Your FREE guide to lifelong learning at Central Rappahannock Regional Library

Winter 2026–27
December, January, February

What's happening

At Your Library

Best of 2026

Teen Art Contest

Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Rappahannock Reads
The Library's Community Read



Best of 2026

Celebrating a year of learning, connections, and growth

SERVING FREDERICKSBURG, STAFFORD, SPOTSYLVANIA, AND WESTMORELAND

Welcome

from the Executive Director



Rebecca Purdy

As this year comes to a close, looking back at the Best of 2026 offers an inspiring look at what the Library makes possible. With every success, one common theme stands out: the ways the Library brings together its many communities.

The community of readers thrives with reading challenges for all ages, from babies to adults (because adults deserve prizes, too!) and inspiring author visits. Highlights include Dr. Ashely Alker's hilarious talk on *99 Ways to Die: And How to Avoid Them* and the return of the Library's community read, Rappahannock Reads, centered on Dr. Douglas Tallamy's book *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard*. Customers can participate in book discussions and related events leading up to a live community Q&A with the author on Saturday, April 10, 2027.

The community of learners flourishes through engaging initiatives, such as the Regional Spelling Bee where children demonstrate the results of months of hard work as they spell words most of us have never even heard of and the many informative and entertaining classes and events honoring Virginia's role in the nation's 250th anniversary.

The community of connection brings people together to celebrate milestone achievements, such as 25 years of service at Newton Branch and 10 years of the Writers' Conference welcoming local writers, both those who are published and those who are still dreaming of that day.

Finally, the community of supporters knows that the Library plays a vital role in providing access to literacy and learning to everyone. They help the Library through the revamped sponsorship program and, for tax-free donations, the brand-new Library Literacy & Learning Fund.

I can't wait to see how these communities progress in the coming year! What would you like to see at the library in 2027? Share your suggestions with us the next time you visit--in person or online!

Rebecca

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Support your library--support your community!

Join the Friends of the Library

and help make amazing things happen!

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Find out more and join at:
crrlfriends.org

Monthly Branch Book Sales

Dates skip Sundays and holidays when library is closed.

Days 1-3: Full Price
Days 4-5: Half Price
Day 6: $3/Bag

FREDERICKSBURG
Dec. 14-16, Dec. 17-18, Dec. 19
Jan. 25-27, Jan. 28-29, Jan. 30
Feb. 22-24, Feb. 25-26, Feb. 27

HOWELL
Dec. 17-19, Dec. 21-22, Dec. 23
Jan. 21-23, Jan. 25-26, Jan. 27
Feb. 18-20, Feb. 22-23, Feb. 24

PORTER
Dec. 4-5 and 7, Dec. 8-9, Dec. 10
Jan. 2 and 4, Jan. 5-6, Jan. 7
Feb. 5-6 and 8, Feb. 9-10, Feb. 11

Days 1-4: Full Price
Days 5-6: Half Price
Day 7: $3/Bag

SALEM CHURCH
Dec. 15-18, Dec. 19 and 21, Dec. 22
Jan. 19-22, January 23 and 25, Jan. 26
Feb. 16-19, Feb. 20 and 22, Feb. 23

SNOW
Dec. 14-17, Dec. 18-19, Dec. 21
Jan. 11-14, Jan. 15-16, Jan. 18
February 8-11, Feb. 12-13, Feb. 15

The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) public charity, and 100% of the proceeds from the Friends' books sales support the organization and your library!

December Book Sale

125 Olde Greenwich Drive, Suite 155

Dec. 11-12, 14-17

Days 1-3: Full Price
Days 4-5: Half Price
Day 6: $3/bag & half price



Show your library love with hats, shirts, and bags!



Shop the Friends' online store:

bonfire.com/store/crrlfriends

An easy way to support your library!

Donate your gently used books to the Friends of the Library.
All proceeds from book sales directly fund library programs and resources for everyone.

Drop off book donations at any library branch.
For large donations (6+ boxes) email *distribution.manager@crrl.org* to schedule a drop-off at the Library Administration Center.



Children (Birth-Age 5)

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

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

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

Salem Church, Thursday, December 17, 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.

Fredericksburg, 4th Mondays, 4:30-5:00, except 12/28

Grow a Reader Storytimes

Grow a Reader with your library! Specially trained staff present stories, songs, and activities that lay the foundation your child needs to get ready to read. **librarypoint.org/storytimes**

Storytime Specials

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

Grow a Reader Special:
Happy Hanukkah

Porter, Friday, December 4, 10:30-11:00

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, December 8, 10:00-10:30

Grow a Reader Special:
Countdown to Christmas

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

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, December 15, 10:00-10:30

Snow, Tuesday, December 15, 11:00-11:30

Montross, Wednesday, December 16, 10:00-10:30

Howell, Wednesday, December 16, 11:00-11:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday, December 16, 1:00-11:30

Salem Church, Friday, December 18, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30

Cooper, Friday, December 18, 11:00-11:30

At these times and locations, there will be special visits from Santa:

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

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, December 15, 10:00-10:30

Howell, Wednesday, December 16, 11:00-11:30



Grow a Reader Special:
Happy Groundhog Day

Towne Centre, Wednesday, January 27, 11:00-11:30

Grow a Reader Special:
Lunar New Year

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, February 2, 10:00-10:30

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

Grow a Reader Special:
Be My Valentine

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

Snow, Tuesday, February 9, 11:00-11:30

Montross, Wednesday, February 10, 10:00-10:30

Towne Centre, Wednesday, February 10, 11:00-11:30

Porter, Friday, February 12, 10:30-11:00

Salem Church, Friday, February 12, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30

Cooper, Friday, February 12, 11:00-11:30

Newton, Friday, February 12, 11:00-11:30



Take Your Child to the Library Day

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

All branches, Saturday, February 6, all day



Jumpstart's Read for the Record

***Brave Like a Lion! How a Puppeteer Found Her Voice* by Megan Piphus Baptist, illustrated by Niña Matan**

Celebrate literacy by participating in the world's largest shared reading experience. Stop by any branch to enjoy the book and some fun activities.

