

Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at
Central Rappahannock Regional Library

Spring 2026
March, April, May

What's happening
At Your Library

**Teen Poetry
Contest**

**Friends of
the Library**
Membership Month

Looking forward to
**Summer
Reading**
May 15-August 15



CRRL-CON

A comic book convention
at your library!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 12:00-4:00

SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

Welcome

There's something about watching the leaves return and the flowers bloom that makes anything seem possible. It's the season of new beginnings, and your public library is the perfect place to start yours!

Everyone can find their community at the Library. Whether you're into local history, health, or hands-on creating, there is a program for you. If you're a fan of comic books and superheroes, mark your calendar for the 12th annual CRRL-Con this April 18!

If you're looking for your next read, Library staff love talking about books. Ask for a recommendation in person or at librarypoint.org/my-librarian. And, please tell us what you're reading, too. If you need a little extra motivation, the Summer Reading challenge for all ages kicks off May 15 and rewards your progress.

If you prefer some quiet, reserve a privacy pod or study room (librarypoint.org/room-request) and enjoy some downtime. Be sure to check out an art show during your visit. You won't want to miss the 31st Annual Johnny P. Johnson Teen Art Show at Fredericksburg Branch; the talent of these high school students is truly amazing.

Whatever your goals are, stop by and see us. We can't wait to help you!



Rebecca Purdy,
Executive Director

Rebecca

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Monthly Branch Book Sales

Fredericksburg

March 23-25 · full price
March 26-27 · half price
March 28 · \$3/bag

April 27-29 · full price
April 30 · half price
May 2 · \$3/bag

May 26-27 · full price
May 28-29 · half price
May 30 · \$3/bag

Howell

March 19-21 · full price
March 23-24 · half price
March 25 · \$3/bag

April 16-18 · full price
April 20-21 · half price
April 22 · \$3/bag

May 21-23 · full price
May 26-27 · half price
May 28 · \$3/bag

Porter

March 6-7 · full price
March 9-10 · half price
March 11 · \$3/bag

April 3-4 · full price
April 6-7 · half price
April 8 · \$3/bag

May 2 · full price
May 4-5 · half price
May 6-7 · \$3/bag

Salem Church

March 17-20 · full price
March 21, 23 · half price
March 24 · \$3/bag

April 21-24 · full price
April 25, 27 · half price
April 28 · \$3/bag

May 19-22 · full price
May 23, 26 · half price
May 27 · \$3/bag

Snow

March 9-11 · full price
March 12-14 · half price
March 16 · \$3/bag

April 13-15 · full price
April 16-18 · half price
April 20 · \$3/bag

May 11-13 · full price
May 14-16 · half price
May 18 · \$3/bag

April is Friends of the Library Membership Month



Join the Friends!

Support your library
and community.

Find out more and join at:

crrlfriends.org



Funding

Your membership and purchases at our bookshop and sales allows Friends to provide funding for library classes and events.

Connect

Join people in your community who share a passion for libraries and learning.

Volunteer

Volunteer at the Friends Bookshop and special events.

 @CRRLFriends

Membership Month

SPRING

Book Sale

April 10-11 & 13-15

Preview Night for Friends members

Not a member? You can join at the door!

Friday, April 10, 5:00-8:00

20% Off Everything

Saturday, April 11, 10:00-6:00

50% Off Everything

Monday, April 13-Tuesday, April 14,
10:00-6:00

\$3/Bag in the Warehouse and Bargain Room + 50% Off in the Bookshop

Wednesday, April 15, 10:00-6:00

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.



2026 BOOK SALES at the Friends Center & Bookshop

Super Summer Sale

July 10-11 & 13-15

Friends of Libraries Week Sale

October 16-17 & 19-21

The Friday (& Saturday) Before Thanksgiving Sale

November 20-21

Save the
dates!

Summer Reading FOR ALL AGES

Read whatever you want all summer long!

May 15-August 15

Unearth

a STORY



- Log your reading and complete online missions
- Earn virtual badges and points
- Use points to enter raffles for chances to win prizes!

The more points you earn, the more prizes you could win!

Registration starts 5/1 at any branch or online:

librarypoint.org/summer

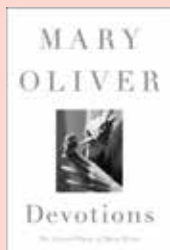
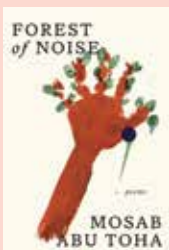


April is *National Poetry Month*

Check out these eBooks and eAudiobooks.

Scan the QR codes to see the full booklist and place these titles on hold.

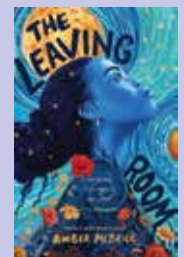
Spoken Word Poetry For Adults



Novels in Verse For Middle Graders



Novels in Verse For Teens



Children • Birth-age 5



Fun-filled activities to celebrate literacy. **All ages.**

Fredericksburg, Monday, March 2, 4:00-5:30

Howell, Monday, March 2, 4:00-5:30

Montross, Monday, March 2, 4:00-5:30

Newton, Monday, March 2, 4:00-5:30

Salem Church, Monday, March 2, 4:00-5:30

Porter, Tuesday, March 3, 4:00-5:30

Cooper, Wednesday, March 4, 4:00-5:30

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

librarypoint.org/1000-books

Can you and your child read 1,000 books together before kindergarten? Register online through Beanstack or pick up a paper log from the library. Track your reading and receive a special award for each 100 books completed.

For ages birth to 5 and their caregivers.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL)- Spotsylvania County Graduation Party Spring 2026

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, Thursday, March 26, 6:00

Sensory Time



Stories, songs, and activities to support early literacy practices in an environment that adapts to youth with autism and other developmental challenges. 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, except May 25

Evening and Weekend Grow a Reader Storytimes

librarypoint.org/grow-a-reader

Classes to work with any schedule.

Specially trained staff present stories, songs, and activities that lay the foundation your child needs to get ready to read. Designed for ages 5 and under, all ages welcome with a caregiver.

NEW!

Bedtime Stories

Pajamas encouraged!

Salem Church, 1st Tuesdays,
6:00-6:30

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

Fredericksburg, 1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:00

Saturday Tales

Porter, 4th Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 (starting April 25)



**Asian & Pacific
American Heritage
Month: Picture Books**



Grow a Reader Special STORYTIMES

Designed for
ages 5 and
under; all ages
welcome with
a caregiver.



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

Grow a Reader Special: Read Across America

Towne Centre, Wednesday, March 4, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special: Eid al-Fitr Mubarak

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



Grow a Reader Special: FXBGO!

