teen Stop Motion  
Video Contest**

**Rappahannock  
Writers'  
Conference**



**VA250 VIRGINIA'S HISTORY  
IS AMERICA'S STORY**



SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

# Welcome

I am thrilled that three Spotsylvania branches are now open for additional evening hours. As a regional library system, this is a win for everyone in all of our communities! Every library customer now has more access to books and computers and more time to connect with their neighbors from throughout the region in meeting rooms and at library classes and events.



**Rebecca Purdy,**  
Executive Director

One of my many favorite things about the public library is that it provides unique opportunities to explore interests that might just become passions. If you want to identify that red bird in your backyard, then you can check out a Library of Things kit with the supplies to get you started. Or, maybe you have a book idea and want to learn more about publishing. You can attend the library's annual Rappahannock Writer's Conference, sponsored by Germanna Community College. If you're a teen with an interest in creating animated videos, consider submitting a short film to the annual Teen Stop Motion Video Contest.

No matter where your curiosity leads, your public library has something for you, and now you have even more time to find it! I hope you'll stop by one of the many library branches to learn more.

*Rebecca*

## Changes to Meeting Room and Notary Policies

As of Wednesday, September 3, all Central Rappahannock Regional Library locations offering public meeting rooms and notary services will implement new policies, which should increase availability to the general public and non-profit groups, as well as help the library recover associated costs. These policies were approved by the Board of Trustees at their June 9, 2025 meeting.

For the latest updates to Meeting Room policies, visit [librarypoint.org/meeting](http://librarypoint.org/meeting). For the latest updates to Notary policies, visit [librarypoint.org/notary](http://librarypoint.org/notary)

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## Keep Printing Free at Your Library!

As of July 14, there is a 50-page limit per print job on the library's public printers and copiers. This change helps manage costs and allows us to continue offering no-cost printing to everyone.

You can help keep printing free by donating to the library. Find more information at [librarypoint.org/support](http://librarypoint.org/support).





# Support your library--support your community!

JOIN THE

## Friends of the Library

and help make amazing things happen! SINCE 1972



**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.

### Friends of the Library Week Book Sale

We're celebrating National Friends of the Library Week with a book sale!

**Friends-only preview evening**  
October 17, 5:00-8:00 (join at the door!)

**Great deals continue**  
October 18, 20-21, 10:00-6:00

**\$3/bag in the Warehouse,  
1/2 price in the Bookshop**  
October 22, 10:00-6:00

### Friday Before Thanksgiving Sale

November 21, 10:00-6:00

Beat the holiday rush  
and shop the Friday  
*before* Thanksgiving!



CONNECT WITH THE FRIENDS :

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



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

 @CRRLFriends

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### • Monthly Branch Book Sales •

#### Fredericksburg

September 22-24 • full price  
September 25-26 • half price  
September 27 • \$3/bag

October 27-29 • full price  
October 30-31 • half price  
November 1 • \$3/bag

November 17-19 • full price  
November 20-21 • half price  
November 22 • \$3/bag

#### Howell

September 18-20 • full price  
September 22-23 • half price  
September 24 • \$3/bag

October 16-18 • full price  
October 20-21 • half price  
October 22 • \$3/bag

November 20-22 • full price  
November 24-25 • half price  
November 26 • \$3/bag

#### Porter

September 5-6 • full price  
September 8-9 • half price  
September 10 • \$3/bag

October 3-4 • full price  
October 6-7 • half price  
October 8 • \$3/bag

November 7-8 • full price  
November 10-11 • half price  
November 12 • \$3/bag

#### Salem Church

September 16-19 • full price  
September 20, 22 • half price  
September 23 • \$3/bag

October 21-24 • full price  
October 25, 27 • half price  
October 28 • \$3/bag

November 18-21 • full price  
November 22, 24 • half price  
November 25 • \$3/bag

#### Snow

September 8-10 • full price  
September 11-13 • half price  
September 15 • \$3/bag

October 13-15 • full price  
October 16-18 • half price  
October 20 • \$3/bag

November 10-12 • full price  
November 13-15 • half price  
November 17 • \$3/bag

## Extended Hours

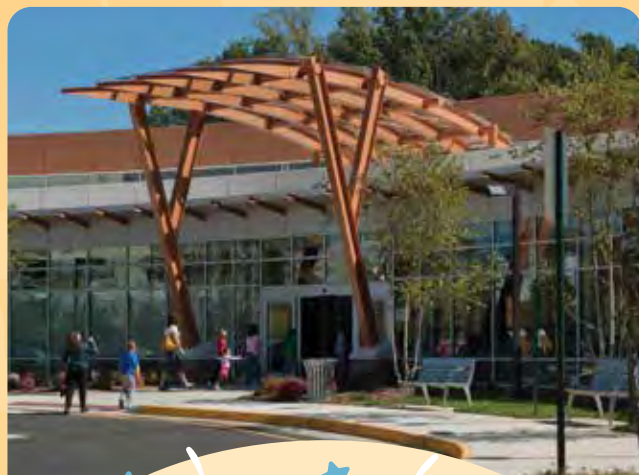


## Spotsylvania Branches Evening Hours Extended

Starting Monday, August 4, the Spotsylvania branches' hours are extended to include additional evening hours. Snow and Salem Church branches will now align their hours with those of Fredericksburg, Howell, and Porter branches. Spotsylvania Towne Centre Branch will follow a similar schedule, with a 10:00 a.m. opening in accordance with Towne Centre's hours.



See page 22 for hours for all of our locations, including the newly extended hours for Spotsylvania branches.



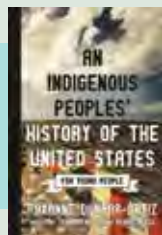
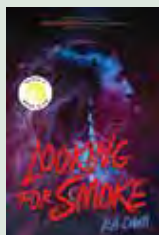
## Happy 15th Anniversary Howell Branch

Celebrate this milestone with refreshments and activities. **All ages.**

Howell, Thursday, October 9, all day.  
Recognition ceremony at 4:00

## Honoring Indigenous Voices Reading Recommendations

For Children



For Teens

For Adults



Coming this fall!

## Westmoreland LIBRARY ON THE GO

The Westmoreland Library on the Go van increases library access for Westmoreland County residents by bringing technological resources, as well as traditional library services, to community hubs.

This initiative is made possible by a grant from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services**, with generous support from the **Friends of the Library**, **Northern Neck Insurance**, **Topside Federal Credit Union**, and the **William Cage Library Trust**.

For updates on the van's launch, visit [librarypoint.org/library-go](http://librarypoint.org/library-go)



# Teachers-- We are here to support you!

## Teacher Newsletter

Upcoming classes and new resources tailored to elementary, middle, and high school teachers

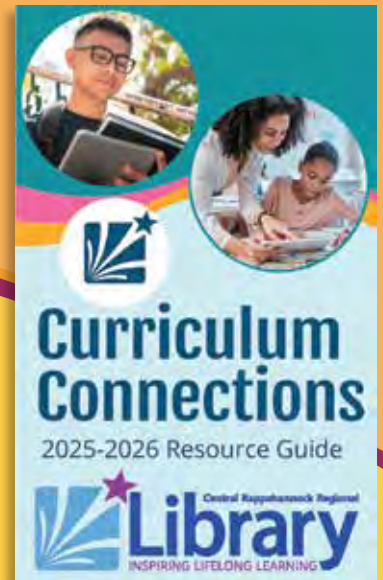
## Classroom Carryout

A personalized classroom collection service. Library researchers gather curriculum support materials tailored to meet your students' needs for use in your classroom.

## Book Group in a Bag

Multiple copies of the same title available for an extended checkout period.

Learn about all the ways the library is here to support you in this year's Curriculum Connections resource guide.