All branches, Thursday, February 25, all day



Storytime Classes

*Special holiday-themed storytime on this date

Mother Goose Time: Ages 2 and under

Toddler Time: Ages 2-3

Preschool Time: Ages 3-5

Alphabet Soup, Bedtime Stories, Saturday Tales: Designed for ages 5 and under; all ages welcome with a caregiver.

STAFFORD

Howell Branch

Mother Goose Time

Thursdays, 11:00-11:15, except 12/24 and 12/31

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

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:20, except 12/23 and 12/30

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

Preschool Time

Thursdays, 10:00-10:30, except 12/24 and 12/31

Alphabet Soup

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 12/16*, 12/23, and 12/30

Evening and weekend classes now available!

Porter Branch

Mother Goose Time

Tuesdays, 9:30-9:45, except 12/29

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

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, 10:30-10:50, except 12/29

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

Preschool Time

Fridays, 9:30-10:00, except 12/25 and 1/1

Alphabet Soup

Fridays, 10:30-11:00, except 12/4*, 12/11*, 12/25, 1/1, and 2/12*

Bedtime Stories

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00

Saturday Tales

4th Saturdays, 10:30-11:00

FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg Branch

Mother Goose Time

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:15, except 12/22 and 12/29

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 12/23 and 12/30

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20, except 12/23 and 12/30

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

Preschool Time

Fridays, 11:00-11:30, except 12/25 and 1/1

Alphabet Soup

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30, except 12/8*, 12/15*, 12/22, 12/29, 2/2* and 2/9*

Bedtime Stories

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:00

WESTMORELAND

Cooper Branch

Alphabet Soup

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

Montross Branch

Alphabet Soup

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30, except 12/16* and 2/10*

SPOTSYLVANIA

Salem Church Branch

Mother Goose Time

Wednesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 12/23 and 12/30

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:20, except 12/23 and 12/30

Thursdays, 10:00-10:20, except 12/24 and 12/31

Preschool Time

Thursdays, 11:00-11:30, except 12/24 and 12/31

Alphabet Soup

Fridays, 10:00-10:30 and 11:00-11:30, except 12/18*, 12/25, 1/1, and 2/12*

Bedtime Stories

Pajamas encouraged.

1st Tuesdays, 6:00-6:30

Saturday Tales

Fourth Saturdays, 11:00-11:30, except 12/26

Towne Centre Branch

Alphabet Soup

Wednesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 12/16*, 12/23, 12/30, and 2/10*

Snow Branch

Mother Goose

Tuesdays, 10:00-10:15, except 12/22 and 12/29

Alphabet Soup

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:30, except 12/15*, 12/22, 12/29, and 2/9*

Grades K-6

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

See also **Art Night,** page 8 • **Crochet for Beginners** and **Crochet and Knitting for Beginners,** page 8
Holiday Movie, page 14 • **Spanish with Amigos,** page 15

PAWS for Reading



Practice your reading with therapy dogs trained to be avid listeners. In partnership with Blue Gray Therapy Dogs. Sign up at the 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 except 2/11

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

Fredericksburg, 3rd Saturdays, 2:00-3:30, except 12/19

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

LEGO® Building Lab

We supply the bricks.
You supply the imagination. STEM

Snow, Mondays, 4:00-5:00, except 1/18

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

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

Fredericksburg, 3rd Thursdays, 5:30-6:30



Holiday Open House

Experience different holidays of the season with crafts, activities, and refreshments. Enjoy a personal visit with Santa. **All ages.**

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

Salem Church, Tuesday, December 15, 6:00-7:30

Porter, Wednesday, December 16, 5:00-7:00. Entertainment by Amyclae Dance and Poole Middle School chorus. (Porter only)

Homework Buddies

Bring homework and school supplies for help from teen mentors.

Porter, Mondays, 4:30-6:00, except 12/22, 12/28, 1/4, 1/18, and 2/15

KidSpot

DIY crafts, games, and activities.

Newton, Mondays, 5:00-6:00, except 1/18 and 2/15

Montross, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00, except 12/24, 12/31

Towne Centre, 4th Saturdays, 4:00-5:00 except 12/26 New Date!

Cooper, 1st Saturdays, 11:00-12:00

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

All-Ages Chess

Cooper, Saturdays, 10:00-1:00
Casual chess for all experience levels.

Cooper, 3rd Saturdays, 12:00-1:00
Blitz Tournament

Movie Night

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

December: *A Very Merry Pooh Year* (G)

January: *Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey* (G)

February: *Ratatouille* (G)

Pokémon Time

Bring your Pokémon cards to trade or play.

Fredericksburg, 2nd Saturdays, 3:00-4:00

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

Porter, 4th Saturdays, 3:00-4:00

Arts & Crafts Time

Join teen mentors for an hour of arts and crafts. Materials provided.