In partnership with Fredericksburg Regional Transit
Fredericksburg, Tuesday, March 17, 10:00-10:30

Grow a Reader Special: Easter Fun

Porter, Friday, March 27,
10:30-11:00
(Visit with a real bunny!
Porter Branch only)

Snow, Tuesday, March 31,
11:00-11:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday,
April 1, 11:00-11:30

Salem Church, Friday,
April 3, 10:00-10:30,
11:00-11:30

Newton, Friday, April 3,
10:00-10:30

Cooper, Friday, April 3,
11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special: Happy Passover

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, March 31, 10:00-10:30

Grow a Reader Special: Celebrate Earth Day

Porter, Friday, April 17, 10:30-11:00

Howell, Wednesday, April 8, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special: Happy Mother's Day

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, May 5, 10:00-10:30

Howell, Wednesday, May 6, 11:00-11:30

Montross, Wednesday, May 6, 10:00-10:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday, May 6, 11:00-11:30

Salem Church, Friday, May 8, 10:00-10:30 and
11:00-11:30

Porter, Friday, May 8, 10:30-11:00

Newton, Friday, May 8, 10:00-10:30

Cooper, Friday, May 8, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special: Costume Day

Stories, songs and a costume parade.
Come dressed as your favorite character.

Howell, Wednesday, March 25, 11:00-11:30

Salem Church, Friday, March 20,
10:00-10:30, 11:00-11:30

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

Snow, Tuesday, April 14, 11:00-11:30

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Grow a Reader Special: Kids' Yoga Day

Towne Centre, Wednesday, April 8,
11:00-11:30

Salem Church, Friday, April 10,
10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30



Weekly Storytime Classes

***Special holiday-themed storytime on this date**

FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:15, except 5/12

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 5/13

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20, except 5/13

Fridays, 10:00-10:20, except 5/1 and 5/15

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30, except 3/31*, 5/5*, 5/12

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5

Fridays, 11:00-11:30, except 5/1 and 5/15

Bedtime Stories

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:00

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5

Fridays, 11:00-11:30, except 4/3*, 5/1, 5/8*

SPOTSYLVANIA

Salem Church Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 5/20

Toddler Time

Ages 2-3

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20, except 5/20

Thursdays, 10:00-10:20, except 5/21

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, 11:00-11:30, except 5/21

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5

Fridays, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30, except 4/3*, 4/10*, 5/1, 5/8*, 5/22

Bedtime Stories

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Pajamas encouraged

1st Tuesdays, 6:00-6:30

Towne Centre Branch

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 4/1*, 4/8*, 5/6*, 5/20

Snow Branch

Mother Goose

Ages 2 and under

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 5/19

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 3/30*, 4/14, 5/19

STAFFORD

Howell Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under

Thursdays, 11:00-11:15, except 4/2, 5/14

Fridays, 10:00-10:15, except 4/3, 5/1, 5/15

Toddler Time • Ages 2-3

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:20, except 4/1, 5/13

Fridays, 11:00-11:20, except 4/3, 5/1, 5/15

Alphabet Soup Ages 2-5

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 4/1, 4/8*, 5/6*, 5/13

Preschool Time Ages 3-5

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30, except 4/2, 5/14

Porter Branch

Mother Goose Time

Ages 2 and under

Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45, except 5/12

Thursdays, 9:30-9:45, except 5/14

Toddler Time Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50, except 5/12

Thursdays, 10:30-10:50, except 5/14

Alphabet Soup

Ages 2-5

Fridays, 10:30-11:00, except 3/20*, 3/27*, 5/1, 5/8*, 5/15

Preschool Time

Ages 3-5

Fridays, 9:30-10:00, except 5/1 and 5/15

Bedtime Stories

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00

Saturday Tales

Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

Porter, 4th Saturdays, 10:30-11:00, except 3/28

NEW!
Starts
4/25

Grades K-6

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

KidSpot

DIY crafts, games, and activities.
Newton, Mondays, 5:00-6:00,
except 5/25
Cooper, Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00,
except 5/20 and 5/27
Montross, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00
Towne Centre, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00

KidSpot Special: Happy Poetry Month

DIY crafts, games, and activities.
Towne Centre, Thursday, April 23,
5:00-6:00

Homework Buddies

Bring homework and school supplies
for help from teen mentors.
Porter, Mondays, 4:30-6:00,
except March 30, April 6.
Last date April 27

Chess Time

Casual chess for all skill levels.

Grades K-12.

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



Movie Night

March 9: *Smurfs* (2025) (PG)
April 13: *Wicked: For Good* (PG)
May 11: *Zootopia 2* (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

Westmoreland State Park Presents

STEM

In partnership with
Westmoreland State Park.
March: Birds
April: Flowers
Montross, 4th Mondays,
4:00-5:00
Cooper, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00

Pokémon Time

Bring your Pokémon cards to
trade or play.
Porter, 4th Saturdays,
3:00-4:00

Spring Break Movie Matinee

Salem Church, 2:00-4:00
March 30: *Dog Man* (PG)
April 2: *Wall-E* (G)

LEGO® Building Lab

We supply the bricks, you supply
the imagination. **STEM**

Porter, 1st Mondays, 4:30-5:30
Fredericksburg, 3rd Thursdays,
5:30-6:30
Snow, Mondays,
4:00-5:00
except 5/25
Salem Church,
Tuesdays,
4:00-5:00
Cooper, Saturdays,
11:00-12:00
Newton, Saturdays,
11:00-12:00
Montross, Saturdays,
2:00-3:00



FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Games, activities,
and more

Pandas

STEM

Howell, March 6,
4:30-5:15

Weirdest Animals on the Planet

STEM

Fredericksburg,
March 13, 4:30-5:15

Fairy Tales

Porter, March 20,
4:15-5:00

Women in History

Salem Church, March
20, 4:15-5:00

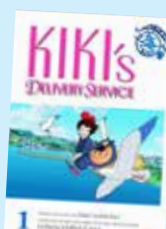
Fun with Playing Cards

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

Earth Heroes: Mission Recycle

STEM

Howell, April 10, 4:30-5:15
Porter, April 17, 4:15- 5:00
Salem Church, April 17,
4:15- 5:00



Studio Ghibli Fun

Fredericksburg, May 8,
4:30-5:15
Howell, May 8, 4:30-5:15
Porter, May 15, 4:15-5:00

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Star Wars

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

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Miniature Horse Visit

Held in sunny weather, no rain dates. This event is outdoors; please dress appropriately and wear closed-toe shoes. **All ages.**

Montross, Wednesday,
April 8, 11:00-12:00

Wacky Wednesdays

Stories, games, and crafts, followed by Movie Matinee from 3:00-4:30

Cooper, Wednesdays,
May 20 and 27, 2:00-3:00

Movie Matinee

Cooper, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30
May 20: *KPop Demon Hunters* (PG)
May 27: *Elio* (PG)