Download at  
[librarypoint.org/teachers](http://librarypoint.org/teachers)



# Birth-age 5

[librarypoint.org/0-5](http://librarypoint.org/0-5)

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

## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL)- Spotsylvania County Graduation Party Fall 2025

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library- Spotsylvania County celebrates this quarter's DPIL graduates who reside in Spotsylvania County zip codes and recently celebrated their 5th birthdays. Presented by the Spotsylvania County affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library championed by Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Salem Church Branch

Thursday, September 25, 6:00

## 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.\*

Salem Church

Drop off: Thursday, October 9, 12:00-6:00

Pick up: Friday, October 10, 9:00-1:00

Montross

Drop off: Thursday, October 23, 12-6

Pick up: Friday, October 24, 9:00-1:00

## Costume Cuties Playgroup Presented by Healthy Families Rappahannock Area

Costumes encouraged. Stories, songs, dancing, a craft, and a snack.  
Ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Howell Branch, October 8, 10:00-11:00

Salem Church Branch, October 8, 1:00-2:00



# Grow a Reader STORYTIMES

For children  
birth-age  
5 and their  
caregivers

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

\*Special holiday-themed storytime on these dates



## FREDERICKSBURG

### Fredericksburg Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:45,  
Wednesdays, 9:30-9:45,  
except 11/26

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50,  
except 11/26

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:00,  
except 9/2\*, 10/21\*,  
10/28\*, 11/25\*

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Fridays, 10:30-11:00,  
except 11/28

## SPOTSYLVANIA

### Salem Church Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15,  
except 11/26

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20,  
except 11/26  
Thursdays, 10:00-10:20,  
except 9/11, 11/27

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 10:00-10:30,  
except 9/5\*, 10/31\*,  
11/21\*, 11/28

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Thursdays,  
11:00-11:30,  
except 9/11, 11/27

## STAFFORD

### Howell Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Fridays, 10:00-10:15,  
except 11/28

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:20,  
except 11/26  
Fridays, 11:00-11:20,  
except 11/28

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 10/22\*, 11/19\*,  
11/26

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30,  
except 9/11, 11/27

### Snow Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:15,  
except 11/25

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 10/28\*, 11/18\*,  
11/25

### Towne Centre Branch

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Wednesdays,  
11:00-11:30,  
except 10/29\*, 11/19\*,  
11/26

### Porter Branch

#### Mother Goose Time

(Ages 2 and under)

Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45,  
except 11/4 and 11/25

#### Toddler Time

(Ages 2-3)

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50,  
except 9/11, 11/4 and  
11/25  
Thursdays, 10:30-10:50,  
except 10/23 and 11/27

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 10:30-11:00,  
except 9/5\*, 9/19\*, 10/24,  
10/31\*, 11/21\*, 11/28

#### Preschool Time

(Ages 3-5)

Fridays, 9:30-10:00,  
except 10/24 and 11/28

## WESTMORELAND

### Cooper Branch

#### Alphabet Soup

(Ages 2-5)

Fridays, 11:00-11:30,  
except 10/31\*, 11/21\*,  
11/28



# Grow a Reader Special Storytimes

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

## Grow a Reader Special: Happy Grandparents Day

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, September 2, 9:30-10:00

Salem Church, Friday, September 5, 10:00-10:30

Porter, Friday, September 5, 10:30-11:00

## Grow a Reader Special: Rosh Hashanah

Porter, Friday, September 19, 10:30-11:00

## Grow a Reader Special: Hispanic Heritage

Bilingual stories, songs and activities.

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, September 23, 9:30-10:00

Salem Church, Friday, September 26, 10:00-10:30

Porter, Friday, October 3, 10:30-11:00

## Grow a Reader Special: Firefighters to the Rescue!

Howell, Wednesday, October 1, 11:00-11:30

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, October 7, 9:30-10:00

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

## Grow a Reader Special: Diwali

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, October 21, 9:30-10:00

## Grow a Reader Special: Celebrate Indigenous Heritage

Salem Church, Friday, November 7, 10:00-10:30

Children

# HALLOWEEN HOOPLA



Stories, songs, and a costume parade!

Howell, Wednesday, October 22, 11:00-11:30

Fredericksburg, October 28, 9:30-10:00

Snow, Tuesday, October 28, 11:00-11:30

Montross, Wednesday, October 29, 11:00-11:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday, October 29, 11:00-11:30

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

Salem Church, Friday, October 31, 10:00-10:30 and  
11:00-11:30 *Special time!*

Porter, Friday, October 31, 10:30-11:00

Cooper, Friday, October 31, 11:00-11:30

## Sensory Time

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

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

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

Fredericksburg, 4th Mondays, 4:30-5:00

# Happy Thanksgiving!

Snow, Tuesday, November 18, 11:00-11:30

Howell, Wednesday, November 19, 11:00-11:30

Montross, Wednesday, November 19,  
11:00-11:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday,  
November 19, 11:00-11:30

Salem Church,  
Friday, November 21, 10:00-10:30  
and 11:00-11:30 *Special time!*

Porter, Friday, November 21,  
10:30-11:00

Cooper, Friday, November 21,  
11:00-11:30

Newton, Friday, November 21,  
11:00-11:30

Fredericksburg,  
November 25,  
9:30-10:00



## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

For ages birth to 5 and their caregivers.

- Register on Beanstack or pick up a paper log at any library 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

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# Grades K-6

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

## Chess Time

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

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays,  
5:30-7:30 except 11/26  
Porter, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays,  
4:00-6:00 except 11/26

## Movie Night

September 8: *Dog Man* (PG)  
October 13: *Minecraft* (PG)  
November 10: *Lilo and Stitch*  
(2025) (PG)  
Montross, 2nd Mondays, 6:00-7:30

## Imagination Station

Join teen mentors for an hour of  
arts and crafts. Materials provided.  
Porter, 3rd Tuesdays, 4:15-5:15

## LEGO® Building Lab

We supply the bricks, you supply  
the imagination. **STEM**  
Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd  
Thursdays, 5:30-6:30  
Porter, 1st Mondays, 4:30-5:30  
except 9/1  
Salem Church, Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00  
Snow, Mondays, 4:00-5:00  
except 9/1  
Cooper, Saturdays, 11:00-12:00  
Newton, Saturdays, 11:00-12:00  
Montross, Saturdays, 2:00-3:00

## Westmoreland State Park Presents

### STEM

In partnership with  
Westmoreland State Park.  
September: Shark Teeth & Fossils  
October: Bat Appreciation  
November: Fall Foliage  
Montross, 4th Mondays,  
4:00-5:00  
Cooper, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00

## Mini Pig Visit

**All ages.** In sunny weather.  
No rain date. This event  
is outdoors; please dress  
appropriately.  
Montross, Saturday, October 11,  
1:00-2:00

## KidSpot

DIY crafts, games, and activities.  
Newton, Mondays,  
5:00-6:00, except 9/1  
Cooper, Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00,  
except 11/26  
Montross, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00,  
except 11/27  
Towne Centre, Thursdays,  
5:00-6:00, except 11/27

## PAWS for Reading

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

Towne Centre, 1st Thursdays,  
5:30-7:00  
Porter, 1st Saturdays, 10:30-12:00  
Salem Church, 1st Saturdays,  
2:30-4:00  
Howell, 2nd Saturdays, 1:30-3:00  
Fredericksburg, 3rd Saturdays,  
2:00-3:30  
Snow, 4th Saturdays, 2:30-4:00  
except 11/22

## Teen Council Presents: Books with Bunnies

Read aloud to a trained therapy  
bunny, go on a scavenger hunt,  
and do a craft.  
Fredericksburg, 1st Saturdays,  
2:00-3:00

## Spooky Stories

Listen if you dare to tales that will  
chill and thrill you.  
Salem Church, Monday, October 27,  
6:00-7:00

## Homework Buddies

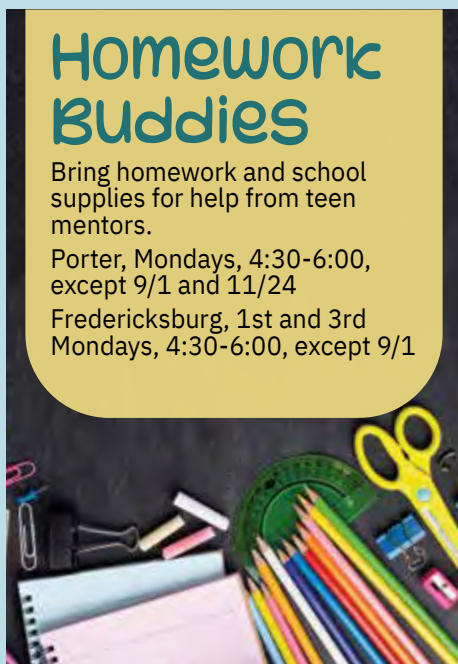
Bring homework and school  
supplies for help from teen  
mentors.