Porter, 3rd Tuesdays, 4:15-5:15

Westmoreland State Park Presents

STEM. Presented by Westmoreland State Park.

January: Sharks
February: Birds in Winter

Montross, 4th Mondays in January (1/22) and February (2/22), 4:00-5:00

Cooper, 4th Tuesdays in January (1/22) and February (2/23), 4:00-5:00

Teen Council Presents: Valentines with Therapy Dogs

Relax with therapy dogs and Valentines' Day crafts. **Grades K-12**

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, February 9, 5:30-6:30

African American Innovators

Explore a rotating series of self-guided activities highlighting African American innovators who changed history with their contributions.

All branches. January 25-March 6



MORE DETAILS: *librarypoint.org/black-history*

Fabulous Fridays

Games, activities, and more.

Holiday Book Bingo
Bingo fun and prizes
Howell, Friday, December 4, 4:30-5:15
Fredericksburg, Friday, December 11, 4:30-5:15
Porter, Friday, December 18, 4:15-5:00
Salem Church, Friday, December 18, 4:15-5:00



Music Adventure
Musical fun with instruments from the Library of Things.
Howell, Friday, January 8, 4:30-5:15

Cozy Crafting
Crafts to brighten cold winter days.
Fredericksburg, Friday, January 8, 4:30-5:15

Indoor Snowball Fight
Salem Church, Friday, January 15, 4:15-5:00

Mini Golf
Design and play mini golf in the library. STEM
Porter, Friday, January 15, 4:15-5:00
Howell, Friday, February 5, 4:30-5:15

Jungles and Rainforests
STEM
Fredericksburg, Friday, February 12, 4:30-5:15

Caldecott Winners
Celebrate reading and art with activities inspired by Caldecott Award winning picture books.
Porter, Friday, February 19, 4:15-5:00

Gemstones
STEM
Salem Church, Friday, February 19, 4:15-5:00

2027 Fredericksburg Regional spelling bee





As part of a continued commitment to inspiring lifelong learning, Central Rappahannock Regional Library is proud to host the 2027 Fredericksburg Regional Spelling Bee, where division spelling bee winners from across our region compete to advance to the prestigious Scripps National Spelling Bee.

James Monroe High School, Saturday, February 6, 10:00

Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Fredericksburg and Access Eye

Photos of 2026 Fredericksburg Regional Spelling Bee

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Snowy Days





Scan the QR code to view the full list and check these out!

Teens • Grades 6-12

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

See also **Build-a-Plushie Demonstration,** page 8

32nd Annual Johnny P. Johnson TEEN art SHOW

Cash Prizes

Entries accepted: February 17-27 at the Fredericksburg Branch Youth Services Desk

Exhibition: March 5-April 27

Opening Reception: Friday, March 5, 7:00-8:30

at Fredericksburg Branch

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

Rules and registration: pick up a form at any branch or visit *librarypoint.org/teenart*



2026 Best in Show: *Be Patient* by Chloe G.

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Teen TAKE OVER

When the library's closed, the real fun begins...

Come hang after hours with games, food, and friends.

Grades 6-12

Howell, Friday, February 26, 6:00-8:00

Salem Church, Friday, March 5, 6:00-8:00

Teen Anime & Manga Club

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

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

Teen Art Tuesdays

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

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

Book Groups

librarypoint.org/teen-book-groups

Read one (or more!) books from the monthly selections, then meet online or in person for a discussion.
Scan the QR code to view the selected titles and more details.

Teen Book Group

December: At the End of the World

January: Haunted Forest

February: Polarizing Protagonists

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

LGBTQ+ Teen Book Group

In partnership with Fredericksburg Pride.

December: Cozy Romance

January: Post-Apocalypse and Dystopia

February: Trapped in Another World

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

Games

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

All-Ages Chess

Cooper, Saturdays, 10:00-1:00: Casual chess for all experience levels.

Cooper, 3rd Saturdays, 12:00-1:00: Blitz Tournament

TEEN GAME NIGHT

Games, crafts, and more.

Salem Church, 1st Mondays, 5:00-6:00 (Special hours for a TTRPG campaign December 7, 5:00-7:00)

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

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

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

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

Teen Council Presents

Winter Wonderland Movie Night

Bring your favorite movie snacks, pillows, and blankets.

The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, December 1, 6:00-7:30

Origami Night

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, January 12, 6:30-7:30

Valentines with Therapy Dogs

Relax with therapy dogs and Valentines' Day crafts. **Grades K-12**.

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, February 9, 5:30-6:30

Teen Writing Workshop

Bring creative or academic writing projects to work on with peers. Contact Porter Branch Youth Services for writing guidelines.

Porter, Thursday, February 25, 6:00-7:00

Adults

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

Arts & Crafts

Pixel Poster Construction
Build a poster with 3D printed pixels in collaboration with other IdeaSpace users.

IdeaSpace, December through February (ongoing), during open hours

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

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

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

MakerSpace Art & Craft Night
Meet fellow makers and work on personal crafts and artwork.

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

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

Montross, Fridays, 10:00-12:00, except 12/25 and 1/1

Fredericksburg, 3rd Fridays, 10:00-12:00

Beginner Crafts
Materials provided. Sign up at *librarypoint.org/events*.

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

December 14: Clothespin Christmas Tree

January 11: Wispy Winter Wreath

February 8: Canvas Heart Art

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

December 18: Crystallized Ornaments

January 15: Birthday Cards

February 19: Felt Heart Bookmark

Art Night
Create art and compete for a trophy! Winner chosen by attendee votes. All supplies provided. **All ages**.