Spring Break Activities

A new activity every day.
Montross, March 30-April 7
Newton, March 30-April 7

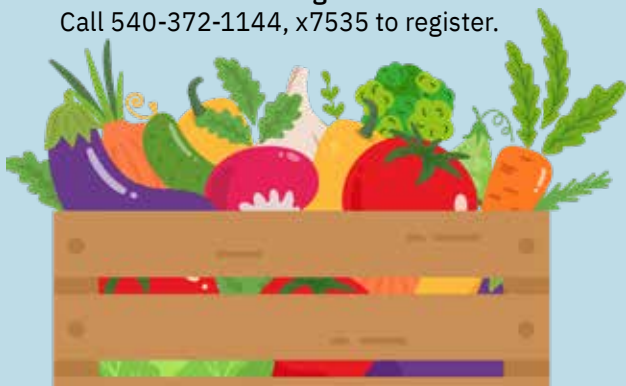
PAWS for Reading

Practice your reading with therapy dogs trained to be avid listeners. In partnership with Blue Gray Therapy Dogs. 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
Montross, 2nd Thursdays, 5:30-6:30
Howell, 2nd Saturdays, 1:30-3:00
Fredericksburg, 3rd Saturdays, 2:00-3:30
Snow, 4th Saturdays, 2:30-4:00

Gardening Workshops for Children

Salem Church, 3rd Saturdays, 9:30-11:30
Presented by the Master Gardeners Association of the Central Rappahannock Area. Learn how to grow vegetables in this hands-on series held in the library's garden.
Grades K-6 with caregiver.
Call 540-372-1144, x7535 to register.



Teens

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



Teen Art Tuesdays

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

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
Porter, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00

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

All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all skill levels.

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

Teen GAME Night

Games, crafts, and more.

Salem Church, 1st Mondays, 5:00-6:00
Howell, 2nd Mondays, 4:30-5:30
Montross, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6:00-7:00
Porter, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-7:00
Fredericksburg, 4th Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30

Teens

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Book Groups

librarypoint.org/teen-book-groups

New Members Always Welcome!

Scan the QR code to view the selected titles and more details »



Homeschool Book Cafe

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

Howell, 2nd Thursdays, 12:00-1:00, December-April

Read one (or more!) books from the monthly selections, then meet online or in person for a discussion.

Teen Book Group

March: Legendary Histories

April: Killer Characters

May: Terrible Trials

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

LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group

In partnership with Fredericksburg Pride.

March: Vampires

April: Arab American Voices

May: Time Travel

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

Teen
TAKE OVER

31st Annual Johnny P. Johnson

TEEN
art SHOW

Fredericksburg

Exhibition: March 6-April 28

Opening Reception: Friday, March 6, 7:00-8:30

librarypoint.org/teen-art

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Poetry

23rd Annual Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Contest

Celebrate National Poetry Month by submitting your original poetry. Winners will be invited to read their work at Teen Poetry Night. Entries will be judged by local poets: Laura Bylenok and David Anthony Sam.

Two categories: Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Maximum of two entries per person.

Online entries accepted April 1-15 at librarypoint.org/teen-poetry

Cash prizes!

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Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Night

Enjoy poetry readings by the winners of the Claudia Emerson Teen Poetry Contest, as well as by contest judges, local poets

Laura Bylenok and David Anthony Sam. **All ages.**

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-7:30

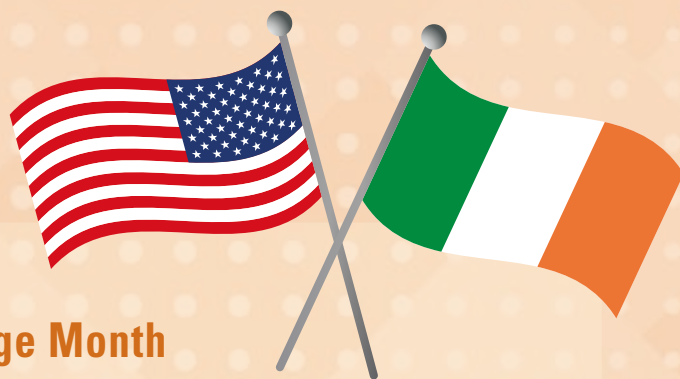
Ripped Poetry Night

Destroy to create! Use craft materials to make poetry.

Towne Centre, Friday, April 24, 4:00-5:00

Adults

For updates and program details, including virtual links, visit librarypoint.org/events.



Resources for Parents of Children with Disabilities

Presented by Rhonda Niebauer, Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center. PEATC offers free, confidential, one-on-one support to families of children with disabilities. Learn about resources to empower families navigating special education. Porter, 1st Fridays, 10:00-12:00, except 5/1

MARCH IS Irish American Heritage Month

Irish American Heritage Month

Presented by the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH). Explore the rich history of Irish culture in the United States through conversation with members of the AOH.

Fredericksburg, March 3, 4, and 5, 2:00-5:00

Salem Church, March 17, 18, and 19, 2:00-5:00

Genealogy: Researching Your Irish Ancestry

Discover how to trace your Irish heritage through Irish resources, documents, and records.

Howell, Saturday, March 14, 11:00-12:30

Arts & Crafts

Crochet and Knitting for Beginners

Materials provided for learning basic stitches. Bring your own supplies for any crochet or knitting projects. Intermediate and experienced crafters also welcome. **Grades K-adult.**

Salem Church, Mondays, 4:00-5:00, except 5/25

Crochet for Beginners

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

Montross, Mondays, 4:00-6:00, except 5/25

Newton, Thursdays, 11:00-12:00

Make Amazing Cards

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

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

NEW DAY!

Community Canvas: Craft & Connect

Create with others through collaborative art projects, no experience needed, while getting connected to free area resources.

Fredericksburg, 1st Wednesdays, 1:00-4:00



A Loosely Knit Group

Bring your current projects. Beginners welcome.

Cooper, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00

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

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

Bring a craft you're working on or something you'd like to share with the group.

Montross, Fridays, 10:00-12:00, except 5/1

Beginner Crafts

Materials provided. Sign up at librarypoint.org.

In partnership with Colonial Beach Parks and Recreation.

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

March 9: Marble Dipped Mugs

April 13: Tattooed Pencil Cups

May 11: Kaleidoscope Vases

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

March 17: Button Craft

April 21: CDs Repurposed

May 19: Paper Roses



MakerLab Badging

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

librarypoint.org/makerlab

Embroidery Machine

Machine embroidery uses computer-guided stitching to create designs on various materials and garments.

Glowforge Laser Cutter

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

Serger

A specialty sewing machine that uses multiple threads to quickly trim and professionally finish fabric edges with a durable overlock stitch.