Porter, Mondays, 4:30-6:00,  
except 9/1 and 11/24  
Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd  
Mondays, 4:30-6:00, except 9/1

## Homeschool Open House

Connect with homeschool  
groups and families, and learn  
how the library supports  
education with online tutoring,  
research tools, reading  
recommendations, and more.

Howell, Monday,  
September 8, 11:00-12:00  
Porter, Wednesday,  
September 10, 2:00-3:00  
Salem Church, Tuesday,  
September 23, 2:00-3:00  
Snow, Thursday,  
October 2, 2:00-3:00





Games, activities, and a costume parade.

Cooper, Wednesday,  
October 29, 5:00-6:00

Learn about snakes, bats, fungi and more. **STEM**

In partnership with  
Widewater State Park.

**All ages**

Porter, Wednesday,  
October 29, 4:15-5:00

Gather under the trees to hear family-friendly spooky stories. Bring your own chairs and blankets. In partnership with Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation ([parks.fxbg.com](http://parks.fxbg.com)) and Earthquest ([earthquest.org](http://earthquest.org)), who will bring a vulture or two and tell you about them. No charge.

Memorial Park (Kenmore), Friday, October 24,  
6:30-8:00. Cancelled in case of rain.

**Family friendly for ages 5 and up.**



## Games, activities, and more

## STEM

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

See, hear, and play a variety of musical instruments.

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

In partnership with Aikido in  
Fredericksburg, Gracie Barra  
Stafford, Jett Martial Arts, and  
Isshinryu Karate School.  
Wear comfortable clothes.  
Porter, September 19, 4:15-5:00

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

Fredericksburg, October 10,  
4:30-5:15

Howell, Friday, October 3,  
4:30-5:15.

## STEM

Porter, October 17, 4:15-5:00

## STEM

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



## STEM

Howell, November 7, 4:30-5:15  
Porter, November 21, 4:15-5:00

Fredericksburg, November 14, 4:30-5:15  
Salem Church, November 21, 4:15-5:00

These spine-tingling chapter books are perfect for a blustery October night.

eBooks and  
eAudio

### For middle graders



Scan the QR code to place these titles on hold and explore the complete list »



# Kindergarten Library Card Campaign

In September, we partner with area schools to ensure every kindergarten student has a free library card, your all-access pass to everything the library has to offer.

September 2-30. Schools will send library card applications home with kindergarten students or share a link to an online form. Fill out the application and we'll send your child's library card to your mailbox.

September 2-November 3. Bring your kindergartner to the library for a free book!

# Teens

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

New Members  
Always Welcome!

## Ourspace

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

Salem Church

Monday-Thursday, 3:00-7:00, except 9/1, 11/26, and 11/27

## Teen Game Night

Games, crafts, and more.

Salem Church, 1st Mondays, 5:00-6:00 except 9/1

Howell, 2nd Mondays, 4:30-5:30

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

Fredericksburg, 4th Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30

## Teen Art Tuesdays

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

Cooper, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00

Montross, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00

## Chess Time

Casual chess for all skill levels.

**Grades K-12**

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 except 11/26

Porter, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 except 11/26

## All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all skill levels.

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

## Teen Anime & Manga Club

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

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

Howell, 4th Mondays, 4:30-5:30

## Make Amazing Cards

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

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

## Teen Puzzle Time

Snow, Saturdays, 9:00-5:30

## Teen Council Presents: Worst Art Night

Create the most awful art imaginable and you could win a terrible trophy! Materials provided.

Fredericksburg, 2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00

## Teen Council Presents: Stop Motion Movie Night

Hang out, eat popcorn, and get inspiration for the Teen Stop Motion Video Contest. *Chicken Run* (G)

Howell, Thursday, September 18, 5:00-7:00

## Mario Kart Tournament

Cooper, Tuesday, October 28, 6:00-7:00

## Book Groups

To view the selected titles for these groups, visit

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



## Homeschool Book Cafe

Bring a lunch and discuss young adult titles with other area homeschoolers.

Howell, 2nd Thursdays, 12:00-1:00, September-April in the Teen Lounge

## LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group

**Grades 6-12.** Read one book (or more!) from our monthly selections, then join us for a discussion.

In partnership with Fredericksburg Pride.

September 16: Spooky & Silly

October 21: Horror

November 18: Classic Tales Remixed

Fredericksburg and **VIRTUAL**, 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

## Teen Book Group

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

September: Free to Read

October: Dark Academia

November: Laugh While You Cry

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

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



**Calling all teen directors!**

**Grades 6-12**

Are you interested in making a short animated film?

**11th Annual**

**TEEN STOP MOTION VIDEO CONTEST**

**Cash Prizes!**

Online submissions: October 1-15

Entries may be submitted by students living in Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Stafford, or Westmoreland; or by any teen with a CRRL library card. **Grades 6-12.**

More details and contest rules:

[librarypoint.org/video-contest](http://librarypoint.org/video-contest)

Cash prizes provided by Friends of the Library

## Viewing Party

Selected entries will be screened and contest winners recognized. **All ages.**

Howell, Thursday, November 13, 6:00-7:00



# Adults

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

# Adults

## Arts & Crafts

### 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, 4:00-5:00, except 9/1

Montross, Mondays, 4:00-6:00, except 9/1

Newton, Mondays, 4:00-6:00, except 9/1 (new!)

### A Loosely Knit Group

Bring your current projects. Beginners welcome.

Cooper, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00, except 11/26 (back to regular time)

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

### Introduction to Hand Embroidery

Transform fabric into beautiful, decorative pieces. Learn fundamental embroidery stitches, design transfer techniques, and how to create unique patterns with thread. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

Howell, Saturday, September 13, 9:00-12:00

### Make Amazing Cards

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

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

### Beginner Crafts

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

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

September 8: Faux Stained Glass

October 13: Floral Pumpkins

November 10: Cork Trivet

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

September 16: Historical Star Quilt

October 21: Ghost Painting. Bring your own painting to transform.

November 18: Fall Mobile

### 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

### Craft Social

Montross, Fridays, 10:00-12:00, except 11/28

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 2:00-3:00, except 11/27

### 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

### From Orphan Blocks to Unique Quilts

Presented by Donna Edwards. For quilters with basic quilting skills. Learn how to design a quilt with orphan blocks. Sign up required at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Howell, Saturday, October 4, 1:00-4:30

### Tech on the Go

Check out high-tech equipment for your media projects.

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

### Neewer Studio Lights

Portable lights great for indoor and outdoor shots.

### Ring Lights

A simple, lightweight, and portable light stand equipped with a smartphone mount.

### Canon EOS Rebel T7

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



### Bullet Journaling

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

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

## RASPBERRY PICADE

Learn to make your own hand-sized arcade cabinet powered by a Raspberry Pi board. In partnership with Tim Owens of Reclaim Arcade.

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



### Craftsy BingePasses on Hoopla

Seven days of unlimited access for just one borrow! Get started at [librarypoint.org/hoopla](http://librarypoint.org/hoopla)

### Knitting

Learn to knit hand warmers, a cowl, and a pom-pom hat.

### Quilting

Learn to make your first quilt—from cutting fabric to quilting and binding.

### Amigurumi: Woodland Animals

Crochet four adorable amigurumi animals—learn stitching, shaping, and finishing tips for cute, kid-safe toys.

### Sewing

Learn to make a tote and dress while gaining essential tools, techniques, and garment-making skills.