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

Paint Your Prints Night
Bring your blank 3D prints to paint alongside others. Paint supplies provided.

IdeaSpace, 2nd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30

Fresh Start Photography Meetup
Meet with other photographers to discuss, learn, and hone your skills.

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

Create a Vision Board
Envision the New Year by making a vision board. Bring your own materials or those provided. While supplies last.

Salem Church, Saturday, January 16, 3:00-4:00

Beginner Photography Class


Presented by the JCPenney Photography Studio. Learn creative posing for memorable photos and how to use your camera more effectively, including camera operation, image capture, using a flash, and more. Bring your camera and gear or smartphone.

Towne Centre, Friday, January 29, 2:00-3:30

Build-a-Plushie Demonstration
Learn how to make simple plush characters using IdeaSpace's embroidery machine. **Grade 9-adult**.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, February 11, 6:00-7:00

Valentine's Day Celebration
Crafts and activities during a showing of *The Princess Bride* (PG). While supplies last. **For adults**.

Fredericksburg, Friday, February 12, 2:30-4:00

Art Shows

Fashion Design Exhibit
Salem Church, December

Teen Art Show Winners
Fredericksburg, December

Cheryl White
Towne Centre, December-February

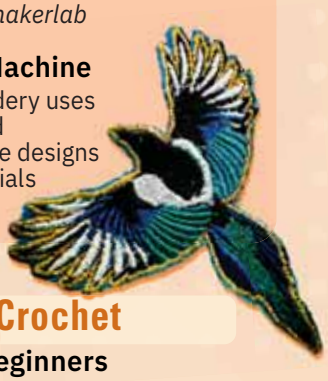
Johnny Johnson's Watermedia Workshop
Fredericksburg, January

Comic Creator's Roundtable
Explore a variety of art and promotional topics, with time for open collaboration.

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

MakerLab Badging
Learn how to use the equipment at IdeaSpace and then use it for your own projects! *libraypoint.org/makerlab*

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



Knitting & Crochet

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**.

Montross, Mondays, 4:00-6:00, except 1/18 and 2/15

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. **Grade K-adult**.

Salem Church, Mondays, 4:00-5:00, except 1/18 and 2/15.

A Loosely Knit Group
Bring your current projects. Beginners welcome.

Cooper, Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00

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

Two-Week Crochet-Along: Crocheted Ornaments
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, December 7 and 14, 6:00-7:00

See also **Crochet & Books Book Group**, page 8

Craft-a-Stocking Demonstration, page 12

Adults

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

Branch Book Groups

librarypoint.org/book-groups

Howell Book Group
1st Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30

December 1: *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall

January 5: *99 Ways to Die and How to Avoid Them* by Ashely Alker, M.D., M.Sc.

February 2: *Great Big Beautiful Life* by Emily Henry

Porter Book Group
1st Thursdays, 6:30-7:45

December 3: *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

January 7: *Be Ready When the Luck Happens* by Ina Garten

February 4: *Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson

Montross Book Group
2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

December 11: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

January 8: *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell

February 12: *Caroline* by Sarah Miller

Fredericksburg Book Group
2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

December 12: *Rules for Civility* by Amor Towles

January 9: *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard* by Douglas W. Tallamy

February 13: *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

Snow Book Group
3rd Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00

December 16: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

January 20: *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

February 17: *The Lost Man* by Jane Harper

Cooper Book Group
3rd Thursdays, 3:00-4:00

December 17: Free Read

January 21: A Trip Down Under

February 18: For the Love of Friends

Salem Church Book Group
3rd Mondays, except January and February, 6:30-7:30

December 21: *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu

January 25: *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray

February 22: *99 Ways to Die and How to Avoid Them* by Ashely Alker, M.D., M.Sc

Towne Centre Book Group
Select Mondays, 9:00-10:00

December: No meeting

January 11: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

February 1: The Bookish Best of 2026

Themed Book Groups

The Hague Winery Book Group
1st Thursdays, 6:00-7:00

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

December 3: *An O'Brien Family Christmas* by Sherryl Woods

January 7: Favorite 2026 Read

February 4: *American Fire* by Monica Hesse

Colonial Beach Brewing: Books and Beer
2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00

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

December 8: *99 Ways to Die and How to Avoid Them* by Ashely Alker

January 12: Favorite 2026 Read

February 9: *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry

Horror Book Group
Snow, 2nd Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00

December 9: *Bat Eater and Other Names for Cora Zeng* by Kylie Lee Baker

January 13: *Of Monsters and Mainframes* by Barbara Truelove

February 10: *Someone You Can Build a Nest In* by John Wiswell

Books & Wine
2nd Mondays, 7:00-8:00

Meets at Zibibbo 73, 2757 Richmond Hwy., Stafford, 22554

December 14: The Best Books of 2026

January 11: Your Favorite Book by Ann Patchett

February 8: *Kin* by Tayari Jones

VIRTUAL Author Talks

Visit *libraryc.org/crrl* to view the full schedule of upcoming authors, to register for upcoming events, or watch past recordings.