Adults

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Arts & Crafts

Fresh Start Photography Meetup

Meet with other photographers to discuss, learn, and hone your skills. Salem Church, 3rd Thursdays, 6:00-8:00

Flower Crowns

Practice making flower crowns for upcoming holidays and festivals. Sign-up at librarypoint.org/events. Fredericksburg, Friday, March 27, 4:00-5:00

7-Week Crochet-Along: Book-quet Bookmarks

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, April 6-May 18, 6:00-7:00

Art Shows

31st Annual Johnny P. Johnson Teen Art Show

Fredericksburg, March and April

Unmasking Brain Injury exhibit presented by Brain Injury Services

Howell, March

Collection of Art Prints by Amy Perrotti

Salem Church, March

Patch Making 101

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

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

Bullet Journaling

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

Porter, Saturday, April 18, 3:00-4:00

Tote Bag Decorating

Kick off Summer Reading by decorating a tote bag for your books. Sign-up required.

Fredericksburg, Friday, May 15, 3:30-4:30

Olga Sushkova-Hunyadi

Howell, April

North Stafford High School

Porter, April

Art of Recovery, presented by Rappahannock Area Community Services Board

Fredericksburg, May

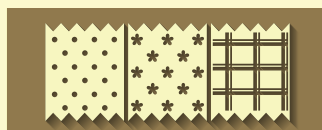
Hoopla BingePass

7 days of unlimited access

librarypoint.org/hoopla

Startup Library: Sewing SeasonPass from Craftsy

Learn the basics of garment-making with expert Sara Alm in this comprehensive seven-day beginner's course. Learn essential techniques while crafting a tote bag and a dress.



Author Talks

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

Michael Perry

Wednesday, March 4, 2:00

Humorist, musician, and New York Times bestselling author, of *Population: 485* and *Truck: A Love Story*.

Kate Quinn

Thursday, March 12, 7:00. New York Times bestselling author of historical fiction, including *The Briar Club* and *The Astral Library*.

Shoshana Walter and Barbara Kingsolver

Tuesday, March 24, 2:00. Shoshana Walter is a Pulitzer-finalist investigative journalist and author of *Rehab: An American Scandal*; Barbara Kingsolver is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Demon Copperhead*.

Valerie Neal (Smithsonian)

Thursday, April 2, 2:00. Space History Curator Emerita at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. Author of *On a Mission: The Smithsonian History of U.S. Women Astronauts*.

Brad Taylor

Tuesday, April 14, 7:00. Retired Special Forces officer and New York Times bestselling author of the Pike Logan series, including *The Devil's Ransom*.

Miranda Cowley Heller

Wednesday, April 22, 2:00
Former HBO Senior Vice President and the #1 New York Times bestselling author for her debut novel, *The Paper Palace*.

Marjan Kamali

Thursday, May 7, 7:00
Award-winning author of *The Stationery Shop* and *The Lion Women of Tehran*.

Nir Eyal

Tuesday, May 19, 2:00
Former Stanford lecturer and bestselling author of *Hooked* and his most recent guide to focus, *Indistractable: How to Control Your Attention and Choose Your Life*.

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New Members Always Welcome!

Books & Boba: Memorable Memoirs

Tuesday, March 3, 6:00-7:00. Meets at Tea'Go, 35 Walpole St. #115, Stafford, 22554

Bring your favorite book and your go-to boba order—and let's read together!

Civil War Book Group

In partnership with Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park

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

March 4: *Hard Tack and Coffee* by John Billings

April 1: *Burying the Dead But Not the Past: Ladies' Memorial Associations and the Lost Cause* by Caroline Janney

May 6: *Rebel Yell: The Violence, Passion, and Redemption of Stonewall Jackson* by S.C. Gwynne

The Hague Winery Book Group

1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

Meets at The Hague Winery, 8268 Cople Hwy., Hague, 22469

March 5: Biography of your choice

April 2: *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë

May 7: *Do Not Become Alarmed* by Maile Meloy

Walking Book Group

1st Fridays, 9:30-11:00, except 5/1.

Meets at Willowmere Park, 21 Willowmere Pond Rd., Stafford 22556.

March 6: *Chosen by a Horse* by Susan Richards

April 3: *Summer Hours at the Robbers Library* by Sue Halpern

Chill Lofi Reading Time

Porter, 1st Fridays, 4:00-5:00, except 5/1

Read, work on a puzzle, or color in a relaxed atmosphere with gentle lofi background music.

Books & Wine

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

March 9: Books set in Northern Ireland

April 13: *The Vaster Wilds* by Lauren Groff

May 11: *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer

2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00

Meets at Colonial Beach Brewing, 215C Washington Ave., Colonial Beach, 22443

March 10: *I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith

April 14: *You Never Forget Your First* by Alexis Coe

May 12: *Bandit Queens* by Parini Shroff

Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group

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

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

March 16: *I Have Some Questions for You* by Rebecca Makkai

April 20: *Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a Dead Man)* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

May 18: *The Midnight Feast* by Lucy Foley

Books & Coffee

3rd Tuesdays, 10:15-11:30

Meets at Curitiba Art Café, 919 Caroline St., Fredericksburg 22401

Book selections can be picked up at Fredericksburg Branch

March 17: *The Sisterhood: The Secret History of Women at the CIA* by Liza Mundy

April 21: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

May 19: *Everyone Is Lying to You* by Jo Piazza

Facebook Book Chat

Lively discussion through comments on a Facebook group post. Join our book chat group at facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat

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

March 18: Favorite Female Characters

April 15: Families in Fiction

May 20: Celebrating Audiobooks

Rainbow Reads

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

March 18: *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller

April 15: *When the Tides Held the Moon* by Venessa Vida Kelley

May 20: *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin

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, VA 22406

March 19: *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray

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

May 21: *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes

Horror Book Group

Montross, 4th Saturdays, 1:30-2:30

March 28: *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson

April 25: *The Watches* by A. M. Shine

May 23: *Dracula* by Bram Stoker

Novel Tea Book Group: *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck

Salem Church, Saturday, April 25, 2:00-3:00

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



We the Readers Civic Book Club: *Maid* by Stephanie Land

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, April 21, 7:00-8:00

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



Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Log 5 books read between January 1-March 31 to earn a zippered pouch, while supplies last. Ages 16 and up. Sign up at librarypoint.org/winter.

Log your
reading by
April 15!