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## Arts & Crafts

### MakerLab Badging

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

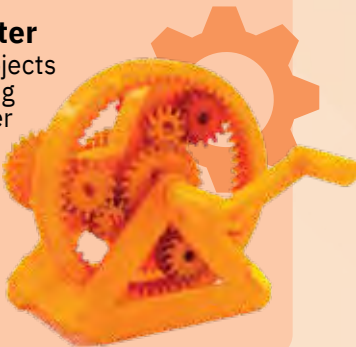
[librarypoint.org/makerlab](http://librarypoint.org/makerlab)

#### 3D Scanner

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

#### 3D Printer

Create objects by building them layer by layer from a digital design with a 3D printer.



### Intro to First Day Stamp Collecting

Presented by David Lorms. Explore First Day Covers (FDCs), envelopes or postcards with a U.S. stamp canceled on its first day of issue, often to mark an event.

Cooper, 3rd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00

### Open Source Making and Media

Learn about free, open source software you can download and use for creative projects, such as illustration, audio editing, and 3D design.

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

### Stafford Piecemakers Quilt Guild Annual Show

Explore beautiful quilts by local artists featuring the show's theme: "The Magic of Quilts."

Porter, Friday, October 24; Saturday, October 25; and Monday, October 27, 10:00-5:00

### 6-Week Crochet-Along: Holiday Stocking

At Crochet-Alongs (CALs), participants work on the same project simultaneously, over time. Great for beginners, all are welcome. Ask at the branch for instructions.

Montross, Mondays, October 20-November 24, 6:00-7:00

### Patch Making 101

Learn to design and make a patch using IdeaSpace's embroidery machine.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, November 13, 6:00-7:00

## Art Shows

### A.R.T. Show (Artists Rallying Together)

Different art mediums and photography created by a local artist group.

Salem Church, September

### Art Show to Honor Homelessness Awareness Month

Presented by Rappahannock Area Community Services Board.

Fredericksburg, October

### Art by Staff of the Central Rappahannock Regional Library

Salem Church, October-November



## Author Talks

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

### Hannah Nicole Maehr

*New York Times* bestselling author of *Assistant to the Villain* and TikTok superstar speaks on writing "darkly charming villainous love."

Wednesday, September 3, 7:00



### Jefferson Fisher

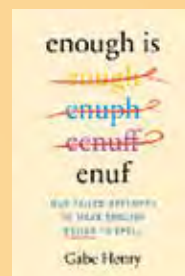
Trial lawyer and communication expert discusses *The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Talk More*.

Wednesday, September 10, 2:00

### Gabe Henry

Simplified Spelling Historian discusses *Enough is Enuf: Our Failed Attempts to Make English Easier to Spell*.

Wednesday, September 17, 2:00



### Emily Key and Adrian Aldaba, Smithsonian Latino Center, Nuestra America

Thursday, October 2, 2:00

### Leigh Bardugo

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Familiar*, *Ninth House*, and the creator of the Grishaverse (now a Netflix original series).

Thursday, October 9, 7:00

### Philippa Gregory

British historical novelist best known for *The Other Boleyn Girl* and the Tudor and Plantagenet series.

Wednesday, October 29, 2:00



### Amanda Peters

Canadian Mi'kmaq and settler writer, author of *The Berry Pickers* and *Waiting for the Long Night Moon*.

Thursday, November 13, 7:00

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

New Members  
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### Civil War Book Group

Fredericksburg, 1st Wednesdays,  
6:00-7:00. See page 17 for full listing.

### The Hague Winery Book Group

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

September 4: *Finlay Donovan  
Is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano

October 2: *The House in the Pines*  
by Ana Reyes

November 6: *George Washington's  
Secret Six* by Brian Kilmeade  
and Don Yeager

### Walking Book Group

1st Fridays, 9:30-11:00.  
Meets at Willowmere Park, 21  
Willowmere Pond Rd, Stafford, 22556

September 5: *H is for Hawk*  
by Helen Macdonald

October 3: *Let the Great World Spin*  
by Colum McCann

November 7: *The Optimist's Daughter*  
by Eudora Welty

### Books & Wine

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

September 8: *Master Slave Husband  
Wife* by Ilyon Woo

October 13: *Circe* by Madeline Miller

November 10: *The God of the Woods*  
by Liz Moore

### Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

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

September 9: Jane Austen's novels (any)

October 14: *We Need New Names*  
by NoViolet Bulawayo

November 11: *Tomorrow, and  
Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*  
by Gabrielle Zevin

### Mysteries & Thrillers

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

Contact the Howell Branch Adult Services Desk to  
have a copy of the book sent to your branch.

September 15: *Leaving Time*  
by Jodi Picoult

October 20: *Never Let Me Go*  
by Kazuo Ishiguro

November 17: *Big Little Lies*  
by Liane Moriarty

### Books & Coffee

3rd Tuesdays, 10:15-11:30. Meets  
at Curitiba Art Café, 919 Caroline St.,  
Fredericksburg.

September 16: *The Second Life of  
Mirielle West* by Amanda Skenandore

October 21: *I Have Some Questions  
For You* by Rebecca Makkai

November 18: *North Woods*  
by Daniel Mason

### Facebook Book Chat

**VIRTUAL**, 3rd Wednesdays,  
7:00-8:00. Lively discussion through  
comments on a Facebook group post.  
Join our book chat group at  
[facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat](https://facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat)

September 17: Books You Love  
to Recommend

October 15: Scary Stuff

November 19: Good Books  
to Feast On

### Rainbow Reads

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

September 17: *The Jasmine Throne*  
by Tasha Suri

October 15: *Manhunt*  
by Gretchen Felker-Martin

November 19: *Red, White, and Royal  
Blue* by Casey McQuiston

### True Crime Book Group

**VIRTUAL**, select Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

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

September 18: Prohibition

October 9: Murder Ballads

November 6: Chicago's  
Murderess Row

### Diverse Voices Book Group

Montross, 3rd Thursdays,  
4:00-5:00

September 18: *Illegal:  
A Graphic Novel* by Eoin Colfer  
and Andrew Donkin

October 16: *Chain-Gang  
All-Stars* by Nana Kwame  
Adjei-Brenyah

November 20: *Biased*  
by Jennifer Eberhardt

### 6 Bears and a Goat: Books and Beer

3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30. Meets at  
6 Bears and a Goat Brewing  
Company, 1140 International  
Parkway, Fredericksburg 22406

September 18: *The Personal  
Librarian* by Marie Benedict and  
Victoria Christopher Murray

October 16: *Someone You Can Build  
a Nest In* by John Wiswell

November 20: *Demon Copperhead  
(1st half)* by Barbara Kingsolver  
Join us in December to discuss the  
2nd half.

### We the Readers Civic Book Group: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson

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

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

Contact the Salem Church Branch Adult  
Services Desk to have a copy of the book  
sent to your branch.

Titles to celebrate  
**Hispanic Heritage  
Month**  
September 15-October 15



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the complete list »

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## Themed Book Groups

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### Books & Boba: Retellings of Famous Stories NEW!

Meets quarterly at Tea'Go Cafe, 35 Walpole St., Ste. 115, Stafford 22554. Bring your favorite book and your go-to boba order—and let's read together!

Tuesday, September 2, 6:00-7:00

### Novel Tea Book Group: *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Schroff

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,  
November 22, 2:00-3:00

### VA250 Book Group: *From Trenton to Yorktown: Turning Points of the Revolutionary War* by John R. Maass

See page 17 for full details

## Reading Jane Austen

Honoring Austen's 250-year  
literary legacy.

### Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach, 22443  
Discuss Jane Austen novels

Tuesday, September 9, 6:00-7:00.

### Afternoon Tea with Jane Austen

Bring your favorite tea cup and drop in to celebrate Jane Austen's 250th Anniversary with tea, refreshments, and Austen-inspired crafts and trivia.

Porter, Saturday, November 8, 2:00-4:00

Montross, Saturday, November 22,  
3:30-4:30

### Jane Austen Book Discussion

Discuss Jane Austen's most notable books and literary legacy in celebration of Austen's 250th anniversary year.