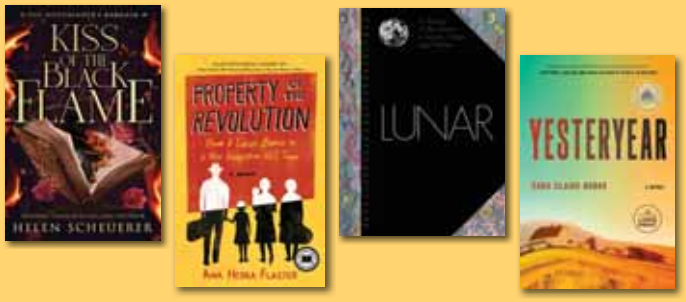
Enjoy a range of talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders.

Helen Scheuerer
Romantasy author of *Kiss of the Black Flame*

Thursday, December 3, 7:00

Ana Hebra Flaster
Author of memoir *Property of the Revolution: From a Cuban Barrio to a New Hampshire Mill Town*

Tuesday, December 8, 2:00



Matt Shindell
Author of *Lunar: A History of the Moon in Myth, Maps, and Matter*

Tuesday, December 15, 2:00

Caro Claire Burke
Best-selling author of *Yesteryear*

Thursday, January 14, 7:00

Presented by Library Speakers CONSORTIUM

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

New Members Always Welcome!

Mysteries & Thrillers Book Group

VIRTUAL, Mondays, 6:30-7:30

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

December 21: *The Queens of Crime* by Marie Benedict

January 25: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

February 22: *Allegedly* by Tiffany D. Jackson

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.

December 15: *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

January 19: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

February 16: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

Rainbow Reads

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

In partnership with FXBG Pride. An LGBTQ+ and allies book group.

December 16: *Gideon the Ninth* by Tamsyn Muir

January 20: *The Space Between Worlds* by Micaiah Johnson

February 17: *The Luminous Dead* by Caitlin Starling

Facebook Book Chat

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

Lively discussion through comments on a Facebook group post. Join the library's book chat group at *facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat.*

December 16: Favorite 2026 Reads

January 20: 2027 Reading Goals

February 17: Favorite Couples, Real or Imagined

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 Pkwy., Fredericksburg, 22406

December 17: *Go As a River* by Shelley Read

January 21: *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard* by Douglas W. Tallamy. Part of Rappahannock Reads, details page 16.

February 18: *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Daré

Crochet & Books

Montross, 3rd Mondays, except January and February, 5:00-6:00

Discuss the latest read and create a unique granny square inspired by the book's cover art. Beginners welcome; supplies provided.

December 21: *Christmas at Harrington's* by Melody Carlson

January 25: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

February 22: *March: Book 1* by John Lewis

English Language Learners Book Group

Practice reading, speaking, and listening in English.

Fredericksburg, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 2:15-3:15

December: No Meetings

January 7 and 21: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

February 4 and 18: *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

Silent Reading Group

Fredericksburg, 2nd Mondays, starting January 11, 6:00-7:30

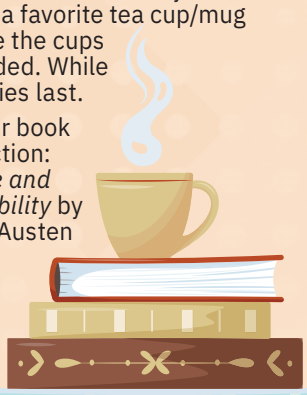
Bring your current or new read to our quiet reading time with other book lovers. All formats and genres welcome. Optional chat from 7:00-7:30.

Novel Tea Book Group

Salem Church, Saturday, January 23, 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.

Winter book selection: *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen



Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Read and log 5 books to choose a free book to keep! While supplies last.

January 1-March 31







For added fun (and chances to win!), join the Library's Book Chat Facebook group at *facebook.com/groups/crrlbookchat* to encourage other readers, share book reviews and photos, and enter weekly book giveaways.

Earn digital badges!

Read books, write reviews, and complete activities.

Sign up at ***librarypoint.org/winter***

Adults

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

Community & Civics

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, and Tuesday, December 29, 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, except 12/23

Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Porter, Thursday, December 10, 12:30-6:30

Fredericksburg, Monday, December 14, 1:00-6:00

Howell, Monday, December 14, 10:00-4:00

Salem Church, Thursday, January 14, 1:00-6:00

Howell, Tuesday, January 26, 10:00-4:00

Fredericksburg, Thursday, February 4, 1:00-6:00

Porter, Thursday, February 11, 12:30-6:30

Legal Research Using A.I.

Learn best practices for using AI legal research tools responsibly and securely in daily life.

Fredericksburg, Monday, January 25, 6:00-7:00

An Overview of the District Courts of Virginia

An interview with Laura Stanbridge Morgan, Westmoreland County, Va. Clerk of the District Court. Learn the procedures for filing a case in District Court. Recording posted to *facebook.com/crrlnews* and *youtube.com/crrlvideo*.

Fredericksburg, Monday, February 22, 6:00-7:00

Community Resource Corner

Explore resources and join the conversation

D= Display, T=Table, P=Presentation

Charitable Giving

How to find and verify legitimate charities.

Howell, Wednesday, December 16, all day (T)

Salem Church, throughout December (D)

Self Care

Making time to take care of yourself.

Newton, Friday, January 8, all day (T)

Fredericksburg, Monday, January 11, all day (T)

Howell, Thursday, January 14, all day (T)

Towne Centre, Friday, January 15, all day (T)

Salem Church, throughout January (D)

Montross, throughout January (D)

Snow, throughout January (D)

Financial Literacy

Tips for managing your finances.