Adults

For updates and program details,
including virtual links, visit

Branch Book Groups librarypoint.org/book-groups

Cooper Book Group

3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

March 19: *Luck of the Irish*

April 16: Free Read

May 21: Mystery Month

Fredericksburg Book Group

2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

March 14: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*
by Mark T. Sullivan

April 11: *Persuasion* by Jane Austen

May 9: *Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger

Howell Book Group

1st Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

March 3: *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It*
by Elle Cosimano

April 7: *The Great Alone*
by Kristin Hannah

May 5: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

Montross Book Group

2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

March 13: *Code Girls* by Liza Mundy

April 10: *The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson* by Ellen Baker

May 8: *Razorblade Tears*
by S.A. Cosby

Newton Book Group

4th Fridays, 11:00-12:00

March 27: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

April 24: *The Wager* by David Grann

May 22: Pulitzer Prize Books

Porter Book Group

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

March 5: *Interior Chinatown*
by Charles Yu

April 2: *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford

May 1: *Circe* by Madeline Miller

Salem Church Book Group

3rd Mondays, 6:30-7:30

March 16: *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams

April 20: *There There*
by Tommy Orange

May 18: *Maame*
by Jessica George

Snow Book Group

3rd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

March 18: *Magpie Murders*
by Anthony Horowitz

April 15: *Nora Webster*
by Colm Tóibín

May 20: *Euphoria* by Lily King

Towne Centre Book Group

1st Mondays, 9:00-10:00

March 2: *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman

April 6: The Bookish Best of 2025

May 4: *Dear George, Dear Mary*
by Mary Calvi

12th Annual CRRL-CON

A comic book convention at the library! Cosplay, vendors, Dungeons & Dragons, giveaways, activities, and more. Visit librarypoint.org/crrl-con for the latest updates. All ages. Howell, Saturday, April 18, 12:00-4:00

Star Wars Day

Star Wars-themed activities, trivia, and crafts. While supplies last. **For adults.**

Salem Church, Thursday, April 30, 5:00-7:00

Fredericksburg, Saturday, May 2, 3:00-4:30

Montross, Monday, May 4, 4:00-8:00



COSPLAY WORKSHOPS

Presented by experienced cosplayer and cosplay judge, Bucky. Design and create your dream cosplay! Each class stands alone. Attend one or all five. **Grade 6-adult.**

How to find and select materials and design your look.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, March 7, 3:30-4:30

Bring your current cosplay to work on or start something new.

Howell, Monday, March 23, 4:30-5:30

Porter, Thursday, April 2, 5:00-6:00

Salem Church, Friday, April 3, 3:00-4:00

Howell, Saturday, April 11, 3:30-4:30

Community & Civics



Free Tax Preparation Clinics

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

Cooper, Fredericksburg, Howell, Porter, Salem Church, through 4/14

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

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, March 31, 5:00-7:00

Citizenship Info Session

Learn the basics of the U.S. citizenship process and get connected with reliable resources to start your naturalization journey.

Porter, 1st Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00

Fredericksburg DSS in the Community

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

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Ages 17 and up. Sign up at RedCrossBlood.org.

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, April 7, 1:00-6:00

Porter, Thursday, April 16, 12:30-6:30

Howell, Tuesday, April 21, 10:00-4:00

How to File for Custody in Virginia

Learn the steps for filing for child custody in Virginia.

Fredericksburg, Monday, April 20, 6:00-7:00

Your DIY Legal Toolkit: Gale LegalForms Basics

Save on legal fees with Gale LegalForms, a library resource available at no charge. Learn to customize professional templates for wills, leases, and business documents—no legal experience necessary.

Montross, Friday, April 24, 10:00-11:00

Fredericksburg, Monday, May 18, 6:00-7:00

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, Friday, April 24, 11:30-1:00

Community Resource Corner Explore resources and join the conversation.

D=Display, T=Table, P=Presentation

Conservation Gardening

Learn about the practical and environmental benefits of conservation gardening.

Montross, Tuesday, March 10, all day (D)

Snow, Tuesday, March 17, 2:00-3:00 (T)

Cooper, Wednesday, March 25, all day (T)

Salem Church, throughout March (D)

Volunteering

Explore ways to give back to your community.

Howell, Thursday, April 9, all day (T)

Cooper, Wednesday, April 22, 6:00-7:00 (T)

Fredericksburg, throughout April (D)

The Benefits of Walking

Porter, Thursday, April 9, all day (T)

Towne Centre, Wednesday, April 1, all day (T)

Foster Care

May is National Foster Care Month. Explore resources and join a conversation about foster care in our community.

Howell, Monday, May 11, all day (T)

Porter, Thursday, May 14, all day (T)

Montross, Monday, May 18, 6:00-7:00 (P)

Montross, throughout May (D)

Newton, Tuesday, May 19, all day (T)



Financial

Wealth Wednesdays

Presented by ALNA Financial Group LLC. New recordings posted to facebook.com/crrlnews and youtube.com/crrlvideo.

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

March 11: Understanding Retirement Income Structures

April 8: Mid-Year Tax Considerations

May 13: Investing in 2026: Key Concepts for Long-Term Investors

Introduction to Grant Proposal Writing

Learn to craft compelling and effective foundation grant proposals.

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, April 14, 4:00-5:30

Introduction to Project Budgets for Grant Writing

Learn the components of a project budget and how a budget relates to a grant proposal.

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, May 19, 4:00-5:30

Adults

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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.

librarypoint.org/seed-library
Fredericksburg, ongoing



Gardening Workshops

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

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

March 3: Organic Pest Management
April 7: Backyard Foraging
May 5: All About Tomatoes

Gardening by the Month Workshops

Learn monthly gardening tips with the Master Gardeners.

Fredericksburg, Saturdays, 1:00-2:00

March 7: Companion Planting, Water, and Mulch

April 18: Soil Health and Cover Crops

May 2: Propagation Through Cuttings

Backyard Composting 101

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

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, March 18, 6:00-7:00

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

Howell, Wednesday, May 20, 6:00-7:00



Homesteading for Beginners: Garden Pest Control

Presented by Stephanie Romelczyk, Westmoreland County Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent.
Montross, Monday, March 30, 6:00-7:00



Plant Clinic

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

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10:00-12:00, beginning in April

Self-Sufficiency Skills Workshop

Bring clothes that need care and learn how to mend, darn, and upcycle in this hands-on workshop.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, April 11, 3:00-4:30

Arbor Day: Tree Planting 101

Presented by Widewater State Park Chief Ranger, Ellen Hillborn.

Celebrate Arbor Day at Widewater State Park by learning how to plant and cultivate new trees. Meets at Widewater State Park Visitor Center, 101 Widewater State Park Rd, Stafford, 22554.

Friday, April 24, 4:00-5:00



Gardening Workshops for Children

Presented by the Master Gardeners Association of the Central Rappahannock Area. Learn how to grow vegetables in this hands-on series held in the library's garden.

Grades K-6 with caregiver.

Call 540-372-1144, x7535 to register.

Salem Church, 3rd Saturdays, 9:30-11:30

Games

Bingo

Sponsored by Neighbor2 Neighbor.

Cooper, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 11:00-12:00



Mahjong Players Club

Experienced and beginner players welcome.

Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00

Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00

Tabletop Games

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

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

Newton, 2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

All-Ages Chess

Casual chess for all skill levels.