Porter, Saturday, October 18, 2:00-3:00

## Branch Book Groups

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

### Cooper

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

September 18: *Fall in New England*

October 16: *Free Read*

November 20:  
*American Indian Stories*

### Fredericksburg

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

September 13: *Razorblade Tears*  
by S.A. Cosby

October 11: *Such a Fun Age*  
by Kiley Reid

November 8: *The Thursday  
Murder Club* by Richard Osman

### Howell

1st Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

September 2: *Bellewether*  
by Susanna Kearsley

October 7: *Eleanor Oliphant is  
Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

November 4: *Cutting for Stone*  
by Abraham Verghese

### Montross

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

September 12: *All Creatures Great  
and Small* by James Herriot

October 10: *The Wettest County in  
the World* by Matt Bondurant

November 14: *The Wartime Sisters*  
by Lynda Cohen Loigman

### Porter

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

September 4: *The Soul of an Octopus*  
by Sy Montgomery

October 2: *News of the World*  
by Paulette Jiles

November 6: *Liar, Temptress,  
Soldier, Spy* by Karen Abbott

### Salem Church

3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30

September 15: *The Lions of Fifth  
Avenue* by Fiona Davis

October 20: *Kindred*  
by Octavia Butler

November 17: *My Family and  
Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell

### Snow

3rd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

September 17: *True Biz*  
by Sara Nović

October 15: *The Worst Hard Time*  
by Timothy Egan

November 19: *The Only Woman in  
the Room* by Marie Benedict

### Towne Centre

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

September 8: *The House in the  
Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune

October 6: *The Berry Pickers*  
by Amanda Peters

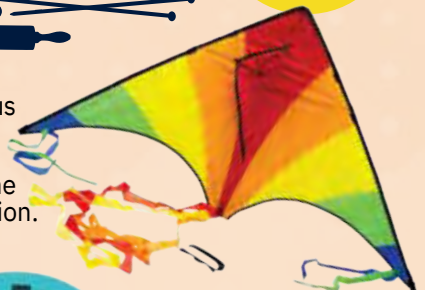
November 3: *Master Slave  
Husband Wife* by Ilyon Woo



# Library of THINGS

17 new  
outdoor  
items

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Check these things out!  
[librarypoint.org/things](http://librarypoint.org/things)



## Community & Civics

### Haircuts in the Library

Stop by the library for a free haircut by students from Faded & Co. Barber Academy. First come, first served.  
Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd  
Mondays, 10:00-12:00, except 9/1

### 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. Income limits apply.  
Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd  
Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00  
Fredericksburg, Tuesday,  
September 30, 5:00-7:00

### Fredericksburg DSS in the Community

The Fredericksburg Department of Social Services (DSS) will be available to answer your questions, provide information on services, and how to apply.  
Fredericksburg, 2nd and 4th  
Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00,  
except 11/26

### Foster Care Information Session

Presented by Christina Adkins of Intercept Health. Learn about foster care and the need for foster parents in Virginia.  
Salem Church, Tuesday,  
September 16, 10:00-12:00

### DMV Connect

The DMV portable office will process driver's licenses, ID cards, titles, and registration. Appointment bookings open two weeks before each event.  
[dmv.virginia.gov/locations/mobile-offices](http://dmv.virginia.gov/locations/mobile-offices)  
All sessions 10:00-2:00  
Snow, Friday, September 19,  
10:00-2:00  
Howell, Wednesday, October 22,  
10:00-2:00  
Fredericksburg, Friday,  
November 7, 10:00-2:00

### Blue Star Welcome Week At Your Library

Explore library and community resources for military families.  
Porter, Saturday,  
September 27, 10:00-12:00

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Ages 17 and up. Sign up at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).  
Porter, Thursday, October 9,  
12:30-6:30  
Howell, Monday, October 13, 10:00-4:00  
Fredericksburg, Monday,  
November 10, 1:00-6:00

### Citizenship Preparation Classes

Prepare for all sections of the USCIS Naturalization Exam.  
Fredericksburg, Fridays, 10:00-12:00,  
October 10- December 19, except 11/28

### Empowerhouse

Learn about the services Empowerhouse provides to victims of domestic violence.  
Fredericksburg, Friday, October 24,  
3:00-4:30

### Introduction to Legal Research with Westlaw

Learn the basics of Westlaw, the premium legal research platform available at no charge at any library branch.  
Fredericksburg, Monday,  
October 20, 6:00-7:00

## Civic Labs Explore resources and join the conversation.

### U.S. Citizenship Resources

In partnership with Lucha Ministries. Interested in becoming a citizen? Discover some useful resources to help you along.  
Salem Church, Monday, September 15, 2:00-3:00  
Montross, Monday, September 16, 1:00-2:00  
Porter, Tuesday, September 23, 11:00-12:00

## Dear Elected Official

In partnership with the League of Women Voters of the Fredericksburg Area. Learn simple ways to find and contact your local, state, and federal representatives.  
Howell, Monday, October 6, 2:00-3:00  
Snow, Friday, October 10, 3:00-4:00  
Newton, Tuesday, October 14, 11:00-12:00  
Montross, Tuesday, October 14, 1:00-2:00  
Towne Centre, Tuesday, October 14, 2:00-3:00  
Cooper, Tuesday, October 14, 3:30-4:30  
Salem Church, Monday, October 20, 2:00-3:00  
Porter, Wednesday, October 29, 2:00-3:00

### Resources for the Unhoused

Find out about the organizations and programs that provide aid to those experiencing homelessness.  
Fredericksburg, Monday, November 3, 10:00-11:00  
Snow, Friday, November 7, 3:00-4:00  
Howell, Monday, November 17, 3:00-4:00



## Financial

### Wealth Wednesdays

Presented by ALNA Financial Group LLC. Watch live at [facebook.com/crrlnews](https://facebook.com/crrlnews) and [youtube.com/crrlvideo](https://youtube.com/crrlvideo).  
**VIRTUAL**, 2nd Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00  
September 10: Investing 101:  
No-stress Wealth Building  
October 8: Smart Tax Strategies  
to Implement Now  
November 12: Successful Transition  
to Retirement

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## Food

### Tea Blending

Make your own tea blend to take home. Sign up at [librarypoint.org](http://librarypoint.org).

Fredericksburg, Saturday, October 4, 3:00-4:00

### Food Preservation 101

Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent April Payne. Best practices for different ways to preserve and store food.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, October 15, 1:00-2:30

### Tea Tasting

Sample a variety of teas. Bring your favorite teacup or use the cups provided. While supplies last.

Fredericksburg, Friday, November 21, 4:00-5:00

### Novel Tea Book Group:

#### *The Bandit Queens* by Parini Schroff

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, November 22, 2:00-3:00

## Games

### Bingo

Sponsored by Neighbor2Neighbor. Cooper, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 11:00-12:00, except 9/1

### Mahjong Players Club

Experienced and beginner players. Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00  
Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00, except 11/26

### Intermediate Bridge

Salem Church, Wednesdays except the 3rd, 12:00-4:00, except 11/26  
Snow, 3rd Wednesdays, 12:00-4:00

## JIGSAW PUZZLE SWAP

Puzzles must include all pieces. Porter, Saturday, November 22, 1:00-2:30

## Going Green

### Plant Clinic in the S.E.R.V.E. Garden

Join the Virginia Master Gardeners to learn about Porter Branch's garden for S.E.R.V.E., Stafford's food pantry, and ask general gardening questions.

Porter, Fridays, except 11/28, 4:45-5:15



### Gardener's Corner: Fall Planting

Salem Church, Saturday, September 27, 1:30-2:30

Learn about planting a fall-to-winter garden. In partnership with the Master Gardeners Association of the Central Rappahannock Area.

### Gardening Workshops

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

September: Fall and Winter Gardening Tips

October: Soil Science 101

November: Garden Planning for 2026  
Fredericksburg, 1st Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00

### Plant Clinic

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

Fredericksburg, Saturday, September 6 and September 20, 10:00-12:00

### Tabletop Games

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

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

Cooper, 2nd Thursdays, 2:00-3:00  
Newton, 2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00 (new time)

### All-Ages Chess

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

### Seed Saving Workshops

Learn easy seed saving techniques to sustain your garden and contribute to the CRRL Seed Library. Presented by the Master Gardeners Association of the Central Rappahannock Area.