Cooper, Wednesday, February 10, 3:30-4:30 (T)

Montross, Wednesday, February 17, 9:00-1:00 (T)

Snow, throughout February (D)

Salem Church, throughout February (D)

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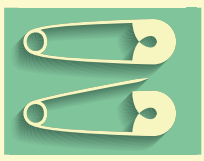
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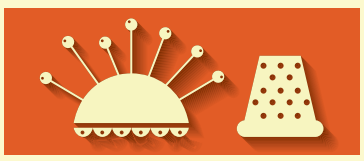
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Startup Library: Sewing SeasonPass from Craftsy

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.







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Financial



Retirement Planning Stress Test: Money, Family, and Future

Presented by Lamont Brown, CFP®, EA, Principal Advisor at ALNA Wealth Management and estate planning attorney Christina Parrish with Parrish Law Partners, PLLC. A practical case-study discussion about common planning issues retirees and their families may face.

Salem Church, Monday, December 7, 6:30-8:00

Fredericksburg, Monday, December 14, 6:30-8:00

Montross, Friday, January 22, 11:00-12:30

Snow, Tuesday, February 16, 6:30-8:00

Retirement Spotlight

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

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

December 8: Last-Minute Year-End Planning

January 12: Retirement Readiness Check

February 9: Timing Your Social Security Benefits

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.

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Mystery eBooks

Mystery lovers rejoice! Hundreds of mysteries, no wait.



Food & Drink

Coffee and Conversation

Bring a friend or meet new ones over coffee, puzzles, and word games in this laid-back gathering.

Towne Centre, 2nd Fridays, 11:00-12:00

Romantasy & Tea: Date with Books

Do you enjoy romantasies featuring fae or dragons, such as those by Rebecca Yarros or Sarah J. Maas? Test your knowledge of the genre with fun trivia, and enjoy crafts, and tea (while supplies last). Costumes and tea cups encouraged.

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

Tea With Friends

Enjoy tea, meet others, and discover what the library has to offer.

Montross, 3rd Fridays, 10:00-11:00

Salem Church, 4th Fridays, 10:30-12:00, except 12/25

Tea Tasting

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

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

SEE ALSO: **Cookie Exchange**, page 14

Games



Bingo

In partnership with Neighbor2Neighbor.

Cooper, 1st and 3rd Mondays, 11:00-12:00, except 1/18 and 2/15

Mahjong Players Club

Experienced and beginner players welcome.

Cooper, Tuesdays, 1:00-4:00

Porter, Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00

Intermediate Bridge

Salem Church, Wednesdays, 12:00-4:00

All-Ages Chess

Cooper, Saturdays, 10:00-1:00: Casual chess for all experience levels.

Cooper, 3rd Saturdays, 12:00-1:00: Blitz Tournament

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Exchange puzzles and share stories with other enthusiasts! Puzzles must include all pieces.

Towne Centre, Saturday, December 12, 2:00-3:30

SEE ALSO: **All Ages Chess** and **Chess Time,** page 5

SAVE THE DATE!

2027 CRRL-CON

A comic book convention at the library! Cosplay, vendors, giveaways, demonstrations, and activities. All ages.

NEW LOCATION:
Salem Church
Saturday, May 15, 12:00-4:00

CRRL-Con Comic Art Show

Call for artists! Submit 1-2 original pieces of art between April 1-31 for consideration to be included. Art work should be related to comic books, anime, manga, super heroes, sci fi, and other fandom. All ages.

Exhibition dates May 1-31
Salem Church Branch

NEW LOCATION!

librarypoint.org/crrlcon

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

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



Health Assessments

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

Fredericksburg, 9:30-2:30: December 1, 15; January 26; February 2, 16, 23

Howell, 9:30-2:30: December 7, 14; January 25; February 1, 8, 16, 22

Salem Church, 9:30-2:30: December 7; January 25; February 1, 8, 18

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

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

Tai Chi & Qi Gong

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

Towne Centre, every other Wednesday, 9:00-10:00. December 9 and 23; January 6 and 20; February 3 and 17

Resources for Parents of Children with Disabilities

Presented by Anna Barrett, Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC), an organization offering free, confidential, one-on-one support to families. Learn about resources to empower families navigating special education.

Porter, Mondays, January 25 and February 22, 12:30-2:30



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

Managing Stress

Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent April Payne. Learn to distinguish between acute and chronic stress along with effective strategies to alleviate stressors.

Towne Centre, Wednesday, December 16, 2:30-3:30

Life Skills: Stress Reduction Techniques

Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension Agency.

Snow, Monday, December 21, 10:00-11:00

Adult Social Time

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

Fredericksburg, Wednesday, February 10, 11:00-12:30

Job Skills

Training on Demand: Resumes and Cover Letters

30-minute, hands-on sessions tailored to help you create a new resume, update an old one, or create a cover letter. Sign-up required; call 540-372-1144, x7232.

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 5:00-7:00, except 12/17, 12/24, and 12/31

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.

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

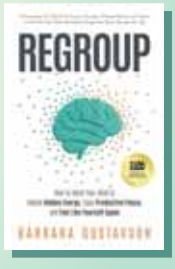
Howell, 2nd Fridays, 10:00-11:30 (new time)

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

Cooper, 4th Mondays, 10:30-12:00

REGROUP: A Brain Health Workshop for Everyday Leaders

Barbara Gustavson, brain health educator and author of *REGROUP*, leads an interactive workshop for anyone who gives a lot of themselves to others, such as caregivers, healthcare workers, and educators. Learn practical, brain-based strategies to reset your mind, reduce overwhelm, and reconnect with what fuels you. Limited copies of *REGROUP* are available for checkout at the Fredericksburg Branch. Reading the book is optional.