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

Intermediate Bridge

Salem Church, Wednesdays, except the 3rd, 12:00-4:00

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

Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners

Presented by Dungeon Master Rob Fuller.

Grade 6-adult.

Howell, Saturday, April 4, 12:00-1:00 and 1:00-2:00



Adult Activity Time

Activities and games for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers.

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, May 6, 1:00-2:30

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Puzzles must include all pieces.

Porter, Saturday, May 9, 1:00-2:30

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

Free Health Assessments

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

Fredericksburg, Tuesdays, 9:30-2:00, March 3-April 28
Salem Church, Mondays, March 9-May 11, 9:30-2:00, except 3/16, 4/20, and 5/4

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

Tai Chi and Qi Gong

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

Towne Centre, select Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00.

March 4 and 18; April 1, 15 and 29; May 13 and 27

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 Gong for Vitality

Presented by Katrina Dill, owner of Yes to Holistic Health. A gentle class for older adults to ease pain and improve circulation—no experience needed. Comfortable attire.

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

NEW
LOCATION!

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.

Salem Church, Wednesday, March 4, 10:00-2:00

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, April 1, 10:00-2:00

Time With a Therapy Dog

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

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

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



Holistic Health for Parents and Kids

Presented by Jessica Glass. Discover mind-body strategies for a healthier, happier life for parents and kids.

VIRTUAL and Porter, Thursday, March 12, 11:00-12:00

Holistic Health for All

Presented by Jessica Glass. Learn practical mind-body strategies for a healthier, more balanced life.

VIRTUAL and Porter, Thursday, March 12, 1:00-2:00

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

Enrich Your Life With Journaling

Whether you are new to journaling or have kept one for years, learn more about this enriching practice with how-tos, prompts, and ideas for fitting it into your life. **Grade 7-adult.**

Howell, Saturday, May 2, 2:00-3:30



Mental Health Awareness Month Movie

In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, come join the library and NAMI Rappahannock for a viewing of *Good Side of Bad*.

Fredericksburg, Friday, May 8, 6:00-8:00

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.

Fredericksburg, 1st Fridays, 10:30-12:00

Howell, 2nd Fridays, 10:30-12:00 **NEW!**

Salem Church, 3rd Fridays, 10:30-12:00

Cooper, 4th Mondays, 10:30-12:00, except 5/25

Adults

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History

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



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



Washington Heritage Museum Lecture Series

In partnership with the Washington Heritage Museum. Join us for an engaging lecture series that brings local history to life.

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

Virginia in the American Revolution: Finding Your Virginia Patriot

Presented by Vickey Baggott, NSDAR, Spotsylvania Chapter. Resources on finding your Virginia patriot and how to get started in online genealogy.

Salem Church, Thursday, March 5, 1:00-2:00

Colonel John Fitzgerald: 18th-Century Irish Émigré, George Washington's Aide-de-Camp, and Civic Leader

Presented by Bill Halpin, President of the Irish Cultural Society of Virginia. Col. John Fitzgerald, an Irish immigrant who established himself in Virginia, served directly under George Washington on the fields of battle at Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, and more.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, March 7, 11:00-12:30

History in Film: *Felicity - An American Girl Adventure* (2005)

A movie showing with activities. **All ages.**

Salem Church, Monday, March 9, 5:00-7:00

Revolutionary Ideals

Presented by Dr. Gaila Sims. Celebrate the Marquis de Lafayette's belief in freedom and democracy by learning about when he visited Fredericksburg as part of his multiyear Grand Tour of the United States in 1824 and 1825.

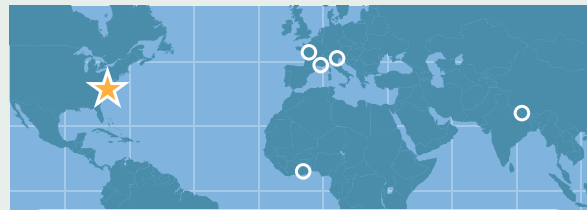
Fredericksburg, Wednesday, March 11, 6:00-7:30

Porter, Wednesday, March 25, 6:00-7:30

Genealogy: Researching Your Irish Ancestry

Discover how to trace your Irish heritage through Irish resources, documents, and records.

Howell, Saturday, March 14, 11:00-12:30



A Cultural Quilt: Fredericksburg's Sister Cities

Presented by Fredericksburg Sister Cities. An overview of immigration and cultural contributions to America, explored through Fredericksburg's five sister cities: Fréjus, France; Prince's Town, Ghana; Schwetzingen, Germany; Este, Italy; Kathmandu, Nepal. Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30

March 19: Schwetzingen, Germany

Explore the enduring impact of German culture, traditions, and communities in the Greater Fredericksburg region.

April 16: Este, Italy

Discover the influence of Italian wine cultivation, architecture, and culture on early Virginia's history.

May 21: Fréjus, France

French Influences on the American Story: a dynamic panel discussion examining the impact of French immigration, culture, and history on the United States.

1775: An Interactive Espionage Adventure

Solve puzzles and riddles as a spy during the American Revolution. Call or visit Salem Church to book your time. **Grade 3-adult.**

Salem Church, Tuesday, March 31, 5:00-7:00

Margaret Brent: Catholic Immigrant, Landowner, and Attorney

Presented by Widewater State Park Chief Ranger Ellen Hillborn. Margaret Brent lived a life filled with actions remarkable and extraordinary for a woman of the 17th century.
Porter, Saturday, April 4, 11:00-12:30



James Hunter and His Iron Works

Presented by Kathi Lynn Austin, Freedom Forge Foundation, and Jerrilynn Eby MacGregor, Stafford County Historical Society. Largely unknown Revolutionary War hero James Hunter established the foundation of America's defense industry at his Falmouth Iron Works, becoming one of the largest producers of arms and supplies for the Continental Troops.
Porter, Saturday, April 11, 11:00-2:00

Dr. Joseph Warren and Other Lesser-Known Sons of Liberty

Presented by Connie S. Schroeder, NSDAR Overwharton Parish. Discover the stories and lives of many of the lesser-known Founding Fathers, including Dr. Joseph Warren.
Porter, Saturday, April 18, 11:00-12:30

History Alive: Spies of the American Revolution

Activities, crafts, and facts about spies during the American Revolution. While supplies last. **All ages.**
Salem Church, Friday, April 24, 3:00-5:00
Snow, Saturday, May 2, 2:00-3:00

Revolutionary Medicine and Hugh Mercer's Apothecary Shop

Historical interpreters from the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop will bring Revolutionary War-era medical practices to life through stories, demonstrations, and historical context.
Fredericksburg, Thursday, April 30, 6:00

Historical Fashion Show

Presented by Rebecca Peacock. Explore the clothing and history of the American colonial period in this live fashion show.
All ages.
Cooper, Saturday, May 2, 10:00-11:00