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

September: Marigolds, dill, radish or lettuce

October: Basil, beans, sunflowers

November: Tomatoes, squash, zinnias, cilantro

### 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. [librarypoint.org/seed-library](http://librarypoint.org/seed-library)

Fredericksburg, ongoing

### Backyard Composting 101

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

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, September 17, 6:00-7:00

Porter, Wednesday, October 15, 6:00-7:00

Howell, Wednesday, November 5, 6:00-7:00

### Homesteading for Beginners: Composting

Presented by Melanie Bradley.

Montross, Monday, October 20, 6:00-7:00

### Self-Sufficiency Skills Workshops

Learn practical skills for sustainable living and self-reliance.

September 13: Making applesauce, apple butter, and apple cider vinegar

October 11: Cheese-making with goat's milk. Presented by Diane Lowery of Willow Pond Farm

November 8: Making herbal remedies: tinctures, salves, and poultices. Presented by Zynda Apothecary



## Health & Wellness

### Medicare 101: What You Need to Know

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

Porter, 1st Mondays, 10:00-11:00, except 9/1

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

### Yoga

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

Newton, Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00

### Chair Yoga

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

Montross, Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00, except 9/23 and 11/25

### Tai Chi & Qi Gong

Comfortable attire. No experience necessary. Class held next to food court.

Towne Centre, select Wednesdays, September 3, 17; October 1, 15, and 29; November 12, 26, 9:00-10:00

### 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.

1st Wednesdays, 10:00-2:00

September 3: Howell

October 1: Salem Church

November 5: Fredericksburg

### 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

### Qi Qong for Vitality

Presented by Katrina Dill, owner of Yes to Holistic Health. A beginner-friendly class for older adults focused on easing pain and boosting circulation. No experience needed. Wear comfortable attire.

Salem Church

Monday, September 15, 10:00-11:00

Monday, October 13, 10:00-11:00

Monday, November 17, 10:00-11:00

### Free Health Assessments

Nursing students from Germanna Community College offer basic health checks, educational resources, and wellness tips.

Fredericksburg, Tuesdays starting September 16, 9:30-2:00

### Caregiver Support Group

Presented by Bay Aging. Support for those caring for loved ones, including aging parents and those experiencing life-threatening illnesses or neurological disorders.

Montross, 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30

### 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.

Howell, 3rd Mondays, 11:00-12:00

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

### 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, September 19, 10:30-12:00

Fredericksburg, Friday, October 24, 10:30-12:00

### Increasing Joy and Reducing Stress Naturally

Presented by Marcia Grimsley of Life Advancement Coaching. Learn about several of the new and natural healing trends in the integrative and holistic mental health field.

Salem Church, Saturday, November 8, 11:00-12:30

### Music and Movement for Older Adults

Sing, move, and reminisce through music of the 1930s to 1970s. Music performed by Jordyn Shaffer, a board-certified music therapist at Healthy Minds Therapy.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, November 13, 3:00-4:00



### Reducing Stress Through Meditation

Presented by retired U.S. Army Lt. Colonel William Smith. Learn how meditation can reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration and thinking, and balance mental equilibrium.

**VIRTUAL**, Wednesday, October 15, 11:00-12:00

## Halloween

### Ghost Stories of Fredericksburg

Enjoy some harrowing ghost stories about Fredericksburg Branch and the local area.

Saturday, November 1, 3:00-4:00

### Horror Movie Club

Meet with horror fans to discuss a different subgenre each month.

September 20: Body Horror

October 18: Vampires

November 15: Possession

Howell, 3rd Saturdays, 3:00-4:00

### Halloween Murder Mystery

Costumes encouraged. In partnership with Bay Aging. Meets at Mill Pond Village, 56 Mill Pond Lane, Montross, 22520

Monday, October 20, 12:00-2:00

### Halloween Celebration

Halloween crafts and activities, while supplies last. Costumes encouraged.

Fredericksburg, Friday, October 31, 12:30-2:00

### Classic Monster Double Feature

A retro movie showing of *Nosferatu* (1922) and *The Mummy* (1932).

Includes crafts and activities.

Salem Church, Friday, October 31, 1:00-5:00

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



## History

### Civil War Book Group

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

September 3: *Autobiography,  
Memories and Experiences of  
Moncure Daniel Conway, volume 1*  
by Moncure Conway

October 1: *Across the Bloody  
Chasm: The Culture of  
Commemoration Among Civil War  
Veterans* by M. Keith Harris

November 5: *Harriet Tubman:  
The Road to Freedom*  
by Catherine Clinton

### Historical Walk

A leisurely walking tour of  
historic downtown. Starts at  
Fredericksburg Branch.

Fredericksburg, Thursday,  
October 23 and Wednesday  
October 29, 2:30-4:00

### Genealogy Workshops

Presented by Washington-Lewis  
Chapter of the National Society  
Daughters of the Revolution  
(NSDAR). Bring your laptop for  
hands-on learning. Sign-up  
required; [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Fredericksburg, 1st Saturdays,  
9:30-12:00

September 6: Beginner's  
Genealogy

October 4: African American  
Genealogy

November 1: American Indian  
Genealogy

### World War II Movie Discussion Group

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

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

September 6: *A Bridge Too  
Far* (1977)

October 4: *Where Eagles  
Dare* (1968)

November 1: *Patton* (1977)

## VA250 VIRGINIA'S HISTORY IS AMERICA'S STORY

VA250 is a statewide commemoration, marking 250 years since the  
American Revolution and Virginia's vital role in the founding of the nation.

Learn more about classes & events at your library at [librarypoint.org/va250](http://librarypoint.org/va250)

### 18th Century Games

All ages

Salem Church, Friday, September 5,  
3:30-5:00

Snow, Saturday, September 13, 3:00-4:30

### Beginner's Genealogy

Presented by Washington-Lewis Chapter  
of the National Society Daughters of the  
Revolution (NSDAR). Learn about your  
Revolutionary genealogical roots, then  
proudly display them as part of the Hearts  
Sparkle for These Veterans campaign.  
Bring your laptops for  
hands-on learning. Sign-up at  
[librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Fredericksburg, Saturday, September 6,  
9:30-12:00

### Founding Frenemies: Hamilton and the Virginians Traveling Exhibition

Explore Alexander Hamilton's  
relationships with the Founding Fathers  
and experience the critical role that  
Virginia and Virginians played in the  
shaping of the nation's first Secretary  
of the Treasury. *Founding Frenemies:  
Hamilton and the Virginians* is organized  
by the Virginia Museum of History &  
Culture and presented by TowneBank,  
with support from the Society of the  
Cincinnati in the State of Virginia.

Porter, September 8-October 20

### VA250 Book Group: *From Trenton to Yorktown: Turning Points of the Revolutionary War* by John R. Maass

Presented in collaboration with The  
Washington Heritage Museums. Discuss  
key moments of the Revolutionary War  
in a home built by George Washington's  
youngest brother, Charles, in 1760.

Contact the Porter Branch Adult Services Desk to  
have a copy of the book sent to your home branch.

Meets at Rising Sun Tavern,  
1304 Caroline St., Fredericksburg,  
Tuesday, September 9, 6:00-7:30

### Beginner's Genealogy For Local Business Owners

Presented by Washington-Lewis  
Chapter of the National Society  
Daughters of the Revolution (NSDAR).  
Learn about your Revolutionary  
genealogical roots, then proudly  
display them as part of the Hearts  
Sparkle for These Veterans campaign.  
Bring your laptop for hands-on  
learning. Sign-up at  
[librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Fredericksburg, Monday,  
September 15, 5:00-8:00

### Trace Your Family Tree

Presented by genealogist  
Laura Hazel. Sign up at  
[librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events).

Newton, Monday, September 15,  
5:30-7:30

### Beginner Craft: Historical Star Quilt

Montross, Tuesday, September 16,  
3:00-4:00

### Preamble Portraits: Craft Activity and Workshop

Presented by Honey House  
Publishing. To honor a community's  
history while fostering personal  
reflection and civic engagement  
through the lens of the Declaration  
of Independence's preamble.  
**Grade 9-adult.**

Fredericksburg, Tuesday,  
September 16, 4:00-5:30

### Bringing Eliza Home

Presented by Barbara VornDick and  
the James Monroe Museum and  
Memorial Library. As a prominent  
figure in early American diplomacy  
and society, Eliza's story offers a  
powerful lens into the role of women  
in shaping the new nation and its  
international presence.