Fredericksburg, Saturday, February 20, 10:00-11:30

Adults

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

Language Learning

English Basics for Beginners

An Active Learning class for beginner English language learners. No registration required.

Fredericksburg, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00, except 12/23 and 12/30



Spanish with Amigos

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

Porter, 4th Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00, except 12/22

Spanish in the Community

Presented by Dos Passos Institute. Build fluency and confidence in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

Newton, Mondays, 6:00-8:00, except 12/21, 1/18, 2/15

Conversation Groups

Relaxed language practice.

German Conversation Group

All levels welcome.

Porter, 1st Mondays, 4:00-5:00

English Conversation Groups

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

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00, except 12/3, 12/24, 12/31, and 2/11

VIRTUAL, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00

Spanish Conversation Group

All levels welcome.

Porter, 1st Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00

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

French Conversation Group

All levels welcome.

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

Job Skills

Training on Demand: Resumes and Cover Letters

30-minute, hands-on sessions tailored to help you create a new resume, update an old one, or create a cover letter. Sign-up required; call 540-372-1144, x7232.

Fredericksburg, Thursdays, 5:00-7:00, except 12/17, 12/24, and 12/31

Job Answers

Resources curated by library staff for job seekers, including live virtual coaching, resume building, career exploration, and more.

librarypoint.org/job-answers

Lunch & Learn

Starting in December, Lunch & Learn is moving to a monthly format.

Bite-sized learning you can watch anywhere. New recordings posted to *facebook.com/crrlnews* and YouTube.com/crrlvideo on the 2nd Fridays of each month and added to *librarypoint.org/lunch-learn*.

December 11: Planning for the New Year

Learn how using a planner regularly can help you be more intentional with your time and achieve the goals you set for the upcoming year.

January 8: Genealogy and Property Research

Find out how to avoid common but critical mistakes when conducting your own genealogy and property research projects.

February 12: William Grimes, Escaped Enslaved Author

Presented by Jon Bachman. Learn more about William Grimes, the author of the first-known fugitive-enslaved person narrative published in the United States.

Movies

Reel Crafty

Salem Church, select dates monthly, 5:00-8:00

A feature film showing with the lights left on. Bring a craft project to work on, or do one of the activities provided. **For adults**.

Tuesday, December 8: *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (1992, G)

Thursday, January 28: *Ever After* (1998, PG-13)

Monday, February 8: *The Princess and the Frog* (2009, G)

Cinema Night

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

December 8: *The Breadwinner* (PG)

December 22: *A Boy Called Christmas* (PG)

January 12: *All Together Now* (PG)

January 26: *Spider-Man: Brand New Day* (PG-13)

February 9: *Michael* (PG-13)

February 23: *Masters of the Universe* (2026) (PG-13)

Family Movie Night

Grade K-adult.

Snow, 2nd Thursdays, 5:00-7:00

December 10: *Happy Feet* (PG)

January 14: *Ice Age* (PG)

February 11: *March of the Penguins* (G)

Music

Music and Movement for Older Adults

Sing, move, and reminisce through music of the 1930s to 1980s. Music performed by Jordyn Parker, a board-certified music therapist.

Fredericksburg, Thursday, February 18, 3:00-4:00

MakerLab Badging

Learn how to use the equipment at IdeaSpace and then use it for your own projects!
librarypoint.org/makerlab

AV Booth

10x12 soundproof studio for recording professional-sounding audio and video.

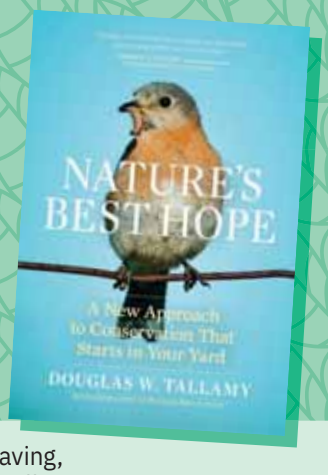
Rappahannock Reads

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SELECTED BOOK

Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard
by Douglas W. Tallamy



Read the book and attend workshops on seed saving, gardening, and more. Then attend Dr. Tallamy's talk at Fredericksburg Academy on Saturday, April 10, 2027, 3:00.

Explore Rappahannock Reads events, resources, and activities at ***librarypoint.org/rappahannock-reads »***

Gardening for Nature with Downtown Greens

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

December 1: Seed Starting

January 5: Vegetable Gardening for Beginners

February 2: Useful Gardening Tools

Container Gardening and Beyond

Presented by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners.

Snow, 2nd Saturdays, 10:00-11:00

December 12: Crafting Container Soil

January 9: Planning Your Container Garden

February 13: Indoor Seed Starting

Backyard Composting 101

Presented by the R-Board and Central Rappahannock Extension Master Gardeners.

Fredericksburg: Wednesday, December 16, 6:00-7:00

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

Porter: Wednesday, February 17, 6:00-7:00

Repair Café

Bring broken household items--such as lamps, electronics, bicycles, and clothing--to be fixed by volunteer repair coaches and experts. First come, first served. In partnership with the R-Board and the Clean & Green Commission. Interested in volunteering? Contact: *fredericksburg.as.manager@crrl.org*

Fredericksburg, Saturday, January 16, 1:00-4:00

Ready, Set, Grow

Presented by the Master Gardeners Association of the Central Rappahannock Area. Get gardening tips from the experts, with a new topic each quarter. Winter: Learn how to plan your garden and get a successful start on the growing season with seed-starting tips.