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.
Porter, Saturday, May 2, 11:00-12:30

Towne Centre Book Group: *Dear George, Dear Mary* by Mary Calvi

Towne Centre, Monday, May 4, 9:00-10:00

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.
Howell, Saturday, May 9, 11:00-12:30



Indigenous People, Virginia, and the American Revolution

Presented by Dr. Jason Sellers of the 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.
Howell, Saturday, May 16, 11:00-12:30

Historical Walk

A leisurely walking tour of historic downtown. Starts at Fredericksburg Branch.
Thursday, April 16, 2:30-4:00
Rain date: Thursday, April 23

VA250 Spring Book Group: *A Girl Called Samson* by Amy Harmon

Discuss a fictional novel detailing a young patriot who fights for her country's freedom—all the while keeping the secret of who she is—to bring about an independence for the American colonies. Contact the Porter Branch Adult Services desk to have a copy of the book sent to your home branch.
Porter, Monday, April 27, 6:00-7:00



Virtual Author Talk with Amy Harmon

VIRTUAL, Tuesday, March 10, 10:00-11:00



Adults

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including virtual links, visit
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Language Learning

ELL Resources on Demand

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

Porter, Mondays 10:00-11:00, and Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00, except 5/25

English Basics for Beginners

An Active Learning class for beginner English language learners.

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00

English Language Learners Book Group

Practice reading, speaking, and listening in English.

Fredericksburg, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 2:15-3:15, except 4/23

March 12 and 26: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* by Mark Haddon

April 9: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

May 14 and 28: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

Spanish with Amigos

Drop in for interactive bilingual Spanish learning games. **All ages.**

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

Conversation Groups

Relaxed language practice.

German Conversation Group

Porter, 1st & 3rd Mondays, 4:00-5:00

English Conversation Groups

Porter, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 11:00-12:00

Salem Church, Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00

VIRTUAL, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

Spanish Conversation Group

All levels welcome.

Porter, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00

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

French Conversation Group

All levels welcome.

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

Lunch & Learn

 Bite-sized learning you can watch anywhere.

Watch Fridays on Facebook @crrlnews and YouTube @crrlvideo
Watch later on librarypoint.org/lunch-learn

The Leedstown Resolves

March 6, presented by Jon Bachman, local naturalist and historian.

Getting Started in Cosplay

March 13, presented by experienced cosplayer and cosplay judge Bucky.
A CRRL-Con event! More details on page 13.

Your Financial Future: Basics of Retirement Savings

March 20, presented by Katherine Burns, Financial Specialist

STEP VA Musical Performance Overview

March 27

Meet the USS Potomac

April 3, presented by Capt. Catherine Weeks of the USS Potomac.

Rappahannock Education Farm

April 10, presented by Rich Laroche, Chair, Rappahannock Education Farm.

History of Haiku

April 17

AI: Weird, Fun, and Useful Prompts to Try

April 24

The Queens of Crime: Women Writers of the Golden Age of Mystery

May 8

41st Annual Music on the Steps

May 15

Notary 101 for Customers

May 29



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Movies

Friday Films

Newton, 1st and 3rd Fridays, 11:00-1:00, except 5/1. **For adults.**

March 6: *Leap Year*

March 20: *Jurassic World: Rebirth*

April 3: *Easter Parade*

April 17: *The Roses*

May 15: *The Naked Gun*

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

March 7: *Hollywood Actors Who Served in WWII*

April 4: *Action in the North Atlantic* (1943)

May 2: *The Darkest Hour* (2017)

Cinema Night

Cooper, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00. **For adults.**

March 10: *Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere*

March 24: *Soul on Fire*

April 14: *Wicked: For Good*

April 28: *Nonnas*

May 12: *Sarah's Oil*

May 26: *The Thursday Murder Club*

Horror Movie Club

Howell, 3rd Saturdays, 3:00-4:00, except 4/18

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

March 21: *Slashers*

April 25: *Monster Movies*

May 16: *Horror Comedy*

Music

Music and Movement for Older Adults

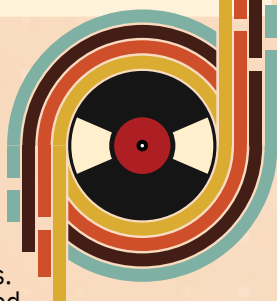
Sing, move, and reminisce through music of the 1930s to 1970s.

Music performed by Jordyn Shaffer, a board-certified music therapist.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, May 14, 3:00-4:00

CRRL's IdeaSpace Presents

Watch musical performances by local artists recorded at CRRL's IdeaSpace. View at youtube.com/crrlvideo or follow @crrl_ideaspace on Instagram



Tea

Tea With Friends

Learn about the library and enjoy tea with friends.

Montross, 3rd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

Mother's Day Tea

Montross, Thursday, May 7, 2:30-3:30
Stories, poems, and tea.

Tea Tasting

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

Fredericksburg,
Friday, May 29,
4:00-5:00



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

Everyday Raspberry Pi Projects

Hands-on projects for improving your everyday life with Raspberry Pi.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, May 28,
6:00-7:00

Fredericksburg Linux Users Group

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

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

March 28: ImageMode - a new way to deploy Linux

April 25: SBC and other small factor computers for Linux at home

May 23: New Tech from the Red Hat Summit

Linux Install Party

Come with questions about Linux and let us install Linux Mint on your aging laptop.

Howell, Saturday, March 21,
1:00-5:30

Salem Church, Saturday, May 2,
9:00-1:00

Tech on the Go

Check out high-tech equipment for your creative projects!

librarypoint.org/techgo

Akai MPK Mini Keyboard

A versatile keyboard that is ideal for creating beats.

Canon EOS Rebel T7

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

Oral History Podcast kit

Perfect for recording on the go or in a quiet home setting.



Writers

Inklings Writers Group

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

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

Porter and VIRTUAL, 4th
Thursdays, 6:00-7:30

March: The Writer's Notebook

April: Using Poetry to Write Fiction and Narrative Nonfiction

May: Ah-mazing Openings With Local Author J.S. Furlong

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 Critique Group

Share feedback on current projects with other writers.

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

Riverside Writers

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

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

Local Authors Festival

Celebrate and meet our community of local authors with book signings, resources, and light refreshments.