Fredericksburg, Thursday,  
September 18, 6:00-8:00



## Job Skills

### Interview Skills Made Easy

Presented by Marcia Grimsley of Life Advancement Coaching. Brush up your interviewing skills. For both job seekers and employers. Salem Church, Saturday, October 4, 10:30-12:00

### Workforce Support: Resources to Help Navigate Change

Whether you're facing a career transition or just planning your next step, find tools and resources to support your journey at [librarypoint.org/workforce](http://librarypoint.org/workforce)

- Job search help and resume tips
- Continuing education opportunities
- Financial planning tips and tools
- Resources for stress relief and well-being



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### Film Friday: *The Patriot*

Newton, Friday, September 19, 11:00-1:00

### African American Genealogy

Presented by Washington-Lewis Chapter, NSDAR. Learn about your Revolutionary genealogical roots. Bring your laptop for hands-on learning. Sign-up at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events). Fredericksburg, Saturday, October 4, 9:30-12:00

### Un/Bound: Free Black Virginians, 1619-1865 Traveling Exhibition

Explore the lives of free Black Virginians from the arrival of the first captive Africans in 1619 to the abolition of slavery in 1865. Un/Bound: Free Black Virginians, 1619-1865 is organized by the Virginia Museum of History & Culture. Salem Church, Monday, October 6-Monday, November 17

### Historic Aquia Creek

Presented by Jerrilynn Eby MacGregor of the Stafford County Historical Society. Explore the rich history of Aquia Creek from its time as a major commercial waterway in the mid-1600s to its present day geography. Porter, Saturday, October 11, 11:00-12:30

### Colonial American Genealogy

Presented by Gail Watson of the NSDAR Falls Church Chapter. Discover your ancestral roots in Colonial America and draw connections to early settlements from across the Colonies, with a special focus on Virginia. Howell, Saturday, October 18, 11:00-12:30

### Indigenous People, Virginia, and the American Revolution

Presented by Dr. Jason Sellers, University of Mary Washington. Become familiar with the Colonial unrest that led to the American Revolution and how Indigenous peoples contributed to the struggle for independence of this nation. Porter, Wednesday, October 22, 6:00-7:30

### Forged in Freedom: History of American Craftspeople

**VIRTUAL**, Friday, October 24. Presented by Dr. Gaila Sims. Watch via Facebook @[crrlnews](https://www.facebook.com/crrlnews) or Youtube @[crrlvideo](https://www.youtube.com/c/crrlvideo).

### Architecture of the Washington Heritage Museum Sites

Fredericksburg, Thursday, October 30, 6:00-7:30

### American Indian Genealogy

Presented by Washington-Lewis Chapter, National Society Daughters of the Revolution (NSDAR). Learn about your Revolutionary genealogical roots. Bring your laptops for hands-on learning. Sign-up at [librarypoint.org/events](http://librarypoint.org/events). Fredericksburg, Saturday, November 1, 9:30-12:00

### Preserving Your Family's Heirlooms

Presented by Jarod Kearney of the James Monroe Museum. Many family artifacts are passed down from generation to generation. Understanding the proper ways to store, care for, preserve, and protect these items are critical to their prolonged continuance in the family. Porter, Saturday, November 1, 12:30-2:00

### 18th Century Hand Sewing

Snow, Wednesday, October 1, 3:00-5:00  
Salem Church, Monday, November 3, 2:00-4:00

### Hague Winery Book Group: *George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring That Saved the American Revolution* by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yeager

Hague Winery, Friday, November 7, 6:00-7:00

### William Washington: Stafford County's Daring Cavalry Commander

**VIRTUAL**, Friday, November 14, 12:00. Watch via Facebook @[crrlnews](https://www.facebook.com/crrlnews) or Youtube @[crrlvideo](https://www.youtube.com/c/crrlvideo).

### 1775-2025: 250 Years of Marine Corps History and Heroes

Presented by the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Discover the history of the United States Marine Corps from their founding in 1775 through their contributions in the Vietnam War. This program includes the demonstration of Marine artifacts and stories told by Veterans who are part of Task Force Ontos.

Porter, Saturday, October 11, 2:00-4:00

Howell, Saturday, November 15, 11:00-12:30



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## Language Learning

### ELL Resources on Demand

Learn about the ELL (English Language Learner) resources, tour the library, and discover services available free of charge. Sign up at 540-372-1144, x7339.

Porter, Mondays 10:00-11:00, except 9/1, and Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00, except 11/26

### English Basics for Beginners

An Active Learning class for beginner English language learners. Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00, except 11/26

### Spanish with Amigos

Drop in for interactive Spanish learning games. **All ages.** Porter, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00

## Conversation Groups

Relaxed language practice.

### English Conversation Groups

Practice speaking English in a relaxed atmosphere.

Porter, 1st and 2nd Mondays, 4:00-5:00, except 9/1

Cooper, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00

Salem Church, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30, except 11/26

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00, except 9/25 and 11/27

Howell, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

**VIRTUAL**, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

### Spanish Conversation Group

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

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

Montross, 2nd Thursdays, **NEW!** 4:00-5:00

### French Conversation Group

Practice French in a relaxed atmosphere. All levels welcome.

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

## Lunch & Learn

Bite-sized learning you can watch anywhere.

Watch Fridays on Facebook @crrlnews and YouTube @crrlvideo  
Watch later on [librarypoint.org/lunch-learn](http://librarypoint.org/lunch-learn)

**VIRTUAL**, Fridays, 12:00, except 11/28

### AI the Easy Way

September 5. Presented by Will King, owner of the AI automation agency, MF Growth.

### Florence Bascom: Pioneer of Geology

September 12. Presented by Jon Bachman.0

### Special Olympics

September 19

### Preserving Fredericksburg, America's Most Historic City

September 26. Presented by Danae Peckler, Preservationist, Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc.

### A Practical Approach to Meditation

October 3. Presented by William Smith, retired Army Lt. Colonel.

## Movies

See also: **Classic Monster Double Feature** page 16

### Friday Films

Newton, 1st and 3rd Fridays, 11:00-1:00

September 5: *The Amateur*

September 19: *The Patriot*

October 3: *Gladiator II*

October 17: *Young Frankenstein*

November 7: *Wicked*

November 21: *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles*

### Cinema Night

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00

September 9: *The Fire Inside*

September 23: *The Amateur*

October 14: *Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning*

October 28: *Dracula* (1931)

November 11: *Superman* (2025)

November 25: *A Real Pain*

### Celebrate Black Fine Arts Month

October 10. Presented by local African American artists and performers.

### Stress Management

October 17. Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension.

### Forged in Freedom: History of American Craftspeople

October 24. Presented by Dr. Gaila Sims.

### Haunted History of Fredericksburg

October 31

### What's New in the Catalog?

November 7

### William Washington: Stafford County's Daring Cavalry Commander

November 14

### Fairy Godmother Project (FGP): Helping Families Facing Pediatric Cancer

November 21

### Movie Matinees for Older Adults

Presented in partnership with Spotsylvania County Parks and Recreation.

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

September 10: *Inception*

October 8: *Rat Race*

November 12: *Forrest Gump*

### Reel Crafty

Feature film showing with the lights on. Bring a craft project to work on, or do one of the activities provided.

September 11: *Brown Sugar* (2002)

October 2: *Hocus Pocus* (1993)

November 6: *Little Women* (1994)

Salem Church, select Thursdays, 5:00-8:00

### Movie Matinee

Celebrate Roald Dahl Day with a matinee showing of Dahl's first screenplay, the James Bond film, *You Only Live Twice*.

Howell, Saturday, September 13, 3:30-5:30



## Music

### MakerLab Badging: AV Booth

A 10' x 12' audio visual recording studio. The 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.