Fredericksburg, Saturday, February 20, 1:00-2:00

Seed Library

Select heirloom seed packets to plant at home. Optional: after plants mature, donate some seeds back to the library to sustain the collection. Visit *librarypoint.org/seed* for gardening tips, including instructions for collecting seeds.

Fredericksburg and Porter, ongoing

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Writers

librarypoint.org/writers

Inklings Writers Group

Learn new writing techniques and exchange feedback on current projects.

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

December: Reflecting on Your Writer Journey

January: Self-Publishing Options

February: The Necessity of Editing

Inklings Presents: Morning Writing Sessions

Work independently on your own projects for dedicated, silent writing time with group accountability. Call 540-372-1144, x7535 to sign up.

VIRTUAL, 2nd & 4th Mondays, 9:00-10:00

Riverside Writers

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

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

Inklings Presents: Reflective Journaling

Learn how journaling can inspire creativity and introspection.

Salem Church, Friday, January 8, 10:00-11:00

Introduction to Pressbooks

Presented by Roy Serrao, Senior Library Consultant at BiblioLabs. Learn to navigate this digital self-publishing tool that allows authors to format, design, and create professional-quality print-ready and eBook files, provided at no charge by the Library of Virginia.

VIRTUAL, Wednesday, December 2, 2:00-3:00

PB PRESSBOOKS

A digital self-publishing tool that allows authors to format, design, and create professional-quality print-ready and eBook files. It integrates easily into writing programs and requires no design or technical experience.

Technology

Computer Basics: One-on-One Instruction

Build your digital skills with personalized sessions. Sign-up required. Visit or call the branch's Adult Services desk to reserve your time slot. In partnership with Fredericksburg READS Literacy Council.

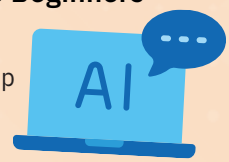
Fredericksburg and Salem Church, by appointment

Drop-In Tech Help

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

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

AI for Absolute Beginners



Presented by Luke Mendelsohn. A hands-on workshop for adults to learn how to confidently and responsibly use AI tools, such as ChatGPT, for everyday tasks, problem solving, and creativity. Participants should bring their preferred device (laptop, tablet, or smartphone) for hands-on activities. Sign up at *librarypoint.org/events*.

Fredericksburg, Tuesday, December 8, 6:00-8:00



Podcasting with a Pro

Intro to podcasting using oral history kits available for checkout from the Library. In partnership with Create Arts Podcast.

IdeaSpace, Saturday, December 12, 2:00-3:00

Arcade Machines 101

Presented by Tim Owens of Reclaim Arcade. An introduction to arcade machine history and repair featuring IdeaSpace's Baby Pac-Man machine.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, January 14, 6:00-7:30

Linux and Android Install Party

Upgrade your aging computer or Android phone with a fresh, new operating system. Email *ideaspace.manager@crrl.org* for more details.

IdeaSpace, Tuesday, January 19, 6:00-7:30

Fredericksburg Linux Users Group

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

Howell, 4th Saturdays, 9:00-12:00, except 12/26

Scrapyard PC Building

Turn old PC parts into a powerhouse of productivity.

IdeaSpace, Thursday, February 25, 6:00-7:00

Tech on the Go

Check out high-tech equipment for your creative projects! *librarypoint.org/techgo*

Oral History & Podcasting Kit

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

Insta One X 360 Cameras

A small video camera that can take 360-degree photos and videos while using a smartphone as a display.



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Due to local parades on 12/5, Cooper closes at 11:00, Snow closes at 12:00, and Fredericksburg closes at 1:00. All locations closed 12/24-12/25. Cooper, IdeaSpace, and Montross are closed 12/31; all other locations close at 1:00. All locations are closed 1/1. All locations closed 1/18 and 2/15.

FREDERICKSBURG

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

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

SPOTSYLVANIA

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

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

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

Snow Branch
8740 Courthouse Rd., 22553
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

STAFFORD

Howell Branch
806 Lyons Blvd., 22406
Monday-Thursday 9:00-8:00
Friday-Saturday 9:00-5:30

Access Services at Howell Branch
Monday-Thursday 9:00-1:00

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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540-372-1144
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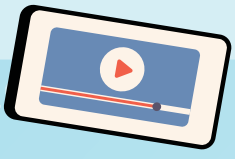
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Best of 2026

Highlights from an amazing year!

Newton Branch's 25th Anniversary





Rappahannock Writers' Conference

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99 Ways to Die: And How to Avoid Them: A Conversation with Dr. Ashely Alker



Fredericksburg Regional Spelling Bee

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VA250 Classes & Events

Lunch at the Library



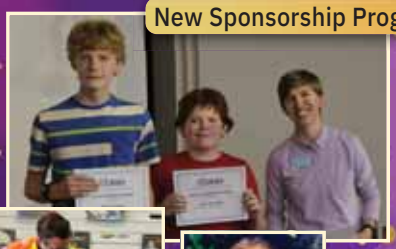
Local Authors Resource: Virginia Writes



Reading Challenges All Year Long

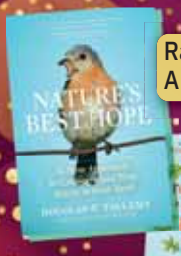


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