Salem Church, Saturday,
May 23, 9:30-12:30



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- Water Safety Instructors / Aides

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JOB FAIR

Tuesday, March 3
3pm - 7pm
Rowser Building
1739 Richmond Hwy
Stafford VA

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Registration for Summer Camps open Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at www.staffordparks.com

SUMMER

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ALL-DAY CAMPS

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CAMP ACCOKEEK (Ages 9-11)

OUTDOOR CAMPS

CAMP OKEECHOBEE (Ages 6-8)

CAMP WINAMAC (Ages 9-11)

CAMP KENOSHA (Ages 12-14)

GYMNASTICS CAMPS

PRESCHOOL (Ages 4-6)

SCHOOL-AGE (Ages 6-12)

SPORTS CAMPS

BASKETBALL - BOYS (Ages 8-14)

BASKETBALL - GIRLS (Ages 8-14)

MULTI-SPORT (5+ SPORTS) (Ages 8-14)

SOCCER (Ages 5-12)

VOLLEYBALL (Ages 9-17)

FIELD HOCKEY (Ages 8-14)

SPECIALTY CAMPS

CRAFTY KIDS CAMP (Ages 6-10)

SCIENCE CAMP (Ages 6-10)

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MINI LIFEGUARD CAMP (Ages 6-10)

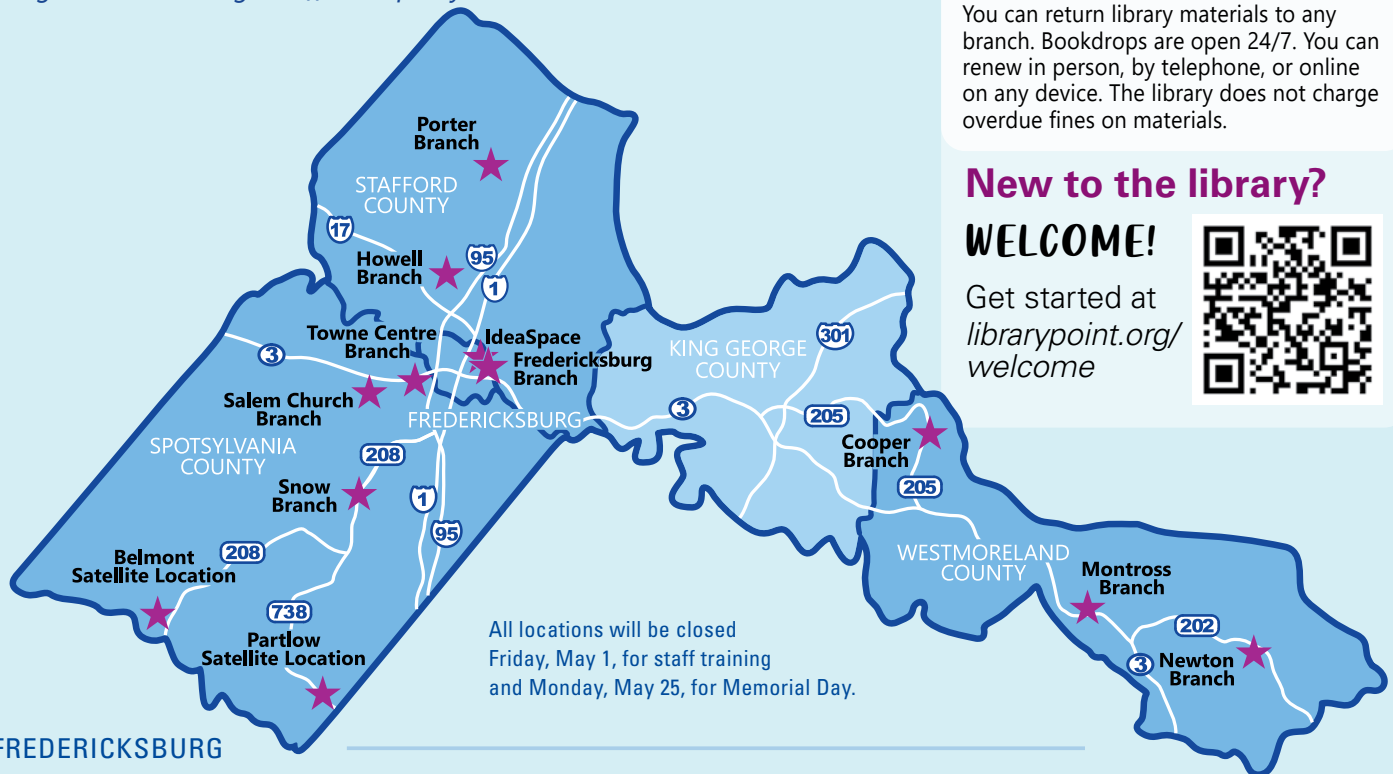
JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CAMP (Ages 11-14)

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



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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
 Monday 4:00-7:00

Salem Church Branch

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

Towne Centre Branch

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

Partlow Satellite Location

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

Snow Branch

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

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

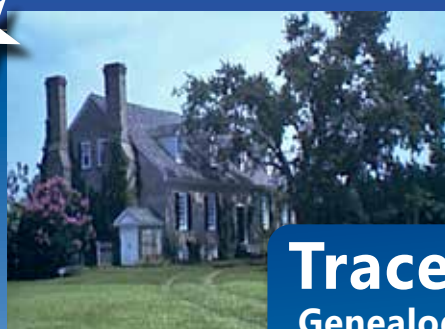
Newton Branch

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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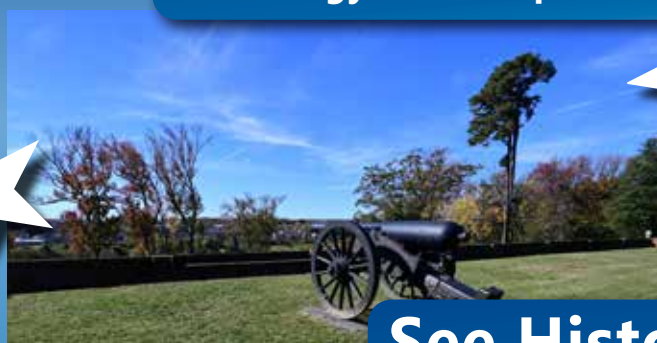
VA250 VIRGINIA'S HISTORY IS AMERICA'S STORY

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



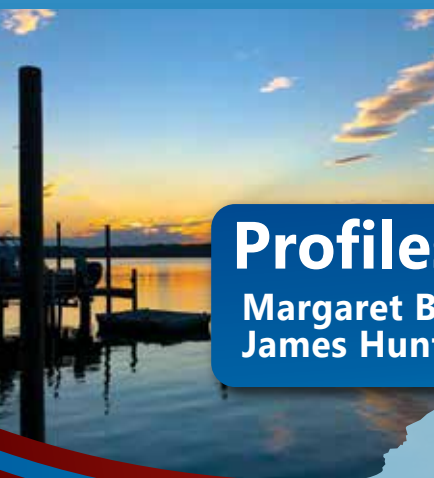
Trace Your Lineage

Genealogy Workshops



See History in Motion

Historical Fashion Show
and Walking Tour



Profiles in History

Margaret Brent, John Fitzgerald,
James Hunter, and more

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for the full list of
VA250 classes
and events at the
library this spring!

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