Learn how to use the equipment at IdeaSpace, and then use it for your own projects! [librarypoint.org/makerlab](http://librarypoint.org/makerlab)

### Songwriting 101

Learn key techniques to become a better songwriter.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, November 20, 6:00-7:00

## Technology

### Training on Demand

30-minute, hands-on sessions tailored for you on either Tech Skills for Beginners or Online Resources. Sign-up required; call 540-372-1144, x7232.

Fredericksburg, Mondays, 9:00-11:00, except 9/1

### 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 Linux Users Group

Meet with open source and Linux users to discuss IT solutions.

Howell, 4th Saturdays, 9:00-12:00, except 11/22

## Writers

### Comic Creators Roundtable

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

IdeaSpace, Thursdays, September 4 and November 6, 6:00-7:00

### Inklings Writers Critique Group

Share feedback on current fiction projects with other writers.

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

### Inklings Writers Group

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

September: Creating Diverse Characters

October: Crafting Natural and Dynamic Dialogue

November: Writing Creative Nonfiction

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

**VIRTUAL** and Porter, 4th Thursdays, except 11/27, 6:00-7:30

### Introduction to Grant Writing

Grant research is a crucial step in securing funding for projects, whether for non-profits, businesses, or academic initiatives. Maximize your chances of success with Candid's Foundation Directory Online, the premier grant resource available at the Fredericksburg branch.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, November 12, 6:00-7:00



### Riverside Writers

Workshops, critique sessions, and expert speakers on writing.

Salem Church, October 11, 1:00-3:00, except 9/13 and 11/8

### Rappahannock Writers' Conference: Friday Night Workshops

An evening of pre-conference hands-on workshops. Workshop presenters Kim B Miller, Rich Follett, Wendy Latella, Tracy Wainwright, Rick Pullen, and Ksenya Swinton cover plotting, publishing, speaking, poetic language, screenwriting, and writing games. Registration required and opens September 26 at [librarypoint.org/writers-conference](http://librarypoint.org/writers-conference). Space is limited.

Howell, Friday, November 7, 6:00-8:00

### Rappahannock Writers' Conference

A day celebrating writers with informational workshops and panel discussions.

Featured speakers and panelists: Traci Hunter Abramson, Rick Pullen, Kim B Miller, Ksenya Swinton, Jeffrey James Higgins, Stephanie Black, Lisa Swinton, Deborah Hawkins, Tracy Wainwright, Linda J. White, Ellie Whitney, Lynda Allen, Mindy Quigley, Lane Stone, Caroline Crocker, J.S. Furlong, Laura Di Franco, Wendy Latella, Brian Paone, William LJ Galaini, S.C. Megale, Sarah Newland, Michelle Layer Rahal, Ginny Kochis, and Sarah Allen.

Registration required and opens September 26 at [librarypoint.org/writers-conference](http://librarypoint.org/writers-conference). Pre-register to receive weekly email writing tips and information on special writing events and library resources in the lead-up to the conference.

More details, see back cover.

Launch it!

## Trebuchet Contest

ALL AGES!

Bring your handcrafted trebuchet and test it in a competition.

Details and rules: [librarypoint.org/launch-it](http://librarypoint.org/launch-it)

Saturday, November 1

Rain date: November 15

Gayle Middle School Athletic Field, 100 Panther Drive, Fredericksburg, 22406

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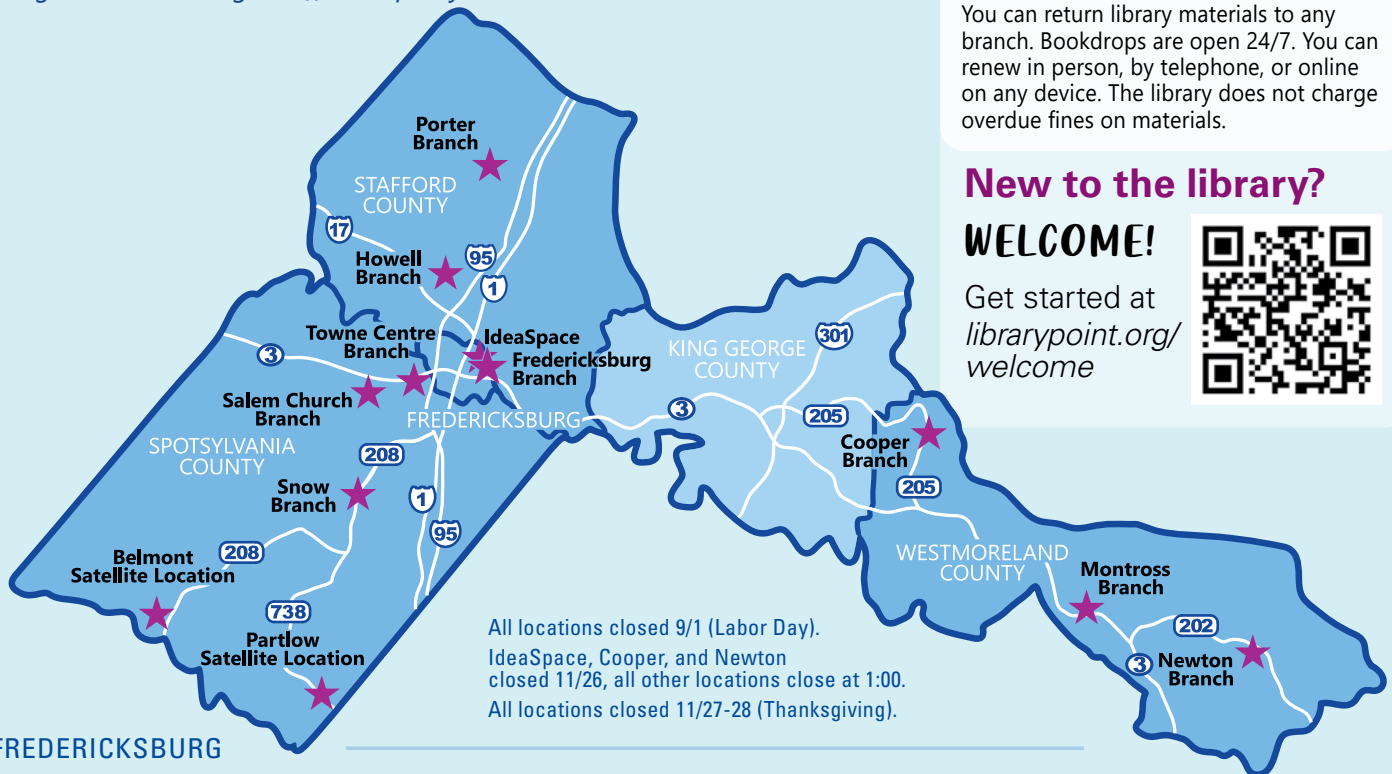


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Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00  
Friday, Saturday 9:00-5:30

### 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  
Monday 4:00-7:00

### Partlow Satellite Location

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

### Salem Church Branch

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

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Hours

### Towne Centre Branch

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

Extended  
Evening  
Hours

### Snow Branch

8740 Courthouse Rd., 22553  
Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00  
Friday-Saturday 9:00-5:30

Extended  
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Hours

## 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

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A day celebrating writers with  
workshops & panel discussions

# RAPPAHANNOCK Writers' Conference

Saturday, November 8, 8:45–4:30  
Germanna Community College

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

Keynote addresses  
by best-selling  
authors  
**Austin Camacho**  
and **Tom Straw**

Where Writers  
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## Topics Include:

- marketing
- plotting
- mysteries
- nonfiction
- writing for children
- writing about villains and beasts
- social media

## Friday Night Workshops

**Howell, Friday, November 7, 6:00-8:00**

Kim B Miller, Rich Follett, Wendy Latella,  
Tracy Wainwright, Rick Pullen, and Ksenya Swinton  
cover plotting, publishing, speaking, poetic language,  
screenwriting, and writing games.

Registration required and opens 9/26 at  
[librarypoint.org/writers-conference](http://librarypoint.org/writers-conference). Space is limited.

***[librarypoint.org/writers-conference](http://librarypoint.org/writers-conference)***

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For more details,  